

CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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A meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Crowell
Supervisor Karen Abowd, Ward 1
Supervisor Brad Bonkowski, Ward 2
Supervisor John McKenna, Ward 3
Supervisor Jim Shirk, Ward 4

STAFF: Stacey Giomi, Acting City Manager
Randal Munn, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk

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 - 3. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (8:28:08) - Mayor Crowell called the meeting to order at 8:28 a.m. Ms. King called the roll; a quorum was present. Mayor Crowell led the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (8:28:53) - Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (8:29:06) John Wagner expressed the opinion that every budget should be "zero based." "Every department, then, must come up with their budget for the next year, based on starting from zero, ... So you get your projects, you determine the personnel you need for those projects, and then you work off of that budget. But the way it seems to work now, is if you got 'x' number of dollars last year, you should automatically ... ask for ten percent more budget this year, expecting maybe to get five. And if you don't get the ten, then you yell around about budget cuts which really aren't cuts at all." Mr. Wagner expressed the opinion that "the whole budget process, to some degree, is flawed." He commented on his experiences working for the University of California at Davis and for Sony, and reiterated his preference for "zero-based budgeting." Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

5. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA (8:31:40) - Mayor Crowell entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

6. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

6(A) POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CARSON CITY FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 / 2015 (8:31:51) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Finance Department Director Nick Providenti reviewed the agenda materials. Mr. Providenti acknowledged that the budget is based on a real property tax rate of \$3.54. In response to a further question, he explained that the Pontifex findings were in the process of being implemented, but were not included in the subject budget. He advised that a budget augmentation would be submitted to the Board "in the late summer / early fall." He reminded the Board that only the unclassified positions would be implemented. He assured the Board, "We're not anticipating it to be too big of a hit to the budget because most of the employees were within the range. They just now have the ability to increase a little bit based on the study." Supervisor McKenna advised of having heard "a lot of negative" feedback, and requested assurance that "it comes back to us for additional

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consideration.” Mr. Providenti advised of plans to implement the Pontifex findings on July 2nd, “based on the direction that we got on April 24th ... from the Board.” A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Providenti responded to additional questions of clarification regarding specific line items in the budget.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Supervisor Abowd moved to approve the Carson City final budget for FY 2014 / 2015. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion. **Supervisor Shirk moved to amend, as follows: “the budget put together at \$3.54 and the property tax to stay at \$3.56 and the two cents extra will be set aside for capital improvements within the community. Supervisor McKenna seconded the amendment** for purposes of discussion. Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion. Supervisor McKenna expressed support for having reduced the property tax “for a couple reasons. One, it's probably good for economic development. Two, it's a promise we made to the taxpayers when we raised the property tax; that we would reduce it. And the property tax is out of whack with the sales tax based upon historical percentages. And the third thing is, ... we're the only county in Nevada that cut property tax. So, all three of those things ... outweigh any potential source of money that we have for needed community improvements. I understand where Jim's coming from and I think it's probably as valid as my needs, but I ... honor the promise made to taxpayers that we're going to cut the property tax back as soon as we can.” Supervisor Shirk expressed understanding for Supervisor McKenna's comments, and stated, “We just imposed a tax on citizens of the [1/8 cent] sales tax which this Board has said repeatedly, it only costs taxpayers \$12 a year. If we maintain the property tax rate at \$3.56, set that aside for capital improvements, we wouldn't have to have this tax to do corridors, an animal shelter which we couldn't build for 20 years, and now we're funding the MAC center. If we set this two cents aside, basically, what this Board has repeatedly said, 'It costs you, the citizens \$12 a year for that.' But on a home that's valued at \$250,000 a year, there's a cost savings, by lowering the property tax to \$3.54, saves that property owner \$17 a year. Subtract the \$12 a year and now their saving \$5.50 a year, or roughly ... a little over a penny a day and we have to fund an animal shelter we couldn't build for 20 years. We had to pass a new tax whereas, if we set this money aside for capital improvements within our community, it can take care of the ... future needs of any capital improvements. I wish the Board would reconsider and just look at this and give it a hard look because I think ... it's a good a motion.” Discussion followed. Mayor Crowell entertained additional discussion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the motion to amend. **Motion failed 1-4.** Mayor Crowell called for a vote on the original motion.

RESULT:	Approved [4 - 1]
MOVER:	Supervisor Karen Abowd
SECOND:	Supervisor Brad Bonkowski
AYES:	Supervisors Abowd, Bonkowski, McKenna, and Mayor Crowell
NAYS:	Supervisor Jim Shirk
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

6(B) POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FOR FY 2014 / 2015 (8:46:34) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Finance Department Director Nick Providenti reviewed the agenda materials. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming. Mr. Providenti responded to questions of clarification. Mayor Crowell entertained additional questions or comments of the Board members and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Supervisor Bonkowski moved to adopt**

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Resolution No. 2014-R-10, a resolution setting the tax rate for County Cooperative Extension for FY 2014 / 15. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion. Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote.

RESULT:	Approved [5 - 0]
MOVER:	Supervisor Brad Bonkowski
SECOND:	Supervisor Karen Abowd
AYES:	Supervisors Bonkowski, Abowd, McKenna, Shirk, and Mayor Crowell
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT (8:48:59) - Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (8:49:10) Lori Bagwell requested the Board to consider tying future budgets to a “strategic plan and goals and objectives.” She advised of having “listened today and at the April 24th, and to presentations by others, and I've never heard any mention of what goals and objectives are being met with your budget. And so, even if it's a maintenance, I think it's important to the public that they understand what are we maintaining.” Mayor Crowell advised that the Board has been moving toward performance-based budgeting. He expressed agreement that performance-based budgeting, “once we get the bugs worked out on what the proper targets are, that's the way we should be going.” Ms. Bagwell stated, “... it's certainly going to be the only way that you have an option to prioritize the needs and to be able to objectively select which things get funded and which items don't.” Supervisor Bonkowski advised that the new city manager had indicated performance-based budgeting as “one of his highest priorities ... to tie in the budget to the strategic plan and being able to implement our goals.” Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

8. ACTION TO ADJOURN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (8:51:08) - Mayor Crowell adjourned the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:51 a.m., and passed the gavel to Redevelopment Authority Chair Karen Abowd.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

9. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (8:51:17) - Chairperson Abowd called the Redevelopment Authority to order, noting the presence of a quorum.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT (8:51:27) - Chairperson Abowd entertained public comment. (8:51:37) John Wagner expressed a preference for “redevelopment money [being] used for redevelopment. I don't like to see money taken out for other, special projects.” He expressed the opinion that “redevelopment should go back into infrastructure in the redevelopment area; roads, sidewalks, and that type of thing.”

11. FINANCE DEPARTMENT - POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CARSON CITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 / 2015 (8:53:16) - Chairperson Abowd introduced this item, and Finance Department Director Nick Providenti reviewed the agenda materials. Mr. Providenti responded to questions of clarification, and discussion ensued. Chairperson Abowd entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Member Crowell moved to approve the Carson City Redevelopment Authority final budget for FY 2014 / 15.**

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Member McKenna seconded the motion. Chairperson Abowd entertained discussion on the motion, and when none was forthcoming, called for a vote.

RESULT:	Approved [5 - 0]
MOVER:	Member Robert Crowell
SECOND:	Member John McKenna
AYES:	Members Crowell, McKenna, Shirk, Vice Chair Bonkowski, Chair Abowd
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (9:03:44) - Chairperson Abowd entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

13. ACTION TO ADJOURN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (9:03:54) - Member Crowell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Vice Chair Bonkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the May 19, 2014 Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting are so approved this 2nd day of October, 2014.

ROBERT L. CROWELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder