



MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Reno City Council

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 • 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

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

A.1 Pledge of Allegiance

A.2 Roll Call

Council Member Ebert absent at roll call.

A.3 Public Comment

A.3.1 Public Comment

Live Public Comment:

Terry Brooks
Louis Magriel
Matthew Wilkie
Ian Anderson
Ilya Arbatman

COUNCIL MEMBER EBERT PRESENT AT 10:19 AM

For the record we received 12 comments which were general in nature or not directly associated with an agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on January 23, 2024. 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.

0 in favor, 0 in opposition, 12 concerned from the following individual(s):

Carole Fineberg
Michele Barry
Steve Nelson
Cliff Johnson
Scott Waite
Yvonne Garland
Dana Hardt
Renate Lawrence
Brooklyn Sandoval
Mike Brock

Voicemail:
Anonymous
Anonymous

A.4 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) – 24 January 2024

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

A.5 Approval of the Minutes

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 – Cabaret (Change of Description) – The Growler Guys, James Neighbors, 7530 Longley Lane, Suite 106. [Ward 2]

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

B.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License –

Cabaret (Change of Description) – Underworld Distillery, Jennifer Evans, 5301 Longley Lane, Suite F203. [Ward 2]

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

- B.3** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – On-Premises Alcohol (New) – Madein, Amy Gerbus, 3886 Mayberry Drive, Suite C. [Ward 1]

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

- B.4** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Restricted Gaming 8 Slot Machines (New) – Sartini Gaming LLC db at Great Basin Brewing Company, Phyllis Gilland, 5525 South Virginia Street. [Ward 2]

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

- B.5** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Restricted Gaming 14 Slot Machines (New) – Sartini Gaming LLC db at Lamppost Pizza, Phyllis Gilland, 1141 Steamboat Parkway, Suite 930. [Ward 2]

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
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MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

- B.6** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to Good Luck Macbeth Theatre to support their “ELEVATE” capital campaign to purchase and renovate their building in the amount of \$20,000. (General Fund) [Brekhus] [Ward 1]

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

Resolution No. 9237 was passed and adopted.

- B.7** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to the Nevada Youth Empowerment Project (NYEP) in support of their mission to give homeless young women in the Reno area a chance to reroute their lives through a structured program that provides housing and basic needs, life skills training, opportunities to practice new life skills, and the support and love of a family in the amount of \$500. (General Fund) [Duerr] [Ward 2]

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

Resolution No. 9238 was passed and adopted.

- B.8** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to Noah’s Animal House in support of their mission to remove the "No Pets Allowed" barrier at women’s shelters for the courageous survivors looking to get back on their feet with their pet by their side in the amount of \$1,000. (General Fund) [Duerr] [Ward 2]

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

Resolution No. 9239 was passed and adopted.

Live Public Comment:
Sarah Hinz

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.)

C.1 *SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS* - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Case No. ABN23-00001 (Line Drive Abandonment) – A request has been made for the abandonment of a ±18,746 square foot (0.43 acre) portion of Line Drive located between East Fourth Street and the Interstate 580 (I-580) Exit 15 off-ramp. The abandonment area is located within the Mixed-Use Urban (MU) zoning district and has a Master Plan land use designation of Urban Mixed-Use (UMU). [Ward 3]

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

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

Mayor Schieve opened the public hearing and asked if proper notice was given and any correspondence received.

The City Clerk confirmed that proper notice was given and correspondence was received.

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have been distributed to the Reno City Council and are available to the public on the Reno.gov meeting portal.

1 in favor, 0 in opposition, 0 concerned from the following individual(s):
Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins

Leah Piccotti, City of Reno Development Services Associate Planer, gave the staff presentation and answered questions from Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER EBERT ABSENT AT 10:24 AM
COUNCIL MEMBER EBERT PRESENT AT 10:29 AM

Mayor Schieve requested information regarding what the vision is.

Brett Steinhardt, Washoe County Capital Projects on behalf of the applicant, answered questions from Council.

MAYOR SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 10:35 AM

D Department Items

Finance

- D.1 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 the Period of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Lynsey Hatfield, City of Reno Finance Department Senior Management Analyst, gave the staff presentation.

MAYOR SCHIEVE PRESENT AT 10:40 AM

City Manager Thornley responded to questions from Council and explained that while we are on budget this year and there are no budget gaps, the revenue replacement backfills against the revenues that came in under budget from the last cycle and now we are proposing we use them for one time expenses.

Ms. Hatfield answered questions from Council regarding the budget augmentation presented in the staff report.

Chief David Cochran, Reno Fire Chief, answered budget questions from Council and responded to comments related to the additional staffing being brought on.

Vicki Van Buren, City of Reno Director of Finance, answered questions from Council regarding the sewer fund.

Discussion on the motion:

Council Member Brekhus discussed her concerns that prevent her from voting for this. She wants backup data for the positions being added; an understanding of the impacts to the street fund; and evidence and background on the four million in severance.

COUNCIL MEMBER REESE ABSENT AT 11:21 AM

Resolution No. 9240 was passed and adopted.

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

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

G City Clerk

G.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential appointment of up to six individuals to the Ward 3 Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) and/or one alternate from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Zachary Bolton. [Ward 3]

COUNCIL MEMBER REESE PRESENT AT 11:24 AM

Zachary Bolton was appointed to the Ward 3 Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB).

It was moved by Miguel Martinez, seconded by Devon Reese, to appoint Zachary Bolton to the Ward 3 Neighborhood Advisory Board.

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert

NAYS:
ABSENT:

- G.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential appointment of one individual to the Youth City Council (YCC) from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Leaf Acklin, Addison Guinan, Elijah Kirwan, Kyley Quigley, Esperanza Rodriguez-Vazquez (Ineligible), and Brendan Zankowski.

Addison Guinan was appointed to the Youth City Council (YCC).

It was moved by Miguel Martinez, seconded by Devon Reese, to appoint Addison Guinan to the Youth City Council.

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	

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)

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

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

K Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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

RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Meghan Ebert, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Devon Reese, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	