

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
July 12, 2006**

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT – ITEM 66 – BILL 2006-37

1 **Bill No. 2006-37 – Prohibits within City parks the providing of food or meals as would**
2 **typically be provided in a rescue mission or shelter for the homeless. Proposed by:**
3 **Bradford R. Jerbic, City Attorney**

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5 **Appearance List:**

6 OSCAR GOODMAN, Mayor

7 BRAD JERBIC, City Attorney, City of Las Vegas

8 TOM MCGOWAN, Las Vegas resident

9 LOIS TARKANIAN, Councilwoman

10 BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

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15 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

16 Item 66 is Bill Number 2006-37. Prohibits within City parks the providing of food or meals as
17 would typically be provided in a rescue mission or shelter for the homeless. I believe there is
18 going to be a motion to abey this to the next available meeting.

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20 **BRAD JERBIC**

21 That's correct, Your Honor, I'd be happy to read it very quickly –

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23 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

24 All right.

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26 **BRAD JERBIC**

27 – and then I will, can make a few comments and then we can abey it.

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29 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

30 All right, why – don't you do that, please.

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32 **BRAD JERBIC**

33 Thank you, Your Honor. Bill Number 2006-37 an ordinance to prohibit certain types of food
34 distribution within City parks and provide for other related matters. If I could, Your Honor,
35 yesterday we presented a proposed First Amendment of this Ordinance to the Recommending
36 Committee. The proposed First Amendment took the original language out that was in Sub
37 Section 6 and substituted new language. I'll read it into the record briefly; which would prohibit
38 the following in any City park. The providing of food or meal to the indigent for free or for a
39 nominal fee. For purposes of this paragraph, an indigent person is a person whom a
40 reasonably, ordinary person would believe to be entitled to apply or receive assistance under
41 NRS 428. When that was presented to the Recommending Committee meeting yesterday, Your
42 Honor, the, a member of the Committee commented that, it was felt that that language would
43 prohibit the providing of a meal to an individual indigent person as opposed to a group. I can tell
44 this Council that that is exactly the case. As currently written, if an individual were to show up
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45 at a park, it wouldn't matter if one person showed up to receive food or 20 or 30 showed up, this
46 would prohibit that kind of conduct. If it is the will of the Council to change that or – make that
47 a bigger group than – one, we can make those amendments and I'll be glad to meet with you
48 between now and the next Council meeting to do so.

49 As a result of the Recommending Committee's consideration of the proposed First Amendment,
50 there was a No Recommendation, which sent it to the City Council today. Based on that, Your
51 Honor, we would recommend that this item be held in abeyance for one week. It will still be
52 eligible for adoption at the next meeting. I'd be glad to meet with any concerned members of
53 Council to discuss any further amendments.

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55 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

56 All right. Very good. Thank you.

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58 **TOM McGOWAN**

59 You allow for comment?

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61 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

62 All right, I'll allow for comment.

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64 **TOM McGOWAN**

65 Thank you very much. Tom McGowan, Las Vegas resident. There is a cure for homelessness
66 and not to belabor the issue at this – point, but you will find that my proposal for the Sunny King
67 Memorial Las Vegas Entertainment Walker Family has a very important position that aspires to
68 the cure for homelessness. When I say cure, I'm talking about completely and permanently, not
69 just in the City of Las Vegas, but in all of Southern Nevada. So, you might want to keep that in
70 mind as times proceeds. Thank you very much.

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72 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

73 Thank you. All right, then the recommendation is to abey it to the next meeting and we can be
74 briefed on it in the meantime.

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76 **BRAD JERBIC**

77 That's correct, Your Honor.

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79 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

80 All right. Councilwoman, would you make that motion, please.

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82 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

83 Yes, **I move to abey.**

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85 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

86 Thank you. Let's vote, please. Post.

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88 **END RELATED DISCUSSION**

89 **RESUME RELATED DISCUSSION**

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91 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

92 On that last motion, on Item number 66, Ms. Ronemus, could you post that please. I –

93 don't believe Item 66 is posted, our vote on that.

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95 **BARBARA JO RONEMUS**

96 Yes, it did.

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98 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

99 It was? All right, it carried then. **(Motion carried unanimously with Wolfson not voting)**

100 Very good, then.

101 **(END OF DISCUSSION)**

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