

# CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Minutes of the November 21, 2013 Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2013 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:** Larry Werner, City Manager  
Alan Glover, Clerk - Recorder  
Marena Works, Deputy City Manager  
Randal Munn, Chief Deputy District Attorney  
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

**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 - 4. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (8:29:34) - Mayor Crowell called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. Mr. Glover called the roll; a quorum was present. Fountainhead Foursquare Church Pastor Louie Locke provided the invocation. At Mayor Crowell's request, Sergeant Dan Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION** (8:31:47) - Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (8:32:05) Kristy Toews commended the Fire Department emergency services personnel, and advised that her husband "Ron is standing here today thanks to the services of the first responders ..." She explained the circumstances surrounding the emergency call on August 17, 2013. She urged the Board to "continue to fund ... that branch of the government in such a way that all citizens of Carson City can have those wonderful services." (8:33:34) Mr. Sutton stated, "It's good to be above ground."

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment. (8:33:56) Health and Human Services Department Director Nicki Aaker introduced the new Animal Services Manager Cindy Hannah. Ms. Aaker provided background information on the interview and hiring process. Mayor Crowell welcomed Ms. Hannah to her new position and, at his request, she discussed her vision for the Animal Services Department. Mayor Crowell congratulated Ms. Hannah and thanked Ms. Aaker. He entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

(11:59:07) Mayor Crowell re-opened public comment. (11:59:21) Tom Porada inquired as to the agreement agenda item 9-2(B). [Please see the minutes for item 9-2(B)].

**6. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 1, 2013** (8:35:20) - Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor Abowd moved to approve the minutes, as published. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

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**7. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA (8:35:38)** - Mayor Crowell advised that the Liquor and Entertainment Board would not be called to order as the applicant had withdrawn. He entertained modifications to the agenda and, when none were forthcoming, deemed it adopted as published.

**8. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**8(A) PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO TAMAR WARREN FOR HER HONESTY IN TURNING IN TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE \$1,400 SHE FOUND, WHERE IT WAS RECLAIMED BY THE VERY GRATEFUL OWNER (8:36:07)** - At Mayor Crowell's request, the Board members joined him at the podium. Mayor Crowell invited Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary Tamar Warren to the podium, read into the record the language of a Certificate of Recognition, and presented Ms. Warren with the original. The Board members, City staff, and citizens present applauded. (8:38:03) Ms. Warren advised that Gabby had stopped by the office to express her appreciation, stating that the money was for rent and food. Mayor Crowell commended Ms. Warren's honesty.

**8(B) PRESENTATION OF LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES (8:38:24)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and presented Certificates of Appreciation for ten years' dedicated service to Deputy Sheriff Sal Acosta, Public Safety Communications Supervisor Denise Bauer, Fire Fighter / Paramedic Gary Garrett, Deputy Sheriff Martha Tschetter, Sergeant Daniel Gonzales, and Sheriff's Department Cook Supervisor Tony Torkeo. At Mayor Crowell's request, Sergeant Gonzales discussed the Holiday with a Hero Program scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> at the North Carson City Wal-Mart. The Board members, City staff, and citizens present applauded.

Mayor Crowell invited Civil Engineering Designer Bryan Doyal and Management Assistant Karen White to the podium and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation for fifteen years' continuous service to the community. The Board members, City staff, and citizens present applauded.

**8(C) RECOGNITION OF MARENA WORKS, WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED AN AWARD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO ("UNR") ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND WAS FEATURED IN THE LAST ISSUE OF UNR'S NEVADA SILVER AND BLUE MAGAZINE (8:42:48)** - Mayor Crowell invited Deputy City Manager Marena Works to the podium, and provided an overview of the subject recognition. Mayor Crowell provided background information on Ms. Works' education and employment experience, and commended her involvement in moving the City's Board of Health forward. "That was a big step forward for the community and Marena has led the Department of Health with extreme distinction." Mayor Crowell commended the Health and Human Services Department "as a model for the rest of the State." He further commended Ms. Works on seeking accreditation for the Board of Health from the National Association of Local Boards of Health ("NALBOH"), and on being a "forerunner in intergovernmental services." He presented Ms. Works with a Certificate of Recognition, the language of which he read into the record, and thanked her for everything she does on behalf of the community. The Board members, City staff, and citizens present applauded.

(8:46:18) Ms. Works thanked everyone, and described her first impression of the voice mail message from the UNR Alumni Association and the "amazing experience" of the award presentation.

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**9. CONSENT AGENDA (8:47:53) - Mayor Crowell entertained requests to hear items separate from the consent agenda and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. Supervisor McKenna moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of one item from Finance; two items from Public Works, Resolution No. 2013-R-42 for item 9-2(A) and Resolution No. 2013-R-43 for item 9-2(B); and one item from the City Manager. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**9-1. FINANCE DEPARTMENT - POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF EACH FUND IN THE TREASURY AND THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 2013, PURSUANT TO NRS 251.030 AND NRS 354.290**

**9-2. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**9-2(A) POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING NECESSARY EASEMENTS TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF STREET AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON EAST FIFTH STREET**

**9-2(B) POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND APPROVE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT, BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE STATE OF NEVADA DIVISION OF STATE LANDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING NECESSARY EASEMENTS TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF STREET AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON HELLS BELLS ROAD (11:59:21) - Tom Porada inquired as to the agreement agendized as item 9-2(B). Mayor Crowell advised that the agreement was approved earlier in the day, as part of the consent agenda. Discussion took place regarding the location of the sidewalk. Mayor Crowell thanked Mr. Porada for his work with the Society to Preserve Our Prisons.**

**9-3. CITY MANAGER - POSSIBLE ACTION TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF BILLS AND OTHER REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER, FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 8, 2013 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2013**

**10. RECESS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - The Liquor and Entertainment Board item was withdrawn.**

**LIQUOR AND ENTERTAINMENT BOARD**

**11. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**12. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, BUSINESS LICENSE DIVISION - POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE LYNNE FINCH AS THE LIQUOR MANAGER FOR EBISU SUSHI AND ASIAN BISTRO, INC., LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 14-29838, LOCATED AT 1480 NORTH CARSON STREET**

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**14. ACTION TO ADJOURN LIQUOR AND ENTERTAINMENT BOARD**

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**15. RECONVENE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS**

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

**17. JUSTICE AND MUNICIPAL COURT - POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOEL LOCKE TO THE PANEL OF JUDGE *PRO TEMPORES* FOR THE CARSON CITY JUSTICE AND MUNICIPAL COURT (8:48:54)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item. Court Administrator Max Cortes introduced Attorney Joel Locke and reviewed the agenda materials. At Mayor Crowell's request, Mr. Locke discussed his interest in serving as a *pro tempore* judge and provided background information on his long-time residence and involvement in the community and his legal experience. Mr. Locke acknowledged that he will continue his private legal practice.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Supervisor Abowd moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Joel Locke to the panel of Judge *pro tempores* for the Carson City Justice and Municipal Court. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.** Mayor Crowell thanked Mr. Locke and Ms. Cortes.

**18. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, OPEN SPACE DIVISION**

**18(A) POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAMING THE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AT 4706 GOLDEN EAGLE LANE, APN 010-502-01 AS GOLDEN EAGLE OPEN SPACE (8:53:44)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Natural Resources Specialist Ann Bollinger reviewed the agenda materials. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Supervisor Bonkowski moved to approve a recommendation from the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee naming the open space acquisition at 4706 Golden Eagle Lane, APN 010-502-01, as Golden Eagle Open Space. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.** Mayor Crowell thanked Ms. Bollinger.

**18(B) POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAMING THE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS AT THE TERMINUS OF GOLDEN EAGLE LANE, APNs 010-121-42, 010-121-43, AND 010-121-44, AS MEXICAN DAM OPEN SPACE (8:56:29)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Ms. Bollinger reviewed the agenda materials. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (8:57:28) Open Space Advisory Committee Chair Bruce Scott advised of anticipating “a number of probably more critical long-term open space recommendations that will be coming forward with regard to usage and other aspects of the management of open space.” Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment. In response to a previous question, Open Space / Property Manager Juan Guzman provided historic information on the naming of Mexican Dam. Supervisor McKenna provided additional historic information, and commended the Mexican Ditch Trail.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Supervisor Bonkowski moved to approve a recommendation from the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee naming the open space acquisitions at the terminus of Golden Eagle Lane,**

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**APNS 010-121-42, 010-121-43, and 010-121-44, as Mexican Dam Open Space. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor Crowell thanked Ms. Bollinger and requested Chairperson Scott to convey the Board's appreciation to the Open Space Advisory Committee. Ms. Bollinger advised that the Open Space Advisory Committee is accepting nominations to name two more properties in the vicinity of Deer Run Road. She referred anyone interested to the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department website. In response to a question, Ms. Bollinger described the location of the properties "right along the Deer Run Road bridge; ... the Serpa acquisition and the Bently acquisition."

**19. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**19(A) POSSIBLE ACTION TO INTRODUCE, ON FIRST READING, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 7, ANIMALS, CHAPTER 7.13, LICENSING AND REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 7.13.010, DEFINITIONS, TO AMEND AND ADD NEW DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7.13.020, CARSON CITY ANIMAL SERVICES / POWERS BY AMENDING DUTIES ANIMAL SERVICES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7.13.060, VACCINATIONS / RABIES / ANIMAL BITES AND QUARANTINE BY UPDATING THE LANGUAGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7.13.070, IMPOUNDING OF ANIMALS BY UPDATING RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO (9:01:37)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Health and Human Services Department Director Nicki Aaker reviewed the agenda materials. Following discussion, Ms. Aaker agreed to include a reference to waiver of fees in Section 7.13.020(5). In response to a question, Ms. Aaker advised that Animal Services Manager Cindy Hannah previously held the position of Health and Human Services Department Chronic Disease Prevention Manager. Ms. Aaker responded to additional questions of clarification regarding the provisions of Section 7.13.020 relative to destruction of animals, adoption of animals, and collection of fees.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Supervisor Abowd moved to introduce, on first reading, Bill No. 127, an ordinance amending the Carson City Municipal Code, Title 7, Animals, Chapter 7.13, Licensing and Regulations, by amending Section 7.13.010, Definitions, to amend and add new definitions; by amending Section 7.13.020, Carson City Animal Services Powers, by amending duties Animal Services; and by amending Section 7.13.050, Animal Permits / License / Adoptions, to revise and eliminate certain provisions; amending Section 7.13.060, Vaccinations / Rabies / Animal Bites and Quarantine, by updating the language; and by amending Section 7.13.070, Impounding of Animals, by updating responsibility of owner, and other matters properly related thereto; with the additional amendments as discussed on the record. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**19(B) POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CARSON CITY HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS (9:13:50)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item and, at Ms. Aaker's request, recessed the meeting at 9:13 a.m. Mayor Crowell reconvened the meeting at 9:20 a.m., and Ms. Aaker narrated a PowerPoint presentation, copies of which were included in the agenda materials. Ms. Aaker and Human Services Manager Mary Jane Ostrander responded to questions of clarification regarding the provisions relative to financial responsibility.

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Mayor Crowell entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, Board member questions or comments. In response to a question, Finance Department Director Nick Providenti offered to provide the information regarding revenues and expenses associated with the Human Services Division Guidelines and Standards. In response to a previous question, Mr. Werner advised that Nevada statutes clearly impose indigent care on county governments. Supervisor McKenna expressed an interest in “what the State is really charging the people of Carson City.” He expressed no opposition to “codifying what we're doing,” but a preference to consider “if there's some way we can change it” in light of the associated expense. Discussion followed, and Ms. Ostrander, Ms. Aaker, Ms. Works, and Mr. Glover responded to additional questions of clarification regarding various provisions contained in the Guidelines and Standards.

Mayor Crowell called again for public comment and, when none was forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Supervisor Abowd moved to approve the Carson City Human Services Division Guidelines and Standards. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.** Mayor Crowell thanked Ms. Aaker and Ms. Ostrander.

**RECESS AND RECONVENE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (10:01:33)** - Mayor Crowell recessed the meeting at 10:01 a.m., pursuant to NRS 288.220(4), to meet with the City's management representatives to discuss labor negotiations. The Mayor and the Board members left the Sierra Room and convened in a different meeting room.

#### 20. CITY MANAGER

**20(A) PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE FISCAL IMPACT, AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL, OF THE AMENDED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE CARSON CITY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL #2251, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2020 (10:51:42)** - Mayor Crowell reconvened the meeting and Finance Department Director Nick Providenti reviewed the agenda materials. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (10:52:25) Lori Bagwell read into the record a prepared statement, a copy of which she provided to the Clerk.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment. (10:55:35) Carson City Firefighters Association, Local #2251 President Bob Schriehans noted the difficulty associated with labor negotiations “when things aren't going well.” He commended “the current executive staff,” and advised that he has served as the union president for “almost 22 years ...” He commended Mr. Werner on “the labor relationships that he has garnered throughout the whole City. ... It's made a huge difference.” Mr. Schriehans provided background information on the purpose for the subject amended collective bargaining agreement. He thanked Mr. Werner for “his time served ... and the way he has changed the whole process with your labor relations and that's why you don't see any problems with your labor in Carson City as you do with other areas.” In reference to Kristy Toews' comments, provided earlier in the day, Mr. Schriehans advised that she had also visited the Fire Station a couple weeks ago to express her gratitude. He noted how rare it is for anyone to return to the Fire Department to express appreciation for services rendered. Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, closed the public hearing.

**20(B) POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE CARSON CITY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2020 (10:58:28)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and entertained a motion. **Having considered the matter raised during the public**

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hearing, Supervisor McKenna moved to approve the amended collective bargaining agreement, between Carson City and the Carson City Firefighters Association, Local #2251, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2020. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion. In reference to Lori Bagwell's statement, Supervisor McKenna agreed "we've got to have the money to pay these contracts. This contract is for an extended period of time. We've been assured by staff and we've looked at staff's projections that the money's there." Supervisor McKenna expressed the opinion that the purpose of Carson City "is public safety." He expressed the hope to "never have to use a police officer," but fair certainty that he would "use a paramedic or a fire unit" at some point in his life. He expressed the opinion that the firefighters have "been very, very reasonable. They're good citizens. They cut things, they took less than they probably could have forced us to do. The labor law in Nevada is ... biased dramatically toward the employee. But that's not our doing. That's the legislature and there's nothing we can do about it. ... these guys deserve good pay because they are as good as or better than any other firefighters in this State."

In reference to previous meetings, Supervisor Bonkowski noted that he has expressed opposition to salary increases "as long as we have to use ending fund balance to pay our bills. And that's been the case up through last year." He noted the difficulty associated with the subject decision in consideration of "a bargaining unit that voluntarily opened their contracts during the depth of the recession and voluntarily gave up their merit and COLA raises to help ... the City get through those tough times. So now, ... we need to deal with them in good faith. They worked with us; now, we need to work with them. What we're talking about is not giving them excessive increases over time, but giving them continued and stable and consistent increases over time. ... this particular group has a workload that's approximately twice what all the neighboring fire fighting groups have to deal with. So, ... we're getting a very good value. We have a group of employees that's working twice as hard as the neighbors for basically the same amount of pay." Supervisor Bonkowski advised that he would "reverse [his] previous position ..."

Supervisor Abowd commended the firefighters, who are "citizens of Carson City ... and do an exemplary job. ... that does come with a price and [Mr. Providenti's] income projections for Carson City are very conservative. ... based on that," she expressed a willingness to "vote for this as well because ... it's warranted."

Supervisor Shirk requested Mr. Providenti to address Ms. Bagwell's statement. Mr. Providenti advised of the intent to address her concerns as part of the discussion of item 20(E). Supervisor Shirk expressed respect for "the Fire Department and what they do," and understanding for unions. In response to a series of questions, Human Resources Department Director Melanie Bruketta advised that the subject contract covers 55 firefighter positions and that the average base salary is \$71,324.00. In response to a further question, Mr. Providenti expressed the belief that allocating funding from the ambulance fund will not affect response times. He explained, "The problem with the ambulance fund is that most of our customers are Medicare [patients.] We can increase the trip charges ..., but we're only basically going to get what Medicare pays us. ... it's hard for us to increase the amount of fees enough where it would actually cover the purchase of an ambulance. So, what we've been doing in the past is using general government capital money to purchase an ambulance. ... this really won't have any affect on that at this point." In response to a further question, Mr. Providenti estimated merit increases for FY 2014 at \$36,405. "And they are given [annually] depending where the person is in the scale. ... there are basically four spots on the scale. So, if they're topped out, then they don't get a merit. If they're within the first four years, ... then they'd be eligible for the merit." In response to a further question, Mr. Providenti advised that the 2013 figure for overtime was \$1,229,339. "Of that, we got reimbursed \$637,747 because basically a lot of the overtime

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is spent on mutual aid where we'll send our fire folks to other fires in California and we'll get reimbursed for that." Mr. Providenti explained "there's minimum manning standards that have to be met. So, we're at the point now where it's cheaper for us to use overtime than it is to hire four or five firefighters ..."

(11:08:12) Fire Chief Stacey Giomi noted that there were no revisions proposed to the overtime provisions of the contract. "This extension doesn't affect that one way or the other." Chief Giomi explained the "minimum manning clause in our contract that's related to safety and our ability to meet our minimum needs for the community. And those overtime funds ... are used to maintain those minimum staffing levels, whether we're sending a unit to the Yosemite fire, as we did this year, or one of the various other fires that we go to." Chief Giomi acknowledged that paying overtime expenses is cheaper than hiring additional firefighters.

In response to a question, Mr. Providenti advised that educational reimbursement is budgeted in the general fund. "When we do our projections, we take all this into consideration. ... we determine, basically, who's eligible for it and we'll put that in the projections." In response to a comment, Chief Giomi explained "there are a lot of things that go into selecting a firefighter ... and ... [he doesn't] focus on any one thing over any other thing. There's a certain set of criteria that we need. We test our candidates rather extensively. They go through background checks. All of those things come into play." Chief Giomi assured the Board that he has never offered someone a job over someone else because they happen to speak a foreign language fluently. He acknowledged the benefit of a firefighter being fluent in a foreign language, "but it isn't one of the major criteria that we use to select an individual for employment."

Supervisor Shirk discussed objection to the City handling automatic payroll deductions for association dues. He expressed support for unions, but disagreed that the City should "be doing this. If the firefighters or any union association employee wants to have their paycheck reduced, they can set up their own." He expressed the opinion that "the City should separate themselves from providing unions the opportunity to have their automatic ... In other words, we're using taxpayer dollars to help move money to the association." He clarified this as his "preference," but suggested it's "something the City should look at." Mr. Providenti advised that the associated cost is minimal, and Mr. Werner explained the automatic payroll deduction mechanism. Supervisor Shirk clarified, "It's not the perception of time. It's the perception of we should have a separation." He acknowledged there is no cost to the City, and reiterated "there should be a separation between the two."

In response to a question, Ms. Bruketta, Chief Giomi, and Mr. Schriehans provided clarification of the physical fitness requirements and the renewal provisions included in the contract and the labor negotiations process. In response to a question, Mr. Providenti reviewed the projections associated with the contracts. "We suspect that growth will be able to pay for all these contracts for the next five years. That is what we're projecting. ... we don't think those projections are too outlandish." He advised that no taxes will be increased to cover the contracts. In response to a question, Mr. Schriehans advised that the union representatives are "looking at the long-term ranges for [Mr. Providenti's] budgetary statutes ..." Discussion followed, and Mayor Crowell called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**20(C) PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE FISCAL IMPACT, AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL, OF THE AMENDED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE CARSON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT CLASSIFIED CHIEF OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, EFFECTIVE**

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**JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2020; and 20(D) POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE CARSON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT CLASSIFIED CHIEF OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2020** (11:28:24) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Finance Department Director Nick Providenti reviewed the agenda materials. Mayor Crowell opened the public hearing, and entertained public comment. (11:29:18) Classified Chief Officers Association President Bob Charles noted the importance of relationship. "... we've all been here 25, some of us almost 30 years. The relationship has changed to the positive and it's to the betterment of the City Manager and his staff as well as the other Boards that we've talked with and negotiated with over the years, to have a relationship." Mr. Charles expressed support for the Fire Chief, the City Manager, and his staff. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Werner's service and that of his staff.

Lori Bagwell acknowledged, from the audience, her desire to have her written statement incorporated into this agenda item. (11:32:21) Fire Chief Stacey Giomi advised that he "ask[s] a lot of the people in [the Fire Department.] We're required to do a lot. Our citizens demand a level of service that we've been fortunate enough to be able to deliver." Based on his experience throughout the state, Chief Giomi advised that "there isn't an agency within Nevada that ... deals with emergency preparedness the way we do in terms of cooperation between ... the firefighters, our Sheriff's Office, our Public Works Department. We've done some things here that no one else is doing in the state and, in fact, rarely is done across the country." Chief Giomi expressed appreciation for the work of the firefighters and classified chief officers, for the support that the Board and City management has demonstrated. "It is meaningful organizationally. It's meaningful to them when our guys are working harder than just about anybody in the state and we could lose them to those agencies." Chief Giomi expressed appreciation "that they stay here and continue to work for our organization when they could, frankly, have an easier time of it going somewhere else."

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, closed the public hearing and suggested incorporating the relevant questions and comments from the previous agenda item. Supervisor McKenna thanked the Classified Chief Officers Association for reopening their contract. "Consistency ... saves everyone in this town money. It also allows you to plan your life and ... emergency response by the Fire Department is ... the basic function of government in this town."

Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Having considered the matters raised during the public hearing, Supervisor Abowd moved to approve the amended collective bargaining agreement, between Carson City and the Carson City Fire Department Classified Chief Officers Association, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2020. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**20(E) PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE FISCAL IMPACT, AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL, OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE CARSON CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2015, AND THE ADDENDUM BETWEEN CARSON CITY, DISTRICT COURT, JUSTICE COURT, AND THE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION** (11:35:59) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and opened the public hearing. Human Resources Department Director Melanie Bruketta reviewed the agenda materials. Finance Department Director Nick Providenti provided an overview of negotiations relative to the budget process.

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Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (11:44:48) Carson City Employees Association President Cindy Gower provided additional information on contract negotiations.

Mayor Crowell advised Lori Bagwell that her written statement would be incorporated as part of this agenda item. (11:45:50) Ms. Bagwell requested a copy of the projection models, and Mr. Providenti offered to meet with her. Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, closed the public hearing.

**20(F) POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE CARSON CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2015, AND THE ADDENDUM BETWEEN CARSON CITY, DISTRICT COURT, JUSTICE COURT, AND THE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION** (11:46:19) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item. Supervisor McKenna acknowledged the employees' contributions through the City's economic downturn and various emergency situations throughout the years. In response to a question, Finance Department Director Nick Providenti advised that if increased revenues don't "pay for the group medical ..., then we just have to go back to the employees and open up the contract or we'd have to reduce staff ..." He reviewed the fiscal impact figures associated with the options. In response to a question, he reviewed the Public Works Department overtime figures. He clarified that the reduction in overtime hours was not necessarily attributable to the conversion to the four-10s work schedule. There are other factors to consider, such as weather. He advised that Public Works Department Director Andy Burnham's opinion is that the four-10s work schedule has resulted in the reduction in overtime hours. Supervisor Abowd discussed support for the labor contract, as negotiated.

Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Having considered the matters raised during the public hearing, Supervisor McKenna moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement, between Carson City and the Carson City Employees Association, effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015, and the Addendum between Carson City, District Court, Justice Court, and the Employees Association. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**20(G) POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARSON CITY SETTING FORTH THE BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013** (11:52:52) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Human Resources Department Director Melanie Bruketta reviewed the agenda materials. Finance Department Director Nick Providenti reviewed the associated costs. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

Mr. Providenti and Ms. Bruketta responded to questions of clarification regarding the provisions of the proposed resolution. Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor Abowd moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-R-44 of the Board of Supervisors of Carson City, setting forth the benefits for unclassified employees, effective July 1, 2013. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**RECESS AND RECONVENE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** (12:01:55; 2:00:20) - Mayor Crowell recessed the meeting at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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#### **21. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, PLANNING DIVISION - POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE CARSON STREET OVERHEAD BANNER POLICY, SECTION 6.5.2, APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS, TO GIVE PRIORITY TO BANNERS ADVERTISING ATTENDED EVENTS OVER PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (200:35) -**

Mayor Crowell introduced this item. Planning Manager Susan Dorr Pansky provided background information and reviewed the agenda materials. She responded to questions regarding fees for advertising on the Community Center digital readerboard and the provisions of the proposed policy. In response to a previous question, Parks and Recreation Department Director Roger Moellendorf advised of having worked with a consultant on the advertising mechanism of the digital readerboard. In response to a further question, Mr. Moellendorf explained that churches which rent portions of the Community Center facility are permitted to display announcements on the digital readerboard. In response to a comment, Community Development Department Director Lee Plemel advised that Carson Street banners are required to be non-commercial / non-religious messages. He explained the distinction between advertising an on-site use versus off-site use. In response to a further question, Ms. Dorr Pansky explained the difference between recurring annual events and attended events in consideration of the proposal to prioritize attended events over public service messages. She responded to corresponding questions of clarification.

Mr. Moellendorf acknowledged that the City enters into contracts with the organizations which rent the Community Center facility. He further acknowledged that the church which currently rents space in the Community Center has a rental contract with a signage clause. He further acknowledged that this signage clause is consistent with all facility rental contracts. He further acknowledged that the digital readerboard message is more of a notification rather than an advertisement. In response to a further question, he advised that there is no charge for City-sponsored public service announcements displayed on the Community Center digital readerboard. He further acknowledged that a waiver of fees could be considered for a non-profit organization with a public service announcement.

In response to a question, Ms. Dorr Pansky advised of no feedback received from non-profit organizations which have relied on the Carson Street banner for public service announcements. Ms. Dorr Pansky clarified that she had not solicited feedback. Supervisor McKenna suggested developing a dispute resolution procedure. In response to a question, Ms. Dorr Pansky related the circumstances surrounding the absence of a Carson Street banner last week. In response to a suggestion, Public Works Department Director Andy Burnham advised that illuminating the Carson Street banner would be easily done; "it's just a money issue."

Supervisor Abowd expressed a preference for a first come / first served policy rather than extending preference to attended events. Ms. Dorr Pansky explained the Arts and Culture Coalition's position "that the public benefit of a public service announcement is not the same as the benefit of an event, especially as it relates to downtown." She noted that the Planning Division has worked on a first come / first served basis since the Carson Street banner administration was assumed in 2010, "with the exception of a few events like Nevada Day." She reviewed the application which requests a preferred week and an alternate week. In response to a further question, she advised that, at the Board's direction, staff could look into the costs associated with contracting out the process.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (2:23:34) Brewery Arts Center Executive Director and Carson City Arts and Culture Coalition Chair John Shelton provided background information on the subject proposal. "We're not saying don't do public service announcements ... We're simply saying that the priority

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goes to those events that have the greatest impact to the community. How do you define impact? Well, that's what you need the narrative for and that's probably going to be a soul searching. This isn't a lot different than what any facility has to do when it rents out its spaces for 365 days a year. The primary days that everybody wants are the 104 Fridays and Saturday nights that exist every year and you just don't have enough Fridays and Saturdays to go around." He suggested "there is no first come / first served other than a couple of minutes difference when those applications arrive." In response to a question, Mr. Shelton advised that there has been a problem with past banner placements. "There have been very significant events that have had a regular, ongoing process. It's possible that those applications didn't get in on the first. They might have gotten in on the second, but they're basically there and they find that they've been replaced by a public service announcement that could have been posted anytime, essentially. There is congestion during certain times of the year. Summer months are often quite popular and then there are certain weeks that never seem to get used at all for anything." Discussion took place regarding the proposed process, and Mayor Crowell thanked Mr. Shelton.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment. (2:33:04) Maurice White suggested printing the banners with a separate announcement on each side or installing another banner site.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, entertained additional Board member questions or comments. In response to a previous question, Mr. Plemel noted the purpose of this agenda item to receive direction from the Board. He further noted that the discussion demonstrated the difficulties associated with serving as the "banner czar." He acknowledged the simplicity associated with the first come / first served process, but explained "we're trying to find a reasonable way to accommodate banners ...". In response to a previous comment, he estimated the cost of installing an additional banner site at \$50,000.

Following discussion, Supervisor Bonkowski requested to leave the word "may" in the second sentence of Section 6.5.2. Supervisor Shirk concurred. Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor Bonkowski moved to amend the Carson Street Overhead Banner Policy, Section 6.5.2, Application and Selection Process, to potentially give priority to banners advertising attended events over public service announcements, as amended pursuant to the discussion. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote. **Motion carried 5-0.** Mayor Crowell thanked the Carson City Arts and Culture Commission for raising the issue.

**22. CITY MANAGER - POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES FACILITY, THE MULTIPURPOSE ATHLETIC CENTER, AND THE DOWNTOWN, NORTH CARSON STREET, SOUTH CARSON STREET, WILLIAM STREET, AND HIGHWAY 50 EAST CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO BRING TO THE BOARD POSSIBLE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (2:40:48)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Mr. Werner provided background information. Community Development Department Director Lee Plemel reviewed the agenda materials in conjunction with displayed slides. Parks and Recreation Department Director Roger Moellendorf narrated that portion of the presentation relative to the Multipurpose Athletic Center ("MAC"). Mr. Moellendorf responded to questions regarding costs associated with the "reduced-sized MAC." He acknowledged that "for a difference of a little over a million dollars, we can go from a facility that doesn't meet our needs to a facility that does meet our needs." In response to a further question, he expressed the opinion that the proposed facility "meet[s] our immediate

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needs but also provides opportunities for growth into the future. A smaller facility probably would not ... do that as well.”

In response to a further question, Mr. Moellendorf provided background information on the various “iterations of this project,” and the various attempts at partnership. He advised that the City purchased, from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Nevada, an option for approximately 4.5 acres, the location of which he pointed out on a displayed site plan. He described a proposed shared use arrangement between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Nevada. Mr. Moellendorf, Mr. Werner, and Mr. Providenti responded to additional questions of clarification regarding available and necessary funding and Quality of Life funding.

Project Manager Robb Fellows narrated that portion of the presentation relative to the Animal Services facility. Ms. Works responded to questions regarding available and anticipated funding.

Mr. Plemel provided an overview of the presentations relative to the corridors. Transportation Manager Patrick Pittenger reviewed conceptual plans for the downtown corridor in conjunction with displayed slides. Mr. Pittenger acknowledged that the Fire and Sheriff's Departments provided input to the conceptual plans. In response to a further question, he explained that bulb-out designs to accommodate ADA requirements and loading zones will have to be refined. In response to a further question, he advised that the landscaped medians will be removed and the landscape transferred to the sidewalks. In response to a question, Public Works Department Director Andy Burnham discussed estimated costs. In response to a further question, he discussed difficulties associated with installation of master grease traps, but offered to consider the possibility in cooperation with the business owners.

Park Planner Vern Krahn discussed the possibility of considering Curry Street for a “pedestrian promenade.” He provided background information on the public input process. Mr. Burnham reviewed capital costs and possible funding mechanisms for the proposed projects. Mayor Crowell recessed the meeting at 3:55 p.m., and reconvened at 4:01 p.m.

Mr. Werner responded to questions regarding possible use of the 1/8 cent sales tax to fund the proposed projects. Various City department representatives responded to questions regarding the business representatives involved in the corridor discussions, sewer / water infrastructure, anticipated costs, the involved stakeholders, the decision-making process relative to the recommended conceptual downtown corridor design, maintenance costs, the possibility of a business tax for each corridor, and the status of redevelopment funding.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional questions or comments of the Board members and, when none were forthcoming, entertained public comment. (4:18:40) Donna Curtis advised that she serves as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and discussed her involvement in development of the MAC over the past “ten years.” She discussed the importance of attractive design, and her vision for use of the MAC. She requested the Board to consider “at least a little bit bigger than the 'big MAC' ...”

(4:23:04) Founder and President of Carson Animal Services Initiative (“CASI”) Lisa Schuette described the MAC project as “an investment in our future.” In reference to a recent joint Board of Supervisors and School Board meeting, she suggested “this is an opportunity to allow our kids to have a wonderful recreation center, but also ... [for] families to interact. It allows our community to come in and use that

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recreation center.” Ms. Schuette advised that the animal shelter is “a 35-year project.” She provided historic information on original construction and referred to the “huge problem in August.” She referred to “our City as a forever project. We want a tax base. We want business. We want people to love Carson City and, yet, the packaging is terrible. When we give a Christmas present, we wrap it. When you give a birthday present, you wrap it, and yet there's no wrapping. ... and then we expect folks to pull off the freeway and come downtown.” She suggested “visualiz[ing] a bigger picture other than just right now and that's what this corridor project does.” She “applaud[ed] everyone who is working on it.” She expressed the opinion that the corridor project will “bring in business and ... interested parties.” With regard to the proposed animal shelter, Ms. Schuette stated, “We have a community that cares about animals and even if you don't own an animal, people care about animals and they don't want to see them suffer.” She noted the public safety issue associated with animals running at large and discussed the importance of round-the-clock animal services and of education. She suggested considering that “right now is an opportunity to truly have the community we want and you have a non-profit [which] is so engaged.” She discussed the importance of the Board of Supervisors' support of the proposed new animal shelter in consideration of grant applications and fund raising efforts.

(4:28:59) Lori Bagwell suggested including cost estimates for maintenance relative to the MAC and animal services facilities. She further suggested a ballot question which would provide for a ranking process.

(4:31:21) In reference to previous comments, Chris Bayer discussed the importance of “retaining and attracting businesses and young people who live and work at a hub.” He advised that the “new urban model” considers “downtown as a neighborhood. And so the components are not just beautification and wider sidewalks and walkable space. Components ... also include arts and culture, ... housing.” He urged the Board to “consider that the economic benefit of keeping our young people, of attracting young people, means we're attracting businesses to a place where people live and work together.”

(4:33:54) Doreen Mack, of Lofty Expressions, advised of having recently visited the downtown corridor and of finding it “deserted.” She emphasized the importance of “a downtown historic community to draw in people to want to come here, to make this a vital, active community.” She requested the Board to consider parking along Main Street, and discussed a proposed design.

(4:35:30) Garret Lepire introduced himself, for the record, as “a local businessman and a property owner on Curry Street ...” He expressed support for the MAC and the animal shelter projects, and for increasing the sales tax “to generate some money to help these areas.” He expressed disagreement with narrowing Carson Street to two lanes. With regard to the MAC, he suggested considering an operating agreement with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Nevada “where they can use that as a revenue stream and they operate that facility for you.” He expressed confusion over “the argument of we want to drive more traffic downtown, yet we want to lower the number of cars that can go downtown.” He advised that he works and lives downtown and has “never had a problem parking. It's not a parking problem.” He suggested “there needs to be something better down there to attract more people to get there. ... there needs to be a business, an attraction, something that anchors more people to come downtown. A couple of those things could be amphitheaters, a concert hall, pocket parks, a convention center, a national retailer ... that attracts people to come down there. There needs to be a better diversified mix of businesses in that core to get people to come there. It's not because of they can't pull off on a side street and find a parking spot.” He expressed concern that “downtown will have a slow death if it ends up being a traffic nightmare which ... will end up being the case if it goes to two lanes.”

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(4:38:46) Dana Lee Freund, representing the Downtown 20 / 20 Group, acknowledged differences of opinion and emphasized “we are the ‘they.’” In reference to recent activities of the Downtown 20 / 20 Group, she expressed a desire for growth and suggested “it's going to take a decision and it's going to take commitment ... There is a need to grow forward. We have so many beautiful, wonderful projects. A lot of things are in the details that can be worked out, but we've got to go and grow forward with passion and enthusiasm and in partnerships and relationships.” She expressed support for the 1/8 cent sales tax proposal.

(4:42:57) Arts and Culture Coalition Chair John Shelton expressed the opinion that the City should “look the part” of the capital city. He noted the importance of “engaging people to be back downtown,” and of moving forward. He expressed the hope that the Board will consider downtown traffic and infrastructure development which will allow the “area to actually be closed off and used for special events programming.” He requested the Board to further consider public art that is interactive, and reiterated the encouragement to “move forward.”

(4:44:12) Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Joel Dunn acknowledged the balance between infrastructure and public safety, and noted the importance of also considering opportunity and investment in “a better experience for visitors to Carson City.”

(4:47:14) Anita Haberfield expressed support for the proposed tax increase.

(4:47:52) Larry Messina, representing the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Nevada Board of Directors, read a prepared statement into the record indicating support of the “big MAC on our site.”

(4:49:16) June Joplin, of Comma Coffee, expressed support for improving the corridors and the opinion that “the downtown is the number one priority. It's the state capital ...” She expressed support for narrowing Carson Street to two lanes.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, additional Board member discussion. In response to a question, Finance Department Director Nick Providenti advised that the 1/8 cent sales tax associated with V&T Railway Reconstruction will sunset in 2025. He further advised “that 1/8 cent will then become available because that plan basically dies when that bond gets paid off.” Mr. Burnham acknowledged that the 1/8 cent could have been used to offset the recent water and sewer rate increase. “It would have reduced the sewer rate by ten cents ... and the Board chose not to use the 1/8 cent sales tax for those facilities because it had very little ... rate impact ...” In response to a further question, Mr. Providenti estimated \$48 million in bonding capacity. “Basically, you can borrow 15 percent of your assessed value. ... As that assessed value grows, the capacity will grow. ... And, of course, if the assessed value goes down, then that capacity goes down. Originally, we had about \$1.8 billion in assessed value so we would have had over \$100 million in capacity ... four or five years ago. But, again, we think we've bottomed out in assessed value and now it's going to continue to grow a little bit.”

In reference to previous comments, Supervisor Bonkowski suggested an online survey to allow citizens to prioritize projects. Mr. Werner clarified “we're not looking at these as competing interests. Once you do the 1/8 sales tax, you do them all.” Supervisor Bonkowski expressed the opinion that “if we make an investment into safety infrastructure improvements, that we then encourage private investment to come in and build housing and additional retail.” He expressed the further opinion that downtown parking “needs

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to be based on safety improvements and not the aesthetics or whether you're parking on a side street or on the main street. ... our focus, as the City, needs to be on the safety aspects of this. We have ... ADA issues ...; we still haven't been able to fulfill that obligation. These projects, in part, would help us to finish some of that connectivity and the ADA requirements.” He suggested that the components of the proposed plan “solve a lot of problems ... as well as creating a friendly business environment that provides an avenue for businesses to invest here.” Supervisor Bonkowski expressed the opinion that “it's critical that we allow businesses to conduct business more efficiently and that includes having wider sidewalks so that there can be sidewalk dining and room for pedestrians, bike traffic. The idea is let's get people to feel safe.” Supervisor Bonkowski thanked the Downtown 20 / 20 Group “for all the work that you did on such a comprehensive plan. ... You created templates that the other three corridors were able to use to come forward. ... you saved them hundreds of hours of work.”

Supervisor Abowd thanked all the corridor groups for their work, and characterized the agenda item as “refacing this community; ... investing in our future economy. It's about attractiveness, a sense of place, and a sense of arrival. It's about being pedestrian friendly and ... it's inviting interest and private development. It creates desirability. It improves all of our property values, ultimately. It benefits this community. We need to be a drive to and not a drive by.” In reference to a recent *Nevada Appeal* article discussing projected growth, Supervisor Abowd discussed the importance of “position[ing] ourselves creatively for that growth. This is about that infrastructure improvement. ... All spokes of the wheel lead to the hub so if our corridors are attractive, it's going to drive them right down to downtown which ... needs to be central and a part of all of this.” Supervisor Abowd expressed the opinion that the animal services facility and the big MAC “are essential components to all of this growth.” She described the subject agenda item as “a vision for the future and it's all about future growth.” In reference to a previous question, she advised of the intent to vote in favor of this item because of the likelihood that she would never benefit from it in her lifetime.

Supervisor McKenna expressed concern over imposing the 1/8 cent sales tax without receiving sufficient public input.

Supervisor Shirk advised that he is “hearing from the public,” and expressed support for the animal shelter and the big MAC. He expressed the opinion that to “incorporate and tag all these other things onto this tax is wrong because the animal shelter and the big MAC ... is for the public.” He expressed no problem “imposing a tax upon something that will be utilized for those purposes.” He expressed opposition to imposing the 1/8 cent sales tax without sufficient public input.

Mayor Crowell advised that he would vote in favor of the recommended motion “because ... this is an investment our community needs to make for its long-term sustainability and health.” He expressed the opinion that “there's been a lot of thought gone into ... the concepts and ideas that we're talking about here today and ... we need to be positioned to be able to address things so that our community will sustain past when that freeway gets built.” With regard to bonds, Mayor Crowell read into the record a statement from a bond rating agency regarding Carson City.

Mr. Werner responded to questions of clarification regarding the recommended action. Supervisor Bonkowski commented that “this is one of the first steps on a very long road. The first step was to see if the businesses wanted to participate because we're asking them to be a partner and to pony up as part of this process. If they're not willing to do that, we don't need to have this conversation. ... The next step is to

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determine is there funding available, could there be funding available, is it appropriate, how much is available, and can the improvements fit within that? Then the next step is to have public meetings, get the public input as part of the design. The intention was never to exclude the public. It's to walk down the road one step at a time."

Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor Bonkowski moved to support further consideration of the animal services facility, the multi-purpose athletic center, and the downtown, North Carson Street, South Carson Street, William Street, and Highway 50 East corridor improvement projects, and direct staff to bring to the Board possible funding recommendations. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion. In response to a question, Mr. Werner was unaware of any other funding mechanism besides a tax. He assured the Board that staff will "look at it again." Supervisor McKenna expressed appreciation for Supervisor Bonkowski's comments relative to including the public. He requested Supervisor Bonkowski to add "input from all the public and ... put any tax increase on the ballot." Mayor Crowell entertained additional discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 3-2.** A brief discussion followed.

**23. HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 20, 2013 (5:10:59)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Human Resources Department Director Melanie Bruketta reviewed the agenda materials.

(5:12:32) Robert Van Nort discussed his interest in serving as interim City Manager and reviewed his experience. Mayor Crowell entertained questions or comments of the Board members and, when none were forthcoming, thanked Mr. Van Nort for his application.

(5:15:07) Ms. Works discussed her commitment to the City and the staff, and offered to serve as interim City Manager. Mayor Crowell entertained questions or comments of the Board members; however, none were forthcoming.

Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor McKenna moved to appoint Marena Works as the interim City Manager, effective December 20, 2013. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion. Supervisor McKenna discussed the importance of consistency and continuity. In response to a question, Ms. Works expressed confidence that she will be able to handle the workload in the short term. Supervisor Bonkowski agreed with the importance of consistency at this time. Supervisor Abowd agreed and expressed confidence in Ms. Works' abilities. Mayor Crowell commended Mr. Van Nort's "impressive resume." Mayor Crowell called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.** Mayor Crowell thanked Mr. Van Nort.

**24. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NON-ACTION ITEMS:  
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**INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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**STAFF COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORT**

**25. PUBLIC COMMENT** (5:18:33) - Mayor Crowell entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**26. ACTION TO ADJOURN** (5:18:39) - Mayor Crowell adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

The Minutes of the November 21, 2013 Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting are so approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

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ROBERT L. CROWELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder