A special meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, April 24, 1991, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mary Teixeira Mayor

Tom Fettic Supervisor, Ward 2 Greg Smith Supervisor, Ward 1

Tom Tatro Supervisor, Ward 3

Kay Bennett Supervisor, Ward 4

STAFF PRESENT: John Berkich City Manager

Michael Griffin District Judge

Michael Fondi
Kiyoshi Nishikawa
Noel Waters
Annette Mankins
Marlene Wendell
Chris Coleman
Katherine McLaughlin
Chris Coleman
Chris Coleman
District Judge
Clerk-Recorder
District Attorney
Judicial Technician
Division Chief
Recording Secretary

(B.O.S. 4/24/91 Tape 1-0015)

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Mayor Teixeira called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Waters lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. The entire Board was present constituting a quorum.

DISTRICT COURT I AND II (1-0025) - Judge Griffin briefly reviewed the budgets, noting the changes from previous years' budgets. Potential problem areas were noted. Judge Fondi further elaborated on the differences between the two Court budgets. Mayor Teixeira commended them on their efforts to hold the budget line. Judge Fondi explained a FAX machine which the City would receive for the Courts. The computer access for researching laws was included in the tentative budget. The potential increase in administrative fees for capital items was noted. The need for handicapped access and increased caseloads were discussed. Mayor Teixeira commended the Judges on their assistance in resolving the Public Defender situation.

JUSTICE COURT/MUNICIPAL COURT (1-0318) - Supervisor Fettic noted his conflict of interest concerning Judge Willis' supplemental request priority one. Therefore, he would abstain from discussion and action on this item. Copies of the new supplemental requests were distributed to the Board and Clerk. Judge Willis reviewed his budget, noting areas of concern, and outlined his supplemental requests. Discussion included the procedures for handling the parking fines and proposal to have a collection agency handle the parking fines. Associate Municipal Judge Jackson explained a legislative proposal for a second municipal court. Last year he had agreed to wait for a clerical position. A ruling made by Judge Griffin dismissing the charges against an individual indicated that he could no longer continue to do without this position. His comments compared Carson City's growth and caseloads with surrounding areas. Judge Griffin urged the Board to correct the staffing situations at both the Justice Court and District Attorney's offices. Board comments noted the trickle down effect created by law enforcement on the Courts and District Attorney's functions. Judge Willis felt that space could be found in the present building, however, he felt that the time was right for consideration of using the building across the alley. This proposal would be discussed further under the District Attorney's budget. Supervisor Tatro

requested his supplements for upgrading the Senior Court Clerk and the Court Clerk II positions as well as the half-time Clerk and Court Clerk I positions be placed on the wish list. Discussion also ensued on other supplemental requests which had not been made such as the need for additional security measures at the Justice and Municipal Courts. Supervisor Fettic suggested that Judge Willis invite a Board member or two to attend his court when 15 or 20 prisoners are being arraigned. Clarification noted the cost of the upgrades. Mayor Teixeira thanked the Judges and staff for attending.

BREAK: At 6:10 p.m. a five minute recess was taken. When the meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m. the entire Board was present constituting a quorum.

JUVENILE COURT (1-1626) - Juvenile Court Master Jackson elaborated on his safety concerns. His desire to utilize a retired Deputy Sheriff as a volunteer bailiff when available was explained. He agreed that a part-time position would be acceptable if a full-time position is not. In response to Supervisor Fettic's question, Ms. Walker explained that there were no funds available for on-going items and only \$45,000 for capital acquisition and \$100,000 for capital projects. One position had been cut to reach this funding. Supervisor Fettic then requested the part-time bailiff be added to the list. Mayor Teixeira requested he prioritize this request and determine the cost. Juvenile Master Jackson then explained his other supplement requests. Mayor Teixeira suggested an administrative charge be assessed to cover clerical needs. Juvenile Master Jackson explained that there is an administrative fee now being assessed, however, there are some concerns about the uses to which the funds could be utilized. To date he has used his fees for software. He then reviewed the balance of his budget. Mayor Teixeira thanked him for his assistance with the budget and reminded him to submit the requested information.

SIERRA FOREST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (1-2308) - Sierra Forest Fire District Administrator for the Western Region Dave Frietas distributed his budget summary to the Board and Clerk. The ad valorem rate is the same as last year's. A reserve has been established for the procurement of large fire apparatus and will be carried forward until adequate funds are available. Discussion ensued among Mr. Waters, Ms. Walker, Nevada Forest Service Fire Warden Lodi Smith, and the Board on the status of research on the underpayment of funds to the District, cost of the last wildlands fire, total cost of the fire protection, the coming fire season, the Volunteers In Prevention Program as well as other programs offered by the District, and the budget. Supervisor Smith expressed his support for the program and satisfaction with it. Comments stressed the partnership arrangement under which the fire protection was offered. The Sierra Ridge Volunteers were explained. Division Chief Coleman explained that the City volunteers are not paid but are provided protective clothing and health exams. Mr. Frietas invited the Board to visit the station.

JUVENILE DETENTION/PROBATION (2-0095) - Chief Probation Officer Bill Lewis reviewed the Probation budget, noting those items which may be affected by proposed Legislation. The software package was explained also. His part-time Saturday Supervisor is funded with the administrative fees. If the funds are used for the Juvenile Court, Mr. Lewis would request General Fund support for this statutorily mandated position. This was not included in his supplementals. The caseload increase was noted. His interaction with the Legislature was also explained. Discussion noted the age of the juveniles, the growing 18 to 21 caseload, and need for a Boys and Girls Club. His supplemental requests included funding for interpreter services. Supervisor Bennett again stressed her feeling that funding should be provided for training employees to be bilingual rather than to hire bilingual individuals. She also stressed her feeling that bilingual employees be hired but not as interpreters. His final supplement was for an expansion or larger building. Discussion noted that the purchasing warehouse could not be located to the corporate yard at this time due to the lack of a facility at that location. Mayor Teixeira requested the part-time interpreter be placed on the list. (2-0850) Mr. Lewis then reviewed the Detention budget including

the increased caseload. The only supplemental request was for a part-time cook. Mayor Teixeira put this request on the list also. Mr. Lewis then expressed his concern about the Legislative proposal on the Children's Home and hope that this matter is addressed without City funding. Mayor Teixeira commended Mr. Lewis and staff on their work.

BREAK: A ten minute recess was taken at 8:30 p.m. When the meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m. the entire Board was present constituting a quorum.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS (2-0975) - Mr. Berkich explained an effluent spill which had occurred at the golf course. He felt that effluent had reached the River and the City may incur EPA fines or citations. Supervisor Bennett expressed her preference to be advised before the press. Mayor Teixeira noted that he had become aware of the problem this afternoon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (2-1055) - Chief Louis Buckley distributed copies of a new supplemental request to the Board and Clerk. His total supplemental requests totalled \$324,871. Clarification noted that the new supplemental request had been approved by the Internal Finance Committee and was included in the budget. Discussion noted the need for a second Lifepak 10, which was a replacement and already in the tentative budget. Chief Buckley then explained his budget and supplemental criteria. Clarification then noted that items three through six had been included on the list. Chief Buckley then requested the Board allow his staff to present the other supplemental requests as a opportunity to understand the Departmental needs and services. Supervisor Bennett expressed her feeling that fund raisers should be utilized to fund some of the supplemental requests. Her suggestion would be similar to the fund raisers held by the Hospital Auxiliary. Chief Buckley expressed a willingness to solicit donations for these items. Mayor Teixeira explained his reluctance to have the Fire Department/Personnel solicit such donations. He felt that the Warren Engine Volunteers should solicit or hold the fund raisers. Chief Buckley took exception to the feeling that the fire inspections would be intimidating or biased if donations were not made. Mayor Teixeira requested the program be presented to the Board before solicitations are made. Chief Buckley then explained that the Volunteers had been having fund raising activities but those funds were used for their purposes and not for the Fire Department. Supervisor Bennett commended the Department on its goals and objectives. ensued on the reasons for the supplemental requests for washing machines and dryers. Supervisor Fettic felt that \$1500 should be found for the pots and pans and directed that they be placed on the list along with the kitchen chairs. Division Chiefs Bob Macias, Ted Berrum, Steve Mihelic, and Chris Coleman explained the supplemental requests with flip charts. The need for two additional Fire Marshalls were discussed at length. Board comments stressed the feeling that cross training should be utilized. Supervisor Fettic placed one on the list. Chief Buckley also expressed support for the Sheriff's request for Discussion indicated the desire for the staff to contract medical two communication operators. examinations for the Fire Department as well as the Sheriff's Department. Supervisor Tatro requested the \$1300 for exams be added to the first cut list. (3-0021) Supervisor Bennett requested funding for the upgrade in personnel tests added to the list. Ms. Walker suggested that the Board of Appeals be volunteers and not funded. Chief Buckley then expressed a willingness to submit a written brief on any items not discussed. Mayor Teixeira felt the supporting documentation was very definitive and that the Board should contact him if there is a question. Discussion ensued concerning fire extinguisher inspections. Supervisor Smith requested an explanation of the ladder testing procedures. Supervisor Bennett commended Chief Buckley on the level of professionalism and standards of excellence being exhibited by his Department.

BREAK: At 8:50 p.m. a ten minute recess was taken. When the meeting reconvened at 9 p.m. the entire Board was present constituting a quorum.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (3-0740) - Mr. Waters noted the savings in his budget. He felt that he would be able to make the requested five percent reduction in the budget. Concern was expressed about the witness fees even though he may be able to stay below the funding level this year. He then explained the impact on his office created by the expanded Sheriff's office, his specialized programs, and the increased Highway Patrol activities, which was similar to the increases found in the Courts and Juvenile Probation. The child support case worker position funded last year, related Federal grants, and his office's role in collecting the child support payments were discussed. Fees assessed against the debtor were noted and did not reduce the overall obligation. The on-going public information program on child support services and the recent audit were explained. The Civil Division will soon need another Deputy District Attorney and may be submitted with next year's budget. The Deputies salaries and his secretarial staff were discussed. Mr. Waters' number one priority was for a Legal Secretary I for the Criminal Division. His third priority was for additional office space. Ms. Walker elaborated on the staffing level and caseloads of the District Attorney's office as compared to the Public Defender's office. Board comments stressed the desire to place these items on the list. Mr. Waters then explained his second priority which was for an investigator. The need for this individual became quite evident after having had the services of a Deputy Sheriff who was on permanent medical disability and being retrained under SIIS. He felt that this person was filling the gaps and should be kept. Supervisor Fettic requested this item be placed on the list also. More discussion ensued on the supplemental request for relocation of the District Attorney's office, including the cost per square foot, location, advantages of that site, and an area which Justice Court could utilize. Discussion ensued on the City owned property which had not been developed and the potential for constructing a facility on it for the amount of rent paid by various Departments including the supplemental request for a \$50,000 van. The cost of the conduit for the computer system was also added into these figures. Board comments added the relocation to the list. Supervisor Tatro continued to stress his feeling that creative financing should be utilized to address the need and a facility constructed. Mr. Berkich stressed that all Departments had a space crunch and his willingness to bring these needs to the Board as soon as directed, however, was preparing to do so after the Legislature adjourns. Mayor Teixeira expressed his feeling that the electorate should only be approached after all other revenue sources have been exhausted. Supervisor Bennett acknowledged the concerns and expressed her feeling that the parking issues were being addressed. She felt it was an embarrassment to see the conditions under which the District Attorney was laboring. She, too, felt the \$8,000 rental fee should be utilized for other purposes if possible.

Supervisor Fettic then expressed his feeling that he should make an apology for his comments yesterday related to his choice of words related to the "Chinese drill". He apologized to the Board and to anyone who was offended by the comment.

Supervisor Tatro then moved to adjourn. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Teixeira adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

The Minutes of the Special April 24, 1991, Carson	ARE SO APPROVED ONJune_6,					
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	/s/ Marv	Teixe	eira, Mayor			
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Kiyoshi Nishikawa Clerk-Recorder						