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The City Council of the City of Elko, State of Nevada met for a regular meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Johnson.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Present: Chris J. Johnson

Council Present: Councilman John Rice *left at 6:10pm*
Councilwoman Mandy Simons
Councilman Robert Schmidlein
Councilman Reece Keener

City Staff Present: Curtis Calder, City Manager
Scott Wilkinson, Assistant City Manager
Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director
Aubree Barnum, Human Resources Manager
Dawn Stout, Administrative Services Director
Jonnye Jund, Accounting Manager
Jeremy Draper, Development Manager
Mark Gibbs, Airport Director
Cathy Laughlin, City Planner
Matt Griego, Fire Chief
Rich Genseal, Police Lieutenant
Ted Schnoor, Building Official
Mike Haddenham, WRF Superintendent
Bob Thibault, Civil Engineer
Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director
Dave Stanton, City Attorney
Rich Barrows, Special Counsel
Diann Byington, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. **ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

There were no public comments.

The minutes were approved by general consent.

II. PERSONNEL

A. Employee Introductions:

- 1.) Mike Haddenham, WRF Superintendent, WRF

Present and introduced.

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital Updates by Mr. Rick Palagi, and matters related thereto. **INFORMATION ONLY-NON ACTION ITEM**

Rick Palagi, NNRH, spoke about the hospital, recent events, services and providers. He handed out a Community Report and some flyers regarding services being offered (Exhibit "A").

Councilman Keener asked about the grant funding that will pay for flight service through Elko AirOne through MedX AirOne.

Mr. Palagi answered a private donor has paid the membership fees for Elko County residents. Anyone that has a county address is covered.

Councilman Schmidlein asked where Elko AirOne is going to be staged at. If it is staged at the hospital helipad how do the other providers bring in patients?

Mr. Palagi answered they would be able to move the helicopter if it is on the pad when a patient arrives. They hope to have a hangar there in the future but they will also be able to use a hangar at the airport if needed during inclement weather.

Mike Smith, Last Chance Road, asked if we will have to purchase insurance from all three of the providers in the area now.

Mr. Palagi answered when he talks about insurance he is talking about a membership. You would want to have a membership with all three because they cannot honor a membership with another company. The Elko AirOne membership is paid for through a private donor.

Councilwoman Simons thanked Mr. Palagi for the great information but she has some other concerns. She mainly hears comments about doing something about the hospital, which she has no control over. It is concerning to our citizens because the hospital revenues are published in the newspaper. The citizens are being charged a lot of money (a lot more than other hospitals) for services. Citizens feel if they are going to pay premium prices they should also get premium service. We need to find a way to have affordable quality care at the hospital.

Mr. Palagi agreed that the charges are high. They need to look at ways to moderate the prices. His team is working on those prices. He would love to sit with someone that has a complaint or concern.

Councilman Rice brought up people's experience with the out-of-pocket expenses collections. There appears to be a disconnect between the business office and the collectors that are working out of Tennessee. Is there a way you can make the communications more effective?

Mr. Palagi said he became aware of this problem when he came to Elko. We outsource our billing to some big outfit. They are the ones that send out the notices. The State of Nevada gave us a challenge to state on the billings that we are "a debt collection agency." We since changed the language on the billing so that people do not think they are being turned over to a collection agency. Complaints have gone down regarding the billing.

III. APPROPRIATIONS

- D. Review, consideration, and possible approval to award a bid for the Ruby Vista Reuse Pipeline Replacement Project, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Council approved soliciting bids at the August 23, 2016 meeting. A bid tally sheet is attached for Council consideration. RL

Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director, explained we received 5 bids on the project. The low bidder was Ruby Dome Construction but they omitted one document (Certificate of Debarment) from the packet. Mr. Rich Barrows was asked to give his legal opinion on the matter.

Rich Barrows, Special Counsel, said the low bidder factually has not been disqualified or debarred from bidding but did not submit with the bid the form certifying to that. The requirement to submit the form is a city requirement, rather than a statutory requirement, the city has the discretion to waive that requirement. Bottom line he recommended waiving that situation and save the taxpayers about \$32,000.

Todd Schwandt, Acha Construction, had some issues with this. One of the bid documents included in the bid specifications and required by the city to be part of the bid by all bidders is a form. Ruby Dome submitted the certification after the bid opening. They did not submit the document before as required. We have to draw the line about what is being required. If the city's bidding documents required this document at the time of bid opening but it was not included then what is the point in having the bid documents. The bid is unresponsive in his opinion.

Councilwoman Simons asked what the document is and have we accepted bids without this document before?

Mr. Limberg answered the document was the Certificate of Debarment. In this instance, Ruby Dome did submit their contractor's license showing it was in good standing and weren't debarred, but they did not include the Certificate of Debarment, which is a different document. He didn't recall a time specifically regarding this bid document. On the bid tally sheet you will see that there were errors of one fashion or another in four out of five of the bidders. It would be nice if they were all filled out perfectly but it is common to see errors.

Councilman Rice recalled there have been other instances where we waived the errors and accepted the low bid.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Keener, to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the letter from legal counsel, Richard G. Barrows, dated September 29, 2016, as the council's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and Ruby Dome's bid be accepted conditioned upon its timely compliance with all requirements in the bid specifications, including submittal of a signed contract, proof of required insurance and bond. The award will include alternates 9A and 10A for a total project cost of \$130,660.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

After the motion but before the second and the vote, Mr. Limberg asked that alternates 9A and 10A for a total of \$130,660 be included.

Councilman Rice amended his motion to reflect Mr. Limberg's request.

Councilman Keener seconded the motion.

Council voted on the motion.

- E. Review, consideration, and possible ratification of the Elko Police Chief to apply for a Nevada Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000.00). The grant would be used to cover costs associated with hand held electronic citation devices, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Elko Police Department applied for a Nevada Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000.00) on October 4, 2016, to cover costs associated with hand-held electronic citation devices. OTS requires a 20% match = seven thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$7,800.00).

Electronic citation devices are being implemented throughout Nevada Law Enforcement Agencies. Benefits include efficient transfer of data to the courts, Nevada OTS, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In addition, most agencies report traffic enforcement stop detention times are reduced due to faster citation issuance. BR

Rich Genseal, Police Lieutenant, explained the Chief was out and offered to answer any questions.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to ratify the Elko Police Chief's action to apply for a Nevada Office of Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$39,000.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review, consideration, and possible action to accept a letter of resignation from Mr. Matthew Haley from the Planning Commission, and to further authorize Staff to commence with the standard recruitment process to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Cathy Laughlin, City Planner, explained the letter of resignation was included in the packet.

**** A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Rice, to accept the resignation of Planning Commissioner Member, Matthew Haley, and direct staff to begin the recruitment process.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- B. Review, consideration, and possible approval of Map of Reversion to Acreage No. 4-16, filed by Tammy Lowe, for the purpose of reverting to acreage Lots 5, 6, 7 & 8, Block 118, 1st addition to the town of Elko, City of Elko, known as APN 001-053-003 & 001-053-004, located generally south of Sage Street approximately 116 feet west of 5th Street, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The removal of lot lines and combination of the two parcels is required in order for applicant to sell property as one parcel. CL

Ms. Laughlin explained it is two parcels owned by the same owner. The family is trying to sell the property in an estate sale. The vacant parcel is used to access the accessory building in the rear of the property. That parcel does not have sidewalk. We recommend approval with the condition that the applicant complete the installation of the missing sidewalk improvements to the parcel.

**** A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Keener, to approve the Map of Revision to Acreage No. 4-16.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- C. Review, consideration, and possible approval to appoint a candidate to the California Trail Advisory Board, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

There is currently one (1) vacant position open on the California Trail Advisory Board. The City of Elko has received a letter of interest from Ms. Jan Petersen who wishes to serve on this board. CC

**** A motion was made by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilman Rice, to appoint Jan Petersen to the California Trail Advisory Board.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Jan Petersen, Elko, explained she had volunteered before the Trail Center was an actuality. Then she had the opportunity to work there until the funding ran out last year. Now she would like to

serve again on the board that she was on in the first place. This is our project. It was a unique project between the City, County and the Feds. It is a great asset to our community.

- D. Review, consideration, and possible issuance of a permanent Certificate of Occupancy for the property located at 537 South 5th Street, owned by Mr. John Dagley, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The City issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy dated October 7, 1993 for a structure located at 537 South 5th Street. The Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued for a period of 180 days and cited three conditions to be satisfied before a final inspection could be completed. The first condition required completion of the final grade which based on the City approved grading plan would drain runoff from the property to South Fifth Street. That condition has not been addressed. SW

Ted Schnoor, Building Official, explained he is looking at a request from John Dagley to get a permanent certificate for this building. He has had conversations with Mr. Dagley regarding this site and the problems there. He has nothing in his code that says he can waive the conditions of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) and issue a permanent certificate. The main issue is the drainage that would collect the water and move it to 5th St.

Scott Wilkinson, Assistant City Manager, said he is not sure it is physically possible to get that drainage to 5th street the way it was developed. Has there been any discussion with neighboring properties to try to acquire drainage easements where you might have an alternative solution to the staff conditions that were imposed in 1993?

John Dagley said he has been working with the city for some time. On the NW corner of 5th Street, the city came out and took some elevation shots. There is only one inch of drainage from the south corner of the building out to the street. He has had conversations with the neighboring owners and they all say they want to sue him. We could put in a water and grease/oil/water separator but that would mean that the water would have to go into the city sewer. When he bought the property, nothing was presented to him that there were any issues at all with it. Mr. Cortez built this as a residence and then converted it to a business. There were no permits taken out. The floors are settling. The beams have dropped 1.5 inches into the ground. He has gotten two opinions from engineers in town and they do not have good news. He would have to go down almost 30 feet into the parking lot to put in a drain. He has had offers to sell the building but he can't sell it without a permanent C of O. The city has been gracious working with him on this. He needs to know where he stands on this. He was advised that the city has to give him the C of O because it has been so long and the city has not enforced it.

Dave Stanton, City Attorney, said this is an unfortunate situation. In his opinion, a temporary certificate was issued for this property in 1993. It expired without the conditions being met. Since then the property has been used in violation of city code. The city has simply not enforced that condition. If properties are being treated differently that can be a problem. This property has a unique situation. He disagrees with whoever said we have to issue the certificate.

Mr. Dagley said that when he started this years ago, not one of the current council members were on the board. He has never made a demand of the city. He wants this done where we can make

everyone happy so he can get rid of this property. If the city does not allow a C of O, please do not close the building down and allow them to operate until the situation can be remedied.

Councilman Schmidlein asked if there was a storm drain in the vicinity.

Mr. Limberg answered there was one but the difficulty was getting the drop to that drain.

Councilman Schmidlein asked if it would be feasible to put a lift station in.

Mr. Limberg said that has been discussed.

Mr. Dagley said they looked into several options with that. There was a debate as to the jurisdiction; City, County or NDOT. The nearest storm drain is on Bullion. The most reasonable solution was putting the drainage into the sewer line but isn't what anyone wants to do. They looked at putting in a leach line but that would be down 30 ft. The water now is going under the building and to the backside into a field. We can't seem to come up with anything that will help us remedy this.

Councilman Rice asked why the neighbors want to sue.

Mr. Dagley answered the fellow to the north is an apartment building that is down is a hole. The water comes off his property and washes out the hillside into the apartment building. He isn't sure why Mr. Uribe why wants to sue him.

Councilman Rice said it seems as though that the solution at hand is the sewer one.

Mayor Johnson said you can't discharge storm water into a sanitation drain.

Councilman Rice asked if the city has any authority to work with neighbors for a drainage easement to help remedy this.

Mr. Stanton said the city has the authority to discuss the issue with the neighbors and mediate a solution.

Mr. Wilkinson said the solution is to have some infrastructure in that corner that captures all of that surface run off, drop it down in elevation and take it out to that dead end street.

Councilman Rice feels there are some negotiable solutions that will cost some money. Without a solution you don't have an asset. It is worth staff time to see if some sort of easement can be negotiated and what the cost would be.

Mr. Stanton noted if the city would expend money it would have to serve a public benefit. We can't buy an easement to serve just a single property.

Councilman Rice felt it was a health and safety issue because it is affecting people downstream.

Councilman Keener thought Councilman Rice was suggesting that the city be a catalyst to help find a solution.

Mayor Johnson felt this was a private issue. The City of Elko's role is to ensure the quality standard is in place and issue the C of O. We need to treat all properties the same across the board. This is a no-win situation and we need to be careful.

Councilman Rice suggested Mr. Dagley engage a professional real estate agent to look for other creative solutions. We look for engineering options and you look for options on the private side. We are between a rock and a hard place.

Mr. Dagley agreed and he is stuck too. No one wants to buy a piece of property that they will have to spend over \$300,000 in order to use it. He asked the city not red-tag the building.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilman Rice, to direct staff to seek solutions for the drainage issues associated with 537 S. 5th Street and hopefully engage neighbors in the area and be able to come up with a solution that can be presented to the board.**

The motion passed. (3-2 Mayor Johnson and Councilwoman Simons voted no.)

After the motion and before the vote, Councilwoman Simons said this is why she always votes no on any curb, gutter and sidewalk protest. We have to be fair to everybody. She is not willing to budge and wants complete fairness.

Mayor Johnson said one thing he likes about Elko is that when you come to council meetings everyone wants to help. When we look at this type of issue, this is not a City of Elko problem. The solution has to come from the property owner. He can't support the motion. He isn't concerned with closing the building. He wanted to keep the process moving but doesn't agree with staff looking for a solution.

Mr. Wilkinson envisioned that effort. They had a site plan approved that directed the drainage to N. 5th Street. He didn't envision the staff being anymore involved with that than any other developer or redeveloper. It would be minimal and we wouldn't be doing any engineering. We need to take a look at some grade differences and the possibility of the drainage going off the property.

Councilman Rice didn't think they were asking staff to do anything more than Mr. Wilkinson described.

Councilman Schmidlein asked that the motion be restated.

Diann Byington, Recording Secretary, read her notes. "Seek solutions for drainage issues and engage neighbors and come up with a solution."

Councilman Keener noted he didn't say to provide a solution. He said seek a solution. This is a unique circumstance that he has not encountered since being on this board. This is effecting the neighbors. He felt if the neighbors were contacted by city staff they may get a different response. It is worth staff spending a little bit of time looking at what the options would be.

Councilman Schmidlein wanted to see drawings for the staff to review.

Mr. Dagley said if there was another opportunity for another meeting with the city, he has already worked with Lostra and AAA Engineering. He has also gone into great depths with Mr. Limberg to find a suggestion as to how to remedy this. We have all the information we can gather on solutions.

Mr. Limberg encouraged Mr. Dagley to attend the Thursday morning Development Meetings at 8:30 am.

Council voted on the motion.

- E. Review, discussion, and possible action to support or not support Statewide Ballot Questions 1 - 4, consisting of the Background Check Initiative (Question #1), the Initiative to Regulate and Tax Marijuana (Question #2), the Energy Choice Initiative (Question #3), and the Medical Patient Tax Relief Act (Question #4), and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

In summary, Ballot Question Numbers 1 and 2 propose new statute or amend existing statute and qualified for the ballot through initiative petitions filed in 2014. Both petitions were presented to the Nevada Legislature in 2015 but were not acted upon and therefore will be presented to the voters. Ballot Question Numbers 3 and 4 propose amendments to the *Nevada Constitution* and qualified for the ballot through initiative petitions filed in 2016. If successful at this election, these questions will appear again on the 2018 general election ballot. Although a complete summary from the Nevada Secretary of State has been included in the agenda packet for review, each Ballot Question has been listed below for possible City Council action to support or not support each individual question. CC

Question #1

Shall Chapter 202 of the *Nevada Revised Statutes* be amended to prohibit, except in certain circumstances, a person from selling or transferring a firearm to another person unless a federally-licensed dealer first conducts a federal background check on the potential buyer or transferee?

Question #2

Shall the *Nevada Revised Statutes* be amended to allow a person, 21 years old or older, to purchase, cultivate, possess, or consume a certain amount of marijuana or concentrated marijuana, as well as manufacture, possess, use, transport, purchase, distribute, or sell marijuana paraphernalia; impose a 15 percent excise tax on wholesale sales of marijuana; require the regulation and licensing of marijuana cultivators, testing facilities, distributors, suppliers, and retailers; and provide for certain criminal penalties?

Question #3

Shall Article 1 of the *Nevada Constitution* be amended to require the Legislature to provide by law for the establishment of an open, competitive retail electric energy market that prohibits the granting of monopolies and exclusive franchises for the generation of electricity?

Question #4

Shall Article 10 of the *Nevada Constitution* be amended to require the Legislature to provide by law for the exemption of durable medical equipment, oxygen delivery equipment, and mobility enhancing equipment prescribed for use by a licensed health care provider from any tax upon the sale, storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property?

Mayor Johnson wanted to have a discussions and handle this informally.

Curtis Calder, City Manager, asked Dave Stanton to weigh in on the statutory requirements as to spending public money in support.

Dave Stanton, City Attorney, read the statute NRS 281.A520(1)(a). “A public officer or employee shall not request or otherwise cause a governmental entity to incur and expense or make an expenditure to support or oppose a ballot question.”

Mayor Johnson read Question No. 1.

Stewart Walker, 265 Country Club Place, is a volunteer for NRA Nevadans for Freedom. He has lived in the community for 14 years. He is here to encourage voters to vote no on No. 1, which is a gun control initiative spearheaded by former New York City Mayor, Michael Bloomberg. The point of this initiative is not safety. The point is control. The National Institute of Justice is on record saying this is not enforceable without a national gun registry. Ballot Question No. 1 will criminalize a majority of safe gun transfers between legal gun owners. This measure has been implemented in other states and the results promised by the supporters failed to materialize. The best research shows that 80% of firearms used for criminal purposes are obtained illegally. There is a consensus that this measure will not make us safer. Among Nevada sheriffs, not one supports the initiative and sixteen have come out against it. At the state level, the Governor and Attorney General have come out against the measure. This will not enhance our safety.

Mayor Johnson said Pete Goichechea noticed this was on the agenda and left him a message. He would support a “NO” vote on Question No. 1.

Councilman Keener said he likes to follow the money and see who is funding it. When you hear about Bloomberg’s support for this that automatically turns him off on the face of it. This being a rural community, most all of us own fire arms of some sort and we follow the laws. Criminals will not follow the law. Nothing will be accomplished by passage of this other than just adding more regulation.

Mr. Walker said 1.5 years ago he was walking into Kmart. There was a man standing there asking people to sign a petition. The first one was to get an initiative on the ballot to get marijuana legalized. The other one was about keeping guns out of the hands of felons. This person was misleading as to the purpose of the initiative. He didn't mention any of the inconveniences this would impose upon the citizens of the State of Nevada. He only said this will keep guns out of the hands of felons.

Lee Cayton, White Rock Canyon, is a firearm enthusiast. He felt this initiative serves no purpose other than being a first step to confiscation. This should not be allowed.

Councilman Rice thought Question No. 1 is a reasonable question and he is in support. It is important to note that this was brought to the legislature and they declined to do anything. Legislative bodies won't listen to gun control matters in chambers. He felt this will be opposed here. The elected officials get pressure from the NRA. The retired law enforcement agencies of Nevada support this and see this as reasonable gun control. You can manipulate words. If this were to pass, law abiding citizens would be criminal if they continue to engage in the current practices. You won't make someone a criminal by passing this law.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice for City Council to support Question No. 1.**

The motion fail for lack of a second.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, for an up and down vote on Question No. 1.**

Councilman Rice was in favor; Mayor Johnson, Councilmen Keener and Schmidlein, and Councilwoman Simons were opposed.

Mayor Johnson read Question No. 2.

Councilman Rice didn't think this was in the best interest of the citizens of Nevada. The latest polls he looked at said this will pass. We won't have any choices. He blames the legislature for putting us in this position. We have to keep in mind that we elected people to go to the legislature to help us solve problems and they wouldn't even consider this. Now we have some bad legislation in our hands.

Councilman Keener said he drafted a letter regarding Question No. 2. He would like to have support of council to submit this as a letter to the editor. (Exhibit "B")

Mr. Walker is a retired P&P officer. He was not speaking on behalf of the NRA. He is strongly against marijuana for recreational uses. Law enforcement officers will all tell you that marijuana, based on their experience, users begin their drug habits with marijuana and then move on. He talked about a brochure he brought (Exhibit "C") in opposition of Question No. 2.

Councilman Rice would like the letter to be cited. He felt this information is disputable.

Edits to the letter were discussed.

Cathy McAdoo, 134 W. Maple Street, noted Councilman Rice has used the phrase, “health and public safety.” Perhaps that can be used in the letter. She asked that they endorse a no vote on Question No. 2.

Councilman Schmidlein agreed there are no winners. The workforce will suffer the most with increased unemployment. Law Enforcement has endless battles. The THC from the 60’s to now is 20 times stronger. This will open up the gateway to introduce people to drugs they formally didn’t have an interest in. Nevada will have an increase of cartels and criminal activity.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, with respect to the draft letter, striking out paragraphs 2 and 3 that have the Colorado references, and modify the sentence at the end to read “Our own Elko Chief of Police recognizes the perils of legalized pot and the dangers it poses to our community’s health and safety.” With those changes, this letter be accepted for the City Manager to submit to the Elko Daily Free Press.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

**** A motion was made by Mayor Johnson for an up or down vote on Question No. 2.**

All council members were opposed.

BREAK

Councilman Rice left at 6:10pm.

V. 6:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Review, consideration, and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 29-16, a resolution of the Elko City Council adopting a change in zoning district boundaries from GI (General Industrial) to IC (Industrial Commercial) for one parcel, APN 001-630-017, located generally on the southwest corner of River Street and 12th Street, filed by Big Foot Holdings, LLC and processed as Rezone No. 6-16, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Planning Commission considered the subject zone change request on September 6, 2016 and took action to forward a recommendation to City Council to adopt a resolution which conditionally approves Rezone No. 6-16. CL

Cathy Laughlin, City Planner, explained the conditions and recommended approval.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Schmidlein, seconded by Councilman Keener, to adopt Resolution No. 29-16 with the Planning Commission recommendations.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

IV. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

- G. Consideration of a request from REACH Air Medical Services to participate in a countywide municipal site plan for air ambulance services, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

A copy of the request and supporting materials have been included in the agenda packet for review. CC

Chris Baird, 801 Murray Way, Program Manager Reach Air Medical Services, spoke about a municipal site plan to allow Elko County residents to be covered under their membership services. Reach purchased the existing helicopter base from Summit Air. About 8 years ago Summit Air brought in a fixed wing. A number of times during the year, helicopter service suffers, in both the summer and the winter. Helicopters are nice but they do not work well for every scenario. We offer pad to pad services but sometimes that doesn't happen in the summertime due to performance limitations. NNRH will have the same limitations that we have since they are purchasing the same equipment that they have.

Gina Facinetti, Membership Sales Manager with Reach, said they have the largest membership nationwide with over 2.5 million members. We have over 240 aircraft stationed in 32 states. We own all of our partners. Elko is one of the busiest bases. Flights can be very expensive. Even with insurance, the national average out-of-pocket for a flight is between \$7,000 and \$10,000 that people end up paying on that bill. That is a lot of money that is leaving this community for these flights out of our community. We calculated an average price of \$2.33 for every eligible household in Elko County. We are asking that each municipality in Elko County contribute \$6,305.80 to cover every resident in the county and reduce their out-of-pocket costs.

Dave Stanton, City Attorney, thought there may be legal issues with doing something like this. If council would like to fund this he would like to do some research on this and provide a legal opinion.

Ms. Facinetti said they have municipal site plans in other communities.

Mr. Baird said our membership program is compliant. We have to be able to bring in more money than we write off through our membership programs. We have the largest membership program in the US. We are able to come in and offer a membership program that is compliant because other areas will help absorb that cost and we will still be able to bring in more.

Mayor Johnson asked if the money has to come from the City of Elko or can it come privately.

Mr. Baird answered it can be private. The money does not have to come from the city. We have to solicit no matter where it comes from.

Curtis Calder, City Manager, asked if this would happen, would you be cannibalizing your own membership program. What would the incentive be for people that currently have membership to continue paying full membership?

Ms. Facinetti said there will be an upgraded membership program for \$35 a household. This will just cover members while in Elko County. Those that already have the membership will be covered by the membership across the country.

Councilwoman Simons wanted Mr. Stanton to be onboard and review this first.

Mayor Johnson wanted more information.

Rick Palagi, NNRH, doesn't have a firm opinion about this. Municipalities are faced with whether or not to be involved in this. He is worried about the next company that will come in and ask that the city fund their program. There are a lot of issues with this. Competition is good and we are privileged to have three sources for this service.

Ms. Facinatti said to take into account the money that will stay in the community. If you are going to buy something for the constituents you should look at who would offer the most for the constituents.

Councilman Keener understands the problems. He also wants Mr. Stanton to weigh in on this.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, table the item.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

III. APPROPRIATIONS (Cont.)

A. Review and possible approval of Warrants, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, to approve the general warrants.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

C. Review and possible approval of Great Basin Engineering Warrants, specific to the Cedar Street Reconstruction Project Phase I, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to approve Great Basin Engineering warrants.**

The motion passed. (3-0 Councilman Schmidlein abstained.)

IV. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

Mayor Johnson moved back to Initiative Question No. 3.

Curtis Calder, City Manager, said in essence it will be an electric utility deregulation initiative. Back in the 1990's something similar happened. Now there is a move to deregulate again,

probably driven by the solar industry. If passed it won't become effective; it will have to go to the next election because it is a constitutional change.

Councilman Keener said NV Energy has not been competitive with their rates because they have been mandated to add renewable energy sources. We see all the major casinos bailing out from NV Energy. With bigger businesses leaving NV Energy, this could leave the residential customers still in the system and they will have a larger portion of their bill going to administrative overhead. He thought he may be against this.

Mayor Johnson said he needs to study this one more because he doesn't know enough.

Councilman Schmidlein said he called around town and no one knew more than what was said. He thought it might be more of a competition thing.

Mayor Johnson read Question No. 4.

Councilman Keener thought the consumers of these items are elderly and economically disadvantaged. And those are the ones that are affected by the new Affordable Care Act (ACA) that imposed medical device taxes on certain items. He thought it would be good to provide an exemption for these items.

Mr. Calder said he looked at it. The ACA does deal with some of these issues. Some of these medical devices, you wouldn't think they are very expensive but they are. Insurance companies are picking up a majority of the costs. The sales taxes on these alone would be a good chunk of money. For these types of medical equipment, this would be a nice provision.

Mayor Johnson thought this would be a small amount of revenue but a huge impact to the buyer.

**** A motion was made by Mayor Johnson for an up or down vote on Question No. 4.**

All council members (4) were in favor of Question No. 4.

- F. Review, discussion, and possible action to support or not support Elko County Advisory Question 1, a question relating to motor vehicle fuel tax indexing, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

In summary, Assembly Bill 191 (2015) requires each county, except Clark and Washoe, to ask voters whether the County should impose cost inflation indexed increases to the taxes on motor vehicle fuels.

Although a complete summary from the Elko County Clerk has been included in the agenda packet for review, Advisory Question #1 has been listed below for possible City Council action to support or not support. CC

Advisory Question #1

Shall the Elko County Board of Commissioners enact an ordinance to impose, for the period beginning January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2016, annual street and highway construction cost

inflation indexed increases to the taxes on motor vehicle fuel and various special fuels used in motor vehicles in an amount not to exceed in each year a total of three cents (\$0.03) for every gallon sold in Elko County, with the revenue generated from the increase to be used for the sole purpose of building, maintaining and repairing roads and highways located only in Elko County?

Curtis Calder pointed out there was a typo on the date, ending December 31, “2026.”

Councilman Schmidlein said he attended the RTC meeting last week. Currently we pay a flat fee of \$0.52 per gallon. The Feds get \$0.185. The State gets \$0.185. The County gets \$0.65 and the RTC gets \$.09. In Nevada we pay more money than other states because we have the 18.5 cent tax because we don’t pay state income tax. The State feels we can generate about \$125-\$130 million in Elko County, which would be split between the county and the state. The .03 cents would stay in Elko County. If we don’t approve this it won’t be put on the ballot for another 10 years. We do not retain any tax on diesel, is that correct?

Mr. Calder answered that was his understanding. All diesel tax goes to the federal government.

Councilman Schmidlein said the burden doesn’t just come back to the residents. The people traveling through also pay that tax. Off-road fuel is not part of this. What the mines burn, they are not paying this tax. There is a lot of advantages here. One of the biggest complaints he hears is complaints on the road conditions.

Mike Smith, Last Chance Road, thought if this doesn’t pass then the roads will get worse. He spoke in favor of this question.

Mr. Calder said the County Commission was required to have this on the ballot. If approved it can go into effect. All of the rural counties have this on the ballot.

**** A motion was made by Mayor Johnson for an up or down vote on Advisory Question No. 1.**

All council members (4) were in favor of Advisory Question No. 1.

III. APPROPRIATIONS (Cont.)

B. Review and possible approval of Print ‘N Copy Warrants, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**** A motion was made by Councilman Schmidlein, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to approve Print ‘N Copy warrants.**

The motion passed. (3-0 Councilman Keener abstained.)

VI. REPORTS

A. Mayor and City

Councilman Keener asked about a charge for a plaque. Curtis Calder answered any retirement gets a plaque. Councilman Keener thought the one to Dr. Alleman was really nice. He made a presentation to the Rotary Club for the Centennial Tower fundraiser. Coldwell Banker will make a donation to the tower. Councilman Schmidlein asked if they are recognizing people that donate and Councilman Keener said that needs to be on the agenda.

B. City Manager

Curtis Calder reported League of Cities is this week. Shanell Owen is there and he will be going down on Thursday afternoon.

C. Assistant City Manager

Scott Wilkinson reported on the Sports Complex. The CLOMR has been approved. The Army Corps has no real issues but they are working with SHIPO about the hot tubs. The plan is to be able to go to bid this winter and break ground next spring.

D. Utilities Director

Ryan Limberg reported he attended the second meeting of the Humboldt River Working Group regarding groundwater pumping and surface water flows. The truck loadout building is almost complete. Hot Springs Road project is about 98% complete.

E. Public Works

F. Airport Director

Mark Gibbs recognized two of his employees that received the Hall of Fame recognition from the AAAE ANTN Digicast Organization. In 2014 we joined the AAAE online training program. James Foster and Steve Sauers were in the top 100 out of 25,000 scores.

G. City Attorney

H. Fire Chief

I. Police Chief

J. City Clerk

K. City Planner

L. Development Manager

M. Administrative Services Director

N. Parks and Recreation Director

O. Civil Engineer

P. Building Official

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. **ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

There were no public comments.

There being no further business, Mayor Chris Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Chris Johnson

Shanell Owen, City Clerk



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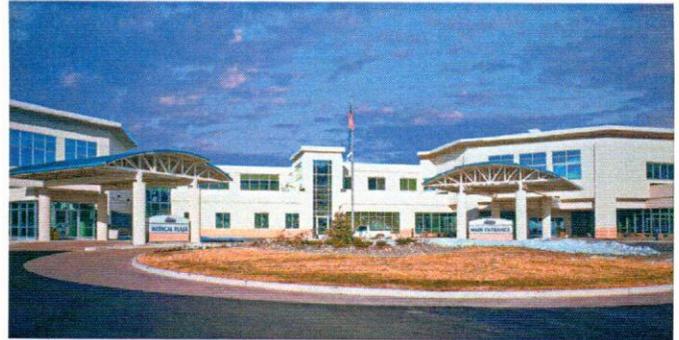
Exhibit "A"

OUR 2015 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY



Rick Palagi, CEO
Northeastern Nevada
Regional Hospital

“As a community hospital, there is no calling higher than serving our friends and neighbors with quality health-care. With the help of dedicated physicians, employees, volunteers and board members, along with your continued support and encouragement, we continue our passionate pursuit of excellence.”



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Capital Improvements	\$ 1,496,014
Total taxes paid	\$ 642,116
Annual payroll	\$ 24,146,308
Average number of employees	305
Helping those in need	\$ 6,090,371

We are committed to ensuring the delivery of needed healthcare to all members of the community, regardless of their ability to pay. Last year, NNRH delivered more than \$6 million in services to individuals without the ability to pay for their care.

New physicians

During the past year, NNRH added five new physicians to our highly respected medical staff, including specialists in pediatrics and obstetrics.

Specifically, we are pleased to welcome physicians who specialize in obstetrics and gynecology (Drs. Scott Curtis and Radhika Sharma), and interventional cardiology (Dr. Rodney Badger). Our new cardiologist has already joined Northeastern Nevada Cardiology, while our new OB/GYN physicians will open Northeastern Nevada Women’s Health in the Fall of 2016. We are looking forward to the continued growth of our medical staff and the scope of services available within our region, and are currently working to recruit physicians who specialize in primary care, oncology and orthopedics.

Thank you for your support

Thank you for choosing NNRH for your healthcare needs. With your support, we are Making Communities Healthier.

OUR MISSION

Making Communities Healthier®

OUR VISION

We want to create places where:

- People choose to come for healthcare
- Physicians want to practice
- Employees want to work

OUR HIGH FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Delivering high quality patient care
- Supporting physicians
- Creating excellent workplaces for our employees
- Taking a leadership role in our communities
- Ensuring fiscal responsibility



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FINANCIAL DATA

Charity and other uncompensated care	\$ 6,090,371
Includes unpaid cost of Medicaid as well as charity care and other uncompensated care	
Community benefit programs	\$ 892,091
Contributions.....	\$ 92,856
Community health services.....	\$ 100,000
Professional development.....	\$ 18,318
Tuition reimbursement.....	\$ 15,225
Physician recruitment.....	\$ 665,692
Taxes paid	\$ 642,116
Property and other taxes.....	\$ 606,662
Local sales tax.....	\$ 35,454
2015 TOTAL	\$ 7,624,578

SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

In 2015, Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital celebrated our 30th Annual Community Health Fair. Participants received free health assessments and tips, had the opportunity to meet with our staff and medical providers, and learned about available services offered by local health organizations. The annual event continues to grow, and we continue to enhance it by expanding our offerings and improving efficiencies.

NNRH is also proud to support through cash and in-kind donations a variety of local organizations that are just as invested in making northeastern Nevada a healthier place to live as we are. In fact, 2015 brought about the establishment of our Community Investment Committee (CIC) – a group of hospital employees from diverse departments and backgrounds who review each investment application and determine what level of funding to award. These compassionate individuals are your friends and neighbors, as well as your potential care providers when you seek hospital services. We couldn't imagine a group of folks that are more committed to their community as those that sit on this committee. Last year the CIC awarded funds to the following organizations:

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Elko
- Board of Regents – GBC Student Nurse Organization
- Carlin Volunteer Fire Department
- Communities in Schools
- Cowboy Poetry
- Elko Anacondas Swim Team
- Elko Area Chamber of Commerce
- Elko Classic Car Show
- Elko Community Concerts
- Elko County 4th of July Fireworks
- Elko County Art Club
- Elko County School District
- Elko County Girls Softball
- Elko High School Boys Basketball
- Elko High School Safe Grad Party
- Elko High School Booster Club
- Elko High School Scholarships
- Elko Lions Club
- Elko Senior Olympic Games
- Family Resource Center
- Festival of Trees
- Great Humboldt Duck Race
- Horizon Hospice
- Mountain View Elementary
- Nevada Division of Child & Family Services
- Northern Nevada Concert Association
- Rotary Clubs of Elko 116 and 205
- Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival
- Ruby Mountain Little League
- Ruby Mountain Relay
- Ruby Mountain Resource Center
- Spring Creek High School Booster Club
- Spring Creek High School Scholarships
- Spring Creek Ruby Mountain Lions Club
- Take Pride in Your Community Day
- The Terrace Senior Center
- Wells High School Project Graduation



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"Charity and other uncompensated care" includes hospital costs not covered by Medicaid reimbursements and supplemental payments, as well as charity care and bad debt. "Physician recruitment costs" include recruitment costs and support of new physicians' initial practice establishment in the community. Payroll includes consolidated salaries, wages, benefits and contract labor costs. "Capital investments" include facility expansions/renovations, equipment purchases, technology replacement, information technology additions/updates, and routine facility upkeep and maintenance.

All references to "LifePoint," "LifePoint Health" or the "Company" used in this release refer to affiliates or subsidiaries of LifePoint Health, Inc.

NNRH Strikes Agreement with Air Medical Transport Company



ELKO — Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital and MedX AirOne announced an agreement Tuesday, which will aid in bringing medical transport and lowering the costs to patients in Elko and Northern Nevada.

“ELKO AIRONE will be based on the helipad at NNRH,” said a press release.

The hospital’s Chief Nursing Officer Alice Allen said the air service will provide a pilot and the hospital will supply the “transfer team,” including a registered nurse.

“They are the flight crew that takes care of the patient while they’re in flight,” she said.

Joel Hochhalter, president and managing member of MedX AirOne, said internal training will be provided for “the medical staff for critical care transport.”

“What that does for us is that really allows great continuity of care,” said Allen, discussing that when a patient receives emergency care by a nurse and potentially a paramedic, the same nurse could possibly take the individual to the transfer facility.

“Both NNRH and MedX AirOne take great pride in providing a unique model of emergent air medical transport that is truly patient centered. The MedX AirOne Membership program, made possible from private sources, will be extended to all permanent residents of Elko County,” stated the release, explaining the same program has been serving Pershing, Humboldt, and Lander counties since last year.

Allen said currently when a patient is transferred to Reno, Salt Lake City or occasionally Twin Falls, Idaho, the local emergency medical service is contacted and the individual is taken to the airport. Then, the patient is transferred to either a helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft.

This flight lands at the destination city’s airport and another ambulance delivers the patient to the hospital.

In essence, the upcoming model allows for the prompt transference of patients, where he or she will go directly from the local ER onto the helicopter, and be flown straight to the new hospital, Allen said.

Additionally, Hochhalter said community members permanently residing in Elko County will not receive a bill for utilizing this air transport. A permanent resident is described as an individual who places Elko County on his or her tax return, not a vacation home.

“The goal is to take care of the patient, and make sure we’re taking care of the community and not strapping people with bills that they can’t pay,” he said.

Once the service is implemented in Elko, help is available across Northern Nevada through MedX AirOne aircraft as the membership covers Lander, Humboldt and Pershing counties.

The aircraft is funded through the company not by the membership, the hospital or the county, said Hochhalter.

“I think the other positive is the subscription that the MedX AirOne has been able to negotiate with a private donor,” said Allen, meaning if the patient flies with the partnered company, MedX AirOne will bill the insurance company but there will not be any copay or out-of-pocket expense for the patient.

“We are ... making it kind of owned by the Elko community. That’s why we’re calling it ELKO AIRONE not the name of our company,” said Hochhalter, describing the “unique model” shows, “We’re out to support the community.”

It is hoped the service will come into effect around November, said Hochhalter. Although, there is not an exact date at this time.

“We want to be involved in the community and do everything that we can to show our total support to not only Elko but all of Northern Nevada,” he said.

Over 2015, MedX AirOne flew more than 300 patients from the area, and has an aircraft based at Humboldt General Hospital, said the release.

Questions about the MedX AirOne membership program can be answered on the company’s website.

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PLEASE VOTE NO ON QUESTION #2

Dear Editor:

It is highly unusual for the Elko City Council to weigh in on a statewide ballot question, but Question #2 is one that deserves special attention. This measure would allow for the legalization of recreational marijuana sales on a statewide basis. There is no provision for cities and counties to "opt out," or prohibit the sale of recreational marijuana if Question #2 passes in Nevada.

The proponents of this measure argue that a 15% excise tax on sales will benefit education in Nevada. In Colorado, the advocates of legalized pot said the same thing. However, the vast regulatory overhead has consumed most of the tax proceeds with a new state bureaucracy in charge of: applicant vetting, worker background checks, production monitoring, inventory accounting, tax collection, auditing, etc.

The promoters of the Colorado law also claimed that this would remove the criminal element from the drug trade, but it has created a criminal fringe with a large black market for exporting the legal product out-of-state. The "financial windfall" for Colorado schools has resulted in offsetting expenses to Colorado's law enforcement and court systems as they have been burdened with new problems.

In Elko, our law enforcement and courts already struggle with an over-abundance of drug-related crime. Advocates of Question #2 argue that legalization of marijuana will enable law enforcement to focus on "hard" drugs and free up resources to pursue more serious crimes. However, this has not been the case in Colorado, as the legalization of pot has brought new issues to their doorstep. There has been a marked increase in marijuana DUI arrests and robberies at the retail marijuana sales outlets (marijuana is a Category 1 drug and is illegal at the federal level, thus it is a strictly cash business). Another unintended consequence has been an increase in the homeless population.

For those that have not given much consideration to the issue, it is important to realize that modern marijuana is a powerful, genetically modified drug that carries exponentially higher levels of THC (the chemical that is responsible for the drug's psychological effects). Passage of Question #2 will mean that in addition to the traditional "smokable" product, there will also be marijuana-laced candies. Legalization of marijuana sends a signal to our children that drug use is acceptable behavior and it opens the door to experimentation through the increased availability of the drug.

The only "winners" in this proposed initiative are the "pot-trepreneurs" that stand to profit from a new industry with huge profit potential. The big losers will be taxpayers and our children, who will be faced with a new set of "adult" decisions about drug use. It is also imperative to note that as the capital of the gold mining industry, recreational marijuana will place a larger burden on mine safety.

This initiative is so potentially harmful to our state that it has wide bi-partisan opposition among our state and federal elected officials. Our own Elko Chief of Police recognizes the perils of legalized pot and the danger that it poses to our community and our police officers.

Please join the Elko City Council in voting NO on Question #2.

Mayor Chris Johnson and the Elko City Council

For more information: www.votenoona2nevada.com

Exhibit "B"

"Prosecutors say the girl seemed intoxicated in school after eating an entire marijuana chocolate bar from Colorado. They found a wrapper in her pocket that said the bar contained 22½ doses of marijuana. The wrapper said the product was, 'Extremely potent. Do not eat all at once.' She said she found the bar in her father's dresser drawer."



THE DENVER POST

"Colorado's laws on labeling and child-resistant packaging have been unable to stop an increase of young kids ending up in the emergency room after accidentally consuming marijuana"

The result of legalizing marijuana is chilling. Children will suffer the most and increased drug use is a huge problem for our community and our families.

Daily Mail

"Parents of 2-year-old boy who died in house fire charged after it's revealed they encouraged him to smoke marijuana ... left without parental supervision in one of the home's bedrooms while their parents smoked weed with friends in another room."

"Clouser admitted to being under the influence of marijuana when she left the child on the roof of her car and drove off. She drove about 12 miles before reaching her destination and realizing the child was missing."



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HOW WILL
OUR CHILDREN?

VOTE NO ON 2.



Exhibit "C"

AFTER COLORADO LEGALIZED MARIJUANA, POT-RELATED ER VISITS OF CHILDREN 9 AND YOUNGER DOUBLED.

"Two children were sent to the ER after getting into a man's stash of gummy candy containing THC, the main psychoactive component in marijuana."



THE DANGEROUS EFFECTS

Legalizing pot in Nevada would mass-market child-friendly, edible pot products, putting them within easy reach of our kids.



Since legalization, fatal crashes where a driver involved tested positive for marijuana have doubled in Washington and increased by 62% in Colorado.

The number of pot related visits of children to the emergency room have doubled, and reports to poison control are up five times since Colorado legalized pot.

Colorado has seen an increase in the number of babies being born THC-positive, the main mind-altering ingredient found in marijuana. One hospital is reporting that nearly half the babies tested in one month had marijuana in their system.

THINK YOUR CHILDREN COULD SPOT THE POT?

"In Colorado, we have seen cartels flourish. They hide behind our laws while pumping marijuana into the black market. I would implore Nevada voters to learn from the lessons we have seen in Colorado and vote No on 2."

- Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman

THE SOBERING FACTS

- Colorado now ranked as the leading state in combined opioid, marijuana, alcohol, and cocaine use.
- Since legalization, drug cartels have set up shop in Colorado. Law enforcement have busted 88 cartels. The Colorado Attorney General stated, "That's crime we hadn't previously had in Colorado."
- Pro-marijuana groups are running on the false promise that marijuana tax money is assured to go to education. Former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb said, "I heard the same promises about money for education, that money is going to marijuana regulation and the pot industry - not students or schools."
- Since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana, youth past month marijuana use increased 20% compared to the two-year average prior to legalization, while nationally youth past month marijuana use declined 4% during the same time.
- Using marijuana as an adolescent increases the risk of addiction from about 1 in 11 overall to 1 in 6 for those who start using in their teens, and even higher among daily smokers.
- Research has shown that teenage marijuana use leads to a permanent drop in IQ between the first puff and early middle age.
- Studies have shown that using marijuana increases the risk of using hard drugs such as cocaine, meth, and heroin.
- Marijuana candy produced today is 10 times stronger than a joint.

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