



MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Reno City Council

Wednesday, September 27, 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

It was moved by Kathleen Taylor, seconded by Miguel Martinez, to approve Council Member Duerr as the presiding officer.

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

Meeting called to order at 10:09 AM.

A.1 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

Mayor Schieve and Vice Mayor Reese absent at roll call.

Council Member Martinez in attendance virtually.

A.3 Public Comment

A.3.1 Public Comment

Live Public Comments:

Jeff Edgar on behalf of Tree Fund
Jonathan Cain on behalf of Tree Fund
Terry Brooks
Chris Buckley
Megan O'Farrell

MAYOR SCHIEVE PRESENT AT 10:27 AM

Ilya Arbatman
Tara Tran
Jake Maynard
George Campagnoni
Iris Jehle-Peppard
Serene Townsell

For the record we received 6 comments which were general in nature or not directly associated with an agenda item prior to 4:00 p.m. on September 26, 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, 0 in opposition, 4 concerned from the following individual(s):

Adam Cates Pioneer Center of Performing Arts
L.B. Youngblood
Reno News Now
Anonymous
Phillip Roberts
Tara Black

A.4 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) – 27 September 2023

City Manager Doug Thornley requested that Item B.21 be continued.

It was moved by Naomi Duerr, seconded by Kathleen Taylor, to approve with Item B.21 continued.

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

B Consent Agenda (All consent items may be approved together with a single motion,

be taken out of order, and/or be heard and discussed individually.)

- B.1** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Cabaret – Pigeon Head Brewing, Bryan Holloway, 840 East 5th Street. [Ward 3]

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

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

- B.2** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Cabaret – Daddy’s Tacos NV, Valentine Lovelace, 4840 Mill Street, Suite 7 -8. [Ward 3]

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

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

- B.3** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – On-Premises Alcohol, Cabaret – Rio Nilo, Julio Vargas Paez, 2600 South Virginia Street. [Ward 1]

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

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

- B.4** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – On-Premises Alcohol – Wonder Bar, Angela Kennedy, 1195 S Wells Avenue, Suite 7 -8. [Ward 3]

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

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

B.5 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Secondhand Dealer – Patio Furniture, Saul Cruz, 2950 Bobby Drive [Ward 3]

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

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

B.6 *SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS* - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Restricted Gaming 4 Slot Machines – United Coin Machine dba Century Gaming Technologies dbat Metro Market, Timothy Cogswell, 595 Booth Street. [Ward 1]

Item pulled by Council Members Brekhus and Ebert for discussion.

COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR ABSENT AT 11:24 AM

Lance Ferrato, City of Reno Director of Business Licensing, answered questions from Council Member Ebert regarding the justification for approving this so close to a high school.

COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR PRESENT AT 11:28 AM

Mr. Ferrato answered questions from Council Member Brekhus and confirmed City Council has the authority to deny the request or add conditions.

Council Member Brekhus discussed some of the history of this location. The one time this has come before for analysis the Planning Commission said they want to keep out some of these adult uses and to me the adult use of gaming across from a high school is reason to say no gaming devices. The fact that we already have restrictions on them through the Planning Commission in terms of licensing an adult activity, I'm willing to state this is a use I am not comfortable with and to not approve this license.

Council Member Duerr discussed distancing requirements for various other things and expressed concern with this being across the street from a high school.

It was moved by Jenny Brekhus, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to deny.

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

B.7 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Privileged Business License – Restricted Gaming 8 Slot Machines – Sartini Gaming LLC db at Reno Sportsdome, Phyllis Gilland, 2400 Tampa Street. [Ward 4]

Item pulled by Council Member Ebert for discussion.

Lance Ferrato, City of Reno Director of Business Licensing, answered questions from Council Members Ebert and Brekhus.

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

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

B.8 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization to purchase new factory ammunition for the Reno Police Department from Salt Lake Wholesale Sports utilizing the Joinder provision of NRS 332.195 and the Nevada State Contract 99SWC-NV23-15157 in an amount not to exceed \$324,474. (General Fund)

Item pulled by Council Member Ebert for discussion.

Reno Police Chief Kathryn Nance answered questions from Council Member Ebert.

Council Member Ebert noted that several items included in the invoice are not included in the pricing sheet provided to verify the cost of those items.

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

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

- B.9** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant Award TS-2024-RPD-00059 from the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the City of Reno Police Department to support enforcement of laws related to impaired driving in the amount of \$61,135.

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

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

- B.10** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant Award TS-2024-RPD-00060 from the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the City of Reno Police Department to support enforcement of laws related to pedestrian safety in the amount of \$65,000.

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

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

Item pulled by Council Member Ebert for discussion.

Kathryn Nance, Reno Chief of Police, answered questions from Council Member Ebert regarding how these funds may be used. She confirmed the plans will be tailored to meet the needs based off of data collected.

- B.11** ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Aspen Developers Corporation, for the Boynton Slough Slope Stabilization Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,661,339. (Sewer Fund)

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

RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert

NAYS:	
ABSENT:	Devon Reese

- B.12** ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Construction Services Agreement with Atkins, North America, Inc., for the Boynton Slough Slope Stabilization Project in an amount not to exceed \$234,518. (Sewer Fund)

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

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

- B.13** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Consultant Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for engineering services related to the Reno Stead Water Reclamation Facility Secondary Clarifier No. 2 and No. 3 Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$223,024. (Sewer Fund)

Item pulled by Council Member Brekhus for discussion and Council Member Taylor for disclosure.

Council Member Taylor made the following disclosure:

Madam Mayor, fellow city council members, and Madam Clerk, in the interests of full transparency on Item B.13, I am disclosing that HDR Engineering is a current client of my consulting firm, Taylor Made Solutions.

On this matter I have sought guidance from the City Attorney's Office. I have been advised that I have a substantial and continuing business relationship with HDR Engineering, and therefore, a commitment in a private capacity to the interests of HDR Engineering.

Here, Item B.13 seeks approval of a \$223,204 consulting services agreement with HDR Engineering for engineering services related to the Reno Stead Water Reclamation Facility Secondary Clarifier No. 2 and No. 3 Rehabilitation Project. As such, I have been advised that the independence of judgment of a reasonable person in my situation would be materially

affected by my current contracts with HDR Engineering.

Accordingly, I will not 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 these agenda items.

Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR ABSENT

Nick Brothers, City of Reno Utility Services Associate Civil Engineer, answered questions from Council Member Brekhus regarding MGD. He clarified they are using the new facilities but are not increasing flow.

Trina Magoon, City of Reno Utility Serves Director, answered questions from Council Member Brekhus regarding the timeline for the American Flat APWF Project. It should be complete by early 2028.

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

RESULT:	Pass [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Duerr, Brekhus, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	Devon Reese

- B.14** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval to purchase a pre-fabricated restroom building from Public Restroom Company for Sierra Vista Park using the Sourcewell Contract #081721-PRM in an amount not to exceed \$202,930. (Community Development Block Grant Funds) [Ward 5]

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

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

- B.15** ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of binding the City's insurance policies including

Excess Liability, Excess Workers' Compensation, Property Coverage including Difference in Coverage, Pollution Liability, Auto Physical Damage, and Cyber Liability, from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$3,400,000. (Risk Management Fund)

Item pulled by Council Members Ebert and Brekhus for discussion.

COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR PRESENT AT 11:47 AM

Adria White, City of Reno Risk Manager, presented the staff report.

Vicki Van Buren, City of Reno Director of Finance, answered questions from Council Member Brekhus regarding the budget and risk fund. The insurance premium is budgeted separately. The budget is built to anticipate having five million dollars in reserves. One and a half million is typically budgeted for things that may come along like settlements.

Ms. White answered questions from Council Member Ebert regarding the ability to make a claim for the Record Street facility. She explained the property policy does not cover wear and tear.

City Manager Thornley answered questions from Council Member Ebert regarding what would be considered a triggering event where a claim could be made on the Record Street facility and why the building has not been maintained.

William Deeb, AON Services, answered questions from Council Member Ebert regarding mold coverage.

City Manager Thornley responded to questions from Council Member Brekhus and stated we did not file a claim for vandalism and water damage. The cost of the premium has very little to do with whether or not we should or should not file a claim against the policy. He stated there has been no discussion regarding using the space for ballpark parking. The premium is going up because the building is vacant and the building is vacant because it costs on average half a million dollars just to have it open and we do not provide programming or services in this space.

Mr. Deeb explained for Council Member Duerr that the cost of insuring a vacant building is more than the cost of insuring a building that is not vacant.

Discussion on the motion:

Council Member Brekhus stated in the future these should not come so close to our expiration date. The fact that the CAC is vacant and costing us money really should have been front-loaded by a discussion of what we are going to do with that building and not have executive authority telling us how it's going to happen.

City Manager Thornley clarified that they did have direction from City Council to effectively close this building.

Mayor Schieve stated she is glad to see cyber security in the policy.

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

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

- B.16** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Interlocal Contract with Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) to reimburse the City for housing placement services in an amount not to exceed \$752,832.

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

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

- B.17** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Agreement with Volunteers of America (VOA) for housing placement services in an amount not to exceed \$752,832, with funding provided by NNAMHS. [Ward 3]

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

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

- B.18** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the Amended Investment Policy for the City of Reno and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Reno, Nevada.

Item pulled by Council Member Brekhus for discussion.

This item was opened and heard with the Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting Agenda Item B.1.

Vicki Van Buren, City of Reno Director of Finance, presented the staff report.

Council Member Brekhus referred to section 5.1 Responsibilities of the City Council and the Agency Board and stated she has not been receiving monthly Investment Reports.

Ms. Van Buren stated we do have monthly Investment Reports sent out and they are available on the website as well.

Council Member Brekhus stated she has not been getting the monthly Investment Reports. I voted against the change that the Council approved of receiving the monthly budgetary reports and I am going to just keep this year's theme to my colleagues is budget oversight. I want a dashboard every month of how we are when the C tax comes in I want to know every quarterly how the property tax is coming in. I want to know how the budgets are going. This Investment Report is a big concern. I have not been seeing those either. She asked about a penalty to the IRS for arbitrage.

Ms. Van Buren responded there is no penalty for arbitrage that she is aware of.

Council Member Brekhus expressed concern adopting a policy with a statement that we are reviewing these monthly Investment Reports that she has not been getting.

Ms. Van Buren stated she will looked into that.

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

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

B.19 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution approving Major Fund Designations for Fiscal Year 22/23.

Item pulled by Council Member Brekhus for discussion.

Vicki Van Buren, City of Reno Director of Finance, presented the staff report.

Resolution No. 9195 was adopted.

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

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

B.20 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Report of Special Assessment District Lien Sale held on August 16, 2023.

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

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

B.21 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 continued.

B.22 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution establishing regular Reno City Council meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year and the month of January 2025; together with other matters properly relating thereto.

Resolution No. 9196 was adopted.

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

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

B.23 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to the Sierra Battle Born Chapter of Women in Aviation, International in support of Girls in Aviation Day from Councilmember Duerr (\$1,000) and Councilmember Taylor (\$1,000) in the total amount of \$2,000. (General Fund) [Duerr] [Taylor] [Ward

5] [Ward 2]

Resolution No. 9197 was adopted.

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

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

- B.24** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary Funds to the Truckee Meadows Community College Foundation in support of their Kickstart Tailgate Fundraiser in the amount of \$500. (General Fund)
[Reese] [Ward At-large]

Resolution No. 9198 was adopted.

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

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

The Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting was opened at this time.

Council Member Duerr commented on Item B.9 thanking the Reno Police Department for continuing to look for grants that will help with enforcement.

Live Public Comment:

Louis Magriel commented on Item B.15.

One comment was received and distributed to City Council in favor of women's aviation.

Consent Agenda Items B.1 through B.24 were approved with Item B.21 continued and Items B.6, B.7, B.8, B.10, B.13, B.15, B.18, and B.19 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.)

C.1 *SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS* - Staff Report

(For Possible Action): Discussion and potential direction to staff regarding submission of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant Programs for Program Year 2022 for the City of Reno and Washoe County HOME Consortium to HUD.

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

City Clerk Huntsman stated that proper notice was given and no correspondence was received.

Jayna Litz, City of Reno Management Analyst for Housing and Neighborhood Development, gave a presentation to Council.

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

Live Public Comment:
Louis Magriel

Mayor Schieve asked Ms. Cochran to respond to comments made during public comment. She also answered further questions from Council.

MAYOR SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 12:53 PM

Natalie Handler (via Zoom)

Council Member Duerr discussed the importance of transparency and asked for information on when we became aware of the mold issue.

City Manager Thornley stated we became aware of the mold two and a half weeks ago.

Council Member Brekhus asked Ms. Cochran if she has a redline document of the wording changes she is suggesting get folded in to the submitted document.

Ms. Cochran stated she does not have a redline version. She also stated there has been a 30 day public comment period and all public comments received in the last 30 days will be incorporated.

Council Member Brekhus noted the way the motion is written we are approving this and she wants a cleaned up document. She will suggested some text language related to the CAC and she has other questions as well. Page 19 you said there were three rental households that were assisted with rehabilitation. That is unusual to assist renters with rehabilitation. I want to know the nature of those and make sure that we weren't shoring up improvements to deadbeat, abusive landlords.

Ms. Cochran stated she is referring to rehabilitation with HOME funds and those are renters because they are multi-family.

Council Member Brekhus asked that the context of those be incorporated and responded to in the document. The concept of where does the City work, in housing or in the human services space; I have a long history on that. I came to the Council from working for the Nevada Housing Division on a contract and doing the housing and when I came on I really understood the way the federal dollars flow and that's why I started very early saying no, I will not vote for these interlocals with the County on the social human services. They are funding it the most, they need to be the lead agency. Over three or four years of that no vote, we finally did execute with them. But the question was always this transitional bridge housing. You reflected that possibly when we pivot a little bit sometimes our performance measures drop down. The pivot off of the five year as related to some of these programs needs to be a policy discussion here. It's just not adequate in my view to say well we entered into an interlocal that they're going to do this. Then we need to talk about our role in that space and the space that I have always seen is that we do transitional and bridge or we contract with others. That is the conversation I want to have because it was always this blurred area. This body needs to discuss the bridge transitional housing responsibilities that we have in light of this funding.

Ms. Cochran responded stating that the bridge and transitional housing was a program that we operated with some of our CARES funding dollars. Those funding sources sunsetted as did the program. It was always intended to be that way. Our action plan is brought to Council each year and in the last two years we put our ESG funds toward rental and deposit assistance for those vulnerable citizens. That was a decision by Council so we did have that discussion.

Council Member Taylor stated that in this space, not only is the City of Reno a leader, we are the leader in rental assistance in the region and we do three times as much as our partners. Is that accurate?

Ms. Cochran confirmed that is accurate.

Council Member Martinez stated he is looking forward to the conversation we will be having about the CAC. He asked about missing information in a table on page 16.

Ms. Cochran stated she will go back and look at those charts and see what he is referring to and report back on that information before document is submitted.

Council Member Duerr asked that the final report be sent to Council report before it is submitted.

Council Member Ebert asked if the final document can be brought before it is submitted.

Council Member Duerr stated that based on the due date they will not be able to bring it back. If Council sees an error or problem when we get the final report, let staff know.

Council Member Brekhus stated we did know this federal money was not going to last forever so to me that signals a ripeness to have a discussion as we normalize in our times where we are. I would like to have seen the CAPER a little more rich on some of that and a discussion of transitional bridge resources. Where the tense was changed about the CAC, I would like to see that sentence revised to state it was operated between these months, it is currently vacant, and the City Council has an intention in the third quarter of 2023 to make decisions about the future use of that property.

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It was moved by Jenny Brekhus, seconded by Meghan Ebert, to approve submission of the Program Year 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to Housing and Urban Development with the amendment that the page characterizing the use of the CAC is defined for the months, the purpose in a statement that the City Council will in the fourth quarter of 2023 have a discussion about the future use of that building.

RESULT:	Pass [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Meghan Ebert, Councilmember
AYES:	Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	Hillary Schieve, Devon Reese

D Department Items

City Manager's Office

- D.1 ***SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS*** - Nevada National Guard presentation on its connection to local government and related coordination.

Major General Ondra L. Berry gave the presentation.

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

F Ordinances - Adoption

- F.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Case No. LDC23-00055 (Diaz Masonry) Ordinance Adoption – Bill No. 7248 Ordinance to amend Title 18, Chapter 18.02 of the Reno Municipal Code, entitled "Zoning," rezoning a ±0.65 acre site consisting of three parcels located on the north side of Western Road, ±170 feet east of its intersection with Panther Drive from Single -Family Residential - 8 units per acre (SF-8) to Mixed Employment (ME); together with matters which pertain to or are necessarily connected therewith. [Ward 4]

RECONVENED WITH MAYOR SCHIEVE AND COUNCIL MEMBER REESE ABSENT

Ordinance No. 6663 was adopted.

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

RESULT:	Pass [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Meghan Ebert, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	Hillary Schieve, Devon Reese

G City Clerk

H Mayor and Council

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

None

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.)

None

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

For the record we received 3 comments which were general in nature or not directly associated with an agenda item after 4:00 p.m. on September 26, 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.

0 in favor, 0 in opposition, 3 concerned

K Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.

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

RESULT:	Pass [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kathleen Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Meghan Ebert, Councilmember
AYES:	Duerr, Brekhus, Taylor, Martinez, Ebert
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	Hillary Schieve, Devon Reese