

CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in the Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Boardroom, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT:

Mayor Lori Bagwell
Supervisor Stacey Giomi, Ward 1
Supervisor Maurice White, Ward 2
Supervisor Curtis Horton, Ward 3
Supervisor Lisa Schuette, Ward 4

STAFF:

Scott Hoen, Clerk-Recorder
Dan Yu, Assistant District Attorney
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager
Tamar Warren, Senior 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. All meeting minutes are available for review at: <https://www.carson.org/minutes>.

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

(8:30:03) – Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Hoen called roll and noted the presence of a quorum. Carson Tahoe Health Retired Chaplin Pastor Peggy Locke provided the invocation. At Mayor Bagwell’s request, Ms. Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

(8:32:47) – Mayor Bagwell entertained public comments. Deni French explained that he was “not a fan of off-highway vehicles” at Prison Hill and recommended the City not “vary from the Master Plan that you carefully put together.”

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 18, 2023.

(8:36:17) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, or a motion.

(8:36:27) – Supervisor Giomi moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023 Board of Supervisors and Redevelopment Authority meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor White and carried 5-0-0.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

7.A PRESENTATION OF LENGTH OF SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO CITY EMPLOYEES.

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(8:36:55) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item and invited the Board members to join her in the presentation of longevity awards by their department directors or elected officials to the following employees:

- Anna Herring, Senior Office Specialist – 15 years. Presented by District Attorney Jason Woodbury.
- Ronald Locatelli, Deputy Sheriff – 15 years. Presented by Sheriff Ken Furlong.
- Erin McMahon, Deputy Sheriff – 15 years. Presented by Sheriff Ken Furlong.
- Shadow Kelly, Water Production Operator 1 – 15 years. Presented by Public Works Director Darren Schulz.
- Robert Smith, Investigator DA – 5 years. Presented by District Attorney Jason Woodbury.

The award recipients were joined by their colleagues and family members for a commemorative photograph with the Board and award presenters.

CONSENT AGENDA

(8:46:29) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item and inquired whether the Board or the public wished to pull any items from the Consent Agenda; however, none were forthcoming. Supervisors Schuette and Giomi read into the record disclosure statements pertaining to item 12.A, advised of no disqualifying conflict of interest, and stated that they would participate in discussion and action. Mayor Bagwell entertained a motion.

(8:49:01) – Supervisor Giomi moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items 8.A, 8.B, 8.C, 8.D, 9.A, 10.A, 11.A, 12.A, 12.B, 13.A, 13.B, 13.C, 13.D, 13.E, and 14.A, as presented. Supervisor White seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Giomi
SECONDER:	Supervisor White
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

8. ASSESSOR

8.A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST TO REMOVE THE REAL PROPERTY TAXES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2019/2020 AND 2020/2021 FROM ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER ("APN") 010-443-11 (3587 DESATOYA DR.), PER NRS 361.055 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,012.26.

8.B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY FUND REPORT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CARSON CITY ASSESSOR PURSUANT TO NRS 250.085, CONTAINING THE PROJECTED EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2023.

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8.C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST TO REMOVE

THE TAXES AND PENALTIES FROM THE UNSECURED TAX ROLLS FOR FISCAL YEARS ("FY") 2019/20, 2020/21 AND 2021/22 PER NRS 361.5607 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,374.13.

8.D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FOR THE PARTIAL REMOVAL OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES, PENALTIES AND COSTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2022/2023 FROM ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER ("APN") 005-011-94 (2025 ARROWHEAD DR.), PER NRS 361.061 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,567.84.

9. CITY MANAGER

9.A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RATIFYING THE APPROVAL OF BILLS AND OTHER REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 6, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 2, 2023.

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

10.A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SECOND STREET BETWEEN DIVISION STREET AND THOMPSON STREET DURING THE LEVITT AMP SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT THE BREWERY ARTS CENTER, 449 W. KING STREET.

11. FINANCE

11.A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF EACH FUND IN THE TREASURY AND THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 2, 2023, PER NRS 251.030 AND NRS 354.290.

12. PUBLIC WORKS

12.A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A LEASE EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 ("WATER LEASE AGREEMENT"), BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT ("CWSD"), PERMITTING CARSON CITY TO USE UP TO 100 ACRE-FEET OF SURFACE WATER FROM THE UPPER AND LOWER LOST LAKES RESERVOIRS AT NO COST BEYOND PERMIT FEES ANTICIPATED TO BE \$780 AND WITH THE CITY BEARING ANY COSTS ARISING FROM THE USE OF ITS OWN EXISTING WATER PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

Please see the disclosure statements by Supervisors Giomi and Schuette under the Consent Agenda heading.

12.B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT ("EASEMENT") ALLOWING SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY D/B/A NV ENERGY ("UTILITY") TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MODIFY,

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MAINTAIN AND REMOVE COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRIC LINE FACILITIES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY ("FACILITIES"), AT NO COST, ON PROPERTY OWNED BY CARSON CITY WITH ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 007-061-82 ("PROPERTY"), AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE EASEMENT.

13. PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS

13.A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A DETERMINATION THAT WEST COAST PAVING, INC. ("WCP") IS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES ("NRS") CHAPTER 338 AND WHETHER TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. 23300359 TO WCP TO PERFORM PAVEMENT REHABILITATION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S FIELD PARKING LOTS ("PROJECT") FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$331,100.

13.B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUTHORITY FOR THE CARSON CITY CLERK-RECORDER TO PURCHASE ONE HIGH SPEED MAIL BALLOT SIGNATURE SCANNER, INCLUDING SOFTWARE LICENSING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS, FROM TRITEK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,029 FOR FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2023 THROUGH FY 2027.

13.C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTRACT NO. 24300014 WITH SIERRA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES, LLC (DR. JOSEPH MCELLISTREM) TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION SERVICES TO INMATES AT THE CARSON CITY JAIL FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$284,385.79 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.

13.D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTRACT NO. 24300013 FOR CLINICAL TREATMENT AND COUNSELING SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT, WITH MARY BRYAN, A LICENSED CLINICIAN, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$61,440, TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, CONTINGENT ON THE CARSON CITY JUSTICE/MUNICIPAL COURT BEING AWARDED FUNDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, SPECIALTY COURT FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024.

13.E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONFLICT COUNSEL ATTORNEY SERVICES CONTRACT NOS. 24300059 WITH MARIA E. PENCE, 24300060 WITH NOEL S. WATERS AND 24300067 WITH DANIEL J. SPENCE, TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, EACH FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$180,250 FOR FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024, \$185,658 FOR FY 2025 AND \$191,228 FOR FY 2026, WITH AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$20,000 ANNUALLY ADDED TO CONTRACT NO. 24300059 WITH MARIA E. PENCE FOR SERVICES TO ASSIGN INDIGENT DEFENSE CASES TO CONFLICT COUNSEL OR PRIVATE ATTORNEYS UNDER CARSON CITY'S INDIGENT DEFENSE PLAN ("IDS"), FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$617,136 FOR CONTRACT NO. 24300059 AND \$557,136 FOR CONTRACT NOS. 24300060 AND 24300067.

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14. TREASURER

14.A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF ALL MONEY ON DEPOSIT, OUTSTANDING CHECKS AND CASH ON HAND FOR MAY 2023 SUBMITTED PER NEVADA REVISED STATUTES ("NRS") 354.280.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS

15. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME

No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

16. CLERK-RECORDER

16.A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE WINNER OF THE CARSON CITY CLERK-RECORDER'S "I VOTED" STICKER DESIGN CONTEST FOR THE 2024 ELECTION CYCLE.

(8:49:37) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Mr. Hoen explained that the 2024 election cycle would include the February Presidential Preference Primary Election, the June Primary Election, and the November General Election. Chief Deputy Clerk Miguel Camacho gave background on the contest that ran from March 30, 2023, through April 26, 2023. He also clarified that mailed ballots would receive their own stickers in the mail; therefore, the approved design would only be distributed to in-person voters. Mr. Camacho and Deputy Clerk Emily Toups presented the five finalists, incorporated into the record, selected by the Clerk's Office, and invited the Board to select a winner.

(8:56:48) – Supervisor Giomi inquired whether more than one finalist could be chosen, and Mr. Camacho noted that they could produce two different stickers; however, people would be “fighting for their sticker.” Supervisor White was in favor of printing additional stickers to accommodate more than one design. Supervisor Giomi preferred the designs “that say Carson City” (designs 1 and 3) and Mayor Bagwell concurred. Mr. Camacho noted that no prize money was involved, “just bragging rights.” Supervisor Schuette favored design number 1. Mayor Bagwell entertained public comments and when none were forthcoming, a motion. Supervisor Giomi wished to see that future contests specify Carson City as a required element.

(8:59:26) – Supervisor Giomi moved to select finalists 1 and 3 as the winners of the “I Voted” sticker design contest. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Schuette.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Giomi
SECONDER:	Supervisor Schuette
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

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17. FINANCE

17.A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT AND AMEND THE CARSON CITY FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2022-23 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,033,899.

(8:59:55) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item and reminded everyone that the action was “pretty standard” and was done at year-end. Chief Financial Officer Sheri Russell-Benabou referenced the augmentation worksheet which is incorporated into the record and pointed out that the “unanticipated expenses” of \$1.2 million would be moved “from Contingency to Department line items.” She added that the remaining \$775,000 would cover next year’s gaps. There were no Board or public comments; therefore, Mayor Bagwell entertained a motion.

(9:03:26) – Supervisor Schuette moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-17. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Schuette
SECONDER:	Supervisor Horton
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

17.B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR A TEMPORARY INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUND TO THE CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ("CAMPO") FUND FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$691,000.

(9:03:56) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item and explained that this was a year-end exercise “waiting to catch up on grant reimbursements.” Ms. Russell-Benabou clarified for Supervisor Giomi that this is done because the line item cannot carry a negative balance until reimbursement. Mayor Bagwell entertained public comments and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

17.C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INSURANCE AGREEMENTS FOR A TOTAL AGGREGATE PREMIUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,445,136 FOR FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 TO BE PAID FROM THE INSURANCE FUND AND TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH: (1) THE NEVADA PUBLIC AGENCY INSURANCE POOL ("POOL") FOR PROPERTY INSURANCE (INCLUDING AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE), BOILER AND MACHINERY, POLLUTION (EXCLUDING THE LANDFILL), CYBER INSURANCE, AUTO LIABILITY, GENERAL LIABILITY, EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LIABILITY COVERAGE AT A PREMIUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,399,728; (2) GREAT AMERICAN FOR GOVERNMENT CRIME INSURANCE AT A PREMIUM

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NOT TO EXCEED \$14,562; AND (3) BEAZLEY/LLOYDS FOR LANDFILL POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE (2-YEAR PREMIUM) AT A PREMIUM NOT TO EXCEED \$30,846.

(9:05:19) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Brandon Lewis of USI Insurance reviewed the proposed coverage outlined in the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record. Ms. Russell-Benabou stated that the City had been quoted a 36.4 percent increase; however, that percentage had been reduced by increasing the deductible based on historical loss data analysis. Supervisor Giomi inquired about the decrease in the cyber risk amount and was informed that the higher \$3 million amount was not being offered. There were no public comments; therefore, Mayor Bagwell entertained a motion.

(9:10:58) – Supervisor Schuette moved to approve the agreements as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Schuette
SECONDER:	Supervisor Horton
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

17.D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR EXCESS WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH SAFETY NATIONAL CASUALTY CORPORATION FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED PREMIUM OF \$192,651 FOR FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024.

(9:11:15) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item and Ms. Russell-Benabou noted that there were no policy changes. Mr. Lewis clarified that the rates had remained flat; however, the premium would increase due to an increase in payroll. Mayor Bagwell entertained public comments and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(9:12:23) – Supervisor White moved to approve the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Giomi.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor White
SECONDER:	Supervisor Giomi
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

18. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING

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18.A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING (1) THE CONSIDERATION OF COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS REGARDING THE PROPRIETY AND ADVISABILITY OF AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (“DNID”) ORDINANCE; AND (2) A RESOLUTION DISPENSING WITH COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS REGARDING THE DNID ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

(9:12:49) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Community Development Director Hope Sullivan explained that no complaints, protests, or objections had been received. There were no public comments; therefore, Mayor Bagwell entertained a motion.

(9:14:50) – Supervisor Giomi moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-19. The motion was seconded by Supervisor White.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Giomi
SECONDER:	Supervisor White
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

18.B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING (1) THE CONSIDERATION OF COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS REGARDING THE PROPRIETY AND ADVISABILITY OF AMENDING THE SOUTH CARSON NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (“SCNID”) ORDINANCE; AND (2) A RESOLUTION DISPENSING WITH COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS REGARDING THE SCNID ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

(9:14:15) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Community Development Director Hope Sullivan explained that no complaints, protests, or objections had been received for this item as well. There were no public comments; therefore, Mayor Bagwell entertained a motion.

(9:14:51) – Supervisor Giomi moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-20. The motion was seconded by Supervisor White.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Giomi
SECONDER:	Supervisor White
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

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18.C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT, ON SECOND READING, BILL NO. 108, A PROPOSED ORDINANCE LEVYING THE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ("DNID") FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 ASSESSMENTS AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE DNID.

(9:15:19) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Mr. Hoen read the proposed Ordinance title into the record: “*An ordinance relating to improvement districts; levying the Fiscal Year 2024 assessment for the Downtown Neighborhood Improvement District (“DNID”); amending the DNID ordinance under Chapter 271 of the Nevada Revised Statutes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*” Ms. Sullivan stated that no comments or changes were received to date. There were no public comments; therefore, Mayor Bagwell entertained a motion.

(9:16:26) – Supervisor Horton moved to adopt on second reading Bill No. 108, Ordinance No. 2023-7. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Schuette.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Horton
SECONDER:	Supervisor Schuette
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

18.D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT, ON SECOND READING, BILL NO. 109, A PROPOSED ORDINANCE LEVYING THE SOUTH CARSON NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ("SCNID") FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 ASSESSMENTS AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE SCNID.

(9:16:48) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Mr. Hoen read the proposed Ordinance title into the record: “*An ordinance relating to improvement districts; levying the Fiscal Year 2024 assessment for the South Carson Neighborhood Improvement District (“SCNID”); amending the SCNID ordinance under Chapter 271 Of the Nevada Revised Statutes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*” Ms. Sullivan stated that no comments or changes were received to date. There were no public comments; therefore, Mayor Bagwell entertained a motion.

(9:16:26) – Supervisor Horton moved to adopt on second reading Bill No. 109, Ordinance No. 2023-8. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Giomi.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Horton
SECONDER:	Supervisor Giomi
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

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(9:18:07) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Mr. Hoen read into the record the proposed ordinance title: “*An ordinance relating to administration and personnel; creating the Office of the Public Defender in Carson City; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*” Mayor Bagwell stated that she had attended the Indigent Defense Board meeting in which the Carson City plan had been adopted. She also entertained Board and/or public comments and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(9:18:53) – Supervisor Giomi moved to adopt on second reading, Bill No. 110, Ordinance No. 2023-9. The motion was seconded by Supervisor White.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Giomi
SECONDER:	Supervisor White
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

19.B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,010,513.40 FOR FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 WHICH IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF THE CARSON CITY PUBLIC DEFENDER ("CCPD") BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023.

(9:19:12) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Ms. Hicks clarified that the grand total amount of the funding had not changed and neither had the salary and benefit amounts. However, she clarified that there had been expenditure changes to the office lease, office supplies, software maintenance, computers, phones, and printers which were being refined. She also referenced the late material which had been received and upon which the action on the item would be based. There were no Board or public comments; therefore, Mayor Bagwell entertained a motion.

(9:20:40) – Supervisor Schuette moved to approve the funding allocations as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor White.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Schuette
SECONDER:	Supervisor White
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

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19.C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED LEASE (“LEASE”) WITH TANGLEWOOD, LLC (“LANDLORD”) AND CARSON CITY (“CITY”) TO RENT APPROXIMATELY 4,207 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AT 755 NORTH ROOP STREET (“PREMISES”) TO HOUSE THE CARSON CITY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER (“CCPD”) FOR A TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2028, AT THE INITIAL RATE OF \$1.30 PER SQUARE FOOT PER MONTH, PLUS ANNUAL RATE INCREASES CAPPED AT 2.5%, FOR AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$328,272.21.

(9:20:53) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item and advised that the discussion and action on the item would be based on the late material received. Mayor Bagwell entertained Board and public comments; however, none were forthcoming. She also entertained a motion.

(9:21:52) – Supervisor Giomi moved to approve the lease as presented in the late material. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVED:	Supervisor Giomi
SECONDER:	Supervisor Horton
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

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NON-ACTION ITEMS.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

STATUS REVIEW OF PROJECTS

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

STAFF COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORT

(9:22:15) – Mayor Bagwell introduced the item. Ms. Hicks thanked the Department of Public Works, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department, the Fire Department, and the Sheriff’s Department for their response during the flash flooding during the past storms. Supervisor Giomi reported that the Culture and Tourism Authority was in the process of renewing its agreement with the current marketing firm. He also inquired whether the vacancy on that Board had been filled and Ms. Hicks offered to find out. Supervisor Schuette thanked the Department of Alternative Sentencing for her participation in a ride-along. She also thanked the Department of Alternative Sentencing and praised the work being done in Drug Court. Mayor Bagwell also thanked Staff for their hard work during the past flooding events and noted that she had received several compliments regarding their activities during the past storm.

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CLOSED NON-MEETING TO CONFER WITH MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND COUNSEL

(9:25:57) – Mayor Bagwell recessed the Board of Supervisors meeting and noted that this item would take place.

Time specific 2:00 p.m.

21. CITY MANAGER

21.A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING (1) THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO THE POSITION OF CARSON CITY PUBLIC DEFENDER, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023; AND (2) THE FIXING OF THE STARTING ANNUAL SALARY AT NOT MORE THAN \$151,444.50 IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR ("FY") OF THE APPOINTMENT (JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024).

(2:00:20) – Mayor Bagwell reconvened the meeting and introduced the item. Ms. Hicks gave background and presented the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record. She also introduced the only applicant for the position of Public Defender, Charles H. Odgers. Mr. Odgers reviewed his qualifications which are included in the application process and explained that his role would ensure that “the constitution is correct,” ensure that the defendants’ rights are protected, and “look at the cost of doing trials.” He also explained that he had read all the information regarding the Office of the Public Defendant except for the Ordinance which had been adopted earlier because he had been unable to find it online and was confident he could do the job, based on his past performance.

Mr. Odgers outlined his vision of how to organize the Public Defender’s Office and responded to questions from the Mayor and the Supervisors. He believed that he would hire attorneys that are a good fit and who would work hard for their clients. Mr. Odgers disclosed that he had been “disciplined by the State Bar back in 2013...there’s more to the story than what you read...I’m not hiding from what I did, I’ve never had, I never will.” He also assured the Board that he believed in working during all hours of the day and assured them that he would treat his staff “like family.” Mr. Odgers recounted his experience of being called up during Operation Desert Storm and activating 1,500 reserve U.S. Marines to active duty in 30 days for which he had received a Navy Achievement Medal. Mayor Bagwell referenced the letters, incorporated into the record, written to the Board recommending Mr. Odgers, and believed that the community will be “in great shape.” There were no additional comments; therefore, Mayor Bagwell entertained a motion.

(2:17:35) – Supervisor Giomi moved to appoint Charles H. Odgers as the Public Defender, effective July 1, 2023, contingent on passing the background check, and fix the starting annual salary for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at \$151,445. The motion was seconded by Supervisor White.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Giomi
SECONDER:	Supervisor White
AYES:	Supervisors Giomi, Horton, Schuette, White, and Mayor Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

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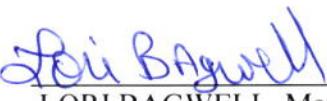
22. PUBLIC COMMENT

(2:18:38) – Mayor Bagwell entertained final public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

23. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(2:19:34) – Mayor Bagwell adjourned the Board of Supervisors meeting at 2:19 p.m. and noted that a closed-door session would take place immediately following adjournment.

The Minutes of the June 19, 2023 Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting are so approved on this 20th day of July, 2023.


LORI BAGWELL, Mayor

ATTEST:


SCOTT HOEN, Clerk-Recorder

Alexis Philippi

From: Adam Woodrum <adam1885282@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 9:10 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public comment for 6/15/2023 Board of Supervisors

Late Material
Item: 21a
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Comment
06/15/2023

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Greetings,

I am writing to wholeheartedly voice my support for hiring Chuck Odgers as Carson City's Public Defender. As both a citizen of Carson City and a former colleague of Odgers, I am sure he's the right fit for the job. He is an effective and contentious advocate and widely respected in the practice of criminal law.

Carson City having its own public defender is long overdue and you couldn't ask for a better person to lead the new office into the future.

Sincerely,

Adam Woodrum
2355 Grandville Drive
Carson City, NV 89701

Alexis Philippi

From: Marty Hart <martinhartesq@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 8:12 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Chuck Odgers as public defender

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I have been practicing law in Nevada since 1996. During that time, I have observed Mr. Odgers in court numerous times. His knowledge of criminal law is nearly unequalled and his courtroom abilities are excellent. I am confident he will be a great choice as public defender.

Respectfully,
Martin Hart Esq.

Alexis Philippi

From: John S Walker <scottwalkerattorney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 8:19 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: re Charles Odgers appointment for CC public defender

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Dear Board Members,

I worked at the Nevada State Public Defender from 2013 to 2023. The last three or so of those years, Chuck was at the helm. Recently, I and many others had hoped Chuck would be appointed as the NSPD and continue to run the office. Sadly, that didn't happen, and Chuck understandably left. It should be telling that others in the office left shortly thereafter.

I can't speak on behalf of the judges, DA, court staff, or other stakeholders about Chuck. Because I don't have to. Reach out to them and find out for yourselves what they think.

I consider Chuck a mentor and a friend. He has is an eminently competent attorney and has a work ethic that is uncommon. He has earned your consideration because he already did this exact job the last three years and did it well.

Thank you,

Scott Walker

Alexis Philippi

From: John Samberg <JSamberg@wrslawyers.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 8:32 AM
To: Public Comment
Cc: John Samberg
Subject: re: June 15, 2023 Board Meeting, Item 21.A., Charles H. Odgers

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Dear Board of Supervisors, I have known attorney Charles Odgers for over eight years, and have worked closely with him in complex litigation. In my experience Attorney Odgers has held himself to the highest standards of professional conduct, competence, diligence, and leadership. I wholeheartedly recommend him for the position of Public Defender. Thank you, John Samberg

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June 13, 2023

Carson City Board of Supervisors
201 N. Carson Street, Suite 2
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Mr. Charles H. Odgers

Dear Carson City Board of Supervisors,

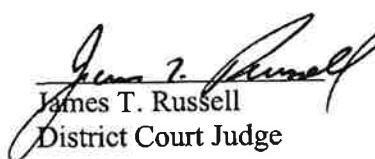
The purpose of this letter is to provide a recommendation for Mr. Charles H. Odgers, Esq., for the position of Carson City Public Defender.

As a defense attorney, Mr. Odgers always conducted himself in a professional manner. We have found him to be extremely prepared and professional in the courtroom. He has been forthright and honest in his dealings with the Court. He writes extremely well and analyzes cases and issues well. He has been a true advocate for his clients and has always sought out ways to assist them.

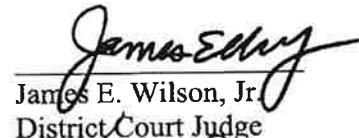
As the former Chief Deputy Public Defender, he greatly assisted the court with being a member of the planning committee for the implementation of the mandated 48-hour hearings in the Justice/Municipal Court. Mr. Odgers never missed a meeting and provided great ideas. He communicated with his staff and provided feedback to the court.

We have no hesitation in recommending Mr. Odgers and believe him to be highly qualified for the position. He has demonstrated consistent credibility and integrity while representing indigent persons who have come before us. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


James T. Russell
District Court Judge


Thomas R. Armstrong
Justice of the Peace
Municipal Court Judge


James E. Wilson, Jr.
District Court Judge


Kristin N. Luis
Justice of the Peace
Municipal Court Judge

Alexis Philippi

From: Maria Pence <pencelegaldefense@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 12:16 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Carson City Public Defender Applicant Chuck Odgers

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Hello All-

I am sure that there will be several qualified applicants for this position, but I wanted to distinguish one, Chuck Odgers. I know Mr. Odgers well and have worked with him in his roles as a defense attorney and a prosecutor. During his time at the state public defender office, Chuck rose to the top and held down a large caseload as well as many of the duties of the state public defender. Although it was not in his job description, he stepped up and did what was needed to make sure the obligations of his office were being met and that defendants were receiving effective representation. When Chuck left that office, it was unable to survive. Chuck had been a leader that the other attorneys looked up to and respected. He rolled up his sleeves and worked the hard cases while trying to stay on top of the administrative tasks that needed to get done.

Chuck has the knowledge and experience to build a successful Carson City public defender office. He puts his heart and soul into his work. He doesn't mind long hours or difficult cases. I hope that you will consider his work ethic, his leadership, his sense of humor--which is much needed in this line of work, his diligence, and his commitment to the indigent of Carson City when choosing the right person for this job.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me. Many thanks for taking the time to consider this input in making your decision.

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Maria Pence

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(775) 392-4084

Michael Coster
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June 13, 2023

Carson City Board of Supervisors

RE: Charles H. Odgers

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I want to offer my unsolicited and personal endorsement of Chuck Odgers as you consider applications for the Carson City Public Defender.

I have known Chuck since 2012 when we met away from work helping an elderly neighbor. I found his energy and organization, combined with his good nature and genuine caring noteworthy at that first meeting. At the time, Chuck was employed as the Supervising Attorney of the State Public Defender Office (7th Judicial District) and I made some firsthand observations and received many client reports of his thoroughness, zeal, and fairness in that work. Sadly, the state contract for that office ended, though Chuck's efforts were steadfast through the last day of service. Subsequently, I observed his work as the Ely City Attorney where his level of preparation for a variety of meetings and presentations was flawless, and his ability to respond to questions and ad hoc issues was impressive. In fact, I learned much about Nevada administrative and Open Meeting Law from his explanations.

Later, I had the opportunity to observe Chuck on a regular basis in the Ely Municipal Court. As in other matters, his level of preparation – and frankly the number of hours he put into the work – was unmatched before or since. It's fair to say that all those, both defense and prosecution clients, and other parts of the Ely City government were well served by this lawyer who attended to all deadlines and details of his work in a timely and balanced fashion. Chuck is skilled at managing priorities, forecasting questions and spin-off issues, and building client confidence with his talents in educating them. I know his clients uniformly felt they had proper focus and excellent preparation from their lawyer.

Chuck has truly impressed me as a professional with unusually high commitment to cause and a very strong sense of fairness and justice. I am proud to call him a friend, to rely on his guidance from time to time, and to see him advance professionally. I am confident that he will exceed your expectations in service as the county Public Defender.

Thank you for considering my comments and recommendation.

Sincerely,



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Michael J. Coster

The Honorable Lori Bagwell
Mayor of Carson City Nevada

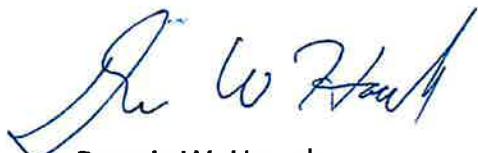
I am writing to recommend Charles Odgers for the position of Carson City Public Defender.

I worked with Chuck at the Office of the Attorney General and was supervised by him at the Nevada State Public Defender's Office. I have practiced law in two states over the course of 43 years. Chuck Odgers is a superb attorney. He knows the law, he studies the facts, and he works with experts to obtain the best results for his clients. I know of no finer attorney in the State of Nevada.

In a previous life, I supervised many attorneys. Chuck Odgers understands how to train, mentor and coach attorneys to do their best. He works well with the different Court systems. He gets to know the inner workings, so that he can best represent his clients and the Office.

Chuck Odgers has a great vision for the future of public defense here in Carson City. He has a terrific work ethic. He puts in the hours to accomplish the goal.

I heartily endorse Chuck Odgers for Carson City Public Defender.



Dennis W. Hough

Alexis Philippi

From: Diane Roth <diane.roth@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 4:49 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public Defender- Chuck Odgers

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My name is Diane Roth aka Crow. I started as a deputy state public defender in 1990 in Ely, Nevada. Eventually Governor Gibbons appointed me to be the State Public Defender. I retired from that position in 2013.

I first met Chuck Odgers when he applied to be a deputy public defender in White Pine Co. He was absolutely the best hire I ever made. He took control of the office, training a second deputy, handled all administration, & maintained a full case load.

Chuck is one of the best attorneys I know. He is well equipped to run the Carson City Public Defender's office. His experience comes from both his prior work & his military history. He will deftly supervise and train the staff, handle all administrative aspects, and carry a caseload. He is qualified to defend a Capital case, if necessary.

I cannot think of a more qualified attorney for this position.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Diane Roth
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



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June 13, 2023

Carson City Board of Supervisors
851 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada

RE: Candidacy of Chuck Odgers for Carson City Public Defender

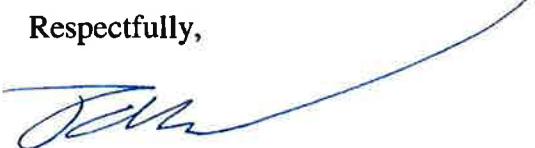
Carson City Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Chuck Odgers to the position of Carson City Public Defender.

I had the privilege of working under Mr. Odgers when he served as the supervising attorney in Nevada State Public Defender's Ely Office, in 2014. During that time, Mr. Odgers's depth and breadth of knowledge in criminal defense were formative for me and my development as an attorney. Mr. Odgers also has a strong work ethic; Mr. Odgers leads by example and requires a strong work ethic from those he works with.

Mr. Odgers's dedication and zealous advocacy for his clients are unparalleled. His commitment to protecting the rights and interests of the individuals he represents is admirable and should be an example to defense attorneys everywhere. Should he be appointed, I am confident that Mr. Odgers will assemble a formidable team of defense attorneys and prove to be an invaluable asset to Carson City's newly created Public Defender's Office.

Respectfully,



James S. Beecher,
White Pine County District Attorney

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June 13, 2023

Carson City Board of Supervisors
Via publiccomment@carson.org

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I was employed for the State Public Defender's office for 9.5 years as the Chief Appellate Deputy. I fully believed I would retire from that office.

When Charles Odgers was previously considered for the Public Defender, there were 22 letters of reference that the Board of the Department of Indigent Defence never saw. I am hoping that this Board will see this letter and the many other reference letters that will be provided.

I left my employ with the State Public Defender's office because of the the deceptive way that the prior selection was handled. I did not leave to go to Washoe because of more money, as has been reported, although more money is certainly nice. I did not wish to be further employed by a division or government entity that employed such manipulative and deceptive methods.

I further find it interesting that Mr. Odgers' previous discipline from 2014 is consistently raised, especially when Mr. Arabia's discipline raising his inability to manage employees, which was filed September 23, 2021, 137 Nev. A.O. 59, is never mentioned. I was aware of both disciplinary findings when I made my previous recommendation.

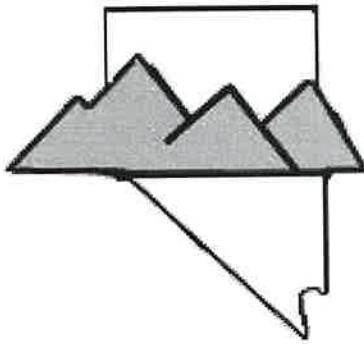
Having said that. I had the pleasure to work for Charles Odgers for three years. In that time, I found him to be caring, organized, and a true leader.

Mr. Odgers was first and foremost, a mentor. His door was always open, and there were always employees in his office seeking advise. Despite his full schedule, Mr. Odgers always made time to help assist other employees with legal or administrative issues. As an appellate attorney, I would raise complex issues with Mr. Odgers and he always had a response and cases to assist me in my briefs. He would second chair trials in order to allow the less experienced attorney learn by conducting a trial.

Mr. Odgers is an amazing trial attorney. I was able to be second chair to an incredibly detailed preliminary hearing involving complex financial issues. His cross-examination techniques were on point and well studied. Mr. Odgers would review his cases, often for hours on nights and weekends.

I often heard Mr. Odgers talking to clients, often with mental health issues, and he was always considerate when he spoke to them. I never heard him be harsh to a client.

Mr. Odgers was a true leader. The office worked as a team under his leadership. He was always open to suggestions and helped the office be in compliance with DIDS requirements.



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June 14, 2023

Honorable Lori Bagwell, Mayor
Members of Board of Supervisors
201 N. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Board Agenda Item 21A for June 15, 2023 Appointment of Carson City Public Defender

Dear Mayor Bagwell and Members of the Board:

I am writing you to offer my complete support for consideration of Charles H. "Chuck" Odgers for appointment as Carson City Public Defender, effective July 1, 2023.

I have worked with Mr. Odgers for several years in our mutual capacities as defense attorneys for Carson City. Mr. Odgers served as a Deputy Public Defender; I have served as one of Carson City's contracted conflict counsel for approximately 6 years. During this time, I have worked frequently with Chuck Odgers in many different criminal and juvenile cases and a number of child welfare matters. I have found him to be very knowledgeable about criminal law and procedures, always careful about communicating with adverse counsel and scrupulously honest.

I previously worked several years in the Carson City Public Defender's Office (as well as 25 years in the District Attorney's Office), and I am quite familiar with the demanding work hours and high professional standards required in our local justice system. I believe Chuck Odgers has the energy and leadership abilities to be a wonderful supervisor of the new office.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter and please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Respectfully,

Noel Waters, Esq.
WATERS LAW FIRM LLC.
NEVADA STATE BAR #58

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06/13/2023

The Honorable Lori Bagwell
Mayor of Carson City

To the Honorable Lori Bagwell:

I'm writing to provide a strong recommendation and support for Charles "Chuck" Odgers as an exceptional attorney and mentor. I have had the privilege to work closely with Chuck as a Legal Secretary for a year in the Public Defender's Office, he has displayed exemplary skills, expertise, outstanding leadership, and dedication to his clients.

What truly sets Chuck apart is his unwavering dedication to his client's best interests. He demonstrates genuine empathy and understanding of his clients' needs and concerns and works tirelessly to provide them with the best legal representation possible. Chuck is known for his integrity, professionalism, and commitment to upholding the highest ethical standards in the legal profession.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly recommend Chuck Odgers as an outstanding attorney, making him an invaluable asset to serve as the leader of the Carson City Public Defender's Office.

Yours Sincerely,
Nadia J. Esparza



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June 13, 2023

The Honorable Lori Bagwell
Mayor of Carson City

To The Honorable Lori Bagwell:

I am writing this letter to show my support and professional respect for Charles "Chuck" Odgers as Carson City Public Defender. I have worked with Mr. Odgers for over three years as an Investigator with the Nevada State Public Defender's office.

In the three years of our working relationship, Mr. Odgers has proven time and time again that his ability to serve as counsel to indigent defendants, leadership and management skills are exemplary, and has assured that the indigent defendants have been provided with zealous legal representation.

I have been with the Nevada State Public Defender's office for close to 18 years as an Investigator and believe that Mr. Odgers is the best choice to serve as the leader of the Carson City Public Defender's office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret A. Judge

Christopher L. Blandford
Washoe County Public Defender's Office
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14 June 2023

Re: Recommendation of Charles H. Odgers for the position of Public Defender at Nevada State Public Defender Board of Supervisors,

I write to support Charles (“Chuck”) Odgers for the position of Carson City Public Defender. Prior to my career in Washoe County, I had worked at the Nevada State Public Defender’s (NSPD) Office. There, Chuck served as my mentor and immediate supervisor for two years, December 2019-December 2021.

I began at NSPD as a baby lawyer. I had previously been in civil practice for two years, but the practice of criminal defense was new. Chuck took me under his wing. For the first weeks, I shadowed him. We went to jail to interview clients. I sat in his office and overheard his phone calls with clients and witnesses and prosecutors. I went to court with him to resolve cases, negotiate deals, handle clients, and conduct preliminary hearings, bench trials, and jury trials.

Soon, I was given a few cases to analyze and discuss with Chuck. He wanted to walk through them together. Step one: which issues did I identify in the police report and which did I miss. Step two: how was the Fourth Amendment implicated and which exceptions applied. Step three: I reviewed body camera and ensured police reports matched those events. Then, step four, I would call the client and see how the client wanted to resolve the case. In the early days, Chuck would listen to me communicate with the client and provide feedback on how I explained the relevant law and the offer from the State. Step five: if the client wanted to have a trial, Chuck helped me develop my cross examination. Next, after the preliminary hearing, there was motion work. During this sixth step, Chuck reviewed every motion I wrote for structure, logical flow, and law. And he reviewed those motions every time for every case regardless of how many drafts I produced.

As my skills grew, my case load grew. But Chuck never had a sink-or-swim attitude. Chuck sat with me during my first trial. After that, he stayed on the other side of the bar and provided criticism. He taught me how to: drill down an evasive witness, impeach an untruthful one,

Simply stated, Chuck gave me the most important thing that any of us have—time. He put countless hours into shaping the attorney I have become. He worked countless hours to improve the quality of attorneys at NSPD.

With a heart full of gratitude, I recommend Mr. Odgers for the position of Carson City Public Defender. Please do not hesitate to contact me by any means noted above.



Christopher L. Blandford

June 13, 2023

The Honorable Lori Bagwell
Mayor of Carson City, Nevada

The Honorable Lori Bagwell:

It is with great pleasure that I add my voice to all those wishing to see attorney Charles "Chuck" Odgers named Carson City's Public Defender. A better choice could not be made.

I have had the honor of working under Chuck when he was the supervisor for White Pine and Eureka Counties for the State Public Defender's Office. I also served under his leadership when he was appointed as Chief Deputy in the Carson City office of the State Public Defender.

Chucks capabilities in the courtroom defending indigent defendants does not have an equal in this state. His ability in the day-to-day operation of an office to direct personnel, case assignments, financial planning, building relationships with the courts and other agencies is also unmatched.

I have fifty years of criminal investigations in both law enforcement and indigent defense. Based on that experience and as a resident of Carson City, I highly recommend Charles Odgers for Carson City Public Defender.

Sincerely,

Guy P. Bovard

Alexis Philippi

From: chuck@odgerslaw.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 2:59 PM
To: Nancy Paulson
Subject: Fwd: Public Defender position

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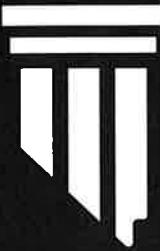
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From: KAY ARMSTRONG <lapswimmer1956@gmail.com>
Date: June 13, 2023 at 9:26:05 AM PDT
To: chuck@odgerslaw.com
Subject: Public Defender position

To whom it may concern: I am writing in support of Chuck Odger for the position of Carson City Public Defender. I worked in the Carson City courts for many years, although I am now retired. I have been in the courtroom on numerous occasions when Chuck is representing his clients. I am continually impressed with his work ethic. Court appointed criminal defense work is a tough job, and from my perspective, Chuck is well qualified. Juggling the needs of the client against tough judges and prosecutors is one of Chuck's skills. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Sincerely, Kay Ellen Armstrong

Sent from my iPad



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June 13, 2023

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Re: Charles Odgers' Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to recommend wholeheartedly Charles Odgers for the esteemed position of Carson City Public Defender. Having had the privilege of closely working with Mr. Odgers, I can confidently attest to his exceptional work ethic, outstanding reputation, and remarkable dedication to mentoring others in the legal profession.

Throughout his career, Mr. Odgers consistently displayed an unwavering commitment to the principles of justice and fairness. His dedication and diligence in his work set him apart as a reliable and trustworthy legal professional. Mr. Odgers' ability to handle an extensive caseload with diligence, thoroughness, and unparalleled attention to detail is truly commendable.

Besides his commendable work ethic, Mr. Odgers earned an impeccable reputation within the legal community. Colleagues and clients hold him in high regard for his exceptional legal knowledge, courtroom skills, and ethical approach to practicing law. His professionalism and integrity garnered respect from judges, opposing counsel, and clients, establishing him as a trusted advocate in the courtroom.

One of Mr. Odgers' most admirable qualities is his passion for mentorship. Throughout his career, he consistently took the time to guide and inspire young attorneys, sharing his wisdom and experience to shape the next generation of legal professionals. His dedication to fostering growth and providing guidance has had a lasting impact on the lives and careers of many.

Mr. Odgers' diverse experience as both a prosecutor and in the State's Public Defender's Office equips him with a unique perspective on criminal law. This invaluable insight into the workings of both sides of the legal system allows Mr. Odgers to

Via email: publiccomment@carson.org

Re: Agenda Item 21.A, Meeting Date June 15, 2023

Dear Carson City Board of Supervisors:

We the undersigned are current employees of the State Public Defender's Office ("SPD"), and we (in our individual, private capacities) write in support of the application of Charles Odgers for Carson City's first Public Defender.

Chuck has worked alongside and supervised, directly or indirectly, each of us at the SPD. He is a mentor to us and a tremendous resource for his clients. The citizens of Carson City would be well-served with the appointment of Chuck as the Public Defender.

Chuck is a skilled trial attorney and imminently qualified not only to represent indigent defendants in Carson City, but also train deputy public defenders to ensure years of professional, ethical, and zealous representation for our citizens.

We encourage you to appoint Charles Odgers as the Public Defender.

Sincerely,

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