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Brian Knudsen, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 1)
Victoria Seaman (Ward 2)
Olivia Diaz (Ward 3)
Francis Allen-Palenske (Ward 4)
Cedric Crear (Ward 5)
Nancy E. Brune (Ward 6)



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City Council Minutes

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January 4, 2023
9:00 AM

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

MAYOR PRO TEM KNUDSEN called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: MAYOR GOODMAN (excused until 9:30 a.m.) and COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN, DIAZ, ALLEN-PALENSKE and BRUNE

EXCUSED: COUNCILMAN CREAR

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES, CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JAMES B. LEWIS and CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov; and The Nevada Public Notice website – notice.nv.gov.

3. Invocation - Pastor Jason Adams, Good Samaritan Lutheran Church at the Lakes

Minutes:

PASTOR JASON ADAMS, Good Samaritan Lutheran Church at the Lakes, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Recognition of the Citizen of the Month

Minutes:

MAYOR PRO TEM KNUDSEN felt privileged to recognize KATHLEEN ROBINSON, who is a psychologist with the Clark County School District (CCSD), a model citizen and was to be recognized by the National Association

of School Psychologists. Although there is wide discussion about individuals challenged with addiction and mental health, the Councilmembers, like teachers and principals, ponder the ways to build a system to help alleviate these challenges, especially trauma for children so they can learn and be successful in life, along with their families. While MS. ROBINSON is wonderful to her family and friends, she has also been supporting children in schools and families for many years and has been preparing teachers, principals and other psychologists in the CCSD, as well as interns, which is why the National Association of School Psychologists was recognizing her. Many of the interns she has mentored are now working to make the world a better place for children and their families. MS. ROBINSON devotes long hours to helping adults learn how to manage their emotions to help them raise their children.

MAYOR PRO TEM KNUDSEN asked MS. ROBINSON'S family members and friends to join him at the podium, and he read a proclamation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and proclaimed January 4, 2023, as Kathleen Robinson Day.

MS. ROBINSON was very grateful for the recognition, and she gave thanks on behalf of school psychologists because they go beyond to help, which means putting in many extra hours of work. She said the role they play is critical to helping families. She was grateful to all her friends, family and peers who attended this meeting for her recognition.

6. Recognition of Reporter Jeff German and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Homicide Section

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN recognized JEFF GERMAN, a Las Vegas Review-Journal (Review-Journal) journalist, who lost his life senselessly in September 2022 while dedicating time to a story to expose corruption. MR. GERMAN worked on important stories, such as the MGM fire that occurred in 1980, and interviewed her several times, and she respected him for his professionalism and fairness. He is deeply missed by his colleagues, friends, family and members of the community. Unfortunately, MR. GERMAN'S family could not be present, but the Councilwoman read a statement from his sister, JULIE, expressing thanks for recognizing MR. GERMAN and his life's work.

GLENN COOK, Executive Editor, RHONDA PRAST, Investigative Editor, ARTHUR (ART) KANE and BRIANA ERICKSON, Investigative Reporters, KIMBERLY (KIM) TAORMINA, Human Resources Director, and BENJAMIN LIPMAN, General Counsel, with the Review-Journal, joined COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN, who then read a proclamation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and proclaimed January 4, 2023, as Jeff German Day.

Additionally, the Councilwoman presented an award to the Review-Journal for their help in resolving the case. MR. COOK was grateful and said the tragic loss of MR. GERMAN is hard to believe, and they miss him deeply, as he was a great friend, colleague and journalist. MR. COOK stressed that journalism is a calling because of the belief in telling the story. MR. GERMAN was 69 years old when he was murdered, but he never spoke of retirement because he loved what he did. He investigated stories that would not have come out had it not been for his investigative expertise. It is the job of journalists to look into the corruption and help hold people accountable, which was exactly what MR. GERMAN was doing with ROBERT TELLES, former Clark County Public Administrator, who was accused of killing MR. GERMAN in retaliation. It is hard to conceive that this tragedy happened in Las Vegas, but the people at the Review-Journal will continue his work. He appreciated the recognition from the Councilwoman.

Subsequently, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN recognized the men and women of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) Homicide Section who helped solve MR. GERMAN'S murder case. They maintain a case solvability rate of over 90 percent, which is the highest of any major city in the country. She called forward JASON JOHANSSON, Lieutenant, IGOR DICARO, Sergeant, LAWRENCE GILBERT, JOHN HOFFMAN,

ARTHUR HAWKINS, JAMES MILLIGAN and CLIFF MOGG, Detectives. The Councilwoman thanked these individuals for their expediency, professionalism and expertise in solving this case.

LIEUTENANT JOHANSSON was honored for the recognition. He said the case was made a priority due to the violence, and they worked around the clock to solve it. The Councilwoman read a proclamation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and proclaimed January 4, 2023, as LVMPD Homicide Section Day.

BUSINESS ITEMS - 9:30 A.M. SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

7. Public comment during this portion of the Agenda must be limited to matters on the Agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come to the podium and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:

DANIEL BRAISTED started to talk about the football player incident during Monday Night Football, but ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAL interjected that Public Comment is only for items on the agenda, and MAYOR GOODMAN agreed she had to follow protocol, although she shared her heartfelt sentiments for the player.

Regarding Item 19, RON MURRAY was in support and asked people to look into their hearts and take in an animal that needs help for a month, noting that street animals in Las Vegas are the responsibility of the residents because The Animal Foundation does not have an open shelter, despite the agreement. MAYOR GOODMAN thought that what MR. MURRAY was referring to was tem 21, which pertains to the ordinance because Item 19 is a discussion item only and staff will make a presentation about it.

BRYCE HENDERSON, No Kill Las Vegas President, spoke on Item 19. He said The Animal Foundation recently started requiring appointments for people turning in stray animals or surrendering their own animals. The current wait time is four weeks, which is unprecedented in Las Vegas or any other community, and he surveyed many cities. He felt The Animal Foundation is not adhering to its contractual obligations for taking in strays, and he asked the Council to enforce the contract and make them take in strays during operating hours. He encouraged the Council to look into better options for handling animal services, including the possibility of the City buying The Animal Foundation.

GINA GREISEN, Nevada Voters For Animals, said the Mayor should allow three minutes instead of one to speak, especially when this is not a long agenda and her comments pertain to animals. MAYOR GOODMAN said she was allowing one minute because people can speak under Item 21. MS. GREISEN insisted that the Mayor treats animal lovers differently. She stressed The Animal Foundation was still in violation and urged an opinion from the City's legal counsel if they are in violation because it takes five weeks to check on lost pets due to appointment requirements.

PATRICIA REID felt COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN should recuse himself because of his relationship with the Chief Executive Officer of The Animal Foundation. She insisted her presence was not a PR (Public Relations) stunt and she attended to seek help for animals. She warned the Councilman that he had met his match.

TRACY PAWS read an e-mail, a copy of which was not submitted, from MELANIE SHANE, founder of the Doggie Task Force, regarding the difficulties experienced with The Animal Foundation.

BUSINESS ITEMS - 9:30 A.M. Session

8. For Possible Action - Any items from the 9:30 a.m. session that the Council, staff and/or the applicant wish to be stricken, tabled, withdrawn or held in abeyance to a future meeting may be brought forward and acted upon at this time.

Minutes:

Since the applicant had not formally submitted a request, COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked that Items 32a-32d be held in abeyance to January 18, 2023.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 32a-32d to 1/18/2023

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

9. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the December 7, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

CONSENT AGENDA

Matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and have been recommended for approval by the Submitting Departments. All items on the Consent Agenda may be approved in a single motion. However, if a Council Member so requests, any consent item may be moved to the discussion portion of the agenda and other action, including postponement or denial of the item, may take place.

CITY ATTORNEY - CONSENT

10. For possible action to approve a business impact statement regarding a proposed ordinance to amend various provisions of LVMC Chapter 6.95 and Title 19.12 to include cannabis consumption lounges, and to repeal LVMC Chapter 6.96 in its entirety. (This item is related to Bill No. 2023-3, which appears later on this agenda under New Bills.)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

NOTE: The video does not reflect the vote accurately, in that Mayor Goodman abstained from voting on Item 11 due to her son's involvement in the marijuana industry.

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - BUSINESS LICENSING - CONSENT

11. For possible action to approve a Temporary Cannabis Distributor License (Medical/Recreational) for VEGAS VALLEY GROWERS NORTH LLC dba VEGAS VALLEY GROWERS NORTH LLC at 3939 Belmont Street - North Las Vegas, Nevada

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

NOTE: The video does not reflect the vote accurately, in that Mayor Goodman abstained from voting on Item 11 due to her son's involvement in the marijuana industry.

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Abstain-Carolyn Goodman; Excused-Cedric Crear;

ECONOMIC AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - CONSENT

12. For possible action to approve the Third Amendment to Parking Lease Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and 208 Las Vegas Blvd, LLC regarding a parking lot located at 208 Las Vegas Boulevard to extend the term for a three (3) year period expiring on January 31, 2026 and to allow for a ninety (90) day right to terminate (APN 139-34-511-004) - Ward 5 (Crear)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

13. For possible action to approve a Parking Lease Agreement between T G P Desert Manor, LP (Landlord), and the City of Las Vegas (City) where the City will manage and operate a parking lot located at 618, 622 and 624 South 1st Street with the terms of the lease payments described in the agreement (APN's 139-34-311-011 to - 013) - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

FINANCE - PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS - CONSENT

14. For possible action to approve award of Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 21.MWA128-DD, Harris Marion Park, located at 4755 Harris Avenue - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: NDG GROUP, INC. (\$500,000 - Parks and Leisure Activity Capital Projects Fund) - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

15. For possible action to approve award of Bid No. 23.69111.03-JH, Lorenzi Park Replacement Well 162A, located at 3333 West Washington Avenue, and the construction conflicts and contingency reserve, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: STONEHOUSE DRILLING AND CONSTRUCTION LLC (\$1,411,202 - Parks and Leisure Activity Fund) - Ward 5 (Crear)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES - CONSENT

16. For possible action to approve the acceptance of a Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Lead Hazards and Healthy Homes Grant award in the amount of \$3,372,883 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the purpose of completing lead based paint abatement activities in Las Vegas, Nevada - All Wards

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - CONSENT

17. For possible action to approve the Jr. NBA League Operator Agreement between RCX Sports, LLC and the City of Las Vegas for the purpose of forming partnership to support the management and equipment needs of the City of Las Vegas Recreational Youth Basketball Leagues in Winter 2022-2023 and Summer 2023 - All Wards

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

PUBLIC WORKS - CONSENT

18. For possible action to approve a Declaration of Utilization for road, drainage, and sewer for current and future development proposed by KB Homes, on the north side of Kyle Canyon Road just west of US-95, APNs 126-01-501-010 and -011 - Ward 6 (Brune) and Clark County

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;
Excused-Cedric Crear;

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

ADMINISTRATIVE - DISCUSSION

19. Discussion for possible action regarding animal shelter service options

Minutes:

CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES said this item stems from a discussion under Emerging Issues of the November 16, 2022, Council meeting to investigate if any current providers could take over The Animal Foundation contract upon expiration in 2025 and the cost for the City to build and operate its own animal shelter. The City's current contract is also in partnership with Clark County and North Las Vegas for The Animal Foundation to provide shelter services.

MR. CERVANTES, RUDY TOVAR, DPS (Department of Public Safety) Administrator, and ROSA CORTEZ, Deputy Public Works Director, shared in providing a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record.

MR. TOVAR said his team responds to any issues reported in violation of the Code regarding animals. They impound approximately 12,000 animals annually, with dogs and cats being the majority, but they also handle livestock, farm, wild and exotic animals temporarily. Should the City decide to open its own facility, it would need to provide veterinary services, animal behavioral evaluations, the ability to shelter strays and injured animals, as well as programs for animal adoptions, fostering, transferring and volunteering. Additionally, a kitten nursery would be critical in order to care for kittens during the hot summer months, and establishing a community cat program will be necessary to comply with the ordinance requiring any cats taken into the shelter to be spayed or neutered, and then released.

After researching some of the local animal organizations, including Hearts Alive Village, Heaven Can Wait, Nevada SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and The Animal Foundation, he found that the priority is having a veterinarian on staff and that while they provide excellent services, most of them have a limited holding capacity for dogs. Moreover, they may have more than sufficient kennels, but they do not have the necessary staff members to provide care.

The Animal Foundation impounded 833 dogs from the city in June of 2022 and using an equation from the University of Wisconsin, he calculated that the City would need at least 200 dog kennels in a facility. He took a

tour of their animal foundation, which is a massive operation, to get a general idea of what would be necessary for the City to open its own facility.

MS. CORTEZ took over the presentation and referred to the aerial view of the existing The Animal Foundation site as well a City-owned, vacant, 3.3-acre parcel directly across from The Animal Foundation site behind Fire Station No. 8 for construction of a City shelter. She presented a conceptual layout of the anticipated services needed for a City animal shelter facility, including for intake, drop-off, adoption, cats, farm animals and a maintenance building. She explained to the Mayor that the areas represented in light blue to the left of the adoption building, are five proposed kennel pods, each holding 12 kennels. The green circles represent open spaces and trees for visitors to interact with the animals to assess the potential adoption of an animal.

MR. CERVANTES resumed the presentation and reported that the new facility design would only meet the current need and the cost to build it would be \$35 million, which would have to be paid through the capital program, which is funded with remaining monies from the end of any given fiscal year. Capital program projects compete for funding and are prioritized by need, with some projects funded over multiple years. In addition to construction costs, there are operational and staffing costs of approximately \$6 million annually. He stressed that the City will have to rely heavily on volunteers, which is becoming increasingly difficult to secure for animal shelter services throughout the country. The need to hire additional staff will only add to the projected \$6 million annual cost. He noted the City and Clark County issued a bond for expansion of The Animal Foundation facility that matures in 2027, and the City's remaining portion upon maturity is approximately \$2 million.

Through partnerships with some of the animal rescue organizations, the City allocated \$250,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to Hearts Alive Village, which spends more time with rescue animals with needs, as well as an allocation to help pay for animal basic care, because many people are having to surrender their animals because they cannot afford them. Additionally, the City is in negotiations with Heaven Can Wait on a new contract for medical services for free spay and neuter services for those who cannot afford the cost. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN verified with MR. CERVANTES that the \$6 million annual cost is gross.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ acknowledged that animal safety is important to everyone. However, as a fiscal steward of taxpayer dollars, she asked if the inspection results and data warrant the City going in the direction of paying for the construction of a new animal shelter facility and its operating costs, noting her awareness of an incident reported to and handled by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. She added that the City is not suited to provide social and animal services and is responsible for taking care of roads, sewer, safety and infrastructure. She noted that the City was still paying \$660,000 annually for the bond issue for The Animal Foundation. She stressed that she would have to feel comfortable that all possibilities were considered to address current issues regarding animal services before supporting construction of a City facility. MR. CERVANTES said he would defer to MR. TOVAR to address the requirements of the contract for animal services care and response to cure any issues. He emphasized, however, that the current contract is beneficial because the City only pays for shelter services. If the City were to take on all services associated with animals, it would cost much more.

MR. TOVAR stated that The Animal Foundation has to turn in annual data and budget as part of the contract, and they post sheltering statistics on their website that can be used to compare years of service and review euthanasia rates. However, it would be necessary to identify the data points, such as staffing levels, which are critical to care for animals successfully, regardless of available space. He stressed that the major constraint is veterinary shortages, which he believes will continue to be an issue due to Nevada requirements, even if trying to recruit out-of-state veterinarians. There is a great deal of competition for animal services organizations to recruit veterinarians because it is a stressful profession given the situations they deal with. He strongly recommended exploring the possibility of supporting a shelter veterinarian. Additionally, low compensation to staff members has been another issue.

Regarding inspections, MR. TOVAR indicated that he crafted a 10-page document of monthly inspections for basic needs. If there are any issues, they try to get a response and cure as soon as possible. He recently added a section for major findings, but they have not encountered any to date.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if there is any possibility for jurisdictions to obtain funding from the State of Nevada through the legislature, and MR. CERVANTES said he was not aware of any funding, although there was a bill introduced to consider reciprocity for various licenses. He offered to look into other sources.

The Mayor commented that she has heard of major league sports fans relocating to Las Vegas and having to let go of their animals because they cannot handle them, which has greatly increased the dog population at local facilities. The City has to consider where the money will come from and whether providing animal care takes precedence over other services the City has to provide, such as law enforcement or fire and safety services. Unfortunately, this issue is inherent of a rapidly growing city. She wondered if new residents are aware of the bill under consideration to increase the number of dogs and cats that can be kept in a home, which may alleviate some of the problems. Her biggest concern is how to address the continuing animal population growth in Southern Nevada, as well as the issue of veterinarian shortages. She wondered if incentives could be provided to attract veterinarians. She felt the urgency to draft a five-year plan in order to be able to keep up with continued growth.

MR. CERVANTES informed COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE that Henderson has a full-service animal facility, but only accepts animals from Henderson and they rely a great deal on volunteers. The Councilwoman asked if the City of Las Vegas could fundraise to support animal shelter operations. MR. CERVANTES thought it would be possible, noting that the City would benefit and could keep animals longer to avoid euthanasia. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCK interjected that the City cannot solicit funds to avoid conflicts, but the City could provide funding to help with care. COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE asked how cities similar in size to the City handle animal services. MR. TOVAR replied that he has seen different models. Some cities have their own facilities and some totally contract out animal services, which poses the problem of yielding control. The Councilwoman said that the pandemic revealed to her that there are no secondary facilities to provide animal care, although she acknowledged the City started funding some non-profit organizations to assist. She would like to see a plan that contemplates building capacity for the partnering organizations to help address the needs, especially in crises. MR. CERVANTES said he would look into it and added that CHIEF JASON POTTS, Department of Public Safety Director, identified an issue during the disease outbreak and there was an expectation that The Animal Foundation could do something to handle the demand; however, that did not occur. Hence, the City is working with them to devise a backup plan to create capacity in case the need arises.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN stated there is no backup plan and there is a long wait, so she does not think it is an external, ongoing problem. She would like to find a solution before entering into another lengthy contract, and she asked how long it would take for the audit. MR. CERVANTES said he received an initial cost proposal, but the audit should only take 45-60 days to complete upon entering into the contract. He added that Clark County is also pursuing an audit. The Councilwoman asked if it would be possible to research animal shelter services in comparable cities to Las Vegas that operate their own facilities and get more information on how they handle animal services. She emphasized that the problem with The Animal Foundation is that the City has no control and it has no representation on the board. She said there is a crisis and added that the rescue organizations are taking overflow daily. MR. CERVANTES said he could definitely look into it, noting that it is still taking 30 days to get in.

MAYOR GOODMAN said that because Las Vegas is a transient city, the problem with strays and unattended animals will continue. The City needs to look at a long-term solution and assistance options. She believes the solution is proper planning. The presentation and discussion were helpful, but she does not believe there is a similar city. She reiterated the need to develop a solid plan after reviewing all the components and expressed her confidence in City staff to find solutions. She also appreciated the help of CHIEF POTTS.

See Item 7 for related discussion.

Motion made by NOTE: A motion was not made and no action was taken on this item.

For: 0; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 6; Excused: 1

Did Not Vote-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

ECONOMIC AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - DISCUSSION

20. Discussion for possible action regarding an Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Joint Escrow Instructions between the City of Las Vegas (City) and FBGM Investments, LLC (Seller), for the property located at 201 East Imperial Avenue (APN 162-03-210-048) (Not-to-Exceed \$2,023,637 - Parking Enterprise Fund) - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

RYAN SMITH, Department of Economic and Urban Development Director, was excited about this agreement, and he thanked the people who made it possible. He introduced MARIA TAMAYO-SOTO, the new Parking Services Manager. MAYOR GOODMAN welcomed and congratulated her.

MR. SMITH reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to detail this purchase agreement. The City currently leases two parcels north of the subject site, which the former Parking Services Manager identified for a new City garage to serve the 18b Arts District. The property includes two low-rise residential apartments with five of the seven units currently occupied. Therefore, the City would work with a relocation company to accommodate those tenants. The purchase was negotiated to \$1.6 million, plus closing and relocation costs. He displayed a site map with the subject site represented in blue. The two parcels to the north make up the parking lot the City manages. The City is also negotiating with the private owner for the lot to the north. The parking-demand study conducted in 2019 for the Arts District found the demand to be on Main Street near California Avenue, but now there is more development throughout the entire Arts District; therefore, the proposed garage will meet most of the demand for the district. The study confirmed that the district does not have enough parking during peak business hours, which negatively affected small businesses and customers, and this will only increase because the Arts District has progressed more rapidly than anticipated and added more housing units, which will require over 900 parking spaces. To mitigate the demand since the study was conducted, 512 spaces were added, employee parking at a reduced cost was provided, on-street parking restrictions were updated and parking incentives such as Lunch Spot to support businesses were implemented. Despite implementing the recommendations, the parking demand remains high, especially with the opening of new businesses and several planned developments over the next 12-18 months. The City considers parking as a service to the community and to business owners, and they want visitors to easily park when visiting downtown; therefore, the City reinvests parking revenues into more parking.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if apartment tenants get long-term leases. MR. SMITH said the City requires a certain number of parking spaces for new developments and sometimes the developers look to enter into an agreement with garage owners to supplement the parking demand. The Mayor was aware that it is done in New York City, where she grew up, so she wondered if developers provide garage parking for projects. MR. SMITH replied that developers must justify not being able to meet parking demands for proposed projects. The Mayor said she is often asked why the City does not have diagonal parking spaces, and MR. CERVANTES said that before considering taking right-of-way to accommodate diagonal parking spaces, staff has to consider traffic movement demands. MAYOR GOODMAN said she receives many complaints about parking rates, and she asked if the Lunch Spot program from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is still in place. MR. SMITH said it was started on Fremont East and moved to the Arts District, although he continues to review bringing it back to Fremont East.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN asked which fund would be used to pay for the garage, and MR. SMITH replied that funding will come from the Parking Enterprise Fund and funds from the recent sale of a building to the CIM Group. He assured the Councilwoman that the City will operate it. The parking garage was fully financed through construction. After that, \$5 million of bonding will be the only debt on the building, but it will be paid back through parking revenues and potential lease revenues. The Councilwoman inquired about maintenance, and MR. SMITH said maintenance, enforcement and staffing will be paid for as well.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ said the success of the Arts Districts warrants paying for a parking garage, which will help the patrons and residents coming to the area. She was very excited about it, especially with the demand for parking by residents, employees and people who frequent Downtown Las Vegas.

After the vote, the Mayor discussed the completion timeline with MR. SMITH, and MR. CERVANTES interjected that it should be operational in 2.5 years.

Additionally, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN asked to change her vote to No because the capital cost for construction is not covered and while parking is necessary, there are other priorities. ASSISTANT CITY

ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK said the Councilwoman could change her vote without reconsidering the initial motion. MR. CERVANTES explained that the revenue generated from parking meter fees will cover the cost to operate the facility, but it will not fully cover the capital costs.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked how long it would take to recover capital monies expended, to which MR. CERVANTES replied that it would take approximately 15 years to recover that cost.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve

NOTE: The video does not reflect the vote accurately, in that subsequent to the vote on this item, Councilwoman Seaman requested her vote be reflected as No for this item.

Passed For: 5; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Against-Victoria Seaman; Excused-Cedric Crear;

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE REPORT - DISCUSSION

BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT THIS MEETING

21. Bill No. 2022-26 - For possible action - Amends LVMC Chapter 7.40, regarding professional animal handler and breeder permits, to expand the scope of the permit requirement to include animal rescue operations, to require background checks, and to establish additional operational requirements for the holders of certain permits. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Victoria Seaman

Minutes:
Second reading.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK submitted an expanded summary for the record and reviewed a summation of that, a copy of which was also submitted for the record. He said this bill deals with the types of permits issued by Animal Protection Services to professional animal handlers and to breeders of cats or dogs at residences and adds requirements and regulations.

The bill amends Section 7.40 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code (LVMC) by extending the need to obtain a professional animal handler permit to commercial rescue operations and to non-profit animal rescue operations.

Section 7.40.030 is amended with respect to the professional animal handler permit by requiring all applicants to submit to a \$25 background check paid by the applicant. Upon completion, the permit may be denied if the applicant is found to have been involved in a crime involving animal welfare or if convicted of any crime defined in NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) 200.408. It maintains a \$50 fee from professional animal handlers, payable to Professional Animal Services for inspection of the facilities. Moreover, any employee of the professional animal handler business must also submit to a \$25 background check within 30 days of start of employment. Animal Protection Services can require termination of any employee who fails a background check. Failure to do so by the employer will subject the employer to loss of their professional animal handler permit. The bill allows an appeal of a denial to the City Council within 10 days of the denial. If this bill passes, current professional animal handlers have one year to obtain a background check through Animal Protection Services and the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

With respect to Section 7.40.110, dog and cat breeders will continue to be required to pay \$50 for a permit. The bill requires breeder applicants to submit to a \$25 background check.

New Section 7.40.175 requires professional animal handlers to post signs at entrances and exits with information for Animal Protection Services and DPS for patrons to report any issues with animal welfare. Professional animal handlers and dog and cat breeders are required to report any injury or death of an animal

within 24 hours. The bill authorizes Animal Protection Services to require either permit holder to pay for the cost of a necropsy if the need is determined. This section also includes some definitions for commercial and non-commercial animal operations.

Additionally, at the Recommending Committee Meeting of December 19, 2022, a First Amendment was adopted to remove the requirement of a background check for any non-profit animal rescue organization. Moreover, the bill adds misdemeanor penalties for dog and cat breeders for failure to obtain a permit. The first offense carries a minimum \$500 fine and two days in jail, and any subsequent offense carries a \$1,000 fine and 10 days in jail.

CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES reported that the fiscal impact of this bill would be \$238,000 annually. DPS would need a dedicated marshal to conduct background checks, as well as an animal protection officer to conduct audits and inspections. Additionally, there would be a one-time cost to procure equipment and a vehicle for the officer.

MR. DOROCAK advised that although the Mayor invited the public to speak on Item 19 as well, the Councilmembers should keep their comments on the subject bill to avoid any violation of the Open Meeting Law.

RON MURRAY believed the City Council has a judiciary responsibility to the taxpayers and should hold The Animal Foundation to its contract. He mentioned that 20 years ago New York City brought all animal groups together and after a few years, turned the City into a no-kill city. It has become one of the leaders in animal care, which seems it is what MAYOR GOODMAN is aiming for in the City. He said it is inhumane for Las Vegas not to have an open animal shelter. He and his wife have visited animal shelters outside of Nevada and found that Austin, Texas, formed Austin Pets Alive and operates its animal shelter at an abandoned elementary school, which speaks to the need for responsible leadership to take care of animals, not to the need for an expensive, state-of-the-art facility. He disagreed that small non-profits should have to hire veterinarians because they cannot afford to do so and the City provides veterinary services through The Animal Foundation. The Mayor appreciated his efforts in the care of animals.

BRANDY GLASGOW supported this bill but said that one of the reasons for the struggle to get veterinarians is because their salaries have remained the same for 15 years, whereas the salary of the chief executive officer of The Animal Foundation has doubled. She recommended breeders be required to pay more than \$50 for a permit because they charge \$500 or more for each puppy and can make a lot of money from one litter. She stressed that one of the main contributors to the overpopulation problem is irresponsible breeders.

LORI HEEREN, Executive Director of the Nevada SPCA, claimed that Southern Nevada SPCA is the second largest animal shelter and the original no-kill animal shelter for the last 40 years. She said that 75 percent of the SPCA's intake makes up animals their owners cannot or will not take care of any longer, including pets given up by breeders. In December, a breeder brought in three French bulldog puppies that were born without eyes and a condition called hydrocephalus, which is a neurological condition and a genetic abnormality caused by irresponsible breeding. Two of the puppies had to be euthanized. The SPCA offered free spaying services for the mother to the breeder to keep this from happening again, but they declined. She surmised that breeders are turning in puppies that are not making them money. MAYOR GOODMAN discussed with MS. HEEREN that this bill affects the SPCA because puppies are being dropped off to them, which affects the organization tremendously. The Mayor thanked her for her work.

BRYCE HENDERSON, President of No Kill Las Vegas, supported the proposed ordinance; however, he countered the Mayor's statement that the homeless pet problem is getting worse because from 2013 to 2021, The Animal Foundation took fewer animals. He believes the problem is getting worse because of the lack of spaying and neutering and lack of education. While building another shelter deserves some serious thought, he thinks the City should explore purchasing current facilities within the City, which could help alleviate the problem.

GINA GREISEN, Nevada Voters For Animals, showed a video on her cellular phone of a female dog (Mora) that died in a boarding facility and had been dead for some time, and she felt this was because there are no regulations for commercial pet service providers. She emphasized that the outcome of the charges against

RICK DAVIS, a local animal trainer, for killing a golden retriever is unknown. She thanked COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN for bringing this issue to the forefront. She urged the requirement for necropsies because it was only through a necropsy they were able to find out that Mora died due to the negligence of the owner of the boarding facility. However, without a necropsy, some families get no justice. She supported the requirement for background checks and informational signage and urged higher fees for and enforcement of breeders because they are causing many of the issues.

PATRICIA REID thanked the new Councilmembers, especially COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN for everything she is doing for the safety of animals. She urged the implementation of a tracking system for animal abusers so that their records can follow them, and she believed this could start with this ordinance proposal. She asked the Councilmembers to learn from the puppy sales ban that was overturned in 2017 and follow through on their commitment to helping animals.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE asked if the \$25 fee would offset the \$238,000 fiscal impact and if other cities require a background check. MR. TOVAR replied that the amount of revenue the fee would generate is minimal. The only other jurisdiction that requires a background check is Henderson for new business licensees, but no other jurisdiction requires a necropsy. Currently, if he receives a complaint, he can request a necropsy at a cost of \$1,500 to determine if the cause of death was due to negligence, but he rarely receives complaints. This bill will require the pet business owner to reach out to Animal Protection Services for a necropsy request.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE asked how many of the major animal crimes were committed by permit holders. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY CARLY HELBERT indicated that staff does not run statistics to determine if they are breeders or pet owners.

COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE said the answer to tracking animal offenders is getting a law passed at the legislative level, as it would be similar to a sex offender register.

Based on input, COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked how long the current breeder fee has been in place, and MR. TOVAR said the fee has been \$50 since he started working with the City two years ago. MR. CERVANTES thought it has been the same since it was established. MR. DOROCAK said the fee has been the same since 1991. The Councilwoman said the speakers had a point in that breeders are making a big profit and the City cannot support enforcement without having the funding for it. Therefore, there should be more investment on behalf of the breeders. She asked how many people actually obtain permits. MR. TOVAR replied that the last list he had had 30 breeders, but it varies. Many people decide to apply for a breeder's permit to keep from spaying or neutering their dogs.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN discussed with MR. CERVANTES that two additional positions for Animal Protection Services were funded, one last fiscal year and an additional one for this fiscal year. MR. TOVAR indicated to the Councilman that Animal Protection Services was not fully staffed and was in the process of recruiting for an animal control officer; therefore, adoption of this proposed ordinance would require pulling a staff member to enforce the new regulations to ensure compliance.

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked everyone who participated in this discussion. She agreed with COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE that there is a need to address the issue at the State level and that the City needs to come up with short- and long-term plans. She could not support this bill as presented because it has too many flaws. She believes the City is doing what it can for pets and she will be lobbying fellow mayors to push for a state register.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN used a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to go over the new regulations, noting that an offender register is useless without background checks. She stressed that the government's job is to regulate and restrict bad actors to prohibit tragedies, such as the one that occurred with Mora. People in the industry who reached out to her do not object to the regulations, as most of them feel that the biggest problem is illegal breeding, so she agreed that fees for breeder permits should be raised. Before presenting this bill, she met with Metro (Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department), animal advocates and the public at town hall meetings.

See Item 7 for related discussion.

Motion made by Victoria Seaman to Approve as a First Amendment

Failed For: 1; Against: 5; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Victoria Seaman; Against-Nancy Brune, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

22. Bill No. 2022-28 - For possible action - Amends various provisions of LVMC Title 7 to increase from four to six the number of dogs or cats that can be kept at a particular place or residence without a specific permit to do so, and makes corresponding adjustments to the number of dogs and cats to which dog fancier, cat fancier and pet fancier permits apply. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Victoria Seaman

Minutes:

Second reading and bill adopted as amended as Ordinance 6824.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked if the amendment addresses unit sizes and includes inspections, noting that some people in Ward 3 live in micro units or studios, which may be too small to accommodate more pets, especially large ones. She wants to help alleviate the homeless pet situation, but she wants to make sure animals are not crowded. MAYOR GOODMAN thought the Councilwoman brought up a good point and asked if it would be better to hold this matter in abeyance to draft any additional language. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCÁK preferred delaying the bill if there are to be any amendments. With respect to allowing more pets, the baseline number is from four to six without any inspection. The pet fancier's license does require an inspection by Animal Protection Services.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN said people who obtain a pet license are responsible; however, there are animal hoarders. The proposed bill amendment is to help people who would like to help the homeless pet situation by taking in more animals legally. The Mayor said she had never thought about those who live in apartments or own micro or studio units, which could crowd animals. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN said apartment tenants have to follow the rules of the apartment owners, and MR. DOROCÁK added that tenants could try to do what the City allows, but their apartment landlord will regulate their rules. He added that addressing COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ'S concern would require more time to consider all possible scenarios and draft the necessary language for the bill.

MAYOR GOODMAN said she would like to hold this matter in abeyance.

COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE supported the bill as presented, noting that she did not want to get involved in the minuteness and that they will know in four to six months whether the changes helped the situation.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE said it would be hard to quantify the size because a small home on a large property can handle six dogs. As an animal foster parent, she is aware of people taking in various dogs. She supported the bill as presented.

Motion made by Victoria Seaman to Approve as a First Amendment

Passed For: 4; Against: 2; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske; Against-Carolyn Goodman, Olivia Diaz; Excused-Cedric Crear;

23. Bill No. Z-2022-1 - For possible action - Amends the City's Official Zoning Map by changing the zoning designations of certain parcels of land to reflect and formalize rezoning applications previously approved by the City Council. Proposed by: Seth T. Floyd, Director of Community Development

Minutes:

Second reading and bill adopted as introduced as Ordinance 6825.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Did Not Vote-Victoria Seaman; Excused-Cedric Crear;

BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT A LATER MEETING

There is no public comment on these items and no action will be taken by the Council at this meeting, except those items which may be stricken or tabled. Public testimony takes place at the Recommending Committee Meeting held for that purpose.

24. Bill No. 2022-29 - Amends LVMC Title 19 to add a new chapter governing bonuses and incentives for the development of affordable housing in replacement of existing provisions on the subject, and establishes an affordable housing trust fund. Sponsored by: Councilman Brian Knudsen

Minutes:
Recommendation noted.

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There is no public comment on these items and no action will be taken by the Council at this meeting, except those items which may be stricken or tabled. Public testimony takes place at the Recommending Committee Meeting held for that purpose.

25. Bill No. 2023-1 - Amends various chapters of LVMC Title 11 to update regulations pertaining to vehicle parking enforcement, parking programs, and the use and regulation of parking spaces, parking facilities and taxicab stands. Sponsored by: Councilman Brian Knudsen

Minutes:
First Reading – Referred – COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN and ALLEN-PALENSKE

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26. Bill No. 2023-2 - Authorizes the issuance by the City of Las Vegas of its General Obligation (Limited Tax) Civic Center Bonds (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues), Series 2023A, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$70,000,000 for the purpose of financing building projects, including a civic center facility. Proposed by Susan Heltsley, Director of Finance

Minutes:
First Reading – Referred – COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN and ALLEN-PALENSKE

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27. Bill No. 2023-3 - Amends various provisions of LVMC Chapter 6.95 and Title 19.12 to include cannabis consumption lounges, and repeals LVMC Chapter 6.96 in its entirety. Proposed by: Seth T. Floyd, Esq., Director of Community Development

Minutes:
First Reading – Referred – COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN and ALLEN-PALENSKE

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28. Bill No. 2023-4 - Authorizes the issuance by the City of Las Vegas of its General Obligation (Limited Tax) Medium-Term Parking Garage Bonds, Series 2023B, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of financing the cost of a building project, including off-street parking facilities. Proposed by Susan Heltsley, Director of Finance

Minutes:

First Reading – Referred – COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN and ALLEN-PALENSKE

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The items listed below, where appropriate, have been reviewed by the various City departments relative to the requirements for storm drainage and flood control, connection to sanitary sewer, traffic circulation, and Building and Fire regulations. Their comments and/or requirements have been incorporated into the action.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - CONSENT

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and have been recommended "for approval". All items on the consent agenda may be approved in a single motion. However, if a Council Member so requests, any consent item may be moved to the Discussion portion of the agenda and other action, including postponement or denial of the item, may take place.

29. 22-0648 - APPLICANT/OWNER: MARLON L JOHNSON - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 0.92 acres at southwest corner of Mountain Trail and Sunset Drive (APNs 139-19-812-038 and 039), Ward 5 (Crear). Staff recommends APPROVAL on the entire Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:

See Items 29a and 29b for related backup.

- 29a. 22-0648-EOT1 - EXTENSION OF TIME - VARIANCE - FOR AN APPROVED VARIANCE (20-0142-VAR1) TO ALLOW AN EIGHT-FOOT FRONT YARD WALL WHERE FIVE FEET IS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED

Minutes:

See Items 29-29b for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

- 29b. 22-0648-EOT2 - EXTENSION OF TIME - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - FOR AN APPROVED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW (20-0142-SDR1) FOR A PROPOSED HEAVY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE DEVELOPMENT WITH WAIVERS OF PERIMETER LANDSCAPING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Minutes:

See Items 29-29b for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

30. 22-0652-EOT1 - EXTENSION OF TIME - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - APPLICANT: TBC - THE BORING COMPANY - OWNER: THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, ET AL - For possible action on a Land Use Entitlement project request for an Extension of Time for a previously approved Special Use Permit (20-0204-SUP1) FOR A PROPOSED MONORAIL (TUNNEL) USE generally located beneath the rights-of-way of Las Vegas Boulevard from Sahara Avenue to Ogden Avenue, Ogden Avenue from Las Vegas Boulevard to Main Street, and Main Street from Ogden Avenue to Las Vegas Boulevard (APNs Multiple), Ward 3 (Diaz) and Ward 5 (Crear). Staff recommends APPROVAL.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - ONE MOTION/ONE VOTE

The following are items that may be considered in one motion/one vote. They are considered to be routine non-public and public hearing items with a Planning Commission and/or Staff recommendation of approval. All public hearings and non-public hearings items will be opened at one time. Any person representing an application or a member of the public or a member of the City Council not in agreement with the conditions and all standard conditions for the application recommended by staff, should request to have that item removed from this part of the agenda.

31. 22-0653-RQR1 - REQUIRED REVIEW - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: PLAZA HOTEL AND CASINO - OWNER: T-UPR II, LLC - For possible action on a Land Use Entitlement project request for a Required Review of an approved Special Use Permit (SUP-76219) FOR A HORSE CORRAL OR STABLE (COMMERCIAL) USE at 222, 310, 324 and 432 South Main Street (APNs 139-34-201-003, 007 and 016; and 139-34-101-009), C-M (Commercial/Industrial) and M (Industrial) Zones, Ward 5 (Crear). Staff recommends APPROVAL.

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open. There being no one present to speak, she declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) except Item(s) None

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DISCUSSION

32. 22-0391 - ABEYANCE ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: AMBLESIDE PROPERTIES, LLLP - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 13.87 acres located on the north side of Alpine Place approximately 250 feet west of Decatur Boulevard (APN 138-36-811-000), Ward 1 (Knudsen). Staff recommends APPROVAL on 22-0391-ZON1. Staff recommends DENIAL on 22-0391-VAR1, 22-0391-VAC1 and 22-0391-TMP1. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) recommends APPROVAL on the entire Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:

See Item 8 for related discussion and Items 32a-32d for related backup.

- 32a. 22-0391-ZON1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - REZONING - FROM: C-1 (LIMITED COMMERCIAL) TO R-TH (SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED)

Minutes:

See Item 8 for related discussion and Items 32-32d for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 32a-32d to 1/18/2023

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

- 32b. 22-0391-VAR1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - VARIANCE - TO ALLOW A PRIVATE STREET WITHOUT A GATE THAT DOES NOT MEET COMPLETE STREET STANDARDS

Minutes:

See Item 8 for related discussion and Items 32-32d for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 32a-32d to 1/18/2023

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

- 32c. 22-0391-VAC1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - VACATION - PETITION TO VACATE 30 FEET OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS APPIAN WAY

Minutes:

See Item 8 for related discussion and Items 32-32d for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 32a-32d to 1/18/2023

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

- 32d. 22-0391-TMP1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - TENTATIVE MAP - ALPINE & APPIAN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - FOR A 32 LOT SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

Minutes:

See Item 8 for related discussion and Items 32-32d for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 32a-32d to 1/18/2023

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske; Excused-Cedric Crear;

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

33. Report by Randy Robison, Director of the Office of Government and Community Affairs, regarding an update on the Office of Government and Community Affairs department projects and initiatives - All Wards

Minutes:

RANDY ROBISON, Office of Government and Community Affairs Director, introduced the item and said his office primarily handles legislative matters. This item, however, focuses on the two new initiatives of grants administration and diversity outreach. They are very important as grants administration helps the City obtain, track and coordinate grant funding, and diversity outreach helps the City connect with the community.

KELLY CROMPTON, Government Affairs Manager, who was tasked with putting the grants team together, said the team has done an amazing job over the last year. When the grants administration team was created, it reviewed grant applications as part of an approval process, but that was archaic and a hindrance when it came

to grants. During the COVID-19 pandemic, staff identified the need for a centralized process in order to work with the federal delegation to help identify the City's eligibility for federal dollars that were becoming available. Consequently, they gathered the staff members to keep track of funds awarded, funds received and funds expended, and ultimately reported that information to the City Manager's Office and the City Council. This process was very successful, and they decided to form a team of grant administrators, consisting of BRIAN LOVELIN, who worked in the Finance Department, and DARCELL CAMPBELL, who worked in the Neighborhood Services Department, and they both came with a wealth of knowledge on grants applications.

MR. LOVELIN said he started with the City 5.5 years ago as a financial analyst, handling departmental budgeting, forecasting and financial reporting, as well as various grants, particularly during the pandemic.

He started with the PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, that he and MS. CAMPBELL shared in presenting and gave an overview. The team is working to update the City's grant policy and on streamlining the processes and procedures with the intent to align the City's grant policies with current best practices in grant management in addition to centralizing City-wide grant resources and administration processes to better compete for federal grants.

The GPAR (Grant Proposal Application Review) form will be revised and will have information to be included with the grant application submittal and tracked by fiscal year. This will help automate grant tracking. The team will strive to identify grant opportunities that align with City priorities and strategic planning. Outside of reoccurring Formula A grants, which are for HUD (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development), the City receives notice of funding opportunities through its federal lobbying firm, Squire Patton Boggs, and establishes partnerships throughout the community, such as with Nevada Grants Lab. Additionally, Grant Writing USA offers external services and training programs. These resources will help the team identify all the opportunities to ensure strategic application for all available grant funding.

The Grants Administration Team has extensive experience with federal and non-federal grants to provide guidance pre- and post-award. Although the receiving departments are responsible for administering the grants, the team will provide guidance where necessary to ensure success starting from the original application, filing and data management and reporting requirements through the grant closeout period.

To organize and aggregate grant proposal submissions, a new process includes tracking the status of GPAR forms, which will help the City identify the real-time status of grant proposal submittals and award amounts and grant applications awarded and denied. Should a City application be denied, additional follow-up includes reaching out to the agency to identify the reason for denial and to determine the potential to reapply. Additionally, a dashboard is under development to help track the grant data submitted through the GPAR form and provide a running total of grant dollars applied for by department and by fiscal year, which will provide a City-wide overall portfolio.

MS. CAMPBELL took over the presentation and stated she is a 21-year employee who has experience with many types of grants and helped establish the City's Emergency Rental Assistance Program under the Treasury Department. She continued with the PowerPoint presentation and reported that as part of tracking and monitoring the status of grant proposal submissions, departments are being asked to provide updates on the proposal status. This will allow the team to track successes and determine the need to strengthen applications to better plan and prepare for future funding opportunities.

As part of the effort to centralize grant information and resources, a Grants Administration Team site was created to provide useful information, such as grant training opportunities, links to a variety of grant agencies, demographic data and grant news from the City's federal lobbyist. Additionally, forecasting opportunities will also be posted for the departments to plan accordingly.

Regarding grants administration accomplishments, the team helped the Office of Government and Community Affairs roll out \$121 million of the \$131 million received in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, and this included setting up the financial and software system, infrastructure, hiring staff and hosting workshops for external agency partners and City departments, comprising a total of 64 programs. The GPAR form was

updated and offered in an electronic format, making it easier for departments to translate the proposal elements into the form, which eliminated the need to pull additional information sought by the grant team. Additional elements to be provided include how the grant request aligns with the Council's priorities and the ward.

Roundtable meetings will be hosted quarterly to discuss with departments what works, to collaborate on multiple department initiatives and to receive feedback.

The Grants Administration Dashboard is underway and soon to be forthcoming. Departments will be able to click on the department to see by fiscal year the grant requests and awards. One of the components will provide information on grant funding expenditures.

MS. CROMPTON said the dashboard will be very helpful and only as good as the information input by departments. The team has looked at opportunities available to provide input to agencies, which may help establish guidelines as well.

MAYOR GOODMAN said this team has been long-needed. At the request of the Mayor, MS. CROMPTON explained that VICTORIA (VICKI) CRAM, Squire Patton and Boggs, is a federal lobbyist, and her role is to represent the City in Washington, D.C., and take care of guiding the Councilmembers in Washington and setting up meetings with the federal delegation and agencies. She also represents other large cities and has experience with local governments to encourage discussion and work together on state and local grant opportunities.

MAYOR GOODMAN thought building the grant team is a wonderful idea for the City to identify state and local grant opportunities, even for businesses. She mentioned that EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE MIKE JANSSEN is similar to CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES in always looking for funding opportunities and being ready to put in for available grants.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE agreed that this was a wonderful idea, as Nevada ranks 45th in the country in federal grants per capita, which means Nevada is leaving a great deal of grant funding to other states. She asked if the team is also looking at city organization partnerships as well and how those opportunities are being communicated with the City's network of community partners. MS. CAMPBELL said that to date, most of it has been in collaboration with the State and Clark County. Some departments provided links to other agencies, and those will be shared. MR. CERVANTES added that in the past the City has partnered on grants with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on research and with the Nevada Department of Transportation. Staff looks for collaboration opportunities as it is to the City's advantage to do so.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said he used to manage the grant process as a City employee. Regarding the dashboard, he asked if it will include competitive funding or the grant type. MR. LOVELIN replied that it would include that, as it will provide a breakdown of the type of funding, which the Councilman thought would be helpful, noting that it would be great to understand how competitive the City is. MS. CROMPTON added that the team was created to pull information that was not being tracked. The Councilman asked if there are protocols to keep the City from seeking funding that is not needed, and MS. CROMPTON replied that before the team was created, City departments were competing with each other. With the team, they can review grants and identify the best fit for the City. MAYOR GOODMAN said that the key is to have a coordinated effort given the complexity and competitiveness of the grant process. MS. CROMPTON noted that the City was successful in obtaining a RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) competitive grant for \$26 million for Ward 3.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE inquired as to the City's F&A (Facilities and Administration) cost, to which MR. LOVELIN replied that the City does not have an F&A cost rate. Generally, if the grant allows it, administration would be a direct cost.

MR. ROBINSON introduced RAMIRO REYES, Diversity Outreach Officer, who came to work for the City about one year ago and has a unique background that fits perfectly with the City's goals for diversity and other initiatives.

Before resuming the presentation, MR. REYES wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked staff and the residents for their collaboration. He said that his position existed in a different capacity 10 years ago and was revised and reinstated in 2021, which is good because there have been many changes in Las Vegas since its creation. He reviewed the slides.

Diversity Outreach Officer – The State of Nevada is the third most diverse state in the country ranking behind only California and Hawaii, and Clark County ranks 22nd in the Diversity Index. He opined that Las Vegas is doing great in the way of diversity and in engaging diverse member communities that call Las Vegas home. One of his top priorities is to highlight the City of Las Vegas' resources, programs, events and opportunities to diverse communities throughout the city. These collaborations align with the City's strategic plans, and he noted that he has worked closely with the Department of Public Safety to create an LBGTQ (Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Queer) liaison position to promote the human rights campaign. He emphasized that the City received a 100 percent score in the municipality quality index and hosted the first Latin Pride Festival in Las Vegas, and he hopes the City will soon host the first of many LBGTQ events for the Latino community as well.

Promoting healthcare is a top priority of his, and he collaborated with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to provide facilitator training to facilitate ongoing conversations around mental health. NAMI does a great job of providing safe spaces for diverse communities, specifically for the Black, Latino and Native American communities. The intent is to continue to develop this partnership and promote other initiatives, such as the Buen Aire Para Todos Campaign, whose representatives were included in the Latino Network of Southern Nevada meetings. The meetings can include bringing in different community leaders to keep them updated on events of interest throughout the city.

Recently he engaged the City in the participation of World Refugee Day and with the Calpulli Tepeyolohti Danza Group to perform at a ceremony at Gary Reese Freedom Park, as well as collaborated with the HONOR (Honrando Orgullosamente Nuestras Obras y Raíces) Latino Awards, hosted in the Council Chambers. The COVID-19 pandemic amplified the lack of available language accessibility resources. Consequently, the City started a collaboration in 2022 with the United Way, the Governor's Office of New Americans and the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District to discuss language accessibility and possible resources. As such, the Public Information Officer helped people process their applications for ARPA funds during the Food Truck Expo. Many small business owners were contacted before the 2022 Holiday Season to let them know they were approved for ARPA funding. He also thanked Business License employees who helped.

MR. REYES referred to some of the images depicting a variety of banquets and community celebrations, including three Latino-led non-profits that used City facilities and held the Equestrian Posadas Event, Promotores Celebration and Amiga Latina Entrepreneurship Summit Collaborate on the same day.

Another priority is partnering with local chambers of commerce, business development organizations and City departments to address the needs of small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. To help these efforts, they hosted several events and held Coffee with Commerce with the Urban Chamber, the Veterans Chamber, as well as others, and started the pilot program Doing Business With US, targeting the Advanced ESL (English as a second language) refugee student population to provide information on what to do to obtain a business license with the City.

MR. REYES concluded by saying that this is very important work, as the community continues to grow, and is a perfect example of supporting DEI (Diversity Equity and Inclusion).

MAYOR GOODMAN felt the City is number one in appreciating different cultures, adding that she hopes the Asian community will be included in the future.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said he would be contacting the diversity team for ideas on how to better connect with the residents in Ward 1, as he wants to make sure they are heard and included.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE said it is important to engage diverse communities, as well as individuals with different disabilities, so she asked for the recruitment of a disabilities liaison. She asked if language accessibility will include the blind and the deaf.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ thanked MR. REYES for the efforts in connecting the City with various community partners to improve diversity in the community.

MR. REYES said he would love to meet and replicate all his efforts, adding that there is a lot more work to do.

34. Report by Jason Potts, Director, Department of Public Safety (DPS), regarding the first 100 days of DPS under the new leadership team and their vision for the future - All Wards

Minutes:

Through a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, CHIEF JASON POTTS, Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director, reported on the department's accomplishments during the first 100 days of DPS under his leadership. He emphasized that people are his greatest resource and that letting them know how much the leadership cares can lead to their proactivity, especially in the area of preventing crime. Hence, he has taken measures to assess the culture of his department, such as meeting regularly with staff and other law enforcement leaders in the area and keeping his door open. Additionally, he has hired a behavioral health administrator, launched a peer support team, scheduled weekly meetings with executive staff and identified additional opportunities to communicate with executive staff. He reviewed the slides.

A Strong Foundation – includes the pillars of policy, incentives, training, supervision and accountability. In looking at the culture of DPS, the focus has been establishing how to measure, how to award and how to hold his staff accountable when necessary. Identifying these will help drive the cultural foundation. To be a premier law enforcement agency, his staff has to live and operate by the best national standards and practices identified by CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). As such, an accreditation process was established and an accreditation manager, PAULA CIOLI, Sr. Management Analyst, was hired to help accomplish accreditation by March 2025.

All officers want the opportunity to better themselves and to be able to provide incentives; he will be looking at opportunities for obtaining certifications, offering programs and reviewing classifications. For marshals, he wants to look into expanding the conditions and flex teams. He will also look into an annual awards committee to recognize the hardworking officers and members of DPS formally.

Measurements – Measuring against key performance indicators and data-driven approaches will drive DPS, and he wants to accumulate and qualify data by conducting a three-year analysis, a one-year analysis and three-month trends to put it all in context. DPS will continue to measure contacts, arrests and citations, as well as improved perceptions of safety. DPS is striving to be a learning organization and to use evidenced-based data in making its decisions and formulating strategies. The data will be targeted, tested and tracked.

A Vision Based On 7 Principles – DPS is unique in that it has two significant areas of the criminal justice system, including detention and the challenges around limited jurisdiction for Category I police officers. DPS consists of deputy city marshals to patrol parks, tourist corridors, courts and jails, which have an average daily population of 500 misdemeanants awaiting trial. Additionally, it has an Animal Control Services staff of 11 where 15 are needed to handle 26,000 calls for services. The visions are rooted in the 2017 President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

Building Trust, Confidence & Legitimacy – To do this, DPS must demonstrate its values to the local community and tourists, look for opportunities to provide safety, such as with the new bike patrol program for the Bonanza Trail, continue to expand this program, teams and investigations and continue collaboration with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) and animal protection partners. The in-house Conditions Team handles persons dealing with mental illness and tries to be proactive in targeting tourist corridors, and the team collaborates with the Community Services Department as well.

A Chiefs Advisory Board was implemented and its members will work with City staff to come up with a strategic plan for solutions, and images were shown of various flyers for different things DPS is doing. Similar to Coffee with a Cop, DPS has started Discussions with DPS for discussions in a different ward each month. The Making It Better In Las Vegas book reading initiative provides the opportunity to engage with youth, which is one of the City's key performance indicators of increasing positive law enforcement engagement. With the assistance of the Deputy Chief, DPS continues to create programs to help defendants improve and to lessen the odds of

returning to prison by helping them secure jobs. Operation S.A.F.E.R. (Stronger Alliance for Enforcement and Relationships) was created to provide direct patrol units to rid areas of crime, such as in parks, Fremont Street and the Stupak area, which has resulted in 135 arrests and 54 citations, resulting in a cleanup of the area. DPS will continue to work with Animal Protection Services to collaborate with animal services organizations in ways to improve the services, such as opening an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to have inmates clean kennels twice a week and provide education in animal care.

Employee Health & Wellness – The law enforcement profession deals with a higher rate of divorce, trauma and alcoholism because of the things they experience and see daily, such as fatalities and dealing with armed suspects. To help in this regard, DPS launched a Peer Support Team and a Wellness Unit, which includes an improved gym. Through the Peer Team, early warning signs are under their radar to try to help officers, thus inspiring resiliency and compassion.

Policy – The Lexipol automated policy software system for case law, best practices and routine training was purchased to develop new policies that will help expedite the road map to national accreditation, which will bring an enormous sense of pride to the organization.

Technology – DPS continues to use technology, as staffing levels continue to diminish, to assist with crime prevention strategies, given that many of the systems have the ability to detect and prevent crime and interpret it without having a person look at a video screen 24/7, and they can alert staff to questionable activity. The cameras scan for unique descriptors to pull data for crime situations. Three of those cameras will be placed in parks in Wards 1, 3 and 5, as well as in the Fremont Street Corridor. Five drones were selected for procurement to provide surveillance in parks, trails and tourist corridors. Additionally, a data buoy, which is an auditory gun detection device, will be used to pair up with cameras to send alerts to officers to receive real-time information and respond immediately.

Training – In this area, DPS is attempting to infuse innovative and contemporary methods, such as de-escalation to reduce tragic errors, procedural justice for professionalism and to treat subjects with respect, tabletop exercises to prepare officers with hypothetical situations, and the use of the critical decision-making wheel model.

Community Engagement & Crime Reduction – DPS hosted a community-policing event paired with a Donuts with DPS event to engage with the public. The next event is to take place in the Strat area.

Deputy City Marshal Activity – The graph shows a 65 percent increase in activity, with the main goal of being proactive.

FSE (Fremont Street Experience) & Conditions Teams – From July 2022 to December 2022, compared to the same timeframe in 2021, there was a 91 percent increase in activity, over 391 contacts in the FSE area and 189 arrests and citations and 723 contacts by the Conditions Team.

Hiring, Staffing & Retention – This is definitely an issue in the profession and something police leaders contemplate regularly. With a down rate of 18 percent in deputy marshal positions and 15 percent overall for the department, DPS developed the Recruitment Team to work with Human Resources to improve the testing process to include effectiveness, diversity and inclusion. The Youth Explorer Program was developed to select explorers via local high schools to explore jobs within DPS. With the new recruitment strategy, DPS has created informational flyers for job opportunities, added a meet-and-greet interview process, explored the use of armed security to secure parks, and assessed the implementation of a volunteer team and a Deputy Marshal Reserve program. Over the last three months, several promotions have taken place in several DPS divisions. The retention rate, for which he gave credit to staff in Human Resources, is over 100 percent for deputy city marshals, which means there is interest in working for DPS. Finally, DPS is committed to the 30-30 pledge, which is the national initiative to have 30 percent women representation by 2030 in law enforcement. DPS is intent on increasing diversity because it is important they represent the community they serve, including LBGTQ (Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Queer) representation.

In closing, CHIEF POTTS said there is much to do, but they have made marked improvements, and he thanked the members of his staff who have made this possible, including the volunteers and non-profit organizations.

They are prepared to deal with challenges and collaborate with Metro. He envisions a department inspired to serve the community and focused on systems, policies, training, supervision and accountability and marked goals. He recognized officers in the audience who make up part of his team, and they received applause.

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked CHIEF POTTS and everyone who works in the department for making the community better, noting that public safety is paramount to the Councilmembers and the residents. From experience in dealing with officers in the Mayor's detail, she is aware of their compassion. She asked how the people could help. The City has great partners in law enforcement and is excited about the new headquarters on Fremont Street.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said that CHIEF POTTS has done a good job, despite his brief tenure with the City. He represents his staff well, and they all feel the Chief is doing a good job as well. DPS is phenomenal and the Councilman offered his support.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ felt DPS is doing a great job under CHIEF POTTS' leadership, and she applauded him for implementing data-driven systems to measure performance and ways to improve.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN commended the Chief for all his work, and she thanked him for the safety tips in her videos.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE liked the emphasis on data and evidence-based policy-making. She asked if any thought has been given to establishing a community advisory council. CHIEF POTTS replied that he is familiar with the concept from his experience working in California, but the corridors make Las Vegas unique and the marshals do not intersect much with Metro. However, establishing such a council would be an effective opportunity to work with Metro. The Councilwoman also asked about the gaps in the community. CHIEF POTTS rephrased that and said the biggest opportunity is in the tremendous support DPS receives from the Council, the community and the officers. The biggest challenge for deputy city marshals is finding where they fit in, with Metro being the premiere police agency.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE was happy to hear about the educational program. She asked if there was an opportunity to scale the program and obtain state or federal funding. CHIEF POTTS said that he was not sure, but he believes in helping defendants to break the cycle of incarceration and giving them hope.

MAYOR GOODMAN said that with former law enforcement professionals in lead state positions, the opportunity is now to approach the legislature for the necessary changes on common issues. She asked CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES to tap his fellow city managers to look beyond and build a consensus. She would also like to see an organizational chart for staff to know which team handles what duties. MR. POTTS said the DPS website has an organizational chart and available new resources. The Mayor asked that the chart be re-dated as changes are made.

CHIEF POTTS said that prevention, intervention and enforcement (PIE) are important, and everyone has to take a piece of the PIE to deter crime.

SET DATE

35. Set date on any appeals filed or required public hearings from the City Planning Commission Meetings and Dangerous Building or Nuisance/Litter Abatements.

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN advised the City Clerk, LUANN D. HOLMES, to set the date for all applicable items.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

36. Citizens Participation: Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council. No subject may be acted upon by the City Council unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come to the podium and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:

DANIEL BRAISTED liked that at the last meeting, the Mayor asked about employees in CES (Consumer Electronics Show), yet there was no update about it at this meeting. He suggested engaging the Downtown Vegas Alliance to work on offering meeting space and getting employees into CES, leaving the City Manager time to deal with street striping and overhead lighting. The group Vegas Crypto would be meeting at The Nerd Bar, and he asked if employees would be attending via a shared pass. He asked why no one reported the 100 lights that were out on Las Vegas Boulevard. He said the street number for Dula Gym is not visible because a tree hides it. With safety being a priority, he asked that the City demand a study on the safety of the vaccine, which he alleged is killing people. CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES said he would look into the concern with the Dula Gym.

COUNCIL EMERGING ISSUES

Comments made by Council members during this portion of the agenda must refer solely to proposals for future agenda item topics to be brought before the Council for consideration and action at a later date. Any discussion must be limited to whether or not such proposed items shall be placed on a future agenda and no discussion regarding the substance of any such proposed topic shall occur. No action shall be taken.

- 37. Discussion regarding potential items for future City Council agendas - All Wards

Minutes:
None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION

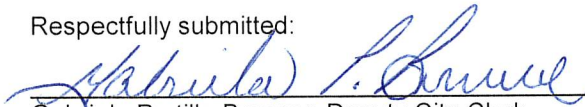
- 38. Council Member Recognition: Comments made by individual City Council Members during this portion of the agenda will not be acted upon by the City Council unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action.

Minutes:
COUNCILMEMBERS BRUNE, SEAMAN, ALLEN-PALENSKE, DIAZ and KNUDSEN announced events that took place in December 2022 or were taking place in January 2023. Some of the Councilmembers submitted flyers, which are attached as backup, regarding their events and points of interest.

MAYOR GOODMAN announced the retirement of DEREK MAJOR, Deputy City Marshal, and wished him the best. The State of the City Address was scheduled for January 12, 2023. She thanked law enforcement, fire and everyone working in the healthcare industry, as well as all staff for a smooth meeting. She wished everyone a happy 2023.

The meeting was recessed from 12:32 p.m. to 1:02 p.m. and was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk



LuAnn D. Holmes, MMC, City Clerk

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