

**CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND CARSON CITY CONVENTION
AND VISITORS BUREAU SPECIAL OCTOBER 17, 1990 JOINT MEETING MINUTES
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A special joint meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors and the Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau was held on Wednesday, October 17, 1990 at the Public Service Commission Hearing Room "A", 727 Fairview Drive, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT:

Marv Teixeira	Mayor
Ron Swirczek	Supervisor, Ward 1
Tom Feticc	Supervisor, Ward 2
Tom Tatro	Supervisor, Ward 3
Kay Bennett	Supervisor, Ward 4

STAFF PRESENT:

John Berkich	City Manager
Alan Glover	Clerk-Recorder
Charles P. Cockerill	Chief Deputy District Atty.
Katherine McLaughlin	Recording Secretary
(B.O.S. 10/17/90 Tape 1-0001)	

BUREAU MEMBERS PRESENT:

Valerie Nelson	Chairperson
Kurt Brown	
Truett Loftin	(arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Ron Swirczek	

BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Lou Doescher	Legal Counsel
Bev Askin	
Joy Shuey	

Mayor Teixeira called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum of the Board of Supervisors was present.

Chairperson Nelson called the Bureau to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Member Collins was absent and Member Loftin had not yet arrived. Chairperson Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following Mayor Teixeira's explanation of the purpose of the meeting, he recessed the Board of Supervisors session. (For Minutes of the Bureau discussion/action please see its Minutes for this date.)

A. ACTION ON RECONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD'S DECISION TO POSE A STRAW BALLOT QUESTION ON THE V AND T RAILROAD PROJECT DURING THE 1990 GENERAL ELECTION (1-1527) - Board comments stressed the feeling that the straw poll was not needed at this time as funding had been withdrawn, that emotions should be eliminated from the issue, that the electorate should approve any funding or bonding, and the desire to evaluate the proposal further.

(1-2285) Ms. Bennett stressed her feeling that there be a referendum before funding is allocated. She was given a copy of the Rotary Foundation's latest proposal.

(1-2260) Donald Miller stressed his feeling that the public be involved including during consideration of a referendum. Mayor Teixeira reiterated the proposal steps. Mr. Miller continued to stress his feeling that railroad tracks are not necessary for the project. He urged the consideration of rubber tired vehicles. Supervisor Feticc explained that the committee would study this issue. Supervisor Swirczek explained his reasons for not requiring a straw poll at this time and his original support. Mr. Miller felt that if a referendum occurs, the public should understand the issue and not confuse it with either the State Railroad Museum or the Virginia City Railroad.

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(1-2530) Harold Jacobsen explained his support for the proposal as indicated and urged the Board to expedite the process.

(1-2645) Del Frost expressed his support for the proposal but questioned the wisdom of having a straw poll before public information and the joint technical committee have evaluated the other aspects of the program. He urged the Board to consider the aspects and then consider the straw ballot issue.

(1-2695) Laura Adler felt that if the straw poll is held now, the issue would be voted upon emotionally. She urged the Board to abandon the straw poll at this time and analyze the key questions. A referendum at that time would be advised.

Additional public comments were solicited but none made. Further discussion on this item occurred later in the meeting. No formal action was taken at this time.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL OTHER ASPECT OF THE V AND T RAILROAD PROJECT AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION PROPOSAL OF OCTOBER 9, 1990

(1-2760) - Board comments noted the action taken by the Bureau, the desire to have a referendum before funding is allocated, and the need to assist the private sector in establishing an economically viable community. Discussion indicated that there could be more than one technical committee due to the variety of items which needed to be assessed. (2-0010) The technical feasibility committee, its purpose, its composition, as well as a business feasibility committee, and the desire for these committees to have open public meetings were discussed. Comments expressed the desire to have a referendum if a potential for public funding is indicated by the committee(s). Supervisor Tatro suggested that the Rotary's proposed number four be modified to include that a decision to approve continuation of the project shall include consideration of the need for a referendum. This would require further discussion on the need for a referendum at that time.

(2-0240) Mr. Frost expressed his concern that the public should be involved throughout the process and that all committee meetings be conducted under the Open Meeting Law. He also stressed the need to have objective as well as subjective members on the committee. Board comments explained the posting requirements which would delay the process and assured everyone that public participation would be solicited. (2-0391) Mr. Frost elaborated on his reasons for feeling that the Open Meeting Law's posting requirements be utilized but ignore the agenda requirements. This was not possible, however, the City manager was directed to include public participation in his meetings. Written opinions had been solicited from the District Attorney's office concerning whether Bureau funding could be used for the project and whether the Bureau, City, or Regional Transportation Commission could own and operate such an attraction. The committee considerations were also outlined. Board and public concerns would be addressed by the committee. Under this process time constraints could be maintained. Clarification then noted that the proposal Supervisor Swirczek had been using was not the one submitted from the Rotary dated October 9 but one dated October 17.

(2-0581) Tony Hartman expressed his feeling that the proposal would provide a level playing field to discuss the project and urged the Board to act promptly.

Supervisor Tatro moved that the Board of Supervisors adopt the following course of action regarding the V and T Motor Car Rail Project: That the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to gather questions and concerns related to the project and that public hearings will be scheduled by the City Manager; That the Carson City Rotary Foundation in conjunction with a joint technical working committee of the City Manager will identify, answer, and address all questions and concerns related to the project; That the Carson City Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing with public input and act on recommendations; That the Carson City Board of Supervisors will act on all recommendations until the project is approved or rejected on or before July 1, 1991; and, That the Board of Supervisors' approval shall include consideration

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regarding the appropriateness of holding an election for public ratification; and, pending such approval, That the project be submitted to the Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau for further funding approval. Supervisor Feticc seconded the motion. Supervisor Swirczek noted that, although the motion indicated the public hearings would be called by the City Manager, the Board so direct the City Manager. Supervisor Tatro stated his intent was that the City Manager would be responsible for scheduling the meetings, that he is aware of the Board's desires on these meetings, and that dates do not need to be scheduled at this time. Clarification noted that the matter could become an established part of each Board agenda. Following additional discussion, Supervisor Tatro corrected his motion to mean that public hearings are to be held rather than a single hearing. Supervisor Feticc continued his second. The motion was voted by roll call with the following result: Feticc - Yes; Tatro - Yes; Bennett - Yes; Swirczek - Yes; and Mayor Teixeira - Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

A. ACTION ON RECONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD'S DECISION TO POSE A STRAW BALLOT QUESTION ON THE V AND T RAILROAD PROJECT DURING THE 1990 GENERAL ELECTION - CONTINUED (2-0701) - Supervisor Tatro then moved that, in light of point number four of the previous motion, the Board of Supervisors reconsider its decision to pose a straw ballot question on the V and T Railroad Project during the 1990 General Election. Supervisor Feticc seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Feticc then moved that the Board not hold a straw poll election on 11/6/90. Supervisor Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BREAK: A five-minute recess was taken at 7:35 p.m. When the meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m., the entire Board of Supervisors was present as noted.

Chairperson Nelson reconvened the Convention and Visitors Bureau. A quorum was present although Member Collins was absent as noted.

C. JOINT MEETING WITH THE CARSON CITY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALL ASPECTS OF THE V AND T RAILROAD PROJECT AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION PROPOSAL OF OCTOBER 9, 1990 (2-0735) - Bureau Member, Supervisor, and public comments were solicited but none made. Therefore, Supervisor Feticc moved to adjourn the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Tatro seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Teixeira adjourned the Supervisors meeting at 7:42 p.m.

The Minutes of the Special October 17, 1990 Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting

ARE SO APPROVED ON November 8, 1990.

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MARV TEIXEIRA, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ALAN GLOVER, Clerk-Recorder