

Carolyn G. Goodman, Mayor (At-Large)
Stavros S. Anthony, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 4)
Brian Knudsen (Ward 1)
Victoria Seaman (Ward 2)
Olivia Diaz (Ward 3)
Cedric Crear (Ward 5)
Michele Fiore (Ward 6)

City Manager Jorge Cervantes
City Attorney Bryan K. Scott
City Clerk LuAnn D. Holmes



City Council Minutes

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March 3, 2021
9:00 AM

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCILMEMBERS ANTHONY (excused at 1:53 p.m.), FIORE (excused at 1:05 p.m.), CREAR, KNUDSEN, SEAMAN and DIAZ

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SETH FLOYD and ACTING CITY CLERK STACEY CAMPBELL

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 State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006: The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov and The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov.

3. Invocation - Pastor David Dendy, Mountain View Presbyterian Church

Minutes:

PASTOR DAVID DENDY, Mountain View Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS ITEMS - 9 A.M. SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. 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:

Prior to this item, MAYOR GOODMAN wished JACQUIE MILLER, Senior Deputy City Clerk, a Happy Birthday.

MAYOR GOODMAN recognized ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, who will be leaving the City and wished him well.

At the Mayor's request, ACTING CITY CLERK STACEY CAMPBELL outlined the process for submitting e-comments via the City's website.

BUSINESS ITEMS - 9 A.M. Session

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Action - Any items from the 9 a.m. session that the Council, staff and/or the applicant wish to be stricken, tabled, withdrawn or held in abeyance to a future meeting may be brought forward and acted upon at this time.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Strike Item 30

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

7. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the February 3, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

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

8. For possible action to approve settlement of Charlene Bynum, Individually, and as the Guardian of the Estate of Ronald Bynum v. City of Las Vegas, Michelle Freeman, et al., Case No. 2:17-cv-2102-APG and Case No. 2:18-cv-00354-APG in the United States District Court, District of Nevada (\$160,000 - Tort Liability Fund) - All Wards

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

FINANCE - PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS - CONSENT

9. For possible action to approve award of Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 180176-DC, Las Vegas Boulevard Improvements - Stewart Avenue to Washington Avenue - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: WSP USA SOLUTIONS, INC. (\$424,972 - Road and Flood Capital Projects Fund) - Ward 5 (Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

10. For possible action to approve award of Bid No. 210005-BW REV, Bulk Unleaded Fuel, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder - Department of Operations and Maintenance - Award recommended to: SENERGY PETROLEUM, LLC. (Not-to-Exceed \$620,190 Annually/Total Contract Amount Not-to-Exceed \$3,100,950 -

Automotive Services Internal Service Fund) - All Wards

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

11. For possible action to approve award of Contract No. 210159-DD, Prime Design Services Contract for Regional Pickleball Complex at Wayne Bunker Park, located at 7351 West Alexander Road - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: SOUTHWICK LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (\$336,523 - Parks and Leisure Capital Projects Fund) - Ward 4 (Anthony)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

12. For possible action to approve award of Bid No. 19.69144-SK, Sewer Rehabilitation Group G, located on Vegas Drive from Wintergreen Drive to Shadow Mountain Place and on Tenaya Way from Vegas Drive to Lake Mead Boulevard, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder - Public Works - Award recommended to: TAB CONTRACTORS, INC. (\$8,983,770 - Sanitation Enterprise Fund) - Wards 1 and 5 (Knudsen and Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - CONSENT

13. For possible action to approve the ratification of Krysan Williams in a Council support position as a Special Assistant to Council in the Ward 6 office (\$59,625 + Benefits - General Fund) - Ward 6 (Fiore)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE - CONSENT

14. For possible action to approve a Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions between Larry Ramirez Leon, Trustee of the Hector Ramirez and Maricela Leon Living Trust, dated October 1, 2018, and the City of Las Vegas for the purchase of land located in the vicinity of Washington Avenue and Lamb Boulevard, APN 140-29-212-009 (\$535,000 plus closing costs - Park Bond) - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

15. For possible action to approve a Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD) Non-Exclusive Easement from the City of Las Vegas to service the Historic Westside Legacy Park project located in the vicinity of West Lake Mead Boulevard and North Martin Luther King Boulevard, APN 139-21-313-025 - Ward 5 (Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

PLANNING - BUSINESS LICENSING - CONSENT

16. For possible action to approve a Non-Operational Tavern-Limited License for a Change of Ownership FROM: VIVA LAS VEGAS THEMED WEDDINGS, INC. TO: VIVA LAS VEGAS CENTER, INC. dba VIVA LAS VEGAS CENTER, INC. at 1201 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Suite #110 [Ilan Gorodezki, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Shareholder] - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

17. For possible action to approve a Non-Operational Banquet or Event Establish - Liquor License for a Change of Ownership FROM: VIVA LAS VEGAS THEMED WEDDINGS, INC. TO: VIVA LAS VEGAS CENTER, INC. dba VIVA LAS VEGAS CENTER, INC. at 1201 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Suite #110 [Ilan Gorodezki, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Shareholder] - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

18. For possible action to approve a Non-Operational Beer Wine Room License for a Change of Ownership FROM: VIVA LAS VEGAS THEMED WEDDINGS, INC. TO: VIVA LAS VEGAS CENTER, INC. dba VIVA LAS VEGAS CENTER, INC. at 1205 South Las Vegas Boulevard [Ilan Gorodezki, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Shareholder] - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

PUBLIC WORKS - CONSENT

19. For possible action to approve First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Las Vegas (CLV) and Clark County (County) to provide for the adjustment of two (2) sewer siphon vaults located near the Las Vegas Wash and Sloan Lane as part of the Sandhill Owens Relief Sewer Project - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

20. For possible action to approve First Supplemental Interlocal Contract LAS29F20 between the City of Las Vegas (CLV) and the Clark County Regional Flood Control District (CCRFCD) to increase funding for construction of the Flamingo - Boulder Highway North, Charleston - Boulder Highway to Maryland Parkway and Maryland Parkway System (\$8,360,160 - Road and Flood Capital Project Fund [CPF]) - Wards 3 and 5 (Diaz and Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

21. For possible action to approve a Sewer Over-Sizing and Extension Refunding Agreement between the City of Las Vegas (CLV) and Meadows Owner, LLC for an over-sized sewer generally located in Meadows Lane between Decatur Boulevard and Valley View Boulevard (\$696,757.93 - Sanitation Fund) - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT

22. R-9-2021 - For possible action to approve a Resolution concerning City of Las Vegas, Nevada, Special Improvement District No. 1485 - Alta Drive (Landscape Maintenance FY2022); determining the cost to be assessed and authorizing, ordering and directing the City Engineer to prepare the Final Assessment Roll and providing the effective date hereof - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

23. R-10-2021 - For possible action to approve a Resolution concerning City of Las Vegas, Nevada, Special Improvement District No. 1485 - Alta Drive (Landscape Maintenance FY2022); fixing the time and place when complaints, protests, and objections to the Final Assessment Roll for the District will be heard; providing for the manner of giving notice of the Hearing on the Final Assessment Roll; prescribing other details in connection therewith; ratifying all action taken consistent with the provisions hereof; and providing the effective date hereof - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

24. R-11-2021 - For possible action to approve a Resolution concerning City of Las Vegas, Nevada, Special Improvement District No. 1516 - Fremont Street Maintenance District (Las Vegas Boulevard to 8th Street); determining the cost to be assessed and authorizing, ordering and directing the City Engineer to prepare the Final Assessment Roll for FY2022 and providing the effective date hereof - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

25. R-12-2021 - For possible action to approve a Resolution concerning City of Las Vegas, Nevada, Special Improvement District No. 1516 - Fremont Street Maintenance District FY2022 (Las Vegas Boulevard to 8th Street); fixing the time and place when complaints, protests, and objections to the Final Assessment Roll for the District will be heard; providing for the manner of giving notice of the Hearing on the Final Assessment Roll; prescribing

other details in connection therewith; ratifying all action taken consistent with the provisions hereof; and providing the effective date hereof - Ward 3(Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

26. R-13-2021 - For possible action to approve a Resolution consenting to the undertakings of the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency (RDA) in connection with the Multifamily Residential Unit Incentive Program (MFR-UIP) Agreement between the RDA and LMNOP Properties, LLC (Owner), to participate with the developer on renovations of a 20-unit residential property located at 828 F Street (APN 139-27-310-008), to be in compliance with and in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the RDA - Redevelopment Area - Ward 5 (Crear) [NOTE: This item is related to RDA Item 4 (RA-5-2021)]

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

27. R-14-2021 - For possible action to approve a Resolution consenting to the undertakings of the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency (RDA) in connection with the Multifamily Residential Visual Incentive Program (MFR-VIP) Agreement between the RDA and LMNOP Properties LLC (Owner) located at 828 F Street (APN 139-27-310-008), to be in compliance with and in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the RDA - Redevelopment Area - Ward 5 (Crear) [NOTE: This item is related to RDA Item 5 (RA-6-2021)]

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

ADMINISTRATIVE - DISCUSSION

28. Report by Jorge Cervantes, City Manager, regarding the Arbitration Findings and Decision for the Las Vegas Peace Officers Association (LVPOA) and the City of Las Vegas

Minutes:

Using a PowerPoint Presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES explained this report was required by NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) 288, and will detail the findings of the Arbitration between the City and the Las Vegas Peace Officers Association (LVPOA). He said the fiscal impact for the 2020 negotiation is \$850,331.

MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed that the LVPOA includes Corrections Officers and City Marshals.

VINCE ZAMORA, Human Resources Director, said this matter started in 2019 and since that time, the City has gone through a variety of third party processes. Arbitration was held on December 10 and 15, 2020 and the arbitrator's decision was received on February 2, 2021. The main articles of contest were surrounding wages and COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment) increases. He announced that for Fiscal Year 2020, only eligible Tier 2 employees will receive a 1.75 percent COLA.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY MORGAN DAVIS explained consistent with everyone else, the City proposed a one-time lump sum payment to all employees. The Association, based on recommendations at fact-finding, proposed a one-time lump sum payment and a COLA of 1.75 percent for Tier 2 employees. The arbitrator awarded the

Association's position, and the fiscal impact of that award will be \$850,330.50.

29. Report by Jorge Cervantes, City Manager, and discussion for possible action regarding a new one-year collective bargaining agreement between the Las Vegas Peace Officers Association (LVPOA) and the City of Las Vegas (Not-to-Exceed \$850,331 - General Fund) - All Wards

Minutes:

CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES said this item is associated with Item 28, and this agreement reflects the arbitrator's findings. He advised that the fiscal impact is \$850,331, but staff will later explain why a different figure is seen in the presentation.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, VINCE ZAMORA, Human Resources Director, reported that the City and the Las Vegas Peace Officers Association (LVPOA) have reached a tentative agreement. The LVPOA covers approximately 210 employees, including Corrections Officers and Sergeants, and their last contract expired on June 30, 2019. A total of 11 negotiation meetings were held between January and May of 2019, an impasse was declared by the union on May 21, 2019 and mediation was held on September 12, 2019. Fact-finding then took place on January 9 and February 6, 2020, and the fact-finder's recommendation was received on August 10, 2020 but neither party agreed with the recommendation. Interest arbitration took place on December 10 and 15, 2020, and the arbitrator's report was received on February 2, 2021.

In summary, compensation will include a 1.75 percent COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment) increase for Tier 2 employees and a 3.56 percent one-time cash bonus for both tiers. The sick leave cap was increased from 420 to 600 hours, and the medical contribution was reduced from \$1,100 to \$1,050 per employee per month for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021. MR. ZAMORA said the fiscal impact will be \$789,938, which differs from the \$850,331 number previously given because when the City submitted their proposal to the arbitrator, they included the base rate of the Correction Officers and Sergeants with the PERS (Public Employees' Retirement System) amount included. When the arbitrator filed their final report, they also added PERS costs on top of it, which is where the \$850,331 came from.

MR. ZAMORA recognized some of the City employees who took place in the negotiating process, which included ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY MORGAN DAVIS, SUE BROWN, Deputy Director of Human Resources, RICK HUNT, Human Resources Administrator, and the entire Human Resources support team. He also recognized members of the LVPOA Negotiation Team including SCOTT EDWARDS, President, RUSSELL JERNEE, Vice President, and TODD CHAFEE, Treasurer.

MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed through MR. ZAMORA that the agreement was good through June 30, 2020. He further added that the City is currently in negotiations with the LVPOA for a successor agreement.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN acknowledged MR. EDWARDS, who was in the audience, and said he appreciated his leadership.

COUNCILMAN CREAR appreciated the work the LVPOA does, and recognized MR. ZAMORA and MR. DAVIS for their hard work.

Subsequent to the vote, MAYOR GOODMAN thanked all who were involved in the negotiations.

See Item 28 for related discussion.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

PLANNING - BUSINESS LICENSING - DISCUSSION

30. Discussion for possible action regarding a Beer/Wine/Cooler On-Sale License for AL-WAHAB INC. dba CIGIS PIZZA at 309 North Nellis Boulevard, Suite #120 [Billawal Ali Badruddin, President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director,

Shareholder] - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Strike Item 30

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - DISCUSSION

31. Discussion for possible action regarding the reappointment of William McCurdy to a Ward 5 seat of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve the reappointment of William McCurdy

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN CREAR said WILLIAM McCURDY loves serving on the Board and appreciated his passion for the City.

32. Discussion for possible action regarding the appointment of nominee Thomas Prato to the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial

Motion made by Carolyn Goodman to Approve the appointment of Thomas Prato

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

33. Discussion for possible action regarding the appointment of nominee Valerie Craig to the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve the appointment of Valerie Craig

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

34. Discussion for possible action regarding the appointment of nominee Heidi Gustafson to the Ward 2 seat of the Arts Commission

Motion made by Victoria Seaman to Approve the appointment of Heidi Gustafson

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked RICHARD PLASTER for this service

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE REPORT - DISCUSSION

BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT THIS MEETING

35. Bill No. 2021-8 - For possible action - Amends LVMC 19.12.070, as it pertains to cannabis dispensaries, to remove the prohibition of drive-through facilities. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Michele Fiore

Minutes:

Second reading and Bill adopted as introduced as Ordinance No. 6771.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve

NOTE: Mayor Goodman abstained from voting on this item due to her son's involvement in the medical marijuana industry.

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

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz; Abstain-Carolyn Goodman;

NEW BILLS

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.

36. Bill No. 2021-9 - Amends the Town Center Development Standards Manual, adopted under LVMC 19.10.060(B), by amending Map Six thereof, pertaining to street classifications, to remove the designation of Echelon Point Drive as a Town Center Collector. Proposed by: Mike Janssen, Executive Director of Community Development

Minutes:

FIRST READING – Referred – COUNCILMEMBERS ANTHONY, FIORE, and KNUDSEN

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37. Bill No. 2021-10 - Amends the Town Center Development Standards Manual to allow for animated signs within nonresidential districts, subject to specified limitations and restrictions. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Michele Fiore

Minutes:

FIRST READING – Referred – COUNCILMEMBERS ANTHONY, FIORE, and KNUDSEN

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CLOSED SESSION

38. Closed Session - A closed meeting is called in accordance with NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2) to receive information from the City Attorney about potential and existing litigation

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN announced at 9:31 a.m. that the Council would be going into Closed session and would be back at 9:50 a.m.

PLANNING

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.

PLANNING - DISCUSSION

39. 20-0346-ABEYANCE ITEM - NONPUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: SOLTERRA HOLDINGS NEVADA, LLC - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 0.80 acres at the southeast corner of Gass Avenue and 1st Street (APNs 139-34-410-023, 024, 025 and 139-34-310-028), C-2 (General

Commercial) Zone, Ward 3 (Diaz). Staff recommends DENIAL on the Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:

ATTORNEY J.T. MORAN appeared representing the applicant, and he thanked Planning staff for their continued efforts on this project. He said many unanticipated issues have arisen in Southern Nevada due to the over-concentration of hospitality, but Solterra has staying power and they have forged a strong partnership with the City of Las Vegas. Solterra has exclusively gone out of British Columbia to do business in Downtown Las Vegas and do not have any properties elsewhere. He asked the Council to consider the timing of the project and the strategic partnership. Solterra met with former Mayor OSCAR GOODMAN in 2000 to discuss this project and they have worked hard ever since to create an opportunity for success and maintain the integrity of these entitlements. This is a very sophisticated project that will ultimately deliver something to the city that cannot be found elsewhere.

MR. MORAN explained that Solterra is a company that was founded decades ago in Canada. They are a full service company, offering design, construction and operational services. MR. MORAN then showed various examples of projects that Solterra has completed in various parts of Canada, and spoke of the unique aesthetics and the single family residential feeling that their high-rise developments bring.

Speaking to the project, MR. MORAN explained the site is located on the corner of First Street and Gass Avenue, and they plan to develop two point condominium towers and a separate mid-rise loft project. The northern piece of the parcel will house the two point towers that will be 550 feet in height. There will be approximately six to nine units per floor, and the development will offer a variety of floor plans. The loft units will provide one- and two-bedroom units along studios and penthouses. MR. MORAN said Solterra likes to provide a lot of outdoor space to its customers, and he displayed various elevation renderings that highlighted the potential open space sections.

In closing, he said the timing is perfect for Solterra, and they want to focus on workforce development while they develop. He wanted to speak of other parcels Solterra owns in Las Vegas, but MAYOR GOODMAN asked that they stay on task and only discuss this specific project. The Mayor inquired about a potential timeline should these extensions be approved, and MR. MORAN said Solterra will likely be able to submit their construction documents within one year, and that would place them in a queue for about two and a half years. He requested the Council approve a two-year extension if Solterra can indeed prove that construction documentation has been submitted.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, explained it has been 13 years since this item last had a public hearing. Since the original date, significant changes have taken place Downtown including the adoption of the 2045 Downtown Master Plan, implementation of form-based code and changes to the FAA's (Federal Aviation Admission) flight information regarding Special Use Permits. With all those factors in mind, staff felt this project should have a new public hearing and, therefore, recommended denial.

MAYOR GOODMAN inquired about the report from the FAA, and MR. SUMMERFIELD said in the original review, the FAA did approve the 550-foot height clearance. There is still additional documentation they would need to review, especially considering the amount of time that has passed. MAYOR GOODMAN asked if this project fits in the new form-based code, and MR. SUMMERFIELD said this part of Downtown has not yet adopted form-based code; however, this would be generally consistent with what is to be expected. He further added that the report did not suggest the project is not viable, but there has been no opportunity for public comment for several years.

CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES said this is a good, viable project and felt this request was worth considering. He said MR. MORAN made a good point in noting that trade workers will need a new development to keep them employed.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ liked that Solterra owns the property and has other investments in the community. She said the previous City Manager spoke highly of Solterra, and she felt their project already mirrors what the City will eventually adopt in the area with form-based code. She asserted that with her motion comes the understanding that she would like to see permits being pulled as soon as possible.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if the Councilwoman would like to name a specific date in her approval, and MR. SUMMERFIELD said the approval today will grant the applicant an extension until January 9, 2022 to get the project underway. MR. MORAN said that was a tight deadline and he would appreciate a few extra months. He added he has been told that construction documents can be submitted by the end of the year, which would fit within the City's deadline. MR. SUMMERFIELD said the Councilwoman did not need to amend her motion, as the

approval already gives a date as to when the extension will expire. MR. MORAN reiterated his request to move the deadline to the end of March 2022 due to the holiday months where many people are not working but he deferred to the Councilwoman. COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ felt he made a valid point, and she confirmed through MR. SUMMERFIELD that the deadline could be amended to March 3, 2022.

MR. CERVANTES spoke of a transmission power line that runs in front of the building, and he felt the extra few months would be helpful for the applicant to work with NV Energy.

See Items 39a-39c for related backup.

- 39a. 20-0346-EOT1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - EXTENSION OF TIME - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - For possible action on a request for an eighth Extension of Time of an approved Site Development Plan Review (SDR-25265) FOR A PROPOSED 50-STORY MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING 15,000 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE AND 700 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS

Minutes:

See Item 39 for related discussion and Items 39-39c for related backup.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve Items 39a-39c subject to condition(s) and amending Condition 1 as read for the record:

1. This approval shall expire March 3, 2022 unless another Extension of Time is approved by the City Council.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

- 39b. 20-0346-EOT2 - ABEYANCE ITEM - EXTENSION OF TIME - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - For possible action on a request for an eighth Extension of Time of an approved Special Use Permit (SUP-25267) FOR A PROPOSED 550-FOOT BUILDING WITHIN THE A-O (AIRPORT OVERLAY) DISTRICT WHERE THE HEIGHT LIMITATION IS 200 FEET

Minutes:

See Item 39 for related discussion and Items 39-39c for related backup.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve Items 39a-39c subject to condition(s) and amending Condition 1 as read for the record:

1. This approval shall expire March 3, 2022 unless another Extension of Time is approved by the City Council.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

- 39c. 20-0346-EOT3 - ABEYANCE ITEM - EXTENSION OF TIME - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - For possible action on a request for an eighth Extension of Time of an approved Special Use Permit (SUP-25268) FOR A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

Minutes:

See Item 39 for related discussion and Items 39-39c for related backup.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve Items 39a-39c subject to condition(s) and amending Condition 1 as read for the record:

1. This approval shall expire March 3, 2022 unless another Extension of Time is approved by the City Council.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

40. 20-0347 - ABEYANCE ITEM - NONPUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: SOLTERRA HOLDINGS NEVADA, LLC - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 0.48 acres at the northeast corner of Hoover Avenue and 1st Street (APNs 139-34-410-021 and 022), C-2 (General Commercial) Zone, Ward 3 (Diaz). Staff recommends DENIAL on the Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, referenced the staff report for Items 39a-39c and said there was no additional information to add.

See Item 39 for related discussion and Items 40a and 40b for related backup.

- 40a. 20-0347-EOT1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - EXTENSION OF TIME - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - For possible action on a request for an eighth Extension of Time of an approved Special Use Permit (SUP-25070) FOR A PROPOSED MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

Minutes:

See Items 39 and 40 for related discussion and Items 40-40b for related backup.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve Items 40a and 40b subject to condition(s) and amending Condition 1 as read for the record:

1. This approval shall expire March 3, 2022 unless another Extension of Time is approved by the City Council.

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

For-Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz; Did Not Vote-Victoria Seaman;

- 40b. 20-0347-EOT2 - ABEYANCE ITEM - EXTENSION OF TIME - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - For possible action on a request for an eighth Extension of Time of an approved Site Development Plan Review (SDR-25072) FOR A PROPOSED 14-STORY MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING 5,000 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE AND 130 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS

Minutes:

See Items 39 and 40 for related discussion and Items 40-40b for related backup.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve Items 40a and 40b subject to condition(s) and amending Condition 1 as read for the record:

1. This approval shall expire March 3, 2022 unless another Extension of Time is approved by the City Council.

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

For-Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz; Did Not Vote-Victoria Seaman;

41. 20-0092 - ABEYANCE ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: MAIN STREET INVESTMENTS II, LLC - For possible action on a Council Review of the Approval by the Planning Commission on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 0.48 acres at 1205 South Main Street and 1208 South Casino Center Boulevard (APNs 162-03-105-011 and 162-03-110-067), C-M (Commercial-Industrial) and C-1 (Limited Commercial) Zones, Ward 3 (Diaz). Staff recommends DENIAL on the Land Use Entitlement project. The Planning Commission (4-2-1 vote) APPROVED the Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open for Items 41-41b.

NOEL CASIMIRO appeared representing the application. He said one of the key consultants who was supposed to present on the project was diagnosed with COVID-19 about two weeks ago. Although he is recovering, they would like to request an abeyance out of an abundance of caution. He added that he and his colleagues have a meeting with COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ tomorrow, and hoped to have meaningful dialogue about the project with her and anybody who is opposed to the project.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, reported that the applicant is proposing to create an open-air food court with mobile food vendor trucks and trailers on the west side of Casino Center Boulevard just east of California Street. In addition, the applicant is proposing two mobile food truck vendors on the rear patio area of 1205 South Main Street for an interim use. The proposal includes waivers requesting to allow non-standard fencing material, artificial plants, an alternative ground cover where a solid surface is required, to not develop the subject site as a pedestrian open space and minimal landscaping. It would also request a trash enclosure be constructed with fencing and non-masonry materials. The multiple requested waivers emphasize that the proposal is incompatible with the goals of the City's Vision 2045 Downtown Master Plan, specifically as that plan details the future development of the 18b Arts District. Staff therefore recommended denial of both applications.

MR. SUMMERFIELD also noted that since the Planning Commission meeting, the applicant has proposed an updated site plan that indicates they will be raising the outdoor string lights from 12 feet to 15 feet. They will also provide underground electrical conduit for each truck space with a panel that will be located on the southwest corner of the site. Instead of a chain link fence, the applicant is proposing an aluminum frame with open metal wire on the northeast and west property lines. On a separate portion of the property, the applicant will construct an eight-foot wood panel with decorative elements. There will also be signs posted that indicate where patrons can go to use restroom facilities, and they will use plastic garbage containers at each food truck location. Staff still found the project is not consistent with the overall vision of the Arts District and other development standards that are seen in the immediate area.

MAYOR GOODMAN spoke of the applicant addressing the trash concerns, and MR. SUMMERFIELD intervened and clarified that there should be a code compliant trash collection site, but the applicant has instead proposed a trash container at each truck. He added that the applicant did not provide any proposal as to who collects the trash and where it will go. MAYOR GOODMAN then asked about where patrons can park, and MR. SUMMERFIELD said there is no parking plan associated with this project. There are a few public parking spaces in the vicinity, but he added that these patrons are not intended to stay at the site. This is more geared towards individuals who are either living or working in the immediate area that can walk to the site and order their food to go. MAYOR GOODMAN then confirmed through MR. SUMMERFIELD that the health department will be actively involved in the permitting process, and each food truck must be compliant prior to operating.

MR. CASIMIRO said he was brought on to this project because he is the President of the Great American Foodie Fest, which is one of the largest food truck festivals on the west coast. They have 50 to 60 food vendors attend their events, and they are always successful. MR. CASIMIRO said they have detailed plans but need the abeyance because one of the key consultants was not present.

BECKY MILLER was present as a degreed engineer and the Senior Food Vendor Coordinator for an extremely large festival in San Francisco. She works for Redbarn Productions, who has been producing The Great Dickens Christmas Fair and Victorian Holiday Party for over 50 years, and she has been on senior staff for over 21 years managing mobile food vendors. Traffic is a major logistics problem, as this project will see approximately 500 to 600 cars per day. If that is divided over a lunch and dinner time period, it breaks down to 150 cars per hour. MS. MILLER was vehemently opposed to the project, and she submitted her comments for the record, a copy of which was attached as backup.

ATTORNEY STEPHANIE SMITH appeared representing Silver Cloud Properties. For many years, her clients have invested in and sought to improve the Arts District to become a vibrant destination for the Las Vegas community. These endeavors have been largely in cooperation with the City, who sought to revitalize the Downtown area as a whole. Her clients have invested large sums of money and had to undergo extremely thorough investigations in order to maintain and improve their infrastructure.

WYNDEE FOREST owns CraftHaus Brewery, which is one of the closest businesses to this lot. She said there is a lack of infrastructure for this project, and she pointed out that there are no sanitation facilities for patrons or food truck employees. She said the claims the applicant made that nearby businesses have offered up their facilities are untrue, and parking is a major challenge. She has invested her life savings into her business, and she pointed out that the property owner has only presented plans that are temporary in nature. She is not against food trucks, but this project is poorly designed and lacks investment. This is a parasitic business model that can only survive by taking from surrounding businesses and is not giving anything positive in return.

ABBY STROOT, President of the 18b Arts District Association, said at their recent meeting, there were seven votes against the proposal, one in favor and one abstention. Their biggest concern is that this is only a temporary project, and there are no long term intentions for food trucks on this lot. The six waiver requests show that there is no true investment being made in the Arts District.

MARIO ENRIQUEZ, co-owner of Garagiste Wine Room, spoke in opposition. He said this continued waste of everyone's time has inspired misrepresentation, slander, libel, threats and frivolous lawsuits from the applicants. He had no doubt that the Council understands the ramifications of allowing the proposal to move forward. Accountability for the inevitable failure of the proposal, should it be allowed to proceed, will reflect negatively against any vote in favor. Additionally, any assertions about any changes to the plan should neither inform nor dictate the Councilmembers' decision on the matter. The Council should also understand the responsibilities of protecting the public, the wards they represent and the local business operators. MR. ENRIQUEZ presented protest petitions, copies of which were submitted and attached as backup.

DEREK STONEBARGER thanked former Mayor OSCAR GOODMAN, who helped create the Arts District in a dilapidated area. He along with many others have spent their life savings on their businesses, and he was opposed to allowing an absentee landlord parking 10 trucks on a lot. He presented an aerial view of the lot, and spoke of the lack of adequate space along with the number of cars that this use will bring. MR. STONEBARGER pleaded to Council to not hurt the Arts District.

ERIC GLADSTONE owns The Feast of Friends, which is a marketing and events company for independent restaurants and food companies. For the past eight weeks, he has been working with the Pinball Hall of Fame and they have staged food trucks out front for free because they love to support their industry. He would love to see the City get involved in creating a permanent space for food trucks to stage and serve the community; however, he is in opposition to this project. The proposal makes no sense, and it is so poorly planned that it will be a detriment to the food truck industry. MAYOR GOODMAN said ten years ago, the City had a comprehensive meeting with restaurant and food truck owners to discuss a potential partnership.

ERIC CUMMINGS said he lives, works and creates in the Arts District. He thanked the local businesses, and he was in agreeance with most of the opposition previously stated. He does not want to walk past this every night, and he said the aesthetic does not fit in the neighborhood.

JAMES TREES, owner of Esther's Kitchen, spoke in opposition and said this is endangering a community where many people have invested their life savings.

VINCENT ROTOLO, owner of Good Pie, said he chose to build his life in this community because he is inspired by the arts. He invested his and others' life savings and has been living his dream of operating Good Pie since 2006. He felt that culinary arts can exist on food trucks, but this particular project is not the right answer for many reasons. The owners have launched a smear campaign against him and accused him and others of being scared of competition. He said the applicants are anti-creativity and anti-development, and he asked the Council to deny the application.

CLARENCE THOMAS spoke of identity theft and being poisoned. He wants to move up in life and requested to speak with someone that could help him.

JENNIFER HUNTER, co-owner of Atomic Style Lounge, said there is no question that this project has created a divide between small business owners. She said COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ gave the applicant explicit instructions for how to proceed but they failed to meet these requirements. Instead, they asked City staff to set up a meeting

on their behalf because they did not think it was their responsibility. She spoke of the lack of responsibility the lot owners have exhibited such as allowing graffiti and trash on the lot and asking nearby businesses to allow patrons to use their facilities. She urged the Council to vote against the project.

JOHN MITTENESS appeared representing the owner of the site immediately adjacent to the proposed project. He had many traffic concerns, and said the lot is not large enough to support the overwhelming amount of vehicles that it will bring. Food trucks are a great thing, but he was opposed to this particular project.

ACTING CITY CLERK STACEY CAMPBELL and DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SETH FLOYD read e-comments received online, copies of which were attached as backup.

MR. CASIMIRO said this is an eight- to ten-hour operation, and there will not be 500 cars at one time. One of their long-term goals is to make these vendors known so they can move into a brick and mortar location in the community. He also reminded the public that they need to go through the Southern Nevada Health District and the Fire Department to get the proper approvals. They are also trying to bring more people to the Arts District by constantly rotating out two celebrity food truck vendors. In closing, MR. CASIMIRO said he would not put his name on this project if it was not going to be great, and they are focused on the patron experience.

MAYOR GOODMAN spoke of the Life is Beautiful and Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) events, and suggested that MR. CASIMIRO contact their representatives about a potential partnership.

MAYOR GOODMAN inquired about the next steps if the applicant were to withdraw the item, or if the Council were to either approve or deny the project. MR. SUMMERFIELD said if this were to be approved, he and the Public Works Department would have additional conditions that would address outstanding concerns. If the Council were to deny the item, it will be one year before the applicant can propose a similar project on the lot. It does not mean the developer cannot bring forth another project, but it must be substantially different than what is currently proposed. If the application is withdrawn without prejudice, the process must completely start over. Because this project has been noticed, if the withdrawal does not include without prejudice, it is tantamount to a denial and would also include the one-year waiting period. MR. SUMMERFIELD added that any withdrawal would result in new fees.

MR. FLOYD reminded the Council that MR. CASIMIRO originally requested an abeyance.

COUNCILMAN CREAR said he would support whatever decision COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ makes. He also mentioned that he has had conversations with City staff about a parcel in Ward 5 for a similar project, but it needs to be done right and include ample parking, seating and sanitation facilities. This parcel is truly not meant for this use, and he felt the project was not well thought out.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE agreed that this particular parcel is not the right place for this use. She will not be supporting a project that includes infringing upon the nearby businesses for their restrooms.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN loves the Arts District, and spoke highly of the local restaurants and bars that he frequently visits. He did not think this project was the right fit for the lot or for the community that has been thriving in the area.

MAYOR GOODMAN recalled a call from a restaurant named Mamacita's during her first year of service. They had used their life savings to open the restaurant and later started experiencing issues with a food truck parked nearby. She called upon the City Manager to get all the parties together, and the resolution turned into a lottery system that allowed the food truck to continue operations without interfering with the restaurant. She said many successful restaurants started as food trucks, and she supports them as long as it is done properly. She again encouraged the applicant to contact representatives for Life is Beautiful and EDC about a potential partnership. The Mayor thought the project was on its way, but they had the wrong place. She also spoke of her own challenges with parking in the area, even in the middle of a weekday.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ appreciated the feedback from her colleagues, and said her office has been trying to emphasize the importance of getting all stakeholders on board and making concessions but there has been no movement to this day. She empathized with MR. MURAD for contracting COVID-19, but she has been checking in with Planning staff to see if any updated plans or renderings had been submitted since January 14th, and the

answer was always no. She also did not appreciate the harassment her office staff and small businesses have received over this project. The Councilwoman said this had been abeyed three times with the Planning Commission and twice with the City Council, and it is time to move on. She has an open door, and her office has been listening to all sides. She sent an e-mail to everyone involved on February 22nd about holding a town hall meeting by February 26th, but there was no reply to that e-mail until the morning of the 26th, which tells her that the applicant has no willingness to be transparent and make concessions. The Councilwoman said she would be denying the application based on the lack of certainty, lack of a landscape buffer, an overbuilt site, lack of sanitation quarters, incompatibly with the Vision 2045 Downtown Master Plan and the level of improvements are substandard.

See Items 41a and 41b for related backup.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 41-41b.

41a. 20-0092-SUP1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - FOR AN OPEN AIR VENDING USE

Minutes:

See Item 41 for related discussion and Items 41-41b for related backup.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Deny Items 41a and 41b

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

41b. 20-0092-SDR1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - FOR A PROPOSED OUTDOOR FOOD COURT AND DINING AREA WITH WAIVERS OF APPENDIX F INTERIM DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Minutes:

See Item 41 for related discussion and Items 41-41b for related backup.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Deny Items 41a and 41b

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman, Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz;

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

42. Report by City Staff and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) regarding the efforts of the Homeless Coordinated Response Team involving outreach and support services - All Wards

Minutes:

Using a PowerPoint Presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, CHIEF COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER DR. LISA MORRIS HIBBLER said it had been about a year since staff last gave a comprehensive report on homelessness. Due to the pandemic, normal business practices were suspended to meet other pressing needs including the ISO-Q (Isolation and Quarantine Complex), COVID-19 testing and providing rental assistance. The programs, services and actions of the City complement other programs and services through their regional collaborations with the goal to serve more people expeditiously. The City continues to be actively involved in numerous regional efforts including the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care, Assembly Bill 73 and all related meetings, and the Emergency Rental Assistance program. Just yesterday, the City and Clark County were recognized as a finalist for the Good Government Award for their collaborative efforts surrounding the ISO-Q. The City of Las Vegas has demonstrated a commitment of providing critical services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness while balancing other responsibilities of public health, public safety and infrastructure management. There is no question that homelessness is a complex, individualized experience that stems from many factors. This presentation is meant to illustrate how the City is maximizing interdepartmental coordination, improving multi-agency collaboration with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), and capturing

data more accurately through the Homeless Coordination Response Team that was initiated in 2019. In addition to the departments and agencies listed on the PowerPoint, DR. MORRIS HIBBLER said the Office of Strategic Services also assists with the monthly data collection and reporting, which is a work in progress because many agencies do not have access to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). MAYOR GOODMAN asked DR. MORRIS HIBBLER to add the City Council to that team. DR. MORRIS HIBBLER then outlined the speakers that would be presenting and which topics they would be covering.

JERRY WALKER, Director of Operations and Maintenance, said his team routinely provides support wherever possible. They respond to the problems caused by urban encampments associated with homelessness amongst other issues. There is a wide list of public safety, health and welfare concerns for the community at large, especially for the directly impacted neighborhoods. A proactive and timely response is required, and concerns will multiply if they are not addressed. MR. WALKER said site cleaning has been an activity for 25 years, and they are concentrating these efforts in the Downtown area. The washes are cleared twice monthly, and those efforts will be expanded to include various trail sections in about two weeks. His team is also very proactive with the Northwest Area Command to address issues twice per month. In the West Las Vegas area, specifically around Bonanza Road and F Street, problem areas are cleared and cleaned twice weekly in conjunction with the Bolden Area Command. The Corridor of Hope and the surrounding areas are cleared and cleaned three times per week. Alleyways are also problematic at times, and they are cleaned on an as-needed basis.

Site security is another area where MR. WALKER'S department is focusing their efforts. He explained these are areas such as storm drains that the public should not have access to for safety and environmental reasons, and the City is making efforts to physically secure these types of areas at a wide variety of locations.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if NDOT assists with these efforts, and MR. WALKER confirmed they perform multi-jurisdictional coordination efforts. He said NDOT and the City have different priorities, and COVID-19 majorly affected their work activities. For this reason, his department is working with NDOT under a draft agreement where the City provides support and resources in areas that are impacting city neighborhoods. Staff has also come up with new fence designs to help secure areas that are closed to the public. Additionally, staff recently reviewed the Union Pacific Railroad corridor. This has been an area with various problems, and the railroad has been proactive in their efforts while they coordinate with the City. They will also provide emergency access points because the corridor is a high fire activity area with high pedestrian and train traffic. Temporary deterrence locations have recently been initiated to secure various areas because staff has identified concerns that cannot wait. One of those locations includes Foremaster Lane, which is a highly congested area that needs to be secured during the ongoing construction work taking place. He added that Anderson Dairy may be impacted, and staff will look to see what efforts may need to be made there. Action has also been taken at F Street and McWilliams Avenue because staff believed the neighborhood was under siege.

MR. WALKER said the Downtown area is cleaned every day and night, but there is a growing number of encampment activities. Although routine cleanings continued, staff went on hiatus from abatement and mitigation efforts for seven months due to COVID-19.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE asked MR. WALKER to elaborate on the impacts Anderson Dairy may face because food is involved and it is the oldest dairy in the city of Las Vegas. MR. WALKER explained that area is cleaned three times per week, but they are mainly focused on the pedestrian-vehicle concerns.

Continuing on the Downtown area cleanings, MR. WALKER said efforts need to be reinitiated and revamped. There is a proposal pending with the City Manager's Office that involves a resource allocation so the City Marshals can provide additional support to regain control of the area.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN spoke of the ongoing construction efforts on Foremaster Lane, and wondered what the coordination looked like with other businesses in the area such as Catholic Charities and Salvation Army. MR. WALKER said they will not take any action without coordination, and the Office of Community Services has scheduled a meeting for next week with Catholic Charities and the nearby private care center. KATHI THOMAS, Community Services Director, said preliminary conversations have taken place surrounding controlling both vehicular and pedestrian access with Catholic Charities and the nearby care center. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN then asked how the ongoing construction is impacting what Foremaster Lane

currently looks like, and MS. THOMAS said the construction has brought safety concerns, especially on the sidewalks. The condition of Foremaster Lane is also being impacted by other issues including capacity limits at shelters due to COVID-19. MS. THOMAS added that more enforcement is being conducted by the City of North Las Vegas, where they are disbanding encampments on their side of Owens Avenue, and that brings more people to Foremaster Lane.

MS. THOMAS spoke of the Multi-Agency Outreach Resource Engagement (MORE) teams, which are street-based teams that assist individuals experiencing homelessness. One of their priorities is assisting with housing assessments, as there is only a single waiting list that serves the entire region. They also get individuals connected to resources available through neighborhood organizations, interact with encampments and help provide access to Courtyard services. The MORE teams are comprised of case workers, human services professionals and law enforcement support. MS. THOMAS said the call line is still 702-229-6673, and she pointed out that this is not a dispatch line. Inquires can also be received through the GoVegas app, Formstack and the City's website. City Marshals have recently been added to help manage the call line as the volume and demand continues to increase. They also help connect unhomed individuals to resources by making the initial introduction between the individual and the resource, and providing community policing to help foster relationships with those seeking assistance.

There are currently five MORE teams that provide seven-day coverage, and MS. THOMAS said they can transport clients to shelters, housing, detox/rehab programs and follow-up appointments. Team 1 is assigned to the Downtown area that rides with Metro, Team 2 is assigned to the Bolden Area Command, Team 3 is assigned to all wards, Team 4 is assigned to weekend coverage and Team 5 is assigned to overnight coverage.

MAYOR GOODMAN wondered if 24-hour coverage is needed, and MS. THOMAS said there are some core challenges to this type of coverage. Las Vegas is commercially a 24-hour town, but the human services partners are not available at odd hours. For those reasons, there is a benefit to 24-hour coverage, but managing expectations is also a key component.

MS. THOMAS walked the Council through photos of the MORE teams assisting homeless individuals, and she stressed that these interdisciplinary teams work together and engage with vulnerable populations in situations that may not always be safe. From September 2020 through February 2021, over 7,400 contacts were made, 857 encampments were removed, 213 individuals were transported and over 1,400 individuals accepted services. MS. THOMAS reminded everyone that each person experiencing homelessness makes a choice whether or not they want to accept services from the MORE team, and substance abuse and mental health issues have made this more difficult.

In looking at the number of individuals who chose to accept services, COUNCILMAN ANTHONY asked what happens to those who are refusing services. MS. THOMAS said it could take up to 20 contacts per person before they are ready to receive services, mainly because homeless individuals do not trust those who are offering the help. She further added that the success rate of having 1,400 people is very significant in that those are still 1,400 people that are on the road to recovery and not in an encampment. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY clarified that those refusing services are okay with how they are living and therefore, staff leaves them where they are. MS. THOMAS said they are asked to leave if they are in a public right-of-way, but private property is more difficult to enforce. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY said there seems to be a misconception that all homeless individuals want help, but they are actually fine with their situation. MS. THOMAS opined that homelessness is complicated by mental health and substance abuse issues that impede one's ability to make a sound decision. MAYOR GOODMAN added that mental health is also a State issue, and many of these individuals need to be treated in a better, more compassionate environment that is not a hospital.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked if HMIS is being updated every time a contact is made. MS. THOMAS confirmed, and said the MORE team members are able to enter information into HMIS, but not everyone is able to access that information. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said it has been difficult to relay information to Ward 1 private business owners that are concerned about the homeless impeding on their property. He hoped this conversation would inspire some thought about how the City works with private sector partners. At the Mayor's request, CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES explained that if the property owner is able to post a 'No Trespassing' sign at their place of business, which the City has been providing at no cost, the City is given the authority as a public agency to trespass

the individual.

MS. THOMAS continued, and said the Courtyard Homeless Resource Center is still operating in the midst of their full-scale construction project. They provide and offer storage for personal items, pet kennels, income and benefit assistance, healthcare, housing and much more. Over the past six months, over 8,600 individuals have been served at the center. Out of those, 1,442 have chosen to stay overnight, 2,270 used the storage bin system, 1,359 are using mail services, 71 see a healthcare provider, 163 have had their benefits reestablished, 466 have been reunited with their family via the Ticket-to-Home program and 36 have been housed.

The newest project is the Recuperative Care Center, which is a 38-bed facility for medical and social issues contributing to an individual's experience of homelessness. They care for acute and post-acute hospital discharges, where guests are recovering from illness without required hospitalization but are still exacerbated by homelessness. Guests receive medical treatment and are connected to Intensive Care Management (ICM) to facilitate barriers and the transition to self-sufficiency. To date, the City has served 56 patients, there are 33 pending admissions and 116 people have been discharged. Out of those discharged, 57 percent have been discharged to housing, 43 percent were discharged to shelters or the streets, 20 percent left against medical advice and seven percent were discharged administratively. MS. THOMAS displayed photos of the center, and said the facility has been receiving international attention.

MAYOR GOODMAN hoped someone could address the air quality, and MS. THOMAS said there is a very rigorous cleaning protocol. The Mayor reiterated her request to bring an expert in to improve the air circulation and quality due to the small amount of space between guests.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE requested to know how many homeless individuals were included in the recent census count, and MS. THOMAS confirmed she would gather that information.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked if there are regional conversations surrounding resources to assist those battling addiction and mental health issues, and if data is kept on file to compare yearly numbers. MS. THOMAS said there have been regional conversations, including those facilitated by COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN, to address these issues. Part of the construction that is currently underway is for a federally qualified health center, and the second floor will be dedicated to behavioral health services. Staff is also having additional conversations about more impactful ways to spend the money that has given in the various stimulus and relief packages.

CAPTAIN ROXANNE BURKE, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, explained she is currently assigned to the Support Operations Bureau, which houses their Office of Community Engagement and the new Behavioral Health Unit (BHU). Their goal is to establish non-traditional policing endeavors to identify solutions for significant social disorders that cannot be solved through enforcement, arrest, incarceration and prosecution alone. The BHU encompasses the Crisis Intervention Team, Homeless Outreach Team and the Law Enforcement Intervention for Mental Health and Addiction program, and works mostly off of community referrals, private partners, City and County resources.

The Crisis Intervention Team has officers that are trained to provide direction and guidance in response to persons who are in crisis, showing signs and symptoms of excited delirium or who are believed to be mentally ill. They then conduct follow-up visits on repeat resource consumers and those that have a propensity for violence. The team will also provide an avenue to help reduce multiple calls for service and assist those who are experiencing a mental health crisis with long-term solutions. CAPTAIN BURKE said the Crisis Intervention Team responded to approximately 44,000 calls in 2020.

The Law Enforcement for Mental Health and Addiction Unit is a nine- to 12-month program that enables Metro, in collaboration with the 8th District Judicial Court, to redirect low-level drug offenders to engage in community-based services. The goal is to divert eligible individuals to services to reduce criminal activity and improve public safety because diversion to community-based services for treatment and life skills training improves the likelihood of success. CAPTAIN BURKE advised that participants must have a chemical dependency issue and be willing to engage in treatment services throughout their participation in the program. This program has been very successful, and the first graduation ceremony will be taking place next week.

Speaking about the Homeless Outreach Team, CAPTAIN BURKE explained the purpose of these teams is to

provide a comprehensive approach to reduce homelessness in the Las Vegas Valley through care, compassion and understanding the full scope of the needs of the homeless. They do not arrest individuals; rather, they ensure the homeless individuals feel comfortable and accept the resources offered to them. The teams use community partners to provide programs, resources and referrals such as transportation, substance abuse assistance and help with legal documents. She clarified that this is not agency based, it is a collaborative community-oriented effort to provide these services in the field.

MAYOR GOODMAN appreciated everything Metro has done over the years, and congratulated CAPTAIN BURKE on the upcoming graduating class of the Law Enforcement for Mental Health and Addiction program.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY confirmed through CAPTAIN BURKE that the Homeless Outreach Team is made up of eight police officers. She further added they go out in pairs with the MORE team, and others assist with police officers in other command areas. The Councilman inquired about the chain of command for the MORE team, and MS. THOMAS explained the MORE team is a City program, and one of the teams rides with two Metro officers. All other teams are staffed by City Marshals. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY wanted to assure that the resources, especially those put in from Metro, are effective and the MORE teams are helping the homeless population. CAPTAIN BURKE believed this is a great place for resources to be, and this collaborative effort provides a solution while deterring repeated calls and arrests.

COUNCILMAN CREAR said people do not understand all that Metro does other than arresting people. He appreciated CAPTAIN BURKE'S team for their efforts in the community and their commitment to the public.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN gets regular calls from businesses in Ward 1 asking about what the City does with encampments, and asked what Metro's thought process is on who should respond first. CAPTAIN BURKE said if it is a request from a private property owner, the call should go through the 311 line and the dispatch team will decipher who would be best to respond. Additionally, posting 'No Trespassing' signs help Metro in their enforcement. She added that all of Metro's resources are under one roof, and her team communicates with the other units and response teams. Because Las Vegas is a 24-hour town, each specific area command has officers that are trained with the same resources so an officer can respond regardless of day or time. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked if business owners should contact 311 or call the MORE team hotline, and MS. THOMAS said all calls are coming through the same channel if it is within city limits, and HMIS will be updated with the appropriate information. CAPTAIN BURKE added that the Law Enforcement for Mental Health and Addiction team will be notified if the call meets their criteria.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ thanked the leadership of the Downtown Area Command and CAPTAIN BURKE for keeping up with public safety efforts. She asked how many CIT officers there are, to which CAPTAIN BURKE said there are four. She added that 80 percent of their commissioned officers are also trained in crisis intervention response. The Councilwoman asked if there is any overlap in these teams and programs, and CAPTAIN BURKE said they are all separate but work closely together in one bureau. COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ also spoke of the number of calls she receives from private business owners, but pointed out that it is imperative that the owners also cooperate and collaborate so law enforcement can act swiftly. Additionally, many of her constituents are frustrated with squatters and they want to know how to navigate the process in a way that receives continuity and follow-up. The Councilwoman felt there needs to be a streamlined process so constituents feel that their issues are being addressed and someone will follow-up with the action that had been taken. In closing, she added that parks are an area of concern in her ward, and she wished to maintain quality of life for the residents while getting the homeless the help they need. CAPTAIN BURKE said every area command has the ability to go out and educate business owners on how to have a safe and secure property.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ROBERT NOLAN reported that in 2020, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue made over 5,532 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) contacts involving homeless individuals, and 78 percent were transported to the hospital. Of those homeless contacts, 160 individuals utilized services four to nine times per year, 20 utilized services 10 to 19 times and six individuals utilized services 20 to 30 times. Speaking to the outreach services available to all constituents, CHIEF NOLAN said there is a coordinated response with community paramedics, and services such as the Crisis Response Team and Southern Nevada CHIPs (Community Health Improvement Program) are available and they coordinate all of that with discharge planning from emergency departments. The Crisis Response Team (CRT) involves a licensed Clinical Social Worker on an ALS (Advanced

Life Support) ambulance. They respond to 911 psychiatric emergencies, and they can transport the patient directly to the most appropriate level of care. A CHIPs social worker then follows up with the patients that were transported to a psychiatric facility. CHIEF NOLAN said mental wellness is a huge component of this complex issue. There were 5,982 fire responses in 2020, and four percent of those were responses to homeless encampment fires. Of those fires, 69 percent were centered within the Downtown area. MAYOR GOODMAN asked how many fatalities were recorded, and CHIEF NOLAN believed there were two.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked if empty buildings were also accounted for, and CHIEF NOLAN confirmed they were.

CHIEF NOLAN expressed appreciation for all those involved in this effort.

PUBLIC SAFETY CHIEF LOUIS MOLINA explained the City Marshals are interacting with individuals experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness, and some of those individuals have warrants. Instead of taking them into custody, they work with pre-trial services to get their court date rescheduled. City Marshals are also trained on how to deal with vulnerable populations and carry resource materials on them at all times. The Marshals and Corrections Officers provide courtesy rides to the Homeless Resource Center (HRC) if individuals are willing to accept the help.

CHIEF MOLINA said Animal Control offers temporary housing for animals that belong to individuals staying at the HRC. If someone is taken into custody that has a pet, the Animal Foundation will care for it and make sure the pet is not automatically fostered so the owner can be reunited with their pet upon release.

In 2020, the Department of Public Safety started to track calls for service that were related to those experiencing housing insecurity. There were over 2,000 calls for service, and top calls involved park closure violations and trespassing. There was an eight percent increase in January 2021 compared to January 2020, but CHIEF MOLINA felt that was a result of staff being more strategic and focused on how to tackle this issue and providing service support to the community.

There are a number of collaborations with the Department of Operations and Maintenance, and those have increased month to month. Additionally, the average group size has increased during each site cleaning visit from eight to 15. CHIEF MOLINA reiterated that this is a multi-departmental effort led by the Office of Community Services, and homelessness is a very challenging issue to tackle.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAL and ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY ED POLESKI appeared to provide an update on enforcement and prosecutorial action with respect to the City's encampment ordinance. In November of 2019, the encampment ordinance was passed that prohibited sleeping, laying down and setting up camps in public right-of-ways and residential areas. Approximately seven citations have been issued since February of 2020. MR. DOROCAL reminded the public that there was a three month 'warm-up' period so the public understood the ordinance and its impacts. Additionally, there was a built-in notification procedure in the ordinance, meaning that Metro must provide the individual in violation an opportunity to correct their behavior and move on. If a citation is issued, prosecutors in the Criminal Division evaluate whether or not that citation has the elements necessary for an encampment charge. As a result, there can be amendments, dismissals or it can proceed with an encampment violation charge. MR. DOROCAL advised that three of the seven violations proceeded to Municipal Court. Two of those individuals did not appear and bench warrants were issued. The third individual had a previous trespassing charge and was sentenced to 30 days in jail. Additionally, violators are offered acceptance into one of the many specialty courts if they are eligible and willing to participate. MR. POLESKI added that if a charge was dismissed, City staff will communicate with Metro so they can fix the problem in the future.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if staff felt these numbers were reflective of a normal year, and MR. POLESKI did not think this was normal due to the shutdown of the entire state. He added that this type of action is the last resort, but it is a valuable tool for law enforcement to come into contact with individuals and potentially help with their situation. MAYOR GOODMAN said she would like to continue to see updates on this, and MR. DOROCAL confirmed staff will continue to track this data and update the Council.

JACK ESLINGER, Court Administrator, spoke of the Fresh Start Homeless Court Program, which identifies and connects homeless criminal defendants to resources to help them attain stable housing and stable income to reduce homelessness and criminal activity related to homelessness. Another goal is to decrease law enforcement

and jail resources utilized to cite, arrest and process homeless related crime. Individuals who are homeless within city limits and have one or more criminal charges with the Las Vegas Municipal Court are eligible for the program.

MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed through MR. ESLINGER that this is a separate court that was formed in 2019 by Hearing Commissioner SHANNON NORDSTROM.

MR. ESLINGER said cases of battery domestic violence, DUI (Driving Under the Influence), stalking, TPO (Temporary Protective Order) violations and harassment are not considered for this court. He also noted that like other programs, this is completely voluntary. Referrals often come through other departments, and the City Attorney's Office will make an initial determination on whether or not the citation is appropriate for the program. An assessment is then completed by the individual to determine their suitability for the program, and staff will make a referral to another program if necessary. Case Managers then work to address the participant's needs and connect them to resources. To successfully graduate, participants must remain substance free and find and maintain stable housing and income for six months. Once they graduate, any criminal cases that are pending with the City are dismissed and the individual has a fresh start.

MR. ESLINGER said the COVID-19 pandemic affected the courts directly. There were 36 defendants referred to the program before the shutdown; eighteen of those failed to appear, one was accepted into the program, ten were referred to other specialty courts and three entered the program during the shutdown. Additionally, 27 defendants originally scheduled to appear during the shutdown were rescheduled to appear on February 25th, and the court conducted remote video sessions.

DR. MORRIS HIBBLER thanked the City Council for their leadership, willingness and trust. The City has tremendous brainpower and experience, and she assured that the City is leveraging every dollar to maximize services. Many cities have given up, and Las Vegas is continuing to understand these complex issues and how they can be addressed. She added that the City is still in response mode from the COVID-19 pandemic, and they estimate that 65,000 households will be served with the funds from the Rental Assistance Program. DR. MORRIS HIBBLER said the City is meeting with the State and Clark County, and she thanked COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN and MR. CERVANTES for helping to facilitate some of those meetings. In closing, she confirmed each Councilmember will receive a copy of the presentation.

MAYOR GOODMAN said this is remarkable work, and she thanked DR. MORRIS HIBBLER for her leadership.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN appreciated all who spoke during the presentation, and he felt the challenge is growing while resources are shrinking. He felt Clark County and the State need to be made more aware of these problems, and he wanted to document the dollars being spent and what infrastructure is missing in Southern Nevada. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN also pointed out that he was appointed to the Network Adequacy Council to address the lack of Medicaid providers in the city. He will also be on the next selection committee for Medicaid, which will define what care looks like from Medicaid providers throughout the state. He wants to make sure the City's commitment is recognized and ensure that commitment is matched in the private sector.

MAYOR GOODMAN said the focus is on taking action, and the proof is in the results. She felt the State needs to make sure that plans are well thought out, and the City is unique because they are a family that cares for each other and supports positive involvement. The Mayor said the city would have never closed down if it was up to her, but she looked forward to continuing down the road to recovery.

SET DATE

43. 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 ACTING CITY CLERK STACEY CAMPBELL to set the date for applicable items.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

44. 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:

JOHN AYDIN has owned a small business on Fremont Street for the last 24 years. He spoke with concerns relating to the buskers, and he may now to close his doors. There is no regulation or enforcement, and the buskers come around with big speakers and attract crowds of people that block the entry to his business.

MAYOR GOODMAN introduced MR. AYDIN to CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT and CHIEF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER TIM HACKER, and said they will assist him privately. MR. SCOTT advised the City meets with Fremont Street Experience every Monday, and they will bring MR. AYDIN'S concerns to their attention. MR. AYDIN added that the buskers are selling circles and hold more than one registration card. MR. SCOTT was aware of this issue, and said staff is working to build a better system.

CHAUNCEY SAYRE introduced himself as a bio-chemist, and spoke of a business deal with a pair that went wrong. In suing them, he discovered that they are criminals and he had been poisoned at least twice. He needs someone with political power to support his treatment that requires special attention. MAYOR GOODMAN called upon CHIEF COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER DR. LISA MORRIS HIBBLER, who met with MR. SAYRE privately.

DAN ROLLE said he knows the City Council works very hard and there are good things happening in the community. Although he is often critical of the Council, he wanted to have a change of tone. He said not many people attend the Council meetings, and he offered to be a voice in the community that encouraged more attendance. Additionally, he spoke of the different treatment that those without access to resources receive. As an activist, it can sometimes feel troubling and intimidating to speak, and he felt things could be done to make it easier for the public to voice their opinions. In closing, he acknowledged the Council's hard work and commitment again and wished them all a wonderful 2021. MAYOR GOODMAN asked what ward MR. ROLLE lives in, to which he replied Ward 4.

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.

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

Minutes:

CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES recalled the Council's request to expand the City's Strong Start Go! Mobile Academies to incorporate more elementary school grades, and he reported that CHIEF COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER DR. LISA MORRIS HIBBLER will present her findings and strategies at the next City Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION

46. 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 SEAMAN, DIAZ, CREAR and KNUDSEN announced the various events taking place in their wards on various dates throughout the month of March. Some of the Councilmembers submitted flyers, which are attached as backup, regarding their events and points of interest.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN made remarks about hospitals and Medicaid, and said the work he does at the City aligns with the work of the State's healthcare system.

COUNCILMAN CREAR recognized the women in this life during his closing announcements.

MAYOR GOODMAN said she met the new Las Vegas Library District Director KELVIN WATSON, and she invited him to the opening of a new library in Ward 5. She thanked all who work hard for the City, and she called upon COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN to help improve Medicaid's selection of physicians and medical reimbursement rates.

The meeting was recessed at 9:31 a.m. to go into Closed Session, was reconvened at 9:50 a.m. and adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Stacey Campbell, MMC, Acting City Clerk

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