

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Thursday, May 5, 1994, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 8 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith, Commissioners Kay Bennett and Marie Wolf

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (R.T.C. 5/5/94 Tape 1-0001)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1-0001) - Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present constituting a quorum.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0008) - None.

2. DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT NO. 9394-188, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARKWAY/GRAVES LANE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (1-0566) - Mr. Brotzman reviewed the bids, named the bidders, and explained reasons Byars Construction presented the low bid. Groundbreaking may occur on May 16. Potential date for completion of the road was discussed. Mr. Brotzman and Mr. Fried are the project inspectors. Staff had done the design. NDOT may have an additional on-site inspector during the first 30 days when work is occurring in its right-of-way. Comments were solicited but none made. This was a discussion only item, therefore, action was not taken.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR A BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO RAISE THE MASS TRANSIT AND ROADS TAX (NRS 377A) BY ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT FOR CARSON CITY TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS (1-0785) - Mr. Brotzman explained the funding for the transit study and NDOT's request for direction on a City transit program. Funding for the program would require an one-eighth of one percent sales tax, however, the lowest increment allowed is one-quarter of one percent. The study indicated residential support for the tax and a need for the program. Eligibility for a Section 18 Grant was explained. Mr. Brotzman suggested using the remaining one-eighth of a percent for other RTC transportation needs. Mr. Lipparelli indicated it could be used for any purpose determined by the Board including other transportation needs. The ballot question should define its purpose. Discussion indicated the broadness of the question could pose a stumbling block with the electorate. Discussion noted the vision study issues which may be considered as well as the By-Pass. The final ballot question may not be brought back to the Commission as the Board of Supervisors had agendized the same issue for discussion/action later today. Clarification indicated the RTC would be convened with the Board for this discussion/action also.

(1-0423) Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Larry Osborne indicated the Chamber had not taken a position on this proposal. It supported having the public participation, however, felt that the transit study's survey was a true indication of the public's feeling on the proposal. He also questioned whether there would be additional ballot questions and expressed concern about the impact created by the economy, budgets, etc., which could cause the issue to fail. It may be better to evaluate the climate and reconsider the issue in two years. Mr. Osborne explained the reasons the Chamber had not considered the issue but had conducted a survey some time ago which was not favorable. The Chamber will consider the issue and take a position if placed on the ballot.

Chairperson Smith supported drafting the question, however, indicated he would not support the question until the proposed use of the remaining one-eighth cent is determined. Mr. Brotzman indicated that Board and Commission direction on the additional one-eighth cent tax was being requested. He suggested it be used for other RTC projects. Commissioner Bennett indicated support for his suggestion as the demand for those projects may warrant the additional tax. Commissioner Bennett then explained the results of the meeting at the Senior Citizens Center which indicated support for additional/better intercity transportation system. Commissioner Bennett then moved that the Regional Transportation Commission direct staff to draft language for the General Election ballot question for November 1994 to raise the mass transit and road tax, NRS 377A, by one-quarter of one percent to fund transit and transportation improvements within Carson City. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried

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unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0607) - None.

5. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS (1-0610) - None.

6. STAFF'S COMMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) - Discussion noted this meeting was to serve as the regular May meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for the third Wednesday in June. Discussion ensued among the Commission and staff on the time for that meeting and scheduled the meeting for 8:15.

8. ADJOURNMENT (1-0645) - Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

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

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ARE SO APPROVED ON _____, 1994.

Greg Smith, Chairperson