

## **CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Minutes of the January 3, 2013 Meeting**

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2013 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert Crowell

Supervisor Shelly Aldean, Ward 2  
Supervisor John McKenna, Ward 3  
Supervisor Molly Walt, Ward 4

**STAFF:** Larry Werner, City Manager

Alan Glover, Clerk - Recorder  
Randal Munn, Chief Deputy District Attorney  
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

**NOTE:** A recording of these proceedings, the Board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the Clerk during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk's Office, during regular business hours.

#### **1 - 4. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(8:33:03) - Mayor Crowell called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Mr. Glover called the roll; a quorum was present. Supervisor Abowd was absent. First Christian Church Pastor Micheal Hurlbert provided the invocation. At Mayor Crowell's request, Supervisor Aldean led the pledge of allegiance.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION** (8:34:58) - Mayor Crowell entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**6. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 6, 2012** (8:35:20) - Supervisor Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**7. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA** (8:35:43) - Mayor Crowell entertained modifications to the agenda and, when none were forthcoming, a motion to adopt the agenda as published. **Supervisor Aldean so moved. Supervisor Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **8. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**8(A) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING P.J. DEGROSS FOR HER WORK AS AN ADVOCATE FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES** (8:36:06) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and turned the presentation over to Supervisor Aldean, who requested P.J. Degross to join her at the podium. Supervisor Aldean provided background information on this item, and read into the record the language of the Proclamation included in the agenda materials. The Board members, City staff, and citizens present applauded.

(8:38:44) Ms. Degross thanked the community for its support, and expressed appreciation for the honor. Mayor Crowell thanked Ms. Degross for her service to the community.

**8(B) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH, JANUARY 2013** (8:40:12) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item and invited University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Educator JoAnne Skelly to join him at the podium. Ms. Skelly

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requested the “Radon Team” to join her at the podium, and Mayor Crowell read into the record the language of the Proclamation included in the agenda materials. He presented the Proclamation to Ms. Skelly, who introduced Radon Program Director Susan Howell. (8:43:45) Ms. Howell thanked the Board of Supervisors for the Proclamation, and reviewed statistical information on radon levels, radon testing, and mitigation measures. She offered free radon test kits available at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension in Carson City.

In response to a question, Ms. Howell advised that the Environmental Protection Agency recommends retesting every two years. In response to a further question, she discussed various mitigation options. In response to a further question, she advised that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has a rural grant program which encompasses mitigation for low income housing. Mayor Crowell entertained additional comments or questions and, when none were forthcoming, thanked Ms. Howell for her presentation.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA** (8:51:35) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item and entertained requests to hear items separate from the consent agenda. When none were forthcoming, he entertained a motion. **Supervisor Aldean moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of three items from Finance, first item 9-1(A), Resolution No. 2013-R-1. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **9-1. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**9-1(A)POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT AND AMEND THE CARSON CITY FY 2012 - 13 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,629,599**

**9-1(B)POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE CARSON CITY PLAN OF CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THE FY 11 - 12 STATUTORY VIOLATIONS INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

**9-1(C)POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF EACH FUND IN THE TREASURY AND THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, THROUGH DECEMBER 24, 2012, PURSUANT TO NRS 251.030 AND NRS 354.290**

#### **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS**

**10. ANY ITEM(S) PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME** (8:52:14) - None.

**11. RECESS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** (8:52:16) - Mayor Crowell recessed the Board of Supervisors at 8:52 a.m., and passed the gavel to Redevelopment Authority Chair Shelly Aldean.

#### **REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**12. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** (8:52:23) - Redevelopment Authority Chairperson Shelly Aldean called the meeting to order at 8:52 a.m., noting the presence of a quorum. Vice Chairperson Abowd was absent.

**13. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 6, 2012** (8:52:40) -

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Chairperson Aldean entertained a motion to approve the minutes. **Member Crowell so moved. Member McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**14. FINANCE DEPARTMENT - POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT AND AMEND THE CARSON CITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FY 2012 - 13 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$279,351** (8:53:00) - Chairperson Aldean introduced this item. Finance Department Director Nick Providenti provided background information and reviewed the agenda materials. In response to a question, he explained the SB312 transfer requirement. Chairperson Aldean entertained Redevelopment Authority member questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, public comments. When no public comments were forthcoming, she entertained a motion. **Member McKenna moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-RA-R-1, a resolution to augment and amend the Carson City Redevelopment Authority FY 2012 - 13 budget in the amount of \$279,351.** Member Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT** (8:55:46) - Chairperson Aldean entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**16. ACTION TO ADJOURN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** (8:55:59) - Chairperson Aldean entertained a motion to adjourn the Redevelopment Authority meeting. **Member Walt so moved. Member McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**17. RECONVENE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** (8:56:12) - Mayor Crowell reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 8:56 a.m.

**18. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING DIVISION**

**18(A) POSSIBLE ACTION TO INTRODUCE, ON FIRST READING, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 18, ZONING, CHAPTER 18.16, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, DIVISION 4, SIGNS, BY AMENDING SECTION 4.4, ADMINISTRATION, 4.4.7, EXEMPTIONS, TO MODIFY THE TIME LIMITS AND PLACEMENT REGULATIONS FOR TEMPORARY ON-SITE ADVERTISING DEVICES, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO (ZCA-12-140)** (8:56:41) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Planning Division Director Lee Plemel reviewed the agenda materials. Supervisor Aldean provided background information on the original amendment and recommended allowing the modification to continue. She inquired as to the possibility of integrating an automatic revocation in consideration of multiple violations, and discussion followed. In response to a further question, Mr. Plemel advised that no citations have been issued. "So they've complied ultimately and ... we'd be happy if any are pointed out that are tattered ... We've also addressed some of those." Mr. Plemel acknowledged that enforcement has been complaint driven thus far.

Mr. Werner offered to work with the District Attorney's Office staff with regard to incorporating due process relative to automatic revocation, and to report back to the Board within thirty days. Supervisor Walt inquired as to the possibility of allowing Telegraph Square merchants to place temporary signage on the corner of Carson and Telegraph Streets. Mr. Plemel discussed the definition of off-premises signage, and explained the associated legal issues. Supervisor Aldean suggested considering sign clustering, such as with a kiosk design, as a better option. In response to a question, Mr. Plemel advised that there was no particular reason for the proposed two-year time limit.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (9:12:14) Jed Block wished the Board of Supervisors Happy New Year. In reference to Supervisor Walt's suggestions, he discussed the importance of "a

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level playing field" relative to enforcement at the south end of town.

(9:14:37) Gloria Dyla suggested no reason to "fix ... something that isn't a major problem." She agreed with Mr. Block's suggestion to enforce a requirement for sandwich boards to be removed at night.

(9:15:32) Doreen Mack discussed the dependence of retail establishments on signage. She agreed with the suggestion to require sandwich board signage to be removed at night, and suggested that temporary signage could be limited to the downtown corridor. Mayor Crowell reviewed the Code provisions relative to A-frame / sandwich board signage.

(9:16:42) Mark Schmidt, of Carson Jewelry and Loan, thanked Supervisors Aldean and Walt and wished them well in their future endeavors. He advised that the compliance officers have been pleasant to work with. In reference to the City's downtown signage, he suggested allowing individual business owners to purchase "one of those poles in their vicinity and have a directional sign on one of those poles directing someone into ... the corridor ..."

(9:18:07) Jim Bagwell provided background information on various attempts to install signage. He expressed disappointment over the lack of cooperation from the City relative to advertising his business. Mr. Werner and Mr. Plemel provided background information on application for a freestanding sign on the Stewart Street side of the Carson Mall. Mr. Plemel offered to research the details. In response to a question, Mr. Bagwell clarified his comments relative to previously-used A-frame signage at his business.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming. In response to a question, Supervisor Aldean recommended extending the time limit to two years and having staff return to the Board in twelve months with a status report. Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor Aldean moved to introduce, on first reading, Bill No. 101, an ordinance amending the Carson City Municipal Code, Title 18, Zoning, Chapter 18.16, Development Standards, Division 4, Signs, by amending Section 4.4, Administration, 4.4.7, Exemptions, to modify the time limits and placement regulations for temporary on-site advertising devices, and other matters properly related thereto; with a proviso that staff will return to the Board in twelve months with an update on the status of violations and any recommended amendments to the Code, as approved at this meeting.** Supervisor Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**18(B) POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT BILL NO. 117, ON SECOND READING, AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 470 ACRES OF PROPERTY, LOCATED ALONG THE CARSON RIVER APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES EAST OF DEER RUN ROAD, APNs 010-011-24 AND -25, FROM CONSERVATION RESERVE TO PUBLIC COMMUNITY (ZMA-12-109)** (9:30:03) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Mr. Plemel provided an overview of this and the following five items. He advised of having received no additional comments since introduction of these items, on first reading. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment on this and the following five items. When no public comment was forthcoming, he entertained a motion relative to the subject item. **Supervisor McKenna moved to adopt Bill No. 117, on second reading, Ordinance No. 2013-1, an ordinance to change the zoning of approximately 470 acres of property, located along the Carson River, approximately two miles east of Deer Run Road, APNs 010-011-24 and -25, from conservation reserve to public community.** Supervisor Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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**18(C) POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT BILL NO. 118, ON SECOND READING, AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 440 ACRES OF PROPERTY, LOCATED IN THE VICINITY WEST OF AND BETWEEN THE LAKEVIEW AND TIMBERLINE AREAS, APNs 007-091-03, -11, -16, -22, -78, AND -79, FROM CONSERVATION RESERVE TO PUBLIC COMMUNITY (ZMA-12-111) (9:32:38) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and entertained a motion. Supervisor Aldean moved to adopt Bill No. 118, on second reading, Ordinance No. 2013-2, an ordinance to change the zoning of APNs 007-091-03, -11, -16, -22, -78, and -79, a total of approximately 440 acres of property, located in the vicinity west of and between the Lakeview and Timberline areas, from conservation reserve to public community. Supervisor Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**18(D) POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT BILL NO. 119, ON SECOND READING, AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 148 ACRES OF PROPERTY, LOCATED SOUTH OF KING STREET (C-HILL PROPERTY), AND APPROXIMATELY 80 ACRES, LOCATED WEST OF THE CARSON CITY QUILL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, APNs 007-061-18 AND -81, AND 009-014-06, FROM CONSERVATION RESERVE AND SINGLE FAMILY 12,000 TO PUBLIC COMMUNITY (ZMA-12-115) (9:33:12) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and entertained a motion. Supervisor Walt moved to adopt Bill No. 119, on second reading, Ordinance No. 2013-3, an ordinance to change the zoning of approximately 148 acres of property, located south of King Street, C-Hill property, and approximately 80 acres, located west of the Carson City Quill Water Treatment Facility, APNs 007-061-18 and -81, and 009-014-06, from conservation reserve and single family 12,000 to public community. Supervisor Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**18(E) POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT BILL NO. 120, ON SECOND READING, AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 2,265 ACRES OF PROPERTY, LOCATED IN THE RURAL ASH CANYON VICINITY, APNs 007-031-06, -15, 007-061-03, AND 007-601-03, FROM PUBLIC COMMUNITY TO CONSERVATION RESERVE (ZMA-12-117) (9:34:01) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item and entertained a motion. Supervisor Aldean moved to adopt Bill No. 120, on second reading, Ordinance No. 2013-4, an ordinance to change the zoning of APNs 007-031-06, -15, 007-061-03, and 007-601-03, approximately 2,265 acres of property, located in the rural Ash Canyon vicinity, from public community to conservation reserve. Supervisor Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**18(F) POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT BILL NO. 121, ON SECOND READING, AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PORTIONS OF PROPERTY, LOCATED NORTH AND SOUTH OF ARROWHEAD DRIVE, BETWEEN NORTH CARSON STREET AND THE I-580 FREEWAY, APNs 002-761-10, 002-763-01, AND 002-764-01, FROM SINGLE FAMILY ONE ACRE TO RETAIL COMMERCIAL (ZMA-12-119) (9:34:50) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and entertained a motion. Supervisor McKenna moved to adopt Bill No. 121, on second reading, Ordinance No. 2013-5, an ordinance to change the zoning of portions of APNs 002-761-10, 002-763-01, and 002-764-01, property located north and south of Arrowhead Drive between North Carson Street and the I-580 freeway, from single family one acre to retail commercial. Supervisor Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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**18(G) POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING A CONCEPTUAL PLAN TO REDUCE TRAVEL LANES FROM FOUR TO TWO AND STRIPE PARKING SPACES ON CARSON STREET, GENERALLY BETWEEN FIFTH STREET AND ANN STREET** (9:36:02) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Mr. Plemel introduced City Engineer Jeff Sharp, Public Works Department Director Andy Burnham, and Senior Transportation Planner Daniel Doenges. Mr. Plemel reviewed the agenda materials in conjunction with displayed slides. He and Mr. Werner responded to questions of clarification at various points throughout the presentation.

In response to a question, Mr. Sharp advised that the bulbouts depicted in the agenda materials “are just paint ... just additional striping. ... There’s nothing that we’re proposing here that’s going to be a physical improvement other than a few signs here and there to direct people for two-hour parking ... It’s all striping so, ... the beauty of it is, if we tried this out for a year or two and didn’t like it, all you do is wipe the striping out and restripe it back the way it is today and it doesn’t cost a lot of money to try it out.” Supervisor Aldean inquired as to the possibility of utilizing “tubular channelizing markers as a way of eliminating travel in one lane rather than going to the expense of actually laying down paint on the pavement.” Mr. Sharp recalled discussing various possibilities, and suggested the tubular markers were a possibility for a weekend trial. In response to a further question, he discussed methods by which to accommodate parallel parking maneuvers.

In response to a series of questions, Mr. Doenges provided background information on a recently-completed analysis of Carson Street. He advised that traffic volumes on Carson Street, Stewart Street, and Roop Street have steadily declined since 2009. In consideration of the possibility of narrowing Carson Street, he advised of estimates that level of service would decline to a “C, which is really acceptable. You don’t really start having concerns until you’re ... in the D, E range. That would be under existing conditions and even with the forecasted traffic volumes up through 2035, they still estimate that level of service C would remain constant over the next thirty years, given growth and everything else. So, the impact would be fairly minimal. Yes, you would see some slowing down of traffic but still nothing that would be intolerable ...” In response to a further question, he reviewed the estimated traffic volumes on Carson Street if it was to remain four lanes. Mr. Werner discussed the importance of focusing on service levels which “takes into account the number of interferences, problem areas ... It’s not just volume. It really looks at, although you have some volume, how well is it going to travel through there because you could have some streets with much lower traffic capacities, traffic utilization, but you still have high service levels. An example is, before we did the freeway ... Carson Street was running, at best, a service level D in these locations and now with the improvements and even going to the two-lane, we’re still at C or better. So that tells you right there that you’re going to move through that street easier with the improvements than you would if you ... left Carson Street alone and didn’t do anything with it. Now, if you take Curry Street with four lanes and the freeway traffic off of there, you’re probably going to go to a much better service level but that gets to be the point of ... extravagance. In other words, you can’t normally afford to build roadways for moving traffic at service levels greater than C or B. ... It’s kind of that whole relationship that we’d be looking at from a service capacity standpoint.”

In response to a question, Mr. Sharp estimated the project cost at \$150,000 to \$200,000. He reiterated the need to micropave Carson Street and advised “that’s the lion’s share of the cost of this project, micropaving and striping.” He explained that a funding request would have to be made to the Regional Transportation Commission relative to project timing. He clarified the differences and schedules for micropaving and slurry sealing. In response to a question, he estimated that Carson

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Street would be scheduled for micropaving “based upon need” in the next two to three years. He and Mr. Plemel responded to additional questions of clarification relative to cost.

Mr. Doenges responded to questions regarding the method by which traffic volumes were estimated. Mr. Plemel responded to questions regarding bike lanes and facilities, delivery trucks on Carson Street, and the possibility of changing the NDOT freeway signage.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional Board member questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, entertained public comment. (10:19:32) Doreen Mack commended staff on the presentation, and noted the historic attractions in the downtown area. She further noted that WNC makes Carson City “a college town,” and read a prepared statement into the record. She expressed support for pursuing the project immediately in consideration of the struggling downtown businesses.

(10:25:00) Kathy Giurlani advised of having been a resident for the last 40 years, and thanked Ms. Mack for all the hard work and passion invested in the project. Ms. Giurlani discussed the importance of keeping the downtown area “alive,” and encouraged the Board to approve the project.

(10:25:58) Gloria Dyla expressed agreement with the previous comments, and discussed the importance of supporting downtown businesses.

(10:27:26) Michael Robbins, owner of Hanifin’s Antiques, thanked Supervisors Aldean and Walt for their service. He provided background information on his business and expressed support for the proposed project.

(10:29:15) Ann Macquarrie, a 25-year resident of Carson City, advised that walking and bicycling are her “preferred modes of transportation,” and she expressed strong support for the proposal. She noted that “Carson Street is currently a barrier to bicycling and walking. It’s dangerous and unpleasant to cross and to walk along ... A downtown without pedestrians is not a place anyone wants to go.” Ms. Macquarrie expressed enthusiasm over “the low cost of this proposal. It’s amazing what you could do with just resurfacing and striping and ... in the current economic and fiscal climate that these low cost improvements are going to be the wave of the future.”

(10:30:50) Mark Schmidt, of Carson Jewelry and Loan, advised of having had “at least one business in downtown Carson City since 1984.” He expressed support for not diverting more traffic from Carson Street. “For several decades, going through downtown was never really a destination point.” He discussed the possibility of providing for two-hour parking by a “business-by-business, block-to-block scenario ...”

(10:33:56) Jed Block advised that he serves as a member of the Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee, and reviewed various redevelopment funding allocations. He further advised that he serves as a member of the Historic Resources Commission, and provided an overview of recent discussions regarding signage. He expressed support for earlier comments regarding freeway signage which advertises the historic district. In response to a question, he discussed support for creating a pedestrian-friendly environment downtown.

(10:40:15) Don Thayer advised of having discussed the project with several of the Board members, and of having “followed this process for about 15 years.” He expressed support for the aesthetics represented by the conceptual photos presented as part of the charrette process. “... in reality, we’re still going to have 18-wheel traffic down here.” He expressed concern that restricting traffic will

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“impact business ten blocks north and ten blocks south of the restricted area.” He related statistical information relative to his business as a result of an event which closed Carson Street on a Saturday approximately a year ago. He expressed concern that the project will be permanent, and opposition to restricting traffic to two lanes. He expressed a preference to leave Carson Street at four lanes and for the City to “do some more work marketing downtown.” In response to a question, he expressed support for creating a pedestrian-friendly downtown. He listed examples of college towns across the nation with pedestrian-friendly downtowns, and reiterated opposition to restricting traffic as means by which to achieve it.

(10:44:47) Barbara D’Anneo advised of having recently retired in Carson City, and discussed support for the project.

(10:46:01) Marcus Marchegger, owner of Capital Automotive, discussed support for the project.

(10:49:16) Carol Howell expressed ambivalence about the project. Mayor Crowell and staff members responded to questions regarding anticipated parking maneuvers, available parking spaces, and the estimated cost of the project. Ms. Howell discussed the importance of making downtown attractive and accessible during the weekends. She thanked Supervisors Aldean and Walt for their service.

(10:55:24) Stan Jones, representing the Downtown Business Association (“DBA”), expressed support for the proposed project. He expressed support for removing the Carson Street fencing as a “start.” He advised that the DBA has “some very specific concerns about the parallel parking.” In response to a question, Mr. Sharp reviewed the width of each travel lane. “For a comfortable travel lane, especially if you have parked cars and a median island on the other side, you want about a foot of shy distance on each side. So you’d probably want ... 12 to 13 foot lanes minimum ...” Mr. Jones expressed a preference for diagonal parking, and discussed concerns regarding parking enforcement and ensuring the funding sources are clearly identified prior to approving the project. He thanked Supervisors Aldean and Walt for their service. In response to a question, Mr. Jones clarified that the DBA didn’t specifically take a position on narrowing Carson Street. “... we just say we support anything that will help improve downtown businesses.” He acknowledged support with reservations.

(10:59:36) Maurice White read into the record a prepared statement expressing opposition to the proposed project.

(11:13:22) Jim Bagwell expressed concern over the potential for traffic problems associated with the proposed project, but acknowledged “the need to do something that changes how we do things downtown.” He discussed the “attitude” of Nevada City and Sutter Creek and the way he feels when he visits those places. He discussed improvements in Eureka, Nevada and “how they’ve changed the attitudes in that little, tiny town.” He discussed the importance of creating an attractive downtown area, and expressed support for doing “something ... as inexpensively as we can that changes the presentation of this community, in a short period of time, that will bring people here and cause us to want to go there.”

(11:19:29) Tom Keeton advised of having lived in Carson City since 1997, and expressed support for a pedestrian-friendly downtown. He suggested that closing Carson Street is the only way to achieve a “totally pedestrian-friendly downtown.” He expressed the opinion that Carson City also has to be automobile friendly due to the large percentage of the population which prefer to drive. He expressed the further opinion that the proposed project is based on “what six percent of the businesses say and no

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input from the community, the people who use the street all the time.” He expressed opposition to the proposed parallel parking configuration in consideration of safety issues.

(11:23:41) Doreen Mack discussed economic impacts to the City, and reiterated support for the proposed project in consideration of the minimal cost.

(11:25:44) Victor Honein discussed opposition to the proposed project. In response to a question, Mr. Sharp agreed to look into the possibility of reinstalling signage adjacent to Mr. Honein’s business.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, additional Board member questions or comments. In response to a question, Mr. Sharp discussed the requirement to micropave rather than slurry sealing Carson Street. Supervisor Aldean provided historic information on the Main Street Association’s long-term vision for downtown, and expressed the opinion that “now is the time to ... do something. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.” Supervisor Aldean expressed appreciation for the concerns expressed. “It’s a little like the chicken and egg scenario. ... Which comes first? An enhanced environment in which merchants can thrive or having merchants ... open seven days a week ... to accommodate visitors. Well, if the visitors aren’t there because it’s not a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere, then that’s unlikely to occur.” Supervisor Aldean expressed certainty that “the businesses in downtown Carson, the ones that have survived over the years, will be more than happy to extend their hours, do whatever is necessary to take advantage of an increased influx of tourists into town if this plan accomplishes what we hope to accomplish.” In response to earlier comments, she acknowledged that most of the funding will have to be allocated from the RTC and Redevelopment Authority. She expressed support for lengthening the parking lanes to 30 feet to accommodate those who are “parallel-parking challenged.” In consideration of the minimal cost, Supervisor Aldean expressed the opinion that the proposed project is “a worthwhile investment.” She reminded everyone that “some of the money ... we use for road maintenance comes from sales tax and, if we can increase sales tax, we can hopefully generate more money to maintain City streets not only in the downtown but elsewhere throughout the community.” She advised of reservations, but expressed the opinion “it’s a worthy project and we need to move forward.”

In response to a question, Mr. Plemel advised of no plans to install parking meters. He clarified that the Board of Supervisors will need to establish the parking time frames. Mr. Werner advised of the need to discuss the matter with the DBA. “Philosophically, that’s an issue for the downtown businesses. They’re the ones that would either benefit from it or not. It’s not a City issue really, other than the fact that we would enforce it. But, the actual setting the time limits ... really should be what the businesses ... see makes their business work.” In response to citizen comments, Mr. Werner discussed the civil nature of parking violations. Supervisor Walt discouraged removal of the Carson Street fencing “if you’re not going to make parking down there. Taking down that fence and leaving that a two-lane is ... not family friendly. Walking downtown with young children, that fence is the protector and that’s ... what puts you at ease.” Supervisor Walt advised of having received e-mail correspondence from Supervisor Abowd expressing strong support for the proposed project. Supervisor Walt expressed support for tourism, but discussed the importance of “invest[ing] in our own citizens.” She expressed support for the proposed project.

Supervisor McKenna pointed out that most new vehicles have parking assist mechanisms. In response to a question, Mr. Werner advised that the Board’s direction to proceed will involve finalization of plans, preparation of cost estimates, and consideration of funding sources for subsequent review and approval by the Board. Mayor Crowell commended Supervisor Aldean’s comments, and read into the record a portion of the summary of findings from the 1989 master plan. Mayor Crowell requested staff

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to consider the cost details, the funding sources, and expansion of the parking areas to minimize inconvenience caused by parking maneuvers. He further requested staff to continue working with the Downtown Business Association to “find out of there’s anything that we can do to make this a more friendly environment for them.” He discussed the importance of addressing the signage issue regardless of whether the proposed project moves forward.

Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor Aldean moved to direct staff to proceed with plans to stripe parking spaces on Carson Street, as presented by staff, which would also include the micropaving improvements and provide staff with direction to identify sufficient sources of funding to accomplish the work; the motion is also subject to lengthening the parking lanes to 30 feet. Supervisor Walt seconded the motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

(11:47:58) In response to a question, Supervisor Aldean advised Doreen Mack that the original motion only included restriping. Supervisor Aldean advised that her motion “included everything ... that we’ve discussed on the record which would be part of the improvement project.” Ms. Mack thanked Supervisors Aldean and Walt for their years of service.

#### **19. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NON-ACTION ITEMS: STATUS REVIEW OF PROJECTS - None.**

**INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS** (11:46:07) - Mr. Werner reminded everyone of the swearing-in ceremony scheduled for Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. He advised that the Board orientation is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** - None.

**STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS** (11:47:09) - Supervisor McKenna thanked Supervisors Aldean and Walt for their service and “the effective time they’ve spent. They have done a lot for Carson City and ... we owe them a lot of gratitude.” Mayor Crowell concurred. (11:55:17) Mayor Crowell expressed gratitude, on behalf of the community, to Supervisors Aldean and Walt for their service. He expressed appreciation for the way in which both Supervisors had carried out their duties “with a great degree of competence and finesse and aplomb.” Supervisor McKenna concurred, and the City staff and citizens present applauded.

**STAFF COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORT** - None.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT** (11:47:48) - Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (11:48:36) Jim Bagwell commended Supervisors Aldean and Walt for their service. Mr. Bagwell discussed concerns over sewer rates. A brief discussion ensued. (11:52:25) Maurice White thanked Supervisors Aldean and Walt for their service, and encouraged their continued involvement. He suggested that the new and existing Supervisors, as well as senior City staff, update their profiles to include the list of boards, commissions, and committees on which they serve. Mr. White responded to questions of clarification relative to his request. Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**21. ACTION TO ADJOURN** (11:56:15) - Supervisor Aldean moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Supervisor Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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The Minutes of the January 3, 2013 Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting are so approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

ATTEST:

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ROBERT L. CROWELL, Mayor

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ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder