



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

### Reno City Council

**Wednesday, July 26, 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**

Meeting called to order at 10:08 AM.

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

Brian Sandoval, President of University of Nevada Reno, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

##### **A.2      Roll Call**

###### **Members Present**

Mayor Hillary Schieve, Councilmember Devon Reese, Councilmember Naomi Duerr, Councilmember Jenny Brekhus, Councilmember Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember Miguel Martinez, Councilmember Meghan Ebert

All members present with Vice Mayor Reese present remotely.

##### **A.3      Public Comment**

###### **A.3.1      Public Comment**

Live Public Comment from the following individuals:

Brian Sandoval, President of the University of Nevada Reno  
Stephanie Rempe, Athletic Director of the University of Nevada Reno  
Bonney Brown  
Mike Keeney  
Mark Markel

Teela McCullar, Chair of the Reno Financial Advisory Board  
Tyler Colton  
Bonifacio Pinci, on behalf of Jade Dispensary  
Terry Brooks  
Rossitza Todorova  
Christine Speed  
Glenn Gray  
Nathaniel Benjamin, on behalf of Francesca Martinez

Council Member Martinez absent at 11:05 AM.  
Council Member Martinez present at 11:07 AM.

Winnie Dowling  
Sandra Rentas  
Nicandro Saldana  
Eric Lerude  
Stephanie Rundin

Mayor Schieve absent at 11:19 AM.

Michael Gagne

Mayor Schieve present at 11:24 AM.

Willie Puchert via Zoom

Council Member Brekhus absent at 11:25 AM.

Audrey Keller via Zoom

Council Member Brekhus present at 11:27 AM.

Gordon Gossage

The following individuals (1 in favor, 10 in opposition, 2 concerned) were present but did not wish to speak:

Wolfie Jr. Wolf  
Geoff Chapman  
Erin Devlin  
Patty Cowles  
Myriam Ruland  
Lana Little  
Virginia Mathews  
Jennifer Santos  
Patt Brown  
Andrea Sullivan  
Penny Whittaker  
Linda Russ

Christine Bonnett

For the record we received 13 comments which were general in nature or not directly associated with an agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on July 26, 2023. 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.

1 in favor, 7 in opposition, 5 concerned from the following individual(s):

Dana Miller  
James Crowder  
Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins  
John Maddalon  
Jennifer Jaquich  
Michelle Connelly  
Bridget Pincolini  
Caryn Swobe  
Anna Tyner  
Glenn & Pamela Gray  
Tom Wulf  
William Griggs  
Laura McDowell-Boyer

2 voicemails were received, transcribed, and provided to the Reno City Council:

Randy Short  
Anonymous

#### **A.4 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) – 26 July 2023**

City Manager Thornley requested that Item D.2 be withdrawn, and that Item D.1 be taken out of order and heard before Item B.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

#### **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 - New Alcohol – Nick the Greek, Bridger Johnson, 5140 Kietzke Lane, Suite A - Dining Room Wine and Beer [Ward 2]

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.2** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License - New Alcohol – Silverada Event Center LLC, Jesus Perez, 1755 Silverada Boulevard – On-Premises Alcohol, Cabaret [Ward 3]

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.3** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Change of Location – Recycled Records, Michael McDonald, 4048 Kietzke Lane – Secondhand Dealer [Ward 3]

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.4** ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – New Alcohol – PKWY Tavern, Jonathan Fine, 219 University Way – On-Premises Alcohol [Ward 5]

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:09 PM.

Council Member Reese was absent upon reconvening.

Item pulled by Council Member Ebert for discussion.

Council Member Ebert requested a staff presentation.

Lance Ferrato, Director of Business Licensing, gave the staff presentation for Agenda Items B.4 and B.5 and answered questions from Council.

Council Member Brekhus stated she is having difficulty with zoning compliance. She discussed the Downtown Action Plan to pivot away from a gaming downtown environment. We have had conversations about why downtown has not been able to thrive and a big supposition for her is that everyone is waiting for their game day payoff. This property just got a game day payoff of 197 slot machines with no requirement that they are going to have anything else. That is not consistent with the Code. The Code says if you are going to reestablish a gaming use, you are going to come into some requirements through a conditional use permit by the City Council. City Council needs to reclaim the ability to look at this property in totality. They have lapsed and lost their conforming use. This permit is not on the right process. We need to require a conditional use permit to reestablish gaming on this property.

Council Member Taylor asked for confirmation from staff that the gaming license never went away.

Mr. Ferrato stated that is correct.

Mayor Schieve stated she thinks Council Member Brekhus is right. We want this project to success and the City has to be a partner in what that looks like. We need them to come in and give us an idea of where they are going and what is happening. We want to be very cognizant of the gaming aspect of it. If we approve this, we are doing it the opposite way. We should have a plan of what's happening in place and then the gaming comes in later.

Council Member Duerr asked for clarification on what is non-conforming.

Mr. Ferrato explained this property was built prior to any of the regulations around conformance for unrestricted gaming so them not having 300 hotel rooms makes them non-conforming.

Council Member Duerr discussed past plans for a hotel or student housing on this property that did not end up happening and expressed concern with the potential to end up having just this one type of gaming in a central legacy location. She asked about the possibility of taking a step back and finding out what more as a business they are bringing and whether it is in our purview to ask that.

Mr. Ferrato stated the applicant, Jonathan Fine, is available to answer questions.

Council Member Brekhus stated zoning says you need a conditional use permit where this body applies discretion in the resumption or expansion of a non-conforming gaming use and going from 16 slots to 197 is an expansion of a gaming use. We would be giving up a lot of other public objectives with the way staff processed this application. Council needs to not approve this and hold the discretion to help downtown move in the

direction that we need to in the partnership.

Council Member Ebert agreed with previous discussion regarding the need to review plans for this location.

Mr. Ferrato stated the applicant is available to answer questions.

COUNCIL MOVED ON TO AGENDA ITEM B.8 AT THIS TIME TO ALLOW LEGAL COUNSEL TIME TO LOOK INTO A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH MAYOR SCHIEVE.

Items B.4 and B.5 were reopened.

Mayor Schieve made the following disclosure:

Madam Mayor, fellow city council members and Madam Clerk, Item B.4 involves the approval of a privileged business license for Jonathan Fine. In my private life, I have retained Adam Hosmer-Henner, a partner at McDonald Carano, to sue certain individuals for invasion of privacy and related civil claims. I understand that McDonald Carano represents Mr. Fine.

I just recognized this potential conflict of interest, and sought guidance from the City Attorney's Office. In an abundance of caution, I will be abstaining on this item. Madam Clerk, please accept this disclosure and lodge it on the record for this meeting and subsequent meetings pertaining to this Agenda item.

I will step out of the room. Thank you.

Mayor Schieve absent at 2:59 PM.

Jonathan Fine, applicant, responded to comments regarding this application and discussed plans for this location. He stated he is not opening a slot parlor. He wants to get tenants and retail down there as well.

City Manager Thornley recommend Item B.4 and B.5 be continued until staff is prepared to answer the questions that were asked today regarding any additional permitting that may be required.

Discussion on the motion:

Council Member Taylor stated she will not support the motion and that she believes in Mr. Fine and in revitalizing downtown.

It was moved by Jenny Brekhus, seconded by Naomi Duerr, to continue.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [4 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jenny Brekhus, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Duerr, Brekhus, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	Kathleen Taylor
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

**B.5 *SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS* - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – New Non-Restricted Gaming – PKWY Tavern, Jonathan Fine, 219 University Way – 197 Slot Machines [Ward 5]**

Item pulled by Council Member Ebert for discussion.

Lance Ferrato, Director of Business Licensing, gave the staff presentation for Agenda Items B.4 and B.5.

Mayor Schieve gave the following disclosure:

Madam Mayor, fellow city council members and Madam Clerk, Item B.4 involves the approval of a privileged business license for Jonathan Fine. In my private life, I have retained Adam Hosmer-Henner, a partner at McDonald Carano, to sue certain individuals for invasion of privacy and related civil claims. I understand that McDonald Carano represents Mr. Fine.

I just recognized this potential conflict of interest, and sought guidance from the City Attorney's Office. In an abundance of caution, I will be abstaining on this item. Madam Clerk, please accept this disclosure and lodge it on the record for this meeting and subsequent meetings pertaining to this Agenda item.

I will step out of the room. Thank you.

It was moved by Jenny Brekhus, seconded by Naomi Duerr, to continue.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [4 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jenny Brekhus, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember

<b>AYES:</b>	Duerr, Brekhus, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	Kathleen Taylor
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.6** ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a sub-grant from Nevada Plants Community Forestry to the City of Reno to plant fruit trees in or near USDA designated Food Deserts in the amount of \$4,000.

Item pulled by Council Member Ebert for discussion.

Suzanne Groneman, City of Reno Sustainability Manager, answered questions from Council Member Ebert and explained how the location was selected to plant fruit trees.

It was moved by Meghan Ebert, seconded by Miguel Martinez, to approve.

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

- B.7** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with Reno Food Systems for Award of American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support senior food insecurity in the amount of \$300,000. (ARPA Funds)

Item pulled by Council Member Ebert for discussion.

Council Member Brekhus absent at 3:20 PM.

Council Member Ebert requested a staff presentation.

Noemi Gomez, City of Reno Community Relationship Program Manager, did not have a staff presentation but was available to answer questions.

Council Member Ebert stated she wanted to highlight this program and is happy this is something we will be able to do.

Council Member Brekhus present at 3:21 PM.

It was moved by Meghan Ebert, seconded by Miguel Martinez, to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Meghan Ebert, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember

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

- B.8** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with Volunteers of America for Award of American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support the purchase of the Hi-Way 40 Motel, in the amount of \$350,000. (ARPA Funds) (Ward 3) [Ward 3]

Item pulled by Council Member Taylor for discussion.

Council Member Taylor stated she wanted to call attention to this item because there is some unique information. The report states preference will be given for those with mental health needs. She requested staff presentation on how this project will work.

Monica Cochran, City of Reno Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development, answered questions from Council regarding this project.

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, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Devon Reese

- B.9** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department (RPD), for Crime Lab Services for FY 23/24 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. (General Fund)

Item pulled by Council Member Duerr for discussion.

Council Member Duerr pulled this item so the public is aware of what we are spending our money on.

Kathryn Nance, City of Reno Police Chief, gave the presentation and answered questions from Council.

Chief Nance answered questions from Council Member Brekhus regarding the history of Reno getting their own crime lab.

Council Member Brekhus discussed the need for a plan each year on that progress when this comes up. She expressed concern going year after year funding Washoe County for this service. Washoe County should be providing this is a regional service like they always did. She will vote no on this to start the conversation that she does not

think the Council should be going year after year paying Washoe County without knowing where our progress is on this. We need to get regional services from Washoe County and the crime lab was always a regional service.

Council Member Ebert absent at 3:27 PM.

Council Member Duerr stated that is a good point and there is a conversation to be had about financial equity.

The motion on this item was delayed until after Item B.10 in order to have enough Council Members present to pass a motion.

Discussion on the motion:

Chief Nance confirmed for Mayor Schieve that some of this funding can go toward cold cases. She explained that private labs would be used for the geneological side of cold cases.

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

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

**B.10** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Contract with Blue Cover Six, LLC (BCS) for innovation and technology support to the Reno Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$120,000. (General Fund)

Item pulled by Council Member Brekhus for discussion.

Council Member Brekhus asked Chief Nance what services Blue Cover provides to us.

Kathryn Nance, City of Reno Chief of Police, answered questions from Council and explained the services that are provided. She also explained why these functions are not in-house.

There was discussion regarding updates needed for the My RPD App.

Mayor Schieve present at 3:31 PM.

Council Member Ebert present at 3:34 PM.

It was moved by Jenny Brekhus, seconded by Hillary Schieve, to approve.

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

- B.11** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization to join the City of Henderson Contract #23614 to purchase Emergency Medical Supplies and Equipment from Boundtree Medical for the Reno Fire Department pursuant to NRS 332.195 (Joinder provision) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. (General Fund)

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.12** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the FY24 City of Reno Fire Department light duty vehicle, equipment, and associated outfitting purchase, pursuant to Chapter 332 of the Nevada Revised Statutes joinder, competitive bidding provisions, and the City Purchasing Policy in an amount not to exceed \$287,000. (General Fund)

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.13** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the Annual Report of the Financial Advisory Board and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Work Plan.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert

**NAYS:**  
**ABSENT:**

- B.14 Staff Report (For Possible Action):** Approval of 23 sponsorship allocations for special events for FY 22/23 based upon recommendations of the Special Events Sponsorship Committee of the City of Reno City Council to include: Artown 2022; Liquid Blue Events; (Reno River Festival 2023, Boneyard Blast XV Softball Tournament 2022), Crawl Reno; (Zombie Photo Under the Arch 2022 & Santas Under the Arch 2022), Latino Arte and Culture; (Fiesta on Wells 2022), Reno Street Food; (Food Truck Friday 2022 & 2023), Great American Craft Fairs; (Fall Fest 2022, Great American Parade 2022, Reno Earth Day 2023, Great American Craft Fair 2023), Great Basin Community Food Cooperative, INC; (17th Annual Seedling Sale 2023), Hot August Nights; (Hot August Nights Main Event 2022), Great Reno Balloon Race; (Great Reno Balloon Race 2022), National Multiple Sclerosis Society; (Walk MS: Reno Sparks 2023), Northern Nevada Aquatics; (2022 Silver State Championships Swim Meet), Build Our Center, Inc.; (Northern Nevada Pride 2022), Reno Air Racing Association, Inc.; (National Championship Air Races and Air Show 2022), Reno Races; (Dirty Wookie 10K 2022, Biggest Little Half Marathon 2023, Rock Reno Half Marathon 2022), Desert Sky Adventures; (Reno's Wobble Before you Gobble 10K/5K 2022), Ann Louhela; (Sierra Nevada Lavender & Honey Festival 2022), in an amount not to exceed \$190,000. (Room Tax)

Item pulled by Council Member Duerr for discussion.

Lance Ferrato, City of Reno Director of Business Licensing, explained for Council Member Duerr the process used for approving special events.

Council Member Brekhus stated she has been getting a lot of calls from people with concerns about the events along the river corridor. She played a voice mail from a resident regarding a street closure affecting their trash pickup. Council Member Brekhus stated too many things are falling through the cracks and we need a Special Events Manager. She will vote no because she is very dissatisfied with the management of the functions.

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

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

- B.15 Staff Report (For Possible Action):** Approval to purchase aggregate, sand, and salt by utilizing any joinder contracts, as allowed under NRS 332.195, or the City of Reno's Competitive Bid Process in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.

(Street Fund)

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.16** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval to purchase thermoplastic roadway marking materials, roadway marking paint and reflective glass beads by utilizing any joinder contracts, as allowed under NRS 332.195, or the City of Reno's Competitive Bid Process in an amount not to exceed \$400,000. (Street Fund)

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.17** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval to purchase Crack Sealant Material and Specialty Asphaltic Materials by utilizing any joinder contracts, as allowed under NRS 332.195, or the City of Reno's Competitive Bid Process in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. (Street Fund)

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.18** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval to purchase reflective sign materials and Telespar sign posts by utilizing any joinder contracts, as allowed under NRS 332.195, or the City of Reno's Competitive Bid Process in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. (Street Fund)

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.19**    ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Garden Shop Landscaping Division, Inc. for the Canyon Creek and Sterling Village Playground Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$210,929.66. (CDBG) [Ward 3, 5]

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

- B.20**    ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Sierra Nevada Construction for the 2023 Akard and Van Ness Street Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$8,236,007. (Street Fund and Sewer Fund) [Ward 5]

Item pulled by Council Member Martinez for discussion.

Council Member Martinez requested a staff presentation for Items B.20 and B.21.

Jonathan Smith, City of Reno Public Works Senior Civil Engineer, gave the staff presentation and answered questions from Council regarding the need for traffic calming.

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

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

- B.21**    ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For

Possible Action): Approval of Consultant Agreement with Eastern Sierra Engineering (ESE) for construction administration services for the 2023 Akard and Van Ness Street Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$543,135. (Street Fund and Sewer Fund) [Ward 5]

Item pulled by Council Member Martinez for discussion.

Staff presentation for this item was included under Item B.20.

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

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

- B.22** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to the Nevada Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to support their mission of promoting and facilitating sustainable economic prosperity through business and community development in the amount of \$1,000. (General Fund) [Martinez] [Ward 3]

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

Resolution 9165 was adopted.

- B.23** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society (NNBCAS) to support their mission to develop and promote Black cultural awareness through Northern Nevada in the amount of \$3,000. (General Fund) [Martinez] [Ward 3]

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember

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

Resolution No. 9166 was adopted.

- B.24** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to Team Incognito of First Robotics to support their mission to help youth embrace STEM and foster their identity in the world of technology in the amount of \$500. (General Fund) [Ebert] [Ward 4]

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [7 TO 0]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

Resolution No. 9167 was adopted.

Consent Agenda was approved with Items B.4, B.5, B.6, B.7, B.8, B.9, B.10, B.14, B.20, B.21 pulled for discussion.

For the record we received 7 comments which were directly associated with a Consent agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 2023. 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.

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

Philip Moore  
Michelle Hamilton  
Carly Norton  
Mallory Nelson  
David Titzel  
Alicia Barber  
Nancy Litchfield

- 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. ABN23-00002 (Carson Lane Abandonment) Request for the abandonment of the right-of-way totaling ±14,025 square feet generally located at the northern terminus of Carson Lane north of the intersection of Orrcrest Drive and Carson Lane. The proposed abandonment area is bordered by: Single-Family Residential - 8 dwelling units per acre (SF-8) to the west; Industrial (I) zoning to the east and has corresponding Master Plan land use designations of Single Family Neighborhood (SF) and Mixed Employment (ME). [Ward 4]**

Council Member Taylor absent at 4:01 PM.  
Council Member Martinez absent at 4:01 PM.

Brooklyn Oswald, City of Reno Development Services Associate Planner, gave a presentation to Council.

Live Public Comment from:

Damien Cole

Mr. Oswald answered questions from Council regarding the request.

Council Member Taylor present at 4:13 PM.  
Council Member Martinez present at 4:13 PM.

Council Member Brekhus absent at 4:13 PM.  
Council Member Brekhus present at 4:15 PM.

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

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

**D Department Items**

**Public Works**

- D.1 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS -*** Staff Report  
(For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the next steps of the Phase One Action Plan of Virginia Street Placemaking Implementation Plan Study and authorization for the City Manager to approve a consultant agreement for Urban Design

Services in an amount not to exceed \$365,000. (American Rescue Plan Funding) [Ward 5]

For the record we received 1 comment which was directly associated with the agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 2023. This comment was written correspondence received via our Reno.gov online public comment form or by email to our office. Copies of this comment has been distributed to the Reno City Council and is available to the public on the Reno.gov meeting portal.

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

Alicia Barber

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

Ms. Pennington confirmed for Council Member Duerr that multiple phases of the project are currently underway.

Council Member Duerr asked staff to address the streetscape furnishing and shade component and the activation renting component.

Ms. Pennington explained plans to evaluate opportunities to add shade, lighting and seating. The idea is to put shade and seating in the areas where it will have the biggest benefit and improve lighting where it is necessary for safety.

Bryan McArdle, City of Reno Revitalization Manager, discussed the Facade and Tenant Improvement Program and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Schieve stated we have to be careful that we are not putting lipstick on a pig. She expressed concern that rent is too expensive for businesses downtown. She discussed issues with people hoarding properties downtown and not maintaining them and stated we need to get the landlords to the table.

Commissioner Taylor noted that the resources have been allocated and we need to get out of the way and let the experts do what needs to be done to make this happen. This agenda item is just about approving the plan to make that happen.

Council Member Brekhus stated the facade improvement money needs to go toward existing tenants and that she does not want to support absentee, deadbeat landlords who could be holding on to property for a jackpot payoff when gaming comes in. Some of the money should be pivoted toward a study of the retail environment and the property ownership environment.

Council Member Brekhus asked City Manager Thornely about the advertising for a marketing professional position.

City Manager Thornley explained for Council Member Brekhus that the marketing professional position is tied to the redevelopment district.

Council Member Martinez asked about some of the action items like public seating and floor activation.

Ms. Pennington explained that as they do the analysis the urban designer will provide them with the best strategy for elevating the space. ADA access will be part of any addition to the sidewalk.

Council Member Taylor asked for clarification again of what we are looking at to approve today.

Ms. Pennington explained that the Facade and Tenant Improvement Program has already been approved by City Council. What staff is asking to be approved today is the urban design consultant agreement for the streetscape furnishing zones, Locomotion Plaza, and the ROW Plaza. She confirmed for Council Member Taylor that within that design plan Council will have another opportunity to see what is included in that. This is just the first step to get where we need to go and there will be a lot more discussion on what is going to be happening downtown. Staff would come back to Council in October with design options.

Ms. Pennington explained for Mayor Schieve that they would hire a consultant from the SOQ list and they are already looking at an urban designer that is on that list.

Council Member Brekhus noted there is no contract attached to the report.

Ms. Pennington explained there is no contract yet. This is for pre-approval for the City Manager to sign a contract with an urban designer.

Mayor Schieve stated the contract should come back to Council and expressed concern that people say they are urban designers but they are really not. She asked for confirmation that if this is approved we will have a consultant that will then put the retail component in place.

Ms. Pennington explained that the retail component would not be done by the urban design consultant.

Manager Thornley further explained what the urban designer would do.

Mayor Schieve stated usually this is on the back end once you have the businesses investing there. She also stated that we do have to have lighting if we want to activate the area and have events. The Facade Improvement Program has got to be attached to a tenant. She stated that she does not want facades touched if it does not go to a tenant.

Ms. Pennington stated that they did a year of outreach to businesses in the downtown core and throughout Reno and one of the things they repeatedly heard about Locomotion Plaza was it is not equipped with what is needed to activate it.

Mayor Schieve noted that we are not just talking about that but about that whole area.

Ms. Pennington explained there is cost saving in combining an urban design plan with the work that has to be done on Locomotion Plaza.

Council Member Reese stated he is trying to have a broader perspective on economic development. He expressed support for the decision to hire an urban design consultant. As we move further down the road we will have the opportunity to answer some of the more specific questions raised today.

Council Member Duerr expressed concern with subsidizing rent. The options for consultants include some actual urban design firms and staff is heading in the right direction. She is a little apprehensive about creating another public space when we have been challenged to activate the public spaces we already have. She would not prioritize the ROW Plaza because it is another space that would need to be activated. She noted that City Plaza is not on the list and it is on Virginia Street. She would like to see money invested in our City Plaza in terms of shade rather than build out a whole ROW Plaza.

Council Member Ebert asked questions regarding the percentage of vacant storefronts downtown, the total amount the City has set aside for this program, and what happens if we don't use all the funds.

Mr. McArdle clarified that they are not requesting approval of the facade program today as that funding was already approved under the ARPA funds.

Council Member Brekhus stated she looks for contracts and agreements in the meeting packets and suggested staff could have attached a sample contract that would have made this item less confusing. She asked why the City Plaza is not the number one priority.

Ms. Pennington explained that it is prioritized for design and pilot activation after this phase partly because it is larger and needs more capital. To be able to spend this money quickly we need projects that are complete and the City Plaza is a bigger project that will require more capital and more planning.

Council Member Brekhus stated she is not comfortable doing urban design improvement to property owned by the world's largest gaming company. Gaming companies do their own urban design. They are also long time lessees of the ballroom. Improving private property, not having a scope, and not having a programming plan is where she is having a hard time with this item.

Mayor Schieve stated she will support this but would like this to come back to Council to discuss details of the Facade and Tenant Improvement Program and the retail aspect.

Council Member Duerr suggested the possibility of working on designs for the City Plaza even though we don't have the funds to do it yet. She stated if we are working on the ROW, it should be open to the public because we are spending public dollars.

Discussion on the motion:

Council Member Brekhus stated she will not support the motion because the City Plaza is not a priority, it involves the investment of public funds in property owned by the world's largest gaming company, and it involves a contract that is over \$300,000 delegating signature responsibility to the City Manager for a contract she has not read.

Manager Thornley clarified for Mayor Schieve this is not approving the purchase of furniture for the ROW Plaza, it is a contract to have a professional design firm design the spaces. He confirmed that before anything is purchased it will come back to Council.

Mayor Schieve agreed with some of Council Member Brekhus's comments and stated that Caesars Entertainment should invest in that.

Council Member Duerr stated she is not in favor of purchasing furnishings for the ROW Plaza. Given that, is it possible to begin planning for the City Plaza on this contract.

Kerri Koski, City Engineer, stated they would not include City Plaza at this point but they hear loud and clear that it is a priority.

RECESS

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Devon Reese, to approve the next steps for Phase One of the Virginia Street Placemaking Study Implementation Plan and authorization for the City Manager to approve a consulting agreement for urban design services not to exceed \$365,000.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Devon Reese, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Reese, Duerr, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jenny Brekhus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

## City Manager's Office

- D.2 Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) presentation on Reno Tahoe activities and initiatives to include but not limited to results from a recent visitor profile study.

Withdrawn at by Manager Thornley under Item A.4 – Agenda Approval.

**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 reappointment and/or appointment of up to three individuals to the Reno City Planning Commission from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Manny Becerra, Gary Cecil, Nash Emrich, Brad Johnson, Matthew Kaempfe, Audrey Keller, Elliot Malin, Jennifer McCarthy, Jacob Mwanza, Kerry Rohrmeier, Elton "Mac" Rossi, Alex Velto (Reappointment) and/or Jacob Williams.

Manager Thornley made the following recommended appointments:

Kerry Rohrmeier, Ward 2 Appointee

Manny Becerra, Ward 3 Appointee

Alex Velto, Mayor Re-Appointee

Council Member Brekhus stated she cannot support the re-appointment of Alex Velto because of his conflict of interest in being the labor attorney for one of our bargaining groups. He has had to pull out of too many serious votes related to that conflict.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve Manager Thornley's recommended appointments.

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

**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 Brekhus expressed concern regarding the management of special events. She stated that in lieu of having a Special Events Coordinator to text when neighbors are texting her, she has been in communication with her liaison and the Assistant City Manager and Reno Direct but it is problematic to have this many special events and not have a staff member handling it exclusively.

**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.)**

Live Public Comment:

Damien Cole

For the record we received 11 comments which were general in nature or not directly associated with an agenda item after 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 2023. 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.

2 in favor, 6 in opposition, 3 concerned from the following individual(s):

Andrea Sullivan  
Sarah Porter  
Brett Torvinen  
Barbara S. Dimmitt  
Chris Bell  
Jennifer Santos  
Audrey M. Keller  
Brendan Schnieder  
Kelly Persich  
Marla Miller  
John Skow

**K Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Miguel Martinez, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember

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