



# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting

### Reno City Council

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 • 10:00 AM

Reno City Council Chamber, One East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

Hillary Schieve, Mayor

#### Council Members:

Ward 1 - Jenny Brekhus      Ward 4 - Meghan Ebert  
Ward 2 - Naomi Duerr      Ward 5 - Kathleen Taylor  
Ward 3 - Miguel Martinez      At Large - Devon Reese

#### 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

Council Member Ebert Absent at Roll Call.

Council Members Duerr and Martinez are present remotely.  
Mayor Schieve is present remotely.

##### A.3      **Public Comment**

###### A.3.1      **Public Comment**

Live Public Comment:  
Ron Trevor on behalf of S.A.V.E.  
Ky Plaskon  
Mark Markel

COUNCIL MEMBER EBERT PRESENT AT 10:13 AM

Terry Brooks

Barry O’Sullivan  
Tray Abney  
Damien Cole  
Mary Ortega  
Benjamin Castro  
Lauren Torvinen  
Jennifer Kent (Via Zoom)

MAYOR SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 10:42 AM

COUNCIL MEMBER BREKHUS ABSENT AT 10:43 AM

Robbin Palmer

COUNCIL MEMBER BREKHUS PRESENT 10:45 AM  
COUNCIL MEMBER EBERT ABSENT AT 10:45 AM  
COUNCIL MEMBER EBERT PRESENT AT 10:47 AM

For the record we received 10 comments which were general in nature or not directly associated with an agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2023. 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, 2 in opposition, 6 concerned from the following individual(s):

Ingrid Sullivan  
Robert Wiener  
Jamie Vaughn  
John Barenberg  
Anonymous  
Cindy Mendoza  
Anonymous  
Anonymous

#### **A.4 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) – 11 October 2023**

Agenda Item I.1 was removed as the applicant has withdrawn the appeal.

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

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

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

**A.5.1 Reno City Council - Regular - 13 September 2023 10:00 AM (For Possible Action)**

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Miguel Martinez, to approve.

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

**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 – On-Premises Alcohol – Wolf Putt, Jamy Keshmiri, 229 North Virginia Street. [Ward 5]

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

- B.2** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Secondhand Dealer – Chaos Deals & Steals, Deborah Cox, 1311 South Virginia Street, Suite 105. [Ward 1]

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

- B.3** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Secondhand Dealer – Junkee Clothing Exchange, Jessica Schneider, 299 East Plumb Lane, Suite 135A. [Ward 3]

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

**B.4** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Secondhand Dealer – Uncle Junkee, Jessica Schneider, 101 North Virginia Street. [Ward 5]

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

**B.5** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant Award 15JCOPS-23-GG-01710-TECP from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) to the City of Reno for use by the Reno Police Department in the amount of \$1,500,000.

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>	Reese, Brekhus, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

Item pulled by Council Member Duerr for discussion.

Council Member Duerr stated she pulled this item for discussion to identify the work the Police Department has done in obtaining grants.

Kathryn Nance, City of Reno Police Chief, answered questions from Council regarding how the grant will be used.

**B.6** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for

Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces Program for the Fit but not Forgotten (FBNF) and Military to the Mountains (M2M) Veteran Fitness Classes at Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center (or alternate location) in an amount not to exceed \$59,779.

Item pulled by Council Member Ebert for discussion.

Council Member Ebert expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts in getting this grant and expressed support for this program.

It was moved by Meghan Ebert, seconded by Devon Reese, to approve.

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

- B.7** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Subgrant Award from Move United to support the National Trails Assessment project to benefit and improve local trails in the amount of \$10,000.

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

- B.8** ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Consulting Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with V&A Consulting Engineers for Flow Monitoring Services in an amount not to exceed \$262,500. (Sewer Fund)

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

- B.9 *SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Western Regional Water Commission for extension of time for funding of the Water Quality Credit Program.

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

- B.10** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Amendment #1 to Agreement for Fire Station Alerting System with PowerComm Solutions, Inc., (POWERCOMM) for the installation of the PURVIS Fire Station Alerting Systems related to Public Safety Dispatch to increase the Not To Exceed (NTE) amount by \$11,000 for a new total NTE amount of \$361,000. (100 percent reimbursed utilizing 911 Surcharge Fund approved by 911 Emergency Response Advisory Board)

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

- B.11 *SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval to establish a proposed Residential Permit Parking District Zone 15, which includes Creighton Way, Colgate Court, and Putnam Drive, between Washington Street and San Rafael Drive. [Ward 5]

Item pulled by Council Member Brekhus for discussion.

Council Member Brekhus requested a staff report presentation on this item.

VICE MAYOR REESE ABSENT AT 10:59 AM

Amy Pennington, City of Reno Public Works Special Projects & Outreach Coordinator, gave a presentation and answered questions from Council.

VICE MAYOR REESE PRESENT AT 11:01 AM

Council Member Brekhus discussed the history of the need to revise the parking program and stand up a unique parking division, which has not been done. We are relying on this code and it shows a number of flaws in how we are managing parking. She stated the parking issues have exacerbated in the last two years and discussed examples of that. The argument was that we need this parking program so we have better enforcement, but we are not enforcing what we have right now. The logical conclusion is not to have more regulations but to have City Council look comprehensively at the parking division and program.

Council Member Ebert noted the staff report statement that “The City of Reno Municipal Code allows the City to move forward with the implementation of a Residential Parking District if less than 50% of the property owners object.” She asked if that includes people that just don’t respond at all.

Ms. Pennington confirmed that those who did not respond at all are counted as not objecting.

Council Member Ebert expressed concern that less than half of the property owners expressed support.

Ms. Pennington explained that after the survey results were received, they invited the residents to attend a Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) meeting and there was overwhelming support for the program at that meeting. She also answered questions from Council Member Ebert regarding details of how the program will function.

Council Member Ebert asked if proof of residency was obtained at the NAB meeting where there was overwhelming support for the program and Ms. Pennington responded they did not check for proof of residency.

Council Member Ebert noted public comment regarding the fact that tickets are being given out with no follow up and asked how the enforcement would be any different with this new program.

Alex Woodley, City of Reno Director of Parking and Code Enforcement, answered questions from Council Member Ebert regarding parking enforcement.

City Clerk Mikki Huntsman explained how many parking passes would be available for residents. She also confirmed these residences would be eligible for parking spots on the street in addition to the four parking spaces available with their garages and driveways.

Council Member Ebert discussed the approval of a project on 0 Riverside Drive where they do not have one parking space per door and stated we are being inconsistent if we move forward with this. These residents would have driveways and garages as well as street parking and guest passes while we have other areas where we are not mandating even one space per unit.

Council Member Taylor expressed support for the program and stated this is a

positive example of government working for you. The residents had a challenge and reached out to us, and our team went out and did the outreach and data collection.

Vice Mayor Reese discussed part of what happened with regard to the history of issues with parking and stated that parking is an issue in every city. He discussed other priorities of this Council in the past four or five years and acknowledged the need for more Code Enforcement resources. He expressed support for this incremental approach to address the issue.

Council Member Duerr expressed support and stated we are supposed to hear our constituents and help resolve day to day issues.

Ms. Pennington answered questions from Council Member Duerr regarding how the program will be rolled out.

Mr. Woodley answered questions from Council Member Duerr regarding how enforcement will work. If they are made aware that a vehicle is still parked after getting a citation, they will be cited again. If they issue five citations, the vehicle will be towed.

Council Member Duerr expressed support for this program and stated we should revisit it after a time based on how it is going.

Ms. Pennington answered questions from Council Member Martinez regarding the timeline of the rollout for this program.

Council Member Brekhus stated this is an enhanced private property right to give someone a pass to park on the street to the exclusion of others. I think a best practice is to look at it differently. If people walk in from another area, Rancho San Rafael or the University, to use that public resource, that is a very different value. Those are the conversations we were going to have when we put this not as a budget item but as work program item. Regarding the suggestion to revisit this in time, when you give someone an enhanced private property right they are hard to pull back. Some of the property owners in this area may be renting out the property and they would be in favor of this enhanced private property right in order to enhance their business model, potentially using their garages for more rooms. I am sympathetic to the residents but the answer is to do better enforcement.

Council Member Ebert expressed appreciation for the work staff has done and clarified that deliberating this process and reviewing the staff report is in no way attacking staff's work but is part of the process in our role as Council Members to deliberate and decide whether or not we think this is the right thing to do. She also expressed concern that this may set a precedent.

Council Member Duerr stated that he colleagues have brought up very important issues related to privatization of parking. I am not supportive of that but I am supportive of this. I don't want this to be considered as we solved a problem here and we will continue privatizing street parking. There are parking issues throughout

our city and my biggest concern is our lack of enforcement. We should not need five notices before we tow. She asked if residents have to call in violations every time and stated that she thought our staff would follow up if they issue a citation to see if a vehicle is moved. This brings up a lot of questions. I am willing to support today but would like to see our staff think a little bit more globally about the issue and the direction our enforcement is taking generally.

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Devon Reese, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [4 TO 2]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Devon Reese, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Reese, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jenny Brekhus, Meghan Ebert
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

- B.12** ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution of the Reno City Council adopting the salary and benefits of the Reno Municipal Court Judges pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.020(3) of the Reno City Charter, providing a salary increase and rescinding Resolution No. 9050, and providing for other matters properly relating thereto.

Item pulled by Council Members Brekhus and Ebert for discussion.

Veronica Lopez, City of Reno Municipal Court Administrator, gave a presentation and answered questions from Council regarding the budget and salary request.

Council Member Brekhus expressed concerns with this approach and stated it is not without risk of backdoor reclassification and then corresponding salary adjustments to the bench.

Discussion on the motion:

Council Member Brekhus expressed concerns and stated the judges salaries either get set by themselves from however much Council puts in that department each year, or they are part of the suite of resolutions of compensation that we do every year. No one should be entitled to an escalator that lasts as a 40 year clause in their employment contract.

Resolution No. 9206 was passed and adopted.

It was moved by Devon Reese, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [5 TO 1]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Devon Reese, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Reese, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert

<b>NAYS:</b>	Jenny Brekhuis
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

- B.13** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution Accepting Streets – North Valley Estates Unit 3-Phase 2, SIT21-00009 / FNL21-00010, including Paradise Valley Road, McDermitt Road, Yerington Drive, and a portion of Logan Creek Road. [Ward 4]

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

Resolution No. 9199 was adopted.

- B.14** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution Accepting Streets – Silver Dollar Estates Area 2 - Phase 1, FNL19-00004, including Astraea Trail and portions of Gazing Star Drive, Polar Sky Way and Trifid Street. [Ward 4]

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

Resolution No. 9200 was adopted.

- B.15** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution Accepting Streets – Silver Dollar Estates Area 2 - Phase 2, FNL19-00025, including Portia Drive and portions of Gazing Star Drive, and Antares Street. [Ward 4]

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

Resolution No. 9201 was adopted.

- B.16** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution Accepting Streets – Silver Dollar Estates Area 3 - Phase 1, FNL19-00025, including Sky Wind Road and portions of Polar Sky Way, and Wolf Moon Drive. [Ward 4]

Resolution No. 9202 was adopted.

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

- B.17** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to Options Veterinary Care, a nonprofit clinic, to support their mission to provide veterinary care to pets in Northern Nevada who would otherwise not have care in the amount of \$500. (General Fund) [Taylor] [Ward 5]

Resolution No. 9203 was adopted.

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to adopt.

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

- B.18** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to the Truckee Meadows Community College Foundation for TMCC International Education Week to recognize and celebrate our local and global diversity in the context of education in the amount of \$750. (General Fund) [Taylor] [Ward 5]

Item pulled by Council Member Brekhus for discussion.

Council Members Brekhus and Martinez made the following disclosure:

Madam Mayor, fellow city council members, and Madam Clerk, in the interests of full transparency on Item B.18, I am

disclosing that I am employed by TMCC.

On this matter I have sought guidance from the City Attorney's Office. I have been advised that as an employee of TMCC, I have a commitment in a private capacity to the interests of TMCC.

Here, Item B.18 seeks approval of a donation to TMCC Foundation to support TMCC's International Education Week to recognize and celebrate our local and global diversity in the context of education in the amount of \$750. TMCC is a public employer, not a private business. I did not request this donation, and the donation will not in any manner affect my employment at TMCC. I have been advised that the independence of judgment of a reasonable person in my situation would not be materially affected by my commitment in a private capacity to TMCC.

Accordingly, I will be participating or voting on this item today. Madam Clerk, please accept this disclosure and lodge it on the record for this meeting pertaining to this agenda item. Thank you.

Resolution No. 9204 was adopted.

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

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

Live Public Comment:

Barry O'Sullivan

Tom Dunn

For the record we received 6 comments associated with various consent agenda items prior to 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2023. 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.

The Consent Agenda was approved with Items B.5, B.6, B.11, B.12, and B.18 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**

**Finance**

D.1 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -*** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution to augment the budget of the City of Reno, Nevada for FY 23/24; and approval of budget revisions for period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Devon Reese, to approve staff recommendation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [5 TO 1]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Devon Reese, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Reese, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jenny Brekhus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

For the record we received 1 comment which was directly associated with the agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2023. These comment(s) were voicemails and/or written correspondence received via our Reno.gov online public comment form or by email to our office. Copies of these comment(s) have been distributed to the Reno City Council and are available to the public on the Reno.gov meeting portal.

0 in favor, 0 in opposition, 1 concerned from the following individual(s):  
Council Member Brekhus

Lynsey Hatfield, City of Reno Finance Senior Management Analyst, gave a presentation and answered questions from Council.

Council Member Brekhus reviewed the information included in the letter she submitted for the record under public comment for this agenda item. She noted that no other Council Member has been directed to send questions on agenda items in writing to City Manager Thornley. It should be of concern to every member of the public that a member of the Council body cannot meet with the Finance Director in particular about one of our greatest charges, and that is going over this budget. There is a lot going on in this budget. I have tremendous concerns.

Council Member Brekhus stated I am not going to participate in Q&A of items that really need an hour of the Finance Director's time once a quarter. This is an item of great complexity that requires an hour of time for me to understand to do my job. For those reasons I will not be asking for Q&A, particularly because this body only gives us six minutes of Q&A to understand incredibly complex items. I will not participate. I will not vote in favor and I want to call out that I am not able to do my job on the most important efforts that I was voted in here to do.

Ms. Hatfield answered questions from Council Member Ebert regarding various budget items.

Resolution No. 9205 was adopted.

## **Public Works**

- D.2 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -*** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion and potential authorization for staff to pursue the Construction Manager-At-Risk (CMAR) project delivery method for the Reno Fire Department Central Station Project. [Ward 3]

Live Public Comment:

Tom Dunn on behalf of the Reno Firefighters Association

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

Council Member Brekhus

Justin George, City of Reno Public Works Senior Civil Engineer, gave a presentation and answered questions from Council.

Council Member Brekhus had her letter she submitted for the record under public comment for this agenda item displayed on the overhead projector.

Mr. George continued answering questions from Council.

Council Member Brekhus stated that having a discussion about how we are

going to buy something for 50 million without having a plan is just now how it's done in the world of municipal finance and management. We should go there until we have a full financing plan. Mr. Thornley is having you move forward with contractual agreements for a 50 million dollar outlay that you don't even know how you will pay for it.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [5 TO 1]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Reese, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jenny Brekhus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

- D.3 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -*** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and possible acceptance of the Downtown Micromobility Network of Streets - Group 1 and request that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) include these streets in the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP). [Wards 1, 3 & 5]

BREAK AT 12:28 PM

RECONVENE AT 1:18 PM WITH MAYOR SCHIEVE ABSENT

Live Public Comment:

Bernie Carter

Damien Cole

Thomas Albright

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2 in favor, 24 in opposition, 3 concerned from the following individual(s):

Corby Cobb

Kyle Isacksen

M Engelmann

Eric Martin

Michael Scott

Jennifer Coward

Nicholas Malmquist

Shane Sykes

David Pivnick

Richard Bednarski

Kelly Bodtke

Christine Anderson  
Keith Weaver  
Brett Torvinen  
Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins  
Maureen Fitzgerald  
Coral Taylor  
James Trueblood  
Zoe Bray  
Morgan Trieger  
Vicki Savini  
Richard Bissett  
Dennyse Sewell  
John Lindgren  
Rebecca Quam  
Ryan  
Bob Fulkerson  
Renee Kramer  
Robbin Palmer

Kerrie Koski, City of Reno Director of Public Works, gave a presentation and answered questions from Council.

Council Member Brekhus expressed concerns regarding treating downtown as a thoroughfare.

Council Member Ebert asked questions and highlighted the amount of public engagement and surveys that were completed in this process.

Council Member Taylor expressed support and positive feedback on the collaboration of agencies working together and the amount of public outreach that was done.

Council Member Duerr provided positive feedback on the work done by staff and the partnership with other organizations.

Council Member Martinez expressed appreciation for the tours and collaborative work that was done.

Vice Mayor Reese expressed support and provided positive feedback.

Council Member Brekhus expressed concern that this is not human scale and is not conducive to leisure businesses opening because of the high speeds on Center and Sierra Streets. If we don't tame these two high speed corridors, we won't have a successful downtown.

Discussion on the motion:

Council Member Brekhus will not support the motion. University Way/Center

Street is the one we embarked upon several years ago in a transparent, open process and the rug got pulled out on it. There was support and technical feasibility to it. It is the longest connection, it is the most direct connection, and it's the toughest road for people to participate on in downtown whether walking, driving or cycling. That is the one we need to focus on to make downtown what it really was built as, which was human scale for walking and not an arterial corridor for people getting on the freeway.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [5 TO 1]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Reese, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jenny Brekhus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

**City Manager's Office**

D.4 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -*** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the allocation of the \$1,000,000 in State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act on May 19, 2021 to the following non-profit community projects: Karma Box Project (\$342,396), The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (\$397,604), Children’s Cabinet (\$60,000) and Bristlecone (\$200,000).

Live Public Comment:  
Grant Denton

For the record we received 6 comments which were directly associated with the agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2023. These comments were voicemails 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.

6 in favor, 0 in opposition, 0 concerned from the following individual(s):  
Brent Andriese  
Gina Andriese  
Chuck Schotborgh  
Marissa Grimsley  
Erich VonSnider  
Kennedy VonSnider

Cynthia Esparza, City of Reno Chief Equity and Community Relations Officer, gave the staff presentation and answered questions from Council regarding the process of selecting the non-profit community projects.

Ms. Esparaza confirmed for Council Member Brekhus that the four community projects presented here were the top four scorers in the application process.

Council Member Ebert agreed it would be good for Council to see the full list of applicants and their scores. She also discussed the work HOPES does and advocated for them to get some funding as well.

Ms. Esparaza reiterated that the applications were ranked and the four presented today are the top scoring applicants.

Council Member Duerr recommended including a list of all the applicants in the future. She also expressed support for the work HOPES does but will support the staff recommendation for the projects selected as they are all deserving groups as well.

Council Member Taylor expressed support and reviewed some of the scoring criteria as possible reasons some projects scored higher than others.

Ms. Esparaza confirmed for Council Member Martinez that there was a team of people that scored the applications.

Council Member Brekhus will not be supporting this item. She expressed concerns and stated she does not want to get calls next week from non-profits about what they felt was unfair lack of transparency in administering federal funds.

It was moved by Devon Reese, seconded by Naomi Duerr, to approve staff recommendation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [5 TO 1]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Devon Reese, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Reese, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jenny Brekhus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

**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**

**G City Clerk**

- G.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential appointment of up to two individuals to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Peter Gower, Neoma Jardon, Christopher Lynch, Preston Lyon, Megan Merenda, Darcy Philips, Jon C. Sjoberg, Peter Stanton, and/or Nathan Ullyot.

It was moved by Devon Reese, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve the appointments of Peter Gower and Neoma Jardon to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [5 TO 1]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Devon Reese, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Reese, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jenny Brekhus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

There was discussion regarding the applicants and their qualifications.

Council Member Brekhus stated that an organization that seeks money from the Truckee River Fund should not have a seat at the table. While Peter Gower did well as a Planning Commissioner, he has a work relationship with The Nature Conservancy and they have sought money from the fund. She also discussed her reasons for not supporting Neoma Jardon in this position.

Discussion on the motion:

Council Member Brekhus will not support and will be watching to see if any conflicts arise.

- G.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential appointment of up to two individuals to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission from the following Reno City Planning Commission Members, listed in alphabetical order: Harris Armstrong, Manny Becerra, J.D. Drakulich, Arthur Munoz, Kerry Rohrmeier, and/or Silvia Villanueva.

It was moved by Devon Reese, seconded by Naomi Duerr, to approve the appointments of Harris Armstrong and Kerry Rohrmeier to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [6 TO 0]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Devon Reese, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember

<b>AYES:</b>	Reese, Brekhus, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

G.3 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Review and approval of the revised by-laws of the Building Enterprise Fund Advisory Committee (BEFAC). Resolution to repeal and replace Resolution No. 8838 by changing membership requirements to remove specific language limiting maximum number of general public members, changing resignation language to apply to three consecutive meeting absences, removing restrictions on the Chair serving more than one consecutive two year term, updating department name to reflect “Development Services” and modifying the capitalization through the Resolution so “by-laws” is all lowercase.

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>	Reese, Brekhus, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hillary Schieve

## 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 Ebert made an announcement regarding the Grand Re-Opening of Dorothy MacAlinden Park.

## 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.)

I.1 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Case No. LDC23-00065 (306 East Taylor Street Multi-Family) Appeal of the Planning Commission’s decision to deny a request for a variance to increase the allowable number of dwelling units from seven to eight units in an existing multi-family complex. The ±0.16 acre site is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of East Taylor Street and Wheeler Avenue. The site is zoned Multi-Family Residential – 30 units per acre/Wells Avenue Neighborhood Plan Overlay (MF-30/WANP) and has a Master Plan land use designation of Multi-Family Neighborhood/Wells Avenue Neighborhood Plan/Mixed-Residential - 30 (MF/WANP/MR-30).

An appeal was filed by Batuhan Zadeh on behalf of High Rock Properties, LLC. City Council may affirm, reverse, or reverse with conditions the decision of the Planning Commission. [Ward 3]

This item was withdrawn by the applicant.

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

Live Public Comment:  
Damien Cole

For the record we received 9 comments which were general in nature or not directly associated with an agenda item after 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2023. These comments were voicemails 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.

7 in favor, 2 in opposition, 0 concerned from the following individual(s):

- Jodi Bunuel
- Kim Young, The Children's Cabinet
- Farrell Vaughn
- Michael Brazier, The Children's Cabinet
- Jennifer Lee
- Jeremy Buchmann
- Marina McHatton
- Virag Nikolics, International Faculty Committee at TMCC
- Morgan Trieger

**K Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Devon Reese, to approve.

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