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A special meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 10, 1989, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

PRESENT:	Marv Teixeira	Mayor
	Marilee Chirila	Supervisor, Ward 3
	Ron Swirczek	Supervisor, Ward 1
	Tom Fettic	Supervisor, Ward 2
	Kay Bennett	Supervisor, Ward 4
STAFF PRESENT:	L. H. Hamilton	City Manager
	Alan Glover	Clerk-Recorder
	Paul McGrath	Sheriff
	Michael Rody	Deputy City Manager
	Mary Walker	Finance Director
	Charles P. Cockerill	Chief Deputy District Attorney
	Vic Freeman	Undersheriff
	Dennis Austin	Assistant Sheriff
	Katherine McLaughlin	Recording Secretary
	(B.O.S. 1/10/89 Tape 1-0001)	

Mayor Teixeira called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present as noted.

1. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED TO NEVADA TAX COMMISSION FOR SHORT-TERM FINANCING FOR RETROFIT OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUILDING TO MINIMUM FIRE AND SAFETY CODE STANDARDS TO BE PAID FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX (1-0030) - Mayor Teixeira then explained the purpose for the meeting, the termination of a tax override for capital items which had been 2.3 cents, the proposed tax override for Public Safety vehicles of 2.3 cents and Sheriff's retrofit of 1 cent. This would only increase the ad valorem tax one cent or \$2.50 per year for the average household for three years and no increase for the following two years. The Board could only increase taxes if the Tax Commission authorizes it. The January 12 Tax Commission meeting had been canceled, however, a meeting would be held in Carson City at some future date and address these proposals. He then noted the proposal to allocate funding for a vehicle replacement program from the increased Capital Sanitation Franchise Fee.

Supervisor Swirczek noted that the cost of these proposals would be reduced after the first year as the assessed values increased and the cost is spread over a larger base. The \$2.50 would be the maximum cost to the average homeowner.

Public comments were solicited on the Sheriff's retrofit. None were made.

Finance Director Mary Walker used an overhead projector to show the financial statements and explained that the proposed public safety vehicle replacement program totalled \$130,250.

(1-0209) Sheriff McGrath briefly explained increased use of the jail, problems with the building, and need to meet Fire and Safety Codes. The proposal would only correct the minimal Fire and Safety Code violations. Mr. Hamilton read those items and costs into the record.

Supervisor Swirczek again noted for the record, as he had at the last meeting, that on December 31, 1988, he had personally toured the jail and verified the need for all the items.

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Mayor Teixeira requested additional comments from the Board.

In response to Supervisor Swirczek's question, Sheriff McGrath stated that his facility was open to the public for viewing at any time and had been for over a year. He felt that this was a welcome opportunity to demonstrate the need.

Supervisor Fettic moved to adopt Resolution No. 1989-R-4, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHORT-TERM FINANCING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR RETROFIT OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUILDING TO MINIMUM FIRE AND SAFETY CODE STANDARDS and noted that the dollar amount mentioned in the Resolution was \$130,250. Supervisor Swirczek seconded the motion. Motion was voted by roll call with the following result: Ayes - Fettic, Swirczek, Bennett, Chirila, and Mayor Teixeira. Nayes - None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED TO NEVADA TAX COMMISSION FOR SHORT-TERM FINANCING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES TO BE PAID FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX (1-0346) - Following Mayor Teixeira's introduction, Ms. Walker explained the short-term financing request for \$497,066 to replace Sheriff, Fire, and Ambulance vehicles. She noted that, when officers respond to emergency calls, many of these vehicles do not start. This is occurring more and more frequently. Sheriff McGrath noted that there were 24 vehicles on the list. The majority were beyond the mileage and/or year criteria for replacement. Five the 1981 vehicles are no longer in service at this time due to safety violations. The cost per mile to maintain the vehicles has accelerated. New car average cost per mile is between 10 and 14 cents per mile. These vehicles average 17 to 20 cents per mile. In response to Supervisor Fettic's questions, Sheriff McGrath noted the 24 vehicles for his Department were for 17 patrol vehicles, seven unmarked vehicles, and the necessary equipment.

(1-0421) Fire Chief Sease noted that Don Davis was present and could respond to technical questions related to the vehicles. Two of the vehicles for his Department had been purchased as used equipment--one of the ambulances and one of the four-wheel drive units--and now have over one hundred miles.

(1-0446) In response to Mayor Teixeira's questions, Sheriff McGrath noted the proposal to have a vehicle replacement program which would eliminate the need to again seek funding for this purpose under this process. He urged the Board to seriously consider this proposal for replacement of all City vehicles. The listed vehicles were a little over one-third of his entire fleet. Under his proposal, if funding is available as proposed, the vehicles would be replaced on a rotation basis. Under this policy lower profile usage by other Departments would occur. Chief Sease explained that his Department likes to use those Sheriff's vehicles with 50 to 60,000 miles for non-emergency vehicles. His Department could use these vehicles three to four more years, however, these vehicles have not been available recently.

The rotation policy was explained, however, this has not been occurring due to demand by the Sheriff's Department. Seized vehicles are now being used to supplement the Sheriff's fleet and have not been sold. Supervisor Swirczek expressed his feeling that the next Resolution for consideration was the beginning of a method to address this situation. Staff was also evaluating the possibility of allocating one percent of the SCRRT funds for this program. The hope is to eventually have an allocation of \$150 to \$200,000 for this purpose. Mr. Hamilton explained that the vehicle replacement policy is ready for Board action and will be included in the budget process for next year.

(1-0558) Frank C. Page questioned reasons for having three or four vehicles with 40 to 50,000 miles on them and where they would be assigned. Fleet Vehicle Manager Don Davis responded by explaining that these would be evaluated and assigned to other Departments if at all possible. Efficient management dictates that vehicles with

70,000 miles or eight years of service be removed from the fleet. He felt that the average City vehicle was approximately 15 years old and a lot of vehicles had more than 100,000 miles on them. Supervisor Fettic read the list of 1981 vehicles with less than 60,000 miles. Sheriff McGrath noted that the 1980 Plymouths were six cylinder Volaires whose transmissions could not stand the wear and tear of the Sheriff's Department and would have to be "dead lined". The 1981 Ford with 41,000 may be transferred to another Department.

(1-0649) Ambulance Review Committee Chairperson Gail Thomassen explained that one of the ambulances was no longer safe and relayed her next door neighbor's experience in it. The second vehicle was "close to the end of its days".

(1-0668) Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Bill Lewis expressed his concern over the failure to be notified of the meeting, transportation requirements placed on his Department, and its vehicle problems. His Department, when the other vehicles are out of service, uses a 1971 pickup with 110,000 which had been used by various Departments through the years. Its brakes do not work. He also noted the liability concerns and expressed his hope that during the "next go around" the Board would consider his needs as a Public Safety Department due to the liability concerns and its transportation needs. Clarification noted that the vehicles included on the list had been restricted to those responding to emergencies only. Question 12 had included 50 other vehicles which also need to be replaced immediately. Ms. Walker felt that if the Tax Commission approves both this request and the allocation of the Capital Sanitation franchise fee for vehicle replacement, funding may be available to address some of the other vehicle needs. The idea had been to solidify the City's position as much as possible before making its case to the Tax Commission. Mr. Hamilton emphasized the possibility that some of the vehicles in the fleet could be transferred to other Departments including Mr. Lewis'. He felt that Mr. Lewis' concerns were valid, however, did not not feel that Mr. Lewis had been excluded in the "loop".

(1-0758) Mr. Lewis emphasized for the record that he could understand the need for "Code 3" emergency vehicles, however, his needs were equal to that of the Detective Division and Fire Prevention Bureau.

Mr. Hamilton then read the list of vehicles to be replaced and their costs.

Supervisor Swirczek moved to adopt Resolution No. 1989-R-5, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHORT-TERM FINANCING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES in an amount not to exceed \$497,066 with an annual interest rate of approximately 8.25%, said debt to be repaid over a period of not more than five years. Clarification then noted a typographical error in line 16 of page 1 which should read \$497,066.00 rather than the \$497.066.00 indicated. **Supervisor Swirczek amended his motion to included correction of this typographical error. Supervisor Chirila seconded the motion. Motion was voted by roll call with the following result: Ayes - Swirczek, Chirila, Bennett, Fettic, and Mayor Teixeira. Nays - None. Motion carried unanimously and so order.**

3. ACTION ON ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM INCREASE IN CAPITAL SANITATION FRANCHISE FEE (1-0854) - Following Mayor Teixeira's introduction, Ms. Walker explained the Board action increasing the Capital Sanitation franchise fees. This would enable the City to receive \$75,000 in additional revenue each year. The Internal Finance Committee, of which Supervisor Swirczek is a member, requested the Board consider a Resolution establishing a vehicle replacement fund with this money. The fund would be established if the franchise tax increase is approved by the Tax Commission. Supervisor Swirczek explained that this was only the beginning of a vehicle replacement program that would start with \$75,000 and increase at a small rate annually. He urged the Board to act favorably on the proposal. Public comment was solicited but none made. In response to Supervisor Bennett's question, Ms. Walker explained that the proposal would increase the average homeowner's Capital Sanitation fee by approximately 15 cents per month. This is not an ad valorem tax. **Supervisor Fettic moved to approve Resolution No. 1989-R-6, A RESOLUTION**

ESTABLISHING VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUNDING. Supervisor Swirczek seconded the motion. Motion was voted by roll call with the following result: Ayes - Fettic, Swirczek, Chirila, Bennett, and Mayor Teixeira. Nays - None. Motion carried unanimously and so order.

Discussion noted the attempts to notify the public of this hearing and that neither Supervisor Fettic nor Mayor Teixeira had received negative comments on these items. Mayor Teixeira solicited Board and public comments on this and any other matters. None were made by the audience. Supervisor Bennett suggested staff make a special effort to notify the public when these matters would be considered by the Tax Commission.

Supervisor Fettic then moved to adjourn. Supervisor Swirczek seconded the motion. Motion was voted and carried unanimously. Mayor Teixeira adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

A tape recording of the proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during the normal business hours.

The Minutes of the Special January 10, 1989, Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting.

ARE SO APPROVED ON February 2, 1989.

/s/ _____
Marv Teixeira, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Alan Glover, Clerk-Recorder