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A meeting of the Carson City Redevelopment Authority was scheduled to take place during the Board of Supervisors meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020, in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Lori Bagwell
Vice Chairperson Stacey Giomi
Member John Barrette
Member Brad Bonkowski
Member Robert Crowell

STAFF: Nancy Paulson, City Manager
Aubrey Rowlett, Clerk-Recorder
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager
Dan Yu, Assistant District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Senior Public Meetings Clerk

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the Redevelopment Authority'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.

13. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(8:45:23) – Chairperson Bagwell called the meeting to order. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

(8:45:50) – Chairperson Bagwell entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

15. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2020

(8:46:01) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item and entertained changes or corrections.

(8:46:08) – Member Bonkowski moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020 Redevelopment Authority meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Crowell and carried 5-0-0.

16. CITY MANAGER

16.A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE CARSON CITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CITIZENS COMMITTEE (RACC), ONE FOR THE POSITION OF BUSINESS OPERATOR OR PROPERTY OWNER FROM REDEVELOPMENT AREA 1 FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 2023, AND ONE FOR THE POSITION OF CITIZEN-AT-LARGE FOR A PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING IN JANUARY 2021.

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(8:45:25) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item. Ms. Paulson introduced applicant Katie Bawden for the Business Operator/Property Owner position from Redevelopment Area One. Ms. Bawden noted her incumbent status and called her past experience on the Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee (RACC) “very enlightening”. She also responded to questions by the members and complemented the City for the enhancements made downtown and wished to serve another term on the RACC.

(8:53:24) – Applicant Gina Lopez-Hill presented her qualifications, including her current position as the Executive Director of the Brewery Arts Center, and responded to questions by the members. Ms. Lopez-Hill believed that communication with the community was key and recommended getting the messages through “within the silos” instead of relying on broader communication vehicles.

(9:03:08) – Chairperson Bagwell welcomed Applicant John Sullivan and explained the interview and decision-making process. Mr. Sullivan provided background information about himself and wished to see Carson City grow, describing himself as one who thinks out of the box, such as advocating for a truck stop in the City. He was also in favor of creating industrial and commercial development within the City.

(9:15:58) – Chairperson Bagwell entertained discussion. Mr. Yu informed Member Vice Chair Giomi that any of the three applicants may be considered for the Citizen-at-Large position because there were no such restrictions in the Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC) if the individuals were qualified for the position. Community Development Director Lee Plemel clarified that the City’s online application process allowed only one selection per applicant even if they had multiple qualifications. He also recommended revising the application.

(9:18:44) – Member Giomi noted the “great job” done by all three candidates and stated “while I appreciate Mr. Sullivan’s thoughts, and in fact share a lot of them relative to our development of industrial land and work at the Airport, I think that’s better focused to other committees.” Member Giomi recommended reappointing Ms. Bawden to the Business Operator position and appointing Ms. Lopez-Hill to the Citizen-at-Large vacancy. Member Bonkowski believed that Mr. Sullivan would find the Planning Commission or the Airport Authority more interesting, based on the earlier discussion and, was in agreement with Member Giomi’s recommendation. Member Crowell thanked all the applicants and stressed the importance of the advice provided by the committees and commissions to the Board of Supervisors. He was also in favor of reappointing Ms. Bawden and appointing Ms. Lopez-Hill. Member Barrette noted that he would agree with “the majority of the Board” and that he found Mr. Plemel’s explanation informative. Chairperson Bagwell noted that Carson City was fortunate to have engaged residents and noted the importance of the discussion on how to better communicate with residents. She also encouraged Mr. Sullivan to “keep watching for vacancies” on other committees or commissions and entertained a motion.

(9:23:17) – Member Giomi moved to appoint Katie Bawden to fill the vacancy for the Business Operator or Property Owner position from Redevelopment Area 1 for a term expiring January 2023, and Gina Lopez-Hill to fill the vacancy for the Citizen-at-Large position for a partial term expiring in January 2021. The motion was seconded by Member Bonkowski.

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RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Member Giomi
SECONDER:	Member Bonkowski
AYES:	Members Giomi, Bonkowski, Barrette, Crowell, and Chairperson Bagwell
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

17. PUBLIC COMMENT

(9:23:58) – Chairperson Bagwell entertained final public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

18. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN AS THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(9:24:10) – Chairperson Bagwell adjourned the Redevelopment Authority meeting at 9:24 a.m.

The Minutes of the July 16, 2020 Carson City Redevelopment Authority meeting are so approved this _____ day of _____ 2020.

LORI BAGWELL, Chair

ATTEST:

AUBREY ROWLATT, Clerk - Recorder