

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** August 1, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 4B

**APPLICANT:** Jennifer Budge, CPRP, Parks and Recreation Director

**REQUEST:** **For Discussion Only:** Review and discussion regarding the Arlington Square Ice Rink including the removal of the operation (revenue and expenditures) from the City's budget and direction from the Board of Supervisors for future consideration by private enterprise

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** At the April Parks Commission meeting, there was a lengthy discussion regarding the deteriorating infrastructure and equipment, a desire for a community survey as well as options for other locations throughout the community for the Arlington Square Ice Rink. There was further discussion that while the rink is an important aspect of holiday season in Carson City, purchasing new equipment was not the greatest need in the Department compared to safety, ADA and other significant capital improvement needs throughout the parks system.

The Board of Supervisors adopted the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund budget as submitted, but the ice rink revenue and expenditure was removed from the budget. The Board stated that since the improvements were not on City land and the equipment was beyond a state of repair, its operation should not be further funded. Supervisor Abowd further directed that any opportunities for private enterprise to provide the ice rink should be directed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. (see Exhibit A, a portion of Board of Supervisors minutes from 4.20.17)

Based on the Board's direction, a community survey was not pursued. The Board did indicate that if a private enterprise, sponsor or donor should come forward to fund the entire equipment replacement, that it would be open to re-establishing the operating component in the budget should that opportunity present itself. Staff concurred that the Parks and Recreation Department would be ready and willing to operate a rink, should a third party fund all new equipment.

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moved to approve the storm water budget, as submitted. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion. Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved [5 - 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>Supervisor Lori Bagwell</b>
<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Supervisor Brad Bonkowski</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Supervisors Bagwell, Bonkowski, Abowd, Barrette, and Mayor Crowell</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

Ms. Paulson and Ms. Russell responded to questions regarding the general fund budget, and discussion followed. Supervisor Bagwell provided an overview of discussion which took place at a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting regarding the ice rink, and expressed a preference to remove the ice rink from the budget. "If indeed it can get an advocacy group or some people that can come together, we'd need a year anyway to be able to get the equipment and determine a real plan for the ice rink." Supervisor Abowd provided an overview of her discussion with Mr. Marano, and suggested submitting the ice rink to the bid process. Following discussion, Mayor Crowell recessed the meeting at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m.

(4:19:02) Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor Bagwell moved to approve the General Fund budget, as submitted, with the removal of the ice rink revenue and expenditure to bring back to the May 18<sup>th</sup> public hearing. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion,** and proposed an amendment to direct that the ice rink be brought through the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration by private enterprise. **Supervisor Bagwell so amended her motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved [5 - 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>Supervisor Lori Bagwell</b>
<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Supervisor Karen Abowd</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Supervisors Bagwell, Abowd, Bonkowski, Barrette, and Mayor Crowell</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

(4:20:01) In reference to the "building fund," Supervisor Bagwell advised of "a lot of requests from contractors and individuals out there that are concerned we're not able to keep up with components dealing with fire inspections. And looking at the building fund ending fund balance, and looking at the reduction in the contracts that we're going to have, I'd like us to determine whether we can support adding a fire inspector so that we can keep up with all that's going to be going on this next year or two."

Fire Chief Sean Slamon advised of a 33% reduction in fire prevention staffing during the economic downturn "or what is one full-time position. Currently, we are struggling to keep up with the growth. That