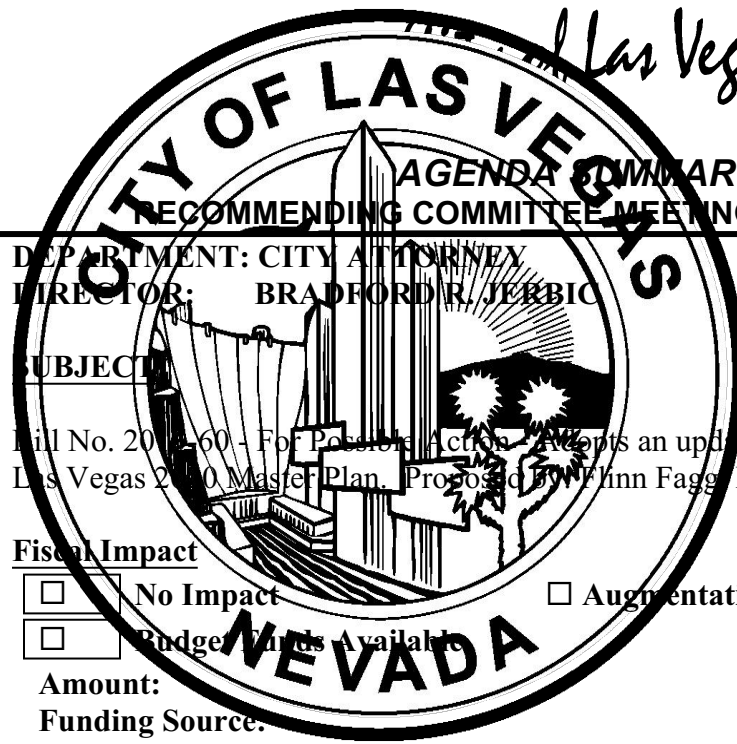




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Agenda Item No.: 3.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: DECEMBER 3, 2013**

**DEPARTMENT:** CITY ATTORNEY  
**DIRECTOR:** BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

**SUBJECT:**

Bill No. 2013-60 - For Possible Action - Appropts an updated Parks and Recreation Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan. Proposed by Flinn Fagg, Director of Planning

**Fiscal Impact**

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting of November 20, 2013, the City Council is scheduled to consider the approval of an updated version of the Parks and Recreation Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan. This bill will formalize the approval, adopting the updated Plan element by means of ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2013-60

Motion made by BOB COFFIN to Approve as a Do Pass

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BOB COFFIN, CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

Before moving onto Item 3, MAYOR GOODMAN welcomed JACQUIE MILLER, as the new Deputy City Clerk with the City Clerk's Office, and declared the Public Hearing open.

FLINN FAGG, Director of Planning, provided a brief presentation regarding the New Bill that will update the Parks and Recreation Element. The goal is to have neighborhood parks within half a mile of all City residents. The underserved areas within Wards 1, 3 and 5 have been identified and listed as a priority for development of parks over the next several years.

Additionally, alternatives have been considered, such as mini parks or plazas. Two implementation items speak specifically to the development of smaller parks to be planned and

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built within walking distance of residents in underserved areas. The document also addresses the development of public urban spaces and plazas within the downtown urban core.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if restrooms will be provided in smaller parks, if they will be locked and what the cost of operation would be. MR. FAGG replied that the Park Element defines the mini park as any park less than one acre in size. There is no standard list of things found in a mini park. The neighborhood park is one to five acres in size with restrooms, on-site parking, shade structures and playground equipment. Restrooms are locked in the evenings. MR. FAGG was not aware of the maintenance cost, as the responsibilities are shared between several departments. However, LARRY HAUGSNASS, Director, Operations and Maintenance, could provide that information. Public Works is responsible for the build out of parks.

MR. FAGG informed MAYOR GOODMAN that the priorities include providing recreational facilities for the underserved areas, as they have been underserved for a long time, as well as new planned neighborhoods. COUNCILMAN COFFIN was pleased that consideration would be given to underserved areas. A big park is not needed to make people happy, as long as shade, playground equipment and a soccer field is provided. Many homes in Ward 3 are beyond repair and these lots could be used for smaller parks with the basics of durable playground equipment, trees and turf that residents can enjoy.

MAYOR GOODMAN wondered if banks that hold foreclosed properties could be encouraged to make a donation to the City. She suggested staff inquire about ownership of abandoned homes and if something could be done with them. MR. FAGG replied that staff could work together with the Parks and Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, as well as the Economic and Urban Development Department, possibly looking at foreclosed properties as a way to locate parks in underserved areas. MAYOR GOODMAN added that it could be a win-win situation for all, especially if properties could be identified in Wards 2 and 5.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.