



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 1, 2009

SUBJECT:

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Minutes:

KATHERINE DUNCAN, President of the Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce, questioned the West Las Vegas boundaries. MR. GO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, replied that the majority of the eastern boundaries would be I-15, Oren Gregson Highway on the south, Rancho Drive to the west, south of Lake Mead Boulevard, Koran Lane to the north and up to Carey on the far north. The boundaries have remained the same for many years and as defined in all plans. COUNCILMAN BARLOW verified for MS. DUNCAN that the APAs focus is for all areas of West Las Vegas. MS. DUNCAN asked when the Main Street program will start and what is the next step. COUNCILMAN BARLOW replied that since the plan has been approved, meetings will be scheduled and the process will begin. An expert on the Main Street program will be brought in to help formulate the plan.

KATHERINE JOSEPH was concerned about being issued a parking ticket while she waited to be heard, and who could help. She asked if services will be provided to the homeless during the summer because it is very hot. MAYOR GOODMAN replied programs are available but people do not accept or seek assistance. MS. JOSEPH asked if something could be erected on the empty piece of property on Las Vegas Boulevard to help the homeless. The Mayor replied no.

FRANK COMPARONI stated that a developer is in violation at various properties and provided those addresses. Eighteen-wheelers and paving equipment are parked in front of 4515 Balsam Street. COUNCILMAN ROSS stated that his staff wrote down all the addresses and assured MR. COMPARONI that he will work with COUNCILMAN ANTHONY and the County for a code sweep of that entire area.

TEDDY RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, celebrated the new Mayor at North Las Vegas and remarked that he met with JOHN SCHNEIDER and that DONNY and MARIE OSMOND love him. He stated that the Siegel Suites are bigger than other suites.

ROBERT EAGLE stated that this Council has destroyed the bridge path by its actions. He thanked COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN for considering the residents. He asked that a process be created whereby the residents can meet with the developers without having to argue in front of the Council and not be able to counter allegations and lies. The actions of this Council have finally convinced him to move out of the area. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON indicated that the City has a very open process and the Councilmembers invite people to their offices all the

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time and developers hold neighborhood meetings. MR. EAGLE pointed out that the developer did not design the project as required by the zoning code. MAYOR GOODMAN stated that most of the matters before the Council are resolved before they come to the meeting because of neighborhood meetings. COUNCILMAN ROSS remarked that the ten feet will be used for landscaping to serve as a buffer to nearby residential properties. This particular area has been difficult to balance because of growth and nearby rural properties and huge rights-of-way.

HARRY BAPTISTE stated he is homeless and staying on streets at Foremaster Lane, which the City is trying to close. Agencies try to help, but they have failed. St. Vincent is robbing people by taking their food stamps. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) is spraying chlorine on the sidewalks because of concerns about human feces. He tries to maintain the area's trash cans, break up fights, and helps where he can in his homeless community. Metro has threatened to lock him up. He requested these people be given a chance to find a place to go, perhaps a 24-hour shelter, if allowed to raise money to build it. MAYOR GOODMAN asked him why he wants to remain homeless when he can get help. MR. BAPTISTE replied that, even if there were a chance that a place is found for him and he cannot find a job in three months, he would have go back on the street. He is a concrete finisher by trade, which he can no longer do.

DEANNE WIESNER stated that she and her daughter were assaulted and battered and did not receive protection by Metro nor the courts. She showed a recording to her Councilman of electronic fraud in courts. She asked for the Mayor's help but has not received any. She asked that the Council provide the protection order that she has been told she violated. She is now a spokesperson for the organization that helps battered women/children. She has neighbors married to police officers that batter their wives, but the police officers protect each other. If someone is not arrested for domestic violence within 24 hours, the case is turned over to the District Attorneys Office (DA), but the DA is not prosecuting them because of lack of funding. There is a process to grant a protection order and to have hearings. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT stated that there are people that advocate for battered women. MAYOR GOODMAN asked if he could refer MS. WIESNER to someone for help.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN asked why people were not allowed to speak under Items 41-51 in today's agenda. MAYOR GOODMAN replied that those were not public hearing items, but if someone would come up, he would give them an opportunity to speak. In this instance, no one came up to speak.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:15 P.M.