



# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting

### Reno City Council

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025 • 10:00 AM**

**Reno City Council Chamber, 1 East First Street, Reno, NV 89501**

**Hillary Schieve, Mayor**

#### Council Members:

**Ward 1 - Kathleen Taylor      Ward 4 - Meghan Ebert**

**Ward 2 - Naomi Duerr      Ward 5 - Devon Reese**

**Ward 3 - Miguel Martinez      Ward 6 - Brandi Anderson**

#### **A      Introductory Items**

##### **A.1      Pledge of Allegiance**

##### **A.2      Roll Call**

##### **Members Present**

Mayor Hillary Schieve, Councilmember Devon Reese, Councilmember Naomi Duerr, Councilmember Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember Miguel Martinez, Councilmember Meghan Ebert, Councilmember Brandi Anderson

Mayor Schieve and Council Members Reese and Ebert were absent.

##### **A.3      Public Comment**

##### **A.3.1      Public Comment**

A proclamation was read to recognize the City of Reno's Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Certification.

A proclamation was read declaring February 26 as Frontline Homeless Service Workers Day.

**MAYOR SCHIEVE PRESENT AT 10:15 AM**

Live Public Comment:

Leah Moser

Terry Brooks

Frankie Sue Del Papa

Tray Abney  
Henry Dalton  
Beth Macmillon  
Beverly Harry  
Tyler Colton  
Geeve Iverson  
Maribel Garcia  
Lisa Hill  
Cathy Fulkerson  
B Fulkerson  
Paul Lenart  
Bill Miller  
Carol Peterson  
Janet Nelson  
Ila Friedenthal

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ ABSENT AT 11:05 AM

Seth McCoy  
Shannon Parratto  
Scott Murray  
Hallery Ferrini

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ PRESENT AT 11:13 AM

Bari Levinson

MAYOR SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 11:17 AM

Pax Leigh Robinson  
C McCombs  
Kelsey Owens  
Chris Bell  
Rose Chascsa  
Alex Batter  
Robbin Palmer  
James Matthews (Zoom)

COUNCIL MEMBER EBERT PRESENT REMOTELY AT 11:39 AM

Rosie Wolterbeek

MAYOR SCHIEVE PRESENT AT 11:43 AM  
VICE MAYOR TAYLOR ABSENT AT 11:43 AM

Sandy Roth

COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON ABSENT AT 11:47 AM

Doralee Martinez (Zoom)

VICE MAYOR TAYLOR PRESENT AT 11:50 AM

Nancyann Leeder

For the record we received 9 comments which were general in nature or not directly associated with an agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on February 25, 2025. These comments were voicemail and/or written correspondence received via our Reno.gov online public comment form or by email to our office. Copies of these comments have been distributed to the Reno City Council and are available to the public on the Reno.gov meeting portal.

2 in favor, 1 in opposition, 6 concerned from the following individual(s):

Joe Attack

George Tsz-Kwan Lam

Eileen Brownell

Chisato Jacobson

Leah Sanders

Oscar D. Williams

Joshua J. Hicks

Don Reynolds

Jerry Wager

#### **A.4 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) – 26 February 2025**

COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON PRESENT AT 11:52 AM

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Naomi Duerr, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

#### **A.5 Approval of the Minutes**

##### **A.5.1 Reno City Council - Regular - 22 January 2025 10:00 AM (For Possible Action)**

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Naomi Duerr, to accept.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson

<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

**B Consent Agenda (All consent items may be approved together with a single motion, be taken out of order, and/or be heard and discussed individually.)**

- B.1** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License - Dining Room Wine and Beer (Change of Ownership) - West Street Cafe & Bistro, Griffin Brown, 138 West Street. [Ward 1]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.2** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License - Package Alcohol (Change of Ownership) - Dollar Plus Mini Mart, Jaspreet Kohli and Savleen Kohli, 3052 Kietzke Lane. [Ward 3]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.3** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License - Package Alcohol (Change of Ownership) - JD's Food & Spirit, Jaskaran Singh, Hardip Singh, 895 South Virginia Street. [Ward 3]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.4** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License -

On-Premises Alcohol, Cabaret (New) - The Selden, Tyler Colton, 960 South Virginia Street Unit 100. [Ward 3]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.5** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License - On-Premises Alcohol, Cabaret (Change of Ownership) - The Virgil, Elizabeth McBride, MaryBeth Smith, Colin Smith, 301 Vassar Street. [Ward 3]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.6** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License - Dining Room Wine and Beer (Change of Ownership) - Bella Italia Restaurant, Jose Garcia, Maria Moreno Vega, 8155 South Virginia Street, Unit 100A. [Ward 6]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.7** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Sierra Nevada Construction for the Fire Station #10 Pavement Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$547,468. (General Capital Projects Fund) [Ward 4]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.8** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval to purchase an AeroVironment Telemex EVO Hybrid unmanned ground vehicle (UGV) for hazardous material identification, handling and disposal (bomb robot) for use by the Consolidated Bomb Squad comprised of the City of Reno on behalf of the Reno Police Department, the City of Sparks on behalf of the Sparks Police Department and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office at a total cost not to exceed \$540,000 with the City of Reno's share not to exceed \$180,000. (Federal Forfeiture Funds)

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.9** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Addendum No. 5 to the Joint Ownership and Operation Agreement for the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility to include Reno staff supporting capital improvements at the facility in the ownership cost share.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.10** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of a property exchange and agreement to grant tank access, water, utility and drainage facilities and temporary construction easements between the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and City of Reno for the Double Diamond Tank property for water facilities on parcels 163-010-05 and 163-010-06. [Ward 6]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.11** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of two amendments to the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service Grant Award Agreements for an 18-month time extension, Amendment No. 1, and a \$321,559 increase in the grant amount, Amendment No. 2, for a total grant award of \$3,133,559 to be used for the West Wash Dam Rehabilitation Project. [Ward 5]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

Item pulled by Council Member Duerr for discussion.

AGENDA ITEMS B.11 AND B.12 WERE OPENED AND HEARD TOGETHER.

Council Member Duerr requested a staff report and stated this is a project that has been in the works for over ten years.

Jon Simpson, City of Reno Utility Services Engineering Manager, presented the staff report.

Council Member Duerr discussed why she asked staff to highlight this. Many people don't realize that right in our urban city we have a high hazard dam that is at risk of failing. The point of this rehabilitation project is to make sure it is safe. If the dam fails, there are houses that were built decades ago in the drainage right below the dam that could be impacted.

- B.12** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Agreement with DOWL, LLC for geologic and geotechnical services including a seismicity evaluation in support of the West Wash Dam Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$321,559. (Sewer Fund Passthrough, Grant Funding) [Ward 5]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
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<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

Item pulled by Council Member Duerr for discussion.

AGENDA ITEMS B.11 AND B.12 WERE OPENED AND HEARD TOGETHER.

- B.13** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Subgrant for the Phase II East 4th Street National Register Nomination process in the amount of \$18,000. [Ward 1]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

Item pulled by Council Member Duerr for discussion.

Ashley Turney, City of Reno Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report.

Council Member Duerr stated this will help develop the economic vitality of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

- B.14** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Donation from 2LIV4 and Adaptive Training Academy (ATA) for adaptive recreation equipment to support City of Reno adaptive programs in the amount of \$5,163.11.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.15** Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ (For Possible Action): Resolution amending Resolution No. 6111 regarding the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno and the City of Sparks for Natural Resources Position, which handles legal matters



related to the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility; by amending the cost share percent of the position's total salary paid by the City of Sparks to the City of Reno, together with matters which pertain to or are necessarily connected thereto.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

Resolution No. 9359 was adopted.

- B.16** Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to Artown in support of their mission to strengthen Reno's arts industry, enhance our civic identity and national image, thereby creating a climate for the cultural and economic rebirth of our region from Vice Mayor Taylor (\$1,000) and Councilmember Martinez (\$4,000) in the total amount of \$5,000. (General Fund) [Taylor] [Martinez]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

Resolution No. 9360 was adopted.

- B.17** Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to Nevada Women's Fund in Support of their Inaugural International Women's Day Event on March 8, 2025 in the amount of \$500. (General Fund) [Reese]

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	

<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese
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Resolution No. 9361 was adopted.

- B.18** Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to Bee City USA, AKA Biggest Little Bee City, an affiliate within the Xerces Society Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA network of organizations to support their programs that promote pollinator-friendly cities in the amount of \$500. (General Fund) [Reese]

Item pulled by Council Member Duerr for discussion.

Council Member Duerr thanked Council Member Reese for this donation. She stated that she plans to match Council Member Reese's donation. This work is incredibly important to our future in Reno.

Resolution No. 9362 was adopted.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Brandi Anderson, to adopt.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brandi Anderson, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.19** Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation to support the Ronna Liggett for the Love of Debate Memorial Scholarship Endowment in the amount of \$5,000. (General Fund) [Reese]

Resolution No. 9363 was adopted.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

The Consent Agenda was approved with Items B.11, B.12, B.13, and B.18 pulled for discussion.

AGENDA ITEM D.5 WAS HEARD AFTER THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS THAT WERE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

**C      Public Hearings - 10:00 AM (Items scheduled to be heard at a specific time will be heard no earlier than the stated time, but may be heard later.)**

**D      Department Items**

**City Attorney**

D.1      Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential direction to staff regarding modification of Reno Municipal Code, Chapter 1.05 entitled 'Code Enforcement—Administrative Provisions', Article VI, entitled 'Administrative Hearings', Sections 1.05.500 to 1.05.560, inclusive.

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM D.3.

MAYOR SCHIEVE PRESENT AT 4:48 PM

Mayor Schieve discussed the process for appeals of Hearing Officer decisions and stated they should come to City Council instead of going to the court.

Johathan Shipman, City of Reno Assistant City Attorney, answered questions from Council regarding the current and past processes for those appeals. He clarified that Council always has the right to pass additional standards by ordinance. He also clarified that if appeals come to Council, they would be an impartial body and would not have the ability to direct staff to appeal a Hearing Officer's decision.

Mayor Schieve discussed the need for more background information at a future meeting on why the previous Council did it that way.

Council Member Duerr stated if this does end up coming back to Council, she would advocate for a streamlined process that provides clarity on who can appeal. She suggested allowing only the business owner involved to appeal the decision.

Mayor Schieve asked if Council can appeal a municipal court decision.

Mr. Shipman stated he will look into it to confirm if they can do that.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM D.7 WAS HEARD AFTER THIS ITEM.

**Development Services**

- D.2 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -*** Staff Report  
(For Possible Action) – Presentation and potential direction to staff  
regarding initiation of a text amendment to Title 18 Annexation and Land  
Development Code regarding Data Centers; together with matters which  
pertain to or are necessarily connected therewith.

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM D.9.

Live Public Comment:  
Lisa Hill (Zoom)  
Robbin Palmer (Zoom)

VICE MAYOR TAYLOR ABSENT AT 3:16 PM  
VICE MAYOR TAYLOR PRESENT AT 3:19 PM

Henry Dalton

For the record we received 12 comments which were directly associated with  
the agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on February 25, 2025. These comments were  
written correspondence received via our Reno.gov online public comment form  
or by email to our office. Copies of these comments have been distributed to the  
Reno City Council and are available to the public on the Reno.gov meeting  
portal.

11 in favor, 0 in opposition, 1 concerned from the following individual(s):

Erienne Overli  
Michelle Hamilton  
Zoe Bray  
Krista Butler  
Jordyn Dashiell  
Lauryn Kern  
Amika Starr  
Elena Cox  
Taylor Turnage  
Olivia Cyr  
Spencer Banda  
Teascha Sbragia

Angela Fuss, City of Reno Development Services Assistant Director, presented  
the staff report.

Council Member Duerr discussed the need to listen to our constituents about  
their data center concerns. We should take a look at it based on the input we are  
getting from our residents and talk to TMWA about their water use, talk to NV  
Energy about the energy use, and talk about the noise impacts to see if we need  
to adopt some special regulations to make sure we are being properly proactive  
on this topic.

Ms. Fuss confirmed for Vice Mayor Taylor that Storey County uses the same water and the same power grid as Reno.

Vice Mayor Taylor stated that Council was packed today with people that were concerned about the resources that go into data centers and three data centers got approved in Storey County and they use the same resources that Reno does.

Ms. Fuss explained for Vice Mayor Taylor that City Council does not put regulations on power. When a building permit comes in, a building permit is not issued unless they provide proof that they have approval from the sewer body, TMWA, and NV Energy for the project.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked if the conditional use permit process is more stringent than a text amendment.

Ms. Fuss explained that the conditional use permit process allows the public body to weigh in and add requirements above and beyond the rules in the zoning code.

Jonathan Shipman, City of Reno Assistant City Attorney, confirmed for Vice Mayor Taylor that whatever Council decides today does not impact anything that has been brought before or that is in process for appeal.

Council Member Anderson referenced comments made about data centers somehow interfering with fire fighting and she asked for information on fire prevention measures at data centers.

Dave Cochran, City of Reno Fire Chief, stated that data centers use very little to no water for fire suppression because water would do a lot of damage to their very expensive equipment. We hold them to fire code requirements and make sure they have a system that will mitigate any fire that starts but they are self-motivated to go above and beyond anything we would require.

Chief Cochran confirmed for Mayor Schieve that data centers are not typically a high fire risk.

Ms. Fuss reviewed for Council Member Martinez the items that trigger a review by the Regional Planning Agency. It does not include a trigger for power usage. It does include a trigger for when power is being added to the grid.

Ms. Fuss answered question from Council Member Ebert regarding tax abatements for data centers. She explained that the city does not have jurisdiction over that.

Council Member Ebert stated that even though we are not the ones necessarily granting it, the property tax abatements do affect our budget when we are paying for things like police, fire and other services.

Ms. Fuss explained that they looked locally at how much data centers are bringing in. While they may have used abatements, they are bringing in a lot of money to the region.

Council Member Ebert referenced an earlier comment about nobody giving public comment about data centers at Storey County's meeting and stated the population of Storey County is four thousand so it may not be an issue to the population there like it would be here to have those kinds of developments and the tax abatement impacts. She also asked about enforcement of noise ordinances.

Ms. Fuss confirmed that citations can be made if noise ordinance requirements are not met.

Ms. Fuss explained for Mayor Schieve the definition for data centers.

Council Member Duerr discussed the need to identify the potential impacts of data centers and talk through whether they need to mitigate those or not. This is an opportunity to put our sustainability plan into action.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked for staff's professional opinion on whether a text amendment or a conditional use permit would be better if we want to regulate and look at these as individual projects and have more say in what we want them to look like.

Ms. Fuss explained her concern with a text amendment that adds specific requirements for data centers is that they are all different and would end up needing variances. The intent of requiring a conditional use permit is so we can look at them on a case by case basis. If there are key things Council is concerned about, minimum requirements can be included as part of a text amendment.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked staff what is not working with what we are already doing.

Ms. Fuss stated from the Planning Commission's perspective, they don't know what you want to regulate in terms of water, power, and noise. From a City Planner perspective, it is in code. We have the safeguards to say how we will address all of the concerns.

Ms. Fuss confirmed for Vice Mayor Taylor that we have not historically addressed power usage and most jurisdictions do not do that.

Vice Mayor Taylor stated she does not know what problem we are trying to solve besides what was said about the Planning Commission not understanding the direction. She believes staff gives them all the information they need and if they stay within the guidelines of a land use decision, we can make thoughtful decisions.

Ms. Fuss explained for Council Member Anderson that the PUCN regulates power issues for projects.

Council Member Anderson stated the conditional use permit provides maximum transparency and allows us to learn and optimize project by project.

Council Member Ebert discussed the need for more guidelines in a text amendment. She would like to see pretty rigid restrictions around noise and the use effluent water and perhaps a percentage of their power usage be renewable energy.

Mayor Schieve discussed the need for research on some of the requested regulations or standards and asked staff how we get there.

Ms. Fuss discussed the process if Council decides to initiate a text amendment to address data centers.

Vice Mayor Taylor stated she is not sure she wants to make text amendment and also have the conditional use permit process on top of that. That seems like more regulation when it is already in the conditional use permit process.

Ms. Fuss discussed potential unintended consequences of saying all data centers need to tie in to effluent.

Council Member Duerr suggested not getting into detail and micro-managing how they do their cooling but make a more global statement like Clark County that says they can't use evaporative cooling or high water intensive cooling.

There was discussion regarding how much time is involved in the text amendment process.

Mayor Schieve stated she feels they are aligned and that they can do it now based on what they already have in place because it has to go to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Fuss stated if that is the direction Council wants to go, we won't do an amendment to Title 18 but will keep the conditional use permit process. She has heard the things that Council has said and as staff reviews these things they can keep that in mind and address them on a case by case basis.

Vice Mayor Taylor stated that is where she is at.

Council Member Duerr stated it is important for Council to have staff take a look at it and come back whether or not we adopt a text amendment and she made a motion to initiate a text amendment.

Ms. Fuss explained for Mayor Schieve that would not eliminate the current CUP process.

Mayor Schieve stated she does not want to go six months down the road on a text amendment.

Council Member Anderson stated she is leaning toward not adding regulations here when we have a maximally flexible and a maximally transparent process through the conditional use permit.

Council Member Duerr discussed why it is better to be more clear and that is what the Planning Commission is asking of Council. They are saying they don't want to vote if we haven't given them criteria like we have for other issues.

Mayor Schieve stated she does not see why they can't take the same approach they did with horses for example.

Council Member Duerr stated if we add a condition on water and it is not supported in our ordinances, we would not sustain an appeal.

Council Member Duerr repeated her motion to initiate a text amendment.

Mayor Schieve stated what she worries about is that it takes forever and takes up a lot of resources. I feel like the Council is ready to put mitigation in place. You get so much more oversight when it comes to the Planning Commission and City Council.

Council Member Duerr agreed and asked Mayor Schieve if she is trying to ask staff to expedite it.

Mayor Schieve stated yes and asked how we do this much quicker. We want to put something in place so in the long run it doesn't become problematic. What is the easiest way to do that without creating all the delay.

Ms. Fuss stated they will continue reviewing all data centers through a conditional use permit and in the meantime, it will take about six months to do a text amendment.

Mayor Schieve asked why.

Ms. Fuss discussed the public engagement process and explained that every time they try and shorten that it blows up and they end up spending twice as much time. She suggested having a realistic expectation that it will probably be about a six month process.

Mayor Schieve stated the hard part about that is it exhausts all of the resources we have on something that we have three of in the city. I feel like we are all aligned on our sustainability goals and initiatives so that one is a hard one for me to swallow so I can't support it.

Vice Mayor Taylor stated she does not understand what issues they have



purview of that are not being addressed through the conditional use permit process.

Motion failed.

Vice Mayor Taylor made a motion to maintain existing data center zoning regulations and make no changes.

Motion failed.

AGENDA ITEM D.3 WAS HEARD AFTER THIS ITEM.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to initiate a text amendment to lay out standards for data centers and review other ordinances in Clark County and nearby states while looking at the issues Council discussed today.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Fail [3 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Meghan Ebert, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Duerr, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	Hillary Schieve, Kathleen Taylor, Brandi Anderson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Brandi Anderson, to maintain existing data center zoning regulations and make no changes.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Fail [2 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brandi Anderson, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Taylor, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Miguel Martinez, Meghan Ebert
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- D.3 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -*** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion and potential direction regarding a spending limit of \$60,000 on the Affordable Housing Building Permit Fee Subsidy program and funding from the Building Enterprise Fund.

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM D.2.

MAYOR SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 4:45 PM

Live Public Comment:  
JD Klippenstein

Angela Fuss, City of Reno Development Services Assistant Director, answered

questions from Council Member Duerr and stated that over the last four years they have spent over \$700,000 on building permit fee subsidies.

Council Member Duerr discussed the need to clarify that this cap of \$60,000 is in addition to the over \$700,000 that has already been spent.

AGENDA ITEM D.1 WAS HEARD AFTER THIS ITEM.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Brandi Anderson, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brandi Anderson, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve, Devon Reese

## Finance

- D.4 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -*** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and potential acceptance of the Downtown Management Company, LLC, Marketing Plan, Annual Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for the Ballroom Facility for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2025.

It was moved by Miguel Martinez, seconded by Naomi Duerr, to accept.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve, Devon Reese

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM D.6.

Vicki Van Buren, City of Reno Director of Finance, gave the presentation and answered questions from Council.

Bryan McArdle, City of Reno Revitalization Manager, answered questions from Council.

AGENDA ITEM D.8 WAS HEARD AFTER THIS ITEM.

## **Police Department**

- D.5 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Presentation and discussion regarding crash trends and safety measures along McCarran Boulevard (For Discussion Only).

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM B. CONSENT AGENDA.

Correspondence received for this agenda item was distributed to the Reno City Council and included in the record.

Kathryn Nance, City of Reno Police Chief, and Lacey Tisler, NDOT Chief Traffic Safety Engineer, gave the presentation and answered questions from Council. Dale Keller, Deputy Executive Director of the RTC, also answered questions from Council.

VICE MAYOR TAYLOR ABSENT AT 1:09 PM  
COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ ABSENT AT 1:15 PM

Mayor Schieve led discussion regarding revitalizing downtown and recognized staff for their work on an event that was held downtown.

Rachel Macintyre, City of Reno Activation Coordinator, received feedback and answered questions from Council regarding an event downtown.

VICE MAYOR TAYLOR PRESENT AT 1:28 PM  
COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON ABSENT AT 1:30 PM

AGENDA ITEM D.6 WAS HEARD AFTER THIS ITEM.

## **City Manager's Office**

- D.6 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Presentation and update on Washoe County School District Operations and Activities (For Discussion Only) - Superintendent Joe Ernst

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM D.5.

Joe Ernst, Washoe County School District Superintendent, gave the presentation and answered questions from Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON PRESENT AT 1:34 PM  
COUNCIL MEMBER DUERR ABSENT AT 1:38 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ PRESENT AT 1:44 PM  
COUNCIL MEMBER DUERR PRESENT AT 1:47 PM  
MAYOR SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 2:05 PM  
COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON ABSENT AT 2:09 PM  
COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON PRESENT AT 2:16 PM

AGENDA ITEM D.4 WAS HEARD AFTER THIS ITEM.

- D.7 **SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -** Staff Report  
(For Possible Action): Acceptance of the audit follow-up regarding the 24-02 Fire Inspection Fees Audit issued July 31, 2024.

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM D.1.

Rob Miller, City of Reno Staff Auditor, presented the staff report.

MAYOR SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 5:09 PM

Staff answered questions from Council.

AGENDA ITEM F.1 WAS HEARD AFTER THIS ITEM.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Brandi Anderson, to accept.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [5 TO 0]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brandi Anderson, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve, Devon Reese

- D.8 **SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -** Staff Report  
(For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and potential acceptance of the report regarding downtown updates for the months of November and December 2024.

It was moved by Brandi Anderson, seconded by Naomi Duerr, to accept.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [5 TO 0]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brandi Anderson, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve, Devon Reese

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM D.4.

Bryan McArdle, City of Reno Revitalization Manager, gave the presentation and answered questions from Council.

AGENDA ITEM D.9 WAS HEARD AFTER THIS ITEM.

- D.9 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -*** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and direction to staff regarding the disposition of City-owned properties, including potential sales, leases, or transfers to the Redevelopment Agency.

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM D.8.

Bryan McArdle, City of Reno Revitalization Manager, gave the presentation and answered questions from Council.

Ashley Turney, City of Reno Assistant City Manager, also answered questions from Council.

MAYOR SCHIEVE PRESENT AT 2:55 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER DUERR ABSENT AT 3:01 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER DUERR PRESENT AT 3:02 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ ABSENT AT 3:07 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ PRESENT REMOTELY AT 3:13 PM

Assistant City Manager Turney explained for Council Member Duerr that each property will need to have formal direction on final disposition. The motion in front of Council today is to give direction to staff to start obtaining appraisals, make contact with the current tenants and nearby property owners, and start the process. She explained the current process and stated this action would streamline that process. She confirmed that City Council will have final approval on final sales.

AGENDA ITEM D.2 WAS HEARD AFTER THIS ITEM.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Hillary Schieve, to approve the staff recommendation with the following two caveats: hold on the Lear parking lot until we have more clarity from the Legislature; and, make sure that any sale comes back to City Council.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [6 TO 0]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Hillary Schieve, Mayor
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

**E Ordinances - Introduction (Other Ordinance, Introduction items may be found under the following agenda sections: Public Hearings, and/or Standard Department Items.)**

**F Ordinances - Adoption**

F.1 Ordinance Adoption – Bill No. 7294 (For Possible Action): Case No. LDC25-00024 (900 Western Road Zoning Map Amendment) Ordinance to amend Title 18, Chapter 18.02 of the Reno Municipal Code, entitled “Zoning,” rezoning a ±0.83-acre site located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Omaha Street and Western Road from Single-Family Residential 3 units per acre (SF-3) to Single-Family Residential 8 units per acre (SF-8). [Ward 4]

It was moved by Meghan Ebert, seconded by Naomi Duerr, to adopt.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Meghan Ebert, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve, Devon Reese

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER AGENDA ITEM D.7.

Ordinance No. 6703 was adopted.

**G City Clerk**

**H Mayor and Council**

H.1 City Council Comments, including announcements regarding City boards and commissions, activities of local charitable organizations and upcoming local community events. (Non-Action Item)

Council Member Anderson reported on the upcoming Shave for the Brave event.

**I Public Hearings - 6:00 PM (Items scheduled to be heard at a specific time will be heard no earlier than the stated time, but may be heard later.)**

**J Public Comment (This item is for either public comment on any action item or for any general public comment.)**

## J.1 Public Comment

Live Public Comment:

Damien Cole

Kurt Thigpen

For the record we received 16 comments after to 4:00 p.m. on February 25, 2025. These comments were voicemail and/or written correspondence received via our Reno.gov online public comment form or by email to our office. Copies of these comments have been distributed to the Reno City Council and are available to the public on the Reno.gov meeting portal.

10 in favor, 1 in opposition, 5 concerned from the following individual(s):

Erica Bradley

Bob Fulkerson

Logan Lathrop

Lyndsey Landsdale

Anthony Khuu

Nicholas Negrete

Barbara Scott

Chris Bell

Karen Loomis

Tray Abney

Rose Chascsa

Carson Miller

Sean Hill

Anne Benoit

Terry Woodin

Damien Cole

## K Adjournment (For Possible Action)

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Brandi Anderson, to adjourn.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brandi Anderson, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert, Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve, Devon Reese