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

City Manager Scott Adams
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City Council Minutes

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July 22, 2020
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 FIORE, ANTHONY, CREAR (excused until 9:01 a.m.),
KNUDSEN, SEAMAN (excused until 9:01 a.m.) and DIAZ (excused until 9:01 a.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER SCOTT ADAMS, CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, 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 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 Benny Jaques, Victory Outreach Las

Vegas Minutes:
PASTOR BENNY JAQUES, Victory Outreach Las Vegas, 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:
At the Mayor's request, CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES outlined the process for submitting e-comments via the City's website.

Speaking to Item 35, DAN ROLLE thought the next City Manager should be able to handle scandals, specifically the ones COUNCILWOMAN FIORE had caused and will continue to cause. He presented a signed and notarized complaint he filed with the Federal Election Department against COUNCILWOMAN FIORE and the City of Las Vegas, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup.

PATRICIA REID spoke against COUNCILWOMAN FIORE'S actions in the animal industry. MAYOR GOODMAN advised MS. REID that Public Comment was only for agendized items and she would need to return during Citizens Participation.

Speaking to Item 51, GEORGE CROMER said the Public Hearing notice had been sent to an address in California; therefore, he was not able to prepare a presentation. He asked the Council to hold the item in abeyance for two weeks to allow additional time for him to review the matter. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN advised that a member from his staff would speak with him privately.

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.

7. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the June 17, 2020 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE - CONSENT

8. For possible action to approve the Second Amendment to The Mayor's Fund for Las Vegas LIFE between the City of Las Vegas (City) and Nevada Community Foundation to facilitate the donation of tangible personal property to the City and requiring the City to indemnify the Nevada Community Foundation and Frontier Philanthropy, LLC - All Wards

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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NOTE: Regarding Item 10, Mayor Goodman clarified that the funding amount should be $100,000, not

$436,950. 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;

9. For possible action to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the City of Las Vegas' nonprofit Las

Vegas Economic Recovery Corporation ($2,900 - Las Vegas Economic Recovery Corporation existing fund balance) - Ward 5 (Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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;

COMMUNITY SERVICES - CONSENT

10. For possible action to approve the allocation of $436,950 of HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant Funds and Account for Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AAHTF) to Neighborhood Housing Services of Southern Nevada, for the rehabilitation of six apartments located at 500 West Jefferson Avenue - Ward 5 (Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

NOTE: Regarding Item 10, Mayor Goodman clarified that the funding amount should be $100,000, not

$436,950. 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 the allocation of $1,500,000 of HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant Funds and Account for Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AAHTF) to Neighborhood Housing Services of Southern Nevada, for the construction of 60 senior apartments located at 832 North Eastern Avenue - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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 the allocation of $2,100,000 in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds to Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada for the construction of a Temporary Outdoor Pavilion and Day Center, located at 1501 Las Vegas Boulevard North, to prepare, prevent and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic - Ward 5 (Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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;

CULTURAL AFFAIRS - CONSENT

13. For possible action to approve the acceptance of $50,000 in grant funds from the National Endowment for the Arts Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economy Security (CARES) Act to support staff and facilities costs and boost partnerships within the City of Las Vegas arts community to sustain arts and culture specific events and programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic - All Wards

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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;

ECONOMIC AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - CONSENT

14. For possible action to approve the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Joint Escrow Instructions for property located at 513 South Main Street (APN 139-34-210-016) for the Downtown Central Plaza Project ($2,085,000 - City Parkway V) - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 2; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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

Minutes:
COUNCILWOMAN FIORE voiced her opposition to the property's purchase price, and pointed out that this sets the Downtown acreage price at around $16 million. She thought the Council should be more involved in real estate deals in the future.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN said while she supports the project, she felt the City was overpaying for this piece of property. She wanted the City to go back in to negotiations, and said she would be voting against the item.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked BILL ARENT, Director of Economic and Urban Development, to reiterate why the City was not proceeding with condemnation and speak to the funding sources for this project. She understood the concerns about the price, but noted that this is a parcel the City has been trying to acquire for a long time.

MR. ARENT explained this acquisition is the last parcel the City needs to own the entire acreage across the street from City Hall. He spoke of the purchase price breaking down to roughly $102.00 per square foot, and noted the intention is to acquire land to develop public and private office spaces in addition to a Civic Plaza. Speaking to the funding sources, MR. ARENT said $8 million would come from Medicare reimbursements, and $4 million would come from the Redevelopment Agency. He clarified that this project is not affecting the City's General Fund in any way.

Speaking to the Medicare reimbursements, COUNCILWOMAN FIORE said these funds are being taken away from the City's Fire Department; therefore, she still could not support the project.

CITY MANAGER SCOTT ADAMS added that he had been involved in many large-scale assemblies and understood this last parcel was high in price. He pointed out that an identical acquisition took place years ago for the old City Hall. If the City does not acquire this parcel, the alley must stay open in order to provide access to the property owner, whereas the City would have one monolithic block to redevelop if it was acquired. He assured the Council that they would look back and be glad they moved forward with the acquisition.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE asked if the City offered a land swap to the bail bond company, and MR. ARENT said all options were discussed in working with the property owner over two years. He said it was not easy to find an alternate location because the license is privileged. COUNCILWOMAN FIORE said the Mayor and Council have the ability to make adjustments to Ordinances and help with negotiations when it comes to land use and business licensing. She reiterated that she could not defend spending this money during a pandemic.

COUNCILMAN CREAR thought the parcel was vital in rounding out the Downtown Corridor and fulfilling the original vision for City Hall. He felt that if the City continues to make investments Downtown, others will as well. He trusted that staff exhausted all efforts in making sure the City was getting a fair price and voiced his support for the Item.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ understood the concerns, but said the City had been trying to acquire this parcel for a long time. She trusted that staff did their due diligence, and she looked forward to moving ahead with this investment that will generate jobs and create a productive space. She pointed out that this is also a business acquisition, not just a property acquisition.

Subsequent to the motion and vote, MAYOR GOODMAN said she understood the sensitivity to the purchase price. She trusted that City staff had worked diligently, and looked forward to generating construction jobs. She asked about the timeline going forward, and MR. ARENT said staff will work on a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit private bids for developing the entire block and additional private and public office space. He anticipated sending the RFP out within the next 60 to 90 days, and construction should start a year thereafter. MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed with MR. ARENT that design plans would come back to the City Council for approval.

FINANCE - PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS - CONSENT

15. For possible action to approve award of Amendment No.1 to Contract No. 180308-JH Flamingo-Boulder Highway North, Charleston-Maryland to Boulder Highway and Maryland Parkway System - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC. ($446,340 - Road and Flood Capital Projects Fund) - Wards 3 and 5 (Diaz and Crear)

    Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

    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;

16. For possible action to approve award of Bid No. 20.72685-SK Downtown Pedestrian Safety Program Phase 1, bounded by Main Street on the west, Las Vegas Boulevard on the east, Ogden Avenue on the north and Carson Street on the south, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: LAS VEGAS PAVING CORPORATION ($5,840,000 - Road and Flood Capital Projects Fund) - Wards 3 and 5 (Diaz and Crear)

    Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

    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 award of Bid No. 20.69807-JH Downtown Vehicle Pedestrian Safety Streetlight Improvements - bounded by Colorado Avenue to the south, Ogden Avenue to the north, Main Street to the east, and 3rd Street to the west, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: L.L.O. INC. DBA ACME ELECTRIC ($1,447,133 - Traffic Improvements Capital Project Fund) - Wards 3 and 5 (Diaz and Crear)

    Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

    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 award of three-year Contract No. 200258-JL Assessment Services Contract for Year 11 to 13 of the Small Diameter Pipeline Assessment Program: 15 Year Cycle - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: BROWN AND CALDWELL ($3,294,614 - Sanitation Enterprise Fund) - All Wards

    Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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;

19. For possible action to approve award of Contract No. 200235-JH Blanket Designated Services Contract for Right-of- Way Acquisition Services - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC. ($500,000 Annually - Various Funds) - All Wards

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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 award of Bid No. 20.1762.01-JH (REV) 2021 Annual Regional Flood Control Maintenance, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder - Department of Operations and Maintenance - Award recommended to: LONE MOUNTAIN EXCAVATION & UTILITIES, LLC (Not-to-Exceed $3,500,000 Annually - Road and Flood Capital Projectcs Fund) - All Wards

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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

21. For possible action to approve a First Amendment to Land Lease Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC to extend the term of the lease for the cell tower located at Bob Baskin Park, 2801 West Oakey Boulevard - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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;

22. For possible action to approve the Operating Agreement for Huckleberry Park (Park) between the City of Las Vegas and Providence Master Homeowners Association (HOA) for the HOA to manage the Park located at 10325 Farm Road - Ward 6 (Fiore)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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 - CONSENT

23. For possible action to approve the ratification of the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial funding allocation in the amount of $250,000 for the costs of staffing and materials related to the planning and development of exhibit and educational space at a new National Atomic Testing Museum that will be located in Parcel L North and M4 within Symphony Park in Downtown Las Vegas - Ward 5 (Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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

24. For possible action to approve a Retail Marijuana Store License for CIRCLE FARMS, LLC dba CANNA STARZ at 631 South Las Vegas Boulevard - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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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;

25. For possible action to approve a Marijuana Production Establishment License (Medical/Recreational) for WEST COAST DEVELOPMENT NEVADA, LLC dba W VAPES at 4801 West Bell Drive - Clark County, Nevada

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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

26. For possible action to approve a Marijuana Cultivation Establishment License (Medical/Recreational) for WEST COAST DEVELOPMENT NEVADA, LLC dba W VAPES at 4801 West Bell Drive - Clark County, Nevada

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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

27. For possible action to approve a Beer Wine Room License for PINE HOLLOW WINERY, LLC dba PINE HOLLOW WINERY at 7018 West Charleston Boulevard, Suite #1 [Barbara DiVirgilio, Managing Member] - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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;

28. For possible action to approve an Ancillary Winery License for PINE HOLLOW WINERY, LLC dba PINE HOLLOW WINERY at 7018 West Charleston Boulevard, Suite #1 [Barbara DiVirgilio, Managing Member] - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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

29. For possible action to approve an Interlocal Contract - Special Improvement District Hardship Determination with Clark County for evaluation services relating to the Special Improvement District (SID) Hardship Determination Program for property owners requesting hardship assistance - All Wards

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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;

30. For possible action to approve Interlocal Contract 1189 between the City of Las Vegas (CLV) and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) to fund the Downtown Mobility Improvement Program: Fiscal Year 2021 ($850,000 - Traffic Improvements Capital Project Fund [CPF]) - Wards 1, 3 and 5 (Knudsen, Diaz and Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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;

31. For possible action to approve Interlocal Contract 1188 between the City of Las Vegas (CLV) and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) to fund the Downtown Amenity Maintenance Program: Fiscal Year 2021 City of Las Vegas ($500,000 - Road and Flood Capital Project Fund [CPF]) - Wards 1, 3 and 5 (Knudsen, Diaz and Crear)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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;

32. For possible action to approve staff to initiate a condemnation action for the purchase of property rights for the Charleston Boulevard Streetscape Improvements Project, South Martin L. King Boulevard to Rancho Drive, portions of APNs 162-04-101-010 and 162-04-110-001 ($60,000 - Road and Flood Capital Project Fund [CPF]) - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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. For possible action to approve Supplemental Interlocal Contract No. 1 - 945a between the City of Las Vegas (CLV) and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) to increase funding for the Buffalo Drive, Charleston Boulevard to Sahara Avenue Project ($1,150,000 - Road and Flood Capital Project Fund [CPF]) - Wards 1 and 2 (Knudsen and Seaman)

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 14

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

FINANCE - PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS - DISCUSSION

34. Discussion for possible action regarding award of Contract No. 18.70418-JH-B Construction Manager at Risk Agreement for Corridor of Hope, also known as the Courtyard, located on Foremaster Lane between Main Street and Las Vegas Boulevard - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: CORE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF NEVADA, INC. ($23,019,109 - General Capital Projects Fund and Traffic Improvements Capital Projects Fund) - Ward 5 (Crear)

Minutes:
Items 34, 37 and 38 were heard together.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, BILL ARENT, Director of Economic and Urban Development, thanked KATHI THOMAS, Director of Community Services, and other City staff members for their hard work. He explained the purpose of the agreements are to fund and construct the Courtyard, which has been a project years in the making. The project will cost approximately $26 million, and $5 million of that came from the New Market Tax Credit.

Displaying a rendering for the project, MR. ARENT said the Courtyard had been inspired by other facilities across the country that serve the homeless population with dignity and respect. He reiterated the items being considered by the Council and the action that needed to be taken. He advised that the goal is to issue a Notice to Proceed on or around August 6, 2020, and the project will be completed in three phases. The first phase will be completed by August 4, 2021, the second phase will be completed on May 18, 2022 and the third phase should be completed by June 30, 2022. Speaking to the partners involved with this project, MR. ARENT said the City of Las Vegas is the main sponsor and property owner, and City Parkway V is assisting in assembling funds. Las Vegas Community Investment Corporation (LVCIC) is the New Market Tax lender, and U.S. Bank is purchasing the tax credits. Courtyard HRC (Homeless Resource Center), a non-profit borrower, is facilitating the tax credit transactions, and Chicanos Por La Causa will serve as the Project Operator.

MR. ARENT further explained that the City is selling tax credits in exchange for a loan from U.S. Bank. LVCIC will then make an interest-only loan which allows the City to inject capital into the project to fulfill the $5 million gap. The City remains in control of the property through a Land Lease, and Courtyard HRC will have control of the building for a seven year compliance period. Several different types of transaction documents are required to ensure U.S. Bank can comply with the United States Department of Treasury for a seven year period. The total amount of sources of funding is $20,871,734, and that money will pay for the parking lot to support the campus and includes money already spent for design purposes. The City is proceeding with a $6.5 million loan which will help to fund various contracts and costs. He assured that all money is in place for construction and operations for seven years.

MAYOR GOODMAN said this project has been years in the making, and the homeless community is in dire need of these services. She asked if there were future development plans for the parking lot, and MS. THOMAS said there are no intentions to build on that lot. Rather, the City negotiated with the cemetery adjacent to the project site to use it for development purposes for five years with five expansion renewal periods, and she confirmed that the parking lot is not being shared with any other entity. MAYOR GOODMAN thanked MS. GIBSON and MR. ARENT for materializing this vision, and asked who is responsible for selling the New Market Tax Credits. MR. ARENT said the responsibly ultimately lies with the City, but U.S. Bank is a lender that has interest in these types of projects. Lastly, the Mayor confirmed with MR. ARENT that the Council will stay abreast of any problems that may arise in selling the New Market Tax Credits.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked about the relationship between the construction partners and public partners such as Catholics Charities. MS. THOMAS said the day-to-day operators are not involved in the construction process or the New Market Tax Credit process. They are only there to maintain the level of service and grow as the facility can accommodate more individuals. There are regular meetings and conference calls with the shelters in the area, and they will continue to collaborate so they can all better serve the homeless population in the Corridor of Hope, especially during the pandemic. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN requested a quarterly update during the construction process that will outline the relationships between the providers in order to take advantage of efficiencies that may arise, and MS. GIBSON confirmed.

MAYOR GOODMAN called upon STEVE FORD, City Engineer, and thanked him for his participation in the project. She inquired about the timeline, and MR. FORD said the first phase is set to begin in August 2020. When MAYOR GOODMAN asked if the homeless population would be impacted during construction, MS. THOMAS advised that services will not be interrupted during construction. Rather, services will be moved based upon the areas currently under construction. To ensure safety and sanitation, additional shade canopies have been added and restroom facilities are cleaned twice a day. Additionally, Catholic Charities and the City will share an outdoor feeding pavilion to ensure social distancing while making sure guests get their meals. MAYOR GOODMAN said this will be a place of sanitation, food, comforts and 24-hour security.

COUNCILMAN CREAR said the City of Las Vegas has faced scrutiny for not doing enough for the homeless population, and it is important to recognize that the City is performing dedicated work every day to mitigate homelessness in the community. This project will help reiterate all of those efforts, and he pointed out that it will be the only low-barrier shelter in the region. Housing assistance, showers, mental health experts, kennels and storage facilities are among the things this facility will provide. He noted that community partners are also involved, and he commended City leadership, service providers and Core Construction for moving this project forward. MAYOR GOODMAN pointed out that each homeless individual is different, and the effort and compassion City staff provide is comprehensive. Lastly, COUNCILMAN CREAR commended the other Councilmembers for caring about the homeless community.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked where the remaining $21 million in funding is coming from, and MR. ARENT reiterated that the bulk of that money is coming from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). MS. THOMAS further explained that CDBG dollars are dollars calculated on a formula that is agreed upon by Congress. The money is administrated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the City received an allotment every year. The law allows the City to bond those funds, and use the allotment to to pay the bonds back. The entire purpose of CDBG is to reinvest in communities that have seen disinvestment. Services for the homeless are considered presumptive eligible, meaning that the City does not have to prove the individuals are eligible. The bulk of the capital invested comes from CDBG because HUD likes to see tangible evidence that value has been added in the community. The City is not only providing a portal for homeless guests to access services regionally, but they are also changing the aesthetic so that the area is not blighted and welcomes commercial development.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ appreciated that this is a low-barrier shelter, and asked how many people are visiting the Courtyard during the pandemic. MS. GIBSON said on average, there are about 380 individuals who stay overnight. COVID-19 screenings are taking place, and navigators are present to help connect individuals to other services.
The Courtyard sees about 6,000 to 7,000 unduplicated services every year. The Councilwoman looked forward to seeing this project through, and appreciated the dignity this will bring to homeless individuals.

MAYOR GOODMAN said the City has created a model for the rest of the state. She hoped it would be duplicated by Clark County and other areas so that the homeless do not need to come to the heart of the city to seek help. Every model is data-driven while remaining sensitive to the homeless community.

Motion made by Cedric Crear 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;

HUMAN RESOURCES - DISCUSSION

35. Discussion for possible action regarding potential candidate attributes and qualifications and the review of and selection from various processes for the recruitment of a new City Manager, including possible authorization to the Acting Human Resources Director to execute a contract with an executive search firm (Not-to-Exceed $50,000 - General Fund) - All Wards

Minutes:
VINCENT ZAMORA, Acting Human Resources Director, advised that with the recent announcement of CITY MANAGER SCOTT ADAMS' retirement, he was looking for direction from the Council on proceeding with a recruitment method. He explained the options which included an internal promotional process, which only allows City employees to apply; an open competitive process, which allows for City employees and external applicants to apply; or engaging with a search firm to conduct a regional or national search, which costs anywhere from $35,000 to $50,000. MAYOR GOODMAN asked about the difference between an open recruitment method versus hiring a consultant, and MR. ZAMORA said an open competitive method would attract individuals that peruse the City's website or various search engines. An executive search firm posts through trade magazines and publications in addition to utilizing search engines and other databases. The internal recruitment and open competitive processes would allow for a shorter duration of time to fill the position, whereas hiring a search firm would take much longer.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY felt there was a lot of talent within the City of Las Vegas, and they would be best served by allowing internal employees to apply.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN said she had been impressed with MR. ADAMS during his tenure, and thanked him for his years of dedication and leadership. She felt it was important that the next City Manager is someone that has experience with how the City operates during good and bad times. She voiced her support for proceeding with an internal recruitment

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked how difficult it would be to extend the employment opportunity outside of the City. MR. ZAMORA said the process is simple, and the only distinction would be that staff will increase the amount of time the position would be open.

MAYOR GOODMAN inquired about the different timelines with respect to the different recruitment options, and MR. ZAMORA said an internal job posting would be available for one to two weeks, whereas an external job posting would be available for two to four weeks. MAYOR GOODMAN asked if the position could be filled before MR. ADAMS leaves, and MR. ZAMORA confirmed. Additionally, he said there would be vast distinction between the number of internal applicants versus the number of external applicants. His staff will vet every application to ensure they meet the occupational qualifications. A deeper vetting process would then take place to ensure they meet the staff's preferences. Lastly, the Mayor confirmed with MR. ZAMORA that every application submitted is considered public record.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN did not feel an executive search firm was needed, but thought it would be interesting to open the job posting to the public for a week or two. Additionally, he wanted staff to survey City employees to see what they are looking for in their City Manager, and thought each candidate should write an essay on how they will meet the Council's expectations and contribute to the future of Las Vegas. MAYOR GOODMAN reiterated her concern for time, and MR. ZAMORA said he could report back to the Council very quickly, and the Employment Services Division can roll out a survey to City employees within a few business days

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE voiced her support for proceeding with an internal recruitment process.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve utilizing the internal recruitment process with direction to staff to create an employee feedback survey collecting desired qualities in the next City Manager

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 - DISCUSSION

36. R-31-2020 - Discussion for possible action regarding a Resolution approving and ratifying actions authorized by the City Manager regarding the waiver of monthly rental fees for various tenants of City facilities, the establishment of a housing assistance program, and the construction of a temporary Outdoor Dining Pavilion and Day Center in the Corridor of Hope ($6,100,000 - CARES Act Special Revenue Fund) - All Wards

Minutes:
CITY MANAGER SCOTT ADAMS explained every department in the City had been working diligently to alleviate the burdens of Las Vegas citizens and businesses while maintaining public health and safety. At his direction, multiple departments have taken additional administrative actions to assist local individuals and businesses in Las Vegas, and the City had already publicized many of these efforts. The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Operations and Maintenance waived monthly rental payments for six tenants of City facilities for specified months between March and August due to COVID-19 related closures.

The Housing Assistance Program administered by the Office of Community Services provides assistance to City residents in danger of becoming homeless due to financial hardships caused by COVID-19. Assistances of up to three months of mortgage or rent payments are available and may be applied to past due amounts. The program launched on July 1, 2020, and was funded with $4 million in CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds. The Outdoor Pavilion and Day Center is a joint effort between the City and Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada to provide safety and dignity to homeless and low-income community members during the COVID-19 pandemic. Catholic Charities closed its dining facilities on March 17, 2020 due to the pandemic but has continued to provide to-go meals. The Center is a temporary tented structure that will provide 280 seats and tables to allow for relief from the heat while community members eat a sit-down meal. The Center will enforce social distancing and will provide portable restrooms, hand washing stations and security. It will be located on the current parking lot of the Catholic Charities campus adjacent to Foremaster Lane to allow for convenience and joint access for individuals from both Catholic Charities and the Courtyard Homeless Resource Center. Lastly, MR. ADAMS advised that the facility was funded with $2.1 million in CARES Act funding.

COUNCILMAN CREAR reiterated that the City of Las Vegas is working diligently with community partners to mitigate homelessness. He thanked MR. ADAMS and other City leaders for their hard work, and he hoped other people would recognize their efforts.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve

NOTE: The video does not reflect the vote accurately, in that Councilwoman Seaman requested that her vote be reflected in the affirmative.

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;

37. R-32-2020 - Discussion for possible action regarding a Resolution approving and authorizing execution and delivery of transaction documents for allocation of New Markets Tax Credits (NMTCs) to Las Vegas Community Investment Corporation (LVCIC) and subsequently allocate part of the tax credits to LVCIC Sub-CDE IX, LLC, to construct and operate the Courtyard Homeless Resource Center located at 314 Foremaster Lane and ratification of related actions by the City of Las Vegas (City), its officers and employees and provide for other related matters (APNs 139-27-504-004, -005 and -014) - Ward 5 (Crear)

Minutes:
See Item 34 for related discussion.

Motion made by Cedric Crear 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;

38. R-33-2020 - Discussion for possible action regarding a Resolution approving the Cooperative Grant Agreement between the City of Las Vegas (City) and City Parkway V, Inc., (CPV) and providing for other matters properly related thereto for purposes relative to the construction and operation of the Courtyard Homeless Resource Center located at 314 Foremaster Lane (APNs 139-27-504-004, -005, and -014) (Not-to-Exceed $18,657,807 - General Capital Project Fund) - Ward 5 (Crear)

Minutes:
See Item 34 for related discussion.

Motion made by Cedric Crear 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;

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE REPORT - DISCUSSION

BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT THIS MEETING

39. Bill No. 2020-20 - For possible action - Authorizes, on a temporary basis, a partial waiver of the origination charge for new restaurant service bar licenses. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Victoria Seaman

Minutes:
Second reading and Bill adopted as introduced as Ordinance No. 6743.

Subsequent to the motion and vote, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN thanked EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOM PERRIGO and ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, for taking care of this quickly, as many businesses are struggling to survive and the City needs to support their efforts.

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;

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.

40. Bill No. 2020-21 - Amends various provisions of the Unified Development Code to establish the circumstances under which on-premise signs with off-premise messaging are permitted in connection with certain non-restricted gaming establishments, commercial recreation/amusement establishments (indoor or outdoor), and convention facilities. Proposed by: Scott D. Adams, City Manager

Minutes:
Recommendation noted.

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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.

41. Bill No. 2020-22 - Amends LVMC 19.08.050 and 19.08.060 to update and consolidate standards pertaining

to the P-O (Professional Office) and O (Office) Zoning Districts, and repeals LVMC 19.12.090 as part of that consolidation. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Olivia Diaz

Minutes:
First Reading – Referred – COUNCILMEMBERS ANTHONY, FIORE and KNUDSEN

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42. Bill No. 2020-23 - Repeals and replaces LVMC 6.50.352, relating to art gallery alcohol beverage permits, to establish a complimentary alcoholic beverage permit category for additional specified types of businesses, including related requirements and limitations. Sponsored by: Councilman Brian Knudsen

Minutes:
First Reading – Referred – COUNCILMEMBERS ANTHONY, FIORE and KNUDSEN

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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 - 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. All public hearing and non-public hearing 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.

43. MOD-78707 - MAJOR MODIFICATION - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: CENTURY COMMUNITIES OF NEVADA - For possible action on a request for a Major Modification of the Kyle Canyon Development Standards TO AMEND THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR THE SKYE R-2 (MEDIUM-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT TO ALLOW A 1,280 SQUARE-FOOT LOT SIZE FOR TOWNHOMES (APNs Multiple), T-D (Traditional Development) Zone, Ward 6 (Fiore) [PRJ-78670]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open for Items 43-51.

Speaking to Item 51, COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN clarified that GEORGE CROMER, who spoke during Public Comment, understood the application and had no objections.

CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES read a protest comment received online, a copy of which was attached as backup.

See Item 44 for related backup.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 43-51.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) 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;

44. TMP-78708 - TENTATIVE MAP RELATED TO MOD-78707 - SKYE CANYON PARCEL 2.10 ATTACHED - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: CENTURY COMMUNITIES OF NEVADA, LLC - For possible action on a request for a Tentative Map FOR A 133-LOT TOWNHOME RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION on a portion of 41.27 acres on the northeast corner of W Skye Canyon Park Drive and Shaumber Road (APN 126-12-610-002), T-D (Traditional Development) Zone [ML (Medium-Low) Special Land Use Designation], Ward 6 (Fiore) [PRJ-78670]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 43 for related discussion and backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) 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;

45. WVR-78635 - WAIVER - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: FIRST GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - For possible action on a request for a Waiver TO ALLOW 23 PARKING SPACES WHERE 57 ARE REQUIRED on 0.78 acres at 301 South Maryland Parkway (APN 139-34- 712-121), R-4 (High Density Residential), Ward 3 (Diaz) [PRJ-78634]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 43 for related discussion and Item 46 for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) 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;

46. SUP-78636 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT RELATED TO WVR-78635 - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: FIRST GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - For possible action on a request for a Special Use Permit FOR A PROPOSED PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL, SECONDARY USE at 301 South Maryland Parkway (APN 139-34-712-121), R-4 (High Density Residential), Ward 3 (Diaz) [PRJ-78634]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 43 for related discussion and Item 45 for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) 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;

47. VAR-78719 - VARIANCE - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: WMCV PHASE 3 SPE, LLC, ET AL - For possible action on a request for a Variance TO ALLOW 27 PERCENT OF WALL SIGNAGE ON THE EASTERN ELEVATION OF THE EXPO CENTER, WHERE 20 PERCENT IS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED on 35.62 acres at 320, 455, 475 and 495 South Grand Central Parkway (APNs 139-33-610-014, 023 and 031), PD (Planned Development) Zone, Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78711]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 43 for related discussion and Item 48 for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) 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;

48. MSP-78720 - MASTER SIGN PLAN RELATED TO VAR-78719 - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: WMCV PHASE 3 SPE, LLC, ET AL - For possible action on a request for a Major Amendment to a previously approved Master Sign Plan (MSP-6344) TO ADD WALL SIGNAGE ON THE EXPO BUILDING, AND TO REDESIGN AND CHANGE THE LOCATION OF ONE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PILLAR (FREESTANDING) SIGN on 35.62 acres at 320, 455, 475 and 495 South Grand Central Parkway (APNs 139-33-610-014, 023 and 031), PD (Planned Development) Zone, Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78711]. The Planning Commission (6-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 43 for related discussion and Item 47 for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) 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;

49. SUP-78651 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: 7-ELEVEN, INC. - OWNER: SAPPORO 7, LLC - For possible action on a request for a Special Use Permit FOR A PROPOSED 2,940 SQUARE-FOOT BEER/WINE/COOLER OFF-SALE ESTABLISHMENT USE at 835 North Martin L King Boulevard (APN 139-28- 313-003), C-1 (Limited Commercial) Zone, Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78608]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 43 for related discussion.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) 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;

50. SUP-78683 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: LSD, INC. - OWNER: TWISTED WILLOW INVESTMENTS, LLC - For possible action on a request for a Special Use Permit FOR A PROPOSED 1,800 SQUARE-FOOT BEER/WINE/COOLER OFF-SALE ESTABLISHMENT USE at 2401 West Bonanza Road, Suite Q (APN 139-29-813-005), C-2 (General Commercial) Zone, Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78663]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 43 for related discussion.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) 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;

51. 78831-RQR1 - REQUIRED REVIEW - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR - OWNER: FISHER BROTHERS LAS VEGAS, LLC - For possible action on a Required Review of an approved Special Use Permit (U-0168-92) FOR A 40-FOOT TALL, 14-FOOT X 48-FOOT OFF-PREMISE SIGN at 2900 Sirius Avenue (APN 162-08-702-002), M (Industrial) Zone, Ward 1 (Knudsen). Staff recommends APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Items 5 and 43 for related discussion.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve the One Motion One Vote Agenda subject to condition(s) 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 - DISCUSSION

52. RQR-78422 - ABEYANCE ITEM - REQUIRED REVIEW - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: REAGAN NATIONAL ADVERTISING OF NEVADA - OWNER: GATEWAY MOTEL, INC. - For possible action on a Required Review of an approved Special Use Permit (U-0028-01) FOR A 40-FOOT TALL, 28-FOOT BY 24-FOOT OFF-PREMISE SIGN at 928 South Las Vegas Boulevard (APN 139-34-410-165), C-2 (General Commercial) Zone, Ward 3 (Diaz). Staff recommends DENIAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, reported that staff consistently recommended denial of reviews of this Special Use Permit due to findings of incompatibility of the use with the requirements of the Las Vegas Boulevard Scenic Byway Overlay District and Corridor Management Plan. The sign is not in compliance with conditions imposed by previous reviews of the Special Use Permit, which required that bird deterrent devices be installed as the structural pole is currently visibly stained with bird droppings. Further, the current off-premise sign is incompatible with recent mixed-use developments within the Las Vegas Arts District and the future visual form envisioned for this area and the right-of-way improvements along Las Vegas Boulevard. Staff recommended denial with conditions requiring another three year review if approved.

ATTORNEY LORA DREJA explained the bird deterrent devices had been installed since the staff report had been published. She attested that the sign was in good condition, and she believed the situation to be an anomaly. She spoke of a concern COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ had regarding the review time and stated the applicant therefore agreed to revise Condition 3.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ said she did not want to impede progress and beautification in the area, and appreciated the applicant’s flexibility in revising the conditions. The Councilwoman confirmed with MR. SUMMERFIELD that standard conditions addressing graffiti removal were included in the approval.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve subject to condition(s) and amending Condition 3 as read for the record:

3. This Special Use Permit shall be reviewed in three (3) years, at which time the City Council may require the Off- Premise Sign be removed; or as determined by the Director of Planning to be heard at an earlier date, as a result of conditions in the surrounding area having changed in such a manner that would warrant the removal of the Off- Premise Sign. The applicant shall be responsible for notification costs of the review. Failure to pay the City for these costs may result in a requirement that the Off-Premise Sign be removed.

NOTE: Councilman Crear disclosed that he owns a billboard company, but there was no conflict and he would vote on the item.

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

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

53. SDR-78245 - ABEYANCE ITEM - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: MO CONSTRUCTION, LLC - OWNER: CVV, LLC - For possible action on a request for a Site Development Plan Review FOR A PROPOSED 3,855 SQUARE-FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING WITH DRIVE THROUGH WITH A WAIVER TO NOT ORIENT THE BUILDING TO THE CORNER WHERE SUCH IS REQUIRED AND TO ALLOW A WAIVER OF TITLE 19 LANDSCAPE BUFFER STANDARDS on 0.43 acres at 3801 West Charleston Boulevard (APN 162-06-501-002), C-1 (Limited Commercial) Zone, Ward 1 (Knudsen) [PRJ-78111]. The Planning Commission (6-0 vote) and Staff recommend DENIAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

MEHDI OWLIAIE appeared representing the applicant and agreed with all conditions.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, reported that the commercial use is appropriate for the subject site; however, the proposed development as designed is incompatible and not harmonious with the surrounding land use development as evidenced by the waivers. He acknowledged that the applicant worked closely with the Public Works Department to address traffic concerns, and modified the site plan to accommodate dual queuing to ensure there is no vehicular backup on Charleston Boulevard or any secondary roadways. The overall development is over-parked and a double drive through is not ideal from a planning perspective. Staff therefore recommended denial of the application.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN thanked MR. OWLIAIE for working so closely with the Public Works Department. Speaking to any traffic concerns, the Councilman confirmed that this would be conducive to the environment. It is a big parking lot with little traffic and an area that desperately needs development.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked how someone accesses the property from Charleston Boulevard or coming north from Valley View Boulevard, and MR. SUMMERIFELD advised the applicant was not creating any new curb cuts. The primary entrance was located off of Charleston Boulevard and there are two other entry points off of Valley View Boulevard. He also noted that customers would use internal access roads to access the new coffee shop.

MAYOR GOODMAN clarified the location of the entrance off of Valley View Boulevard through BART ANDERSON, Engineering Project Manager. He further explained that customers would then go through an internal parking lot to access the facility. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN added that the commercial center also houses a building that is leased by the State, and those employees would benefit from this development.

MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed with MR. OWLIAIE that construction would begin as soon as permits are

issued. MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve subject to conditions

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;

54. ZON-78382 - REZONING - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: NV PATH - OWNER: PUNJABI JATT REALTY,

LLC - For possible action on a request for a Rezoning FROM: C-V (CIVIC) AND R-3 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO: C-1 (LIMITED COMMERCIAL) on 1.18 acres at 1260 and 1310 West Owens Avenue (APN 139-21-804-010), Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78178]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open for Items 54 and 55.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, explained staff found the proposed Rezoning application is compatible with the adjacent C-1 (Limited Commercial) zones along Owens Avenue. Since both buildings are existing with established setbacks, the Variance request will not intensify or affect the adjacent residential properties. Staff therefore recommended approval of both the Rezoning and Variance requests.

ALEX KHAIRA and CLEVONNE FUNCHES appeared representing the application. MR. KHAIRA apologized to COUNCILMAN CREAR for not being able to answer his questions, as he was in a serious car accident.

MR. FUNCHES said he was looking to extend his services because many hospitals are at capacity, and Ward 5 lacks inpatient services.

COUNCILMAN CREAR said he had no knowledge of this project and wished someone had come in to his office to explain. He thought these services were only needed because social services keep coming in to Ward 5. He said there are plans to build a commercial corridor on this site, and this proposal would not make a good fit.

MR. FUNCHES clarified that this is not for transitional housing, rather for inpatient psychiatric services. COUNCILMAN CREAR reiterated that there are enough social services in his ward. He said there is a need for these services in other communities, and offered to work with MR. FUNCHES to form a better idea.

MAYOR GOODMAN clarified with MR. SUMMERFIELD that these items could be abeyed, withdrawn without prejudice, stricken or tabled rather than denied. He noted a re-notification fee would be required with tabling the items.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE disagreed with COUNCILMAN CREAR, and noted that MR. FUNCHES could meet with each Councilmember individually because these services are needed.

MR. KHAIRA said he wished to rezone the building and have it occupied, regardless if MR. FUNCHES was the one occupying it or not. The building has been vandalized on numerous occasions and he now has to pay for security to prevent any further crime.

COUNCILMAN CREAR said he needs to understand the use for the site, and that conversation needs to happen outside of a Council meeting.

MR. SUMMERFIELD reiterated there would be a $500 re-notification fee if the items were tabled. Withdrawing without prejudice would carry all new application fees, and abeying the items would not carry any additional processing fees. When COUNCILWOMAN FIORE asked if processing fees could be waived, MR. SUMMERFIELD explained that only the City Manager can waive fees, and that ability only applies to other regional governments.

See Item 55 for related backup.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 54 and 55.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Hold in Abeyance Items 54 and 55 to 9/16/2020

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;

55. VAR-78712 - VARIANCE RELATED TO ZON-78382 - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: NV PATH -

OWNER: PUNJABI JATT REALTY, LLC - For possible action on a request for a Variance TO ALLOW A 14-FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK WHERE 20 FEET IS REQUIRED on 1.18 acres at 1260 and 1310 West Owens Avenue (APN 139-21-804-010), Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78178]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 54 for related discussion and backup.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Hold in Abeyance Items 54 and 55 to 9/16/2020

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;

56. ZON-78680 - REZONING - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: CYNTHIA AUTRY - OWNER: AUTRY FAMILY TRUST

- For possible action on a request for a Rezoning FROM: R-4 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO: C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) on 0.47 acres at 2110 West Bonanza Road (APN 139-29-704-037), Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78671]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open for Items 56 and 57.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, said staff supported the requested zone change to the C-2 (General Commercial) designation as it is compatible with the surrounding districts. However, staff was not in support of the requested deviations as they are a result of a self-imposed hardship resulting from construction that was completed without permits. Staff therefore recommended approval of the Rezoning but denial of the Variance. He noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval for everything except for the inclusion of the barbed wire and asked that it be removed from the property.

CYTHNIA AUTRY and JENNETTE SANCHEZ explained that they have owned the property for 47 years and used it for their pool service company. Their family has been vandalized numerous times, and adjustments were made to the property for security reasons. The property sits lower than the surrounding properties, and the barbed wire was installed to secure the property. MS. AUTRY noted that the property's zoning designation reverted back to R-4 (High Density Residential) from C-2 once her mother and step-father passed away. She said COUNCILMAN CREAR and his staff have been instrumental in helping her through this process, and she thanked them for their efforts.

COUNCILMAN CREAR affirmed the property's Special Use Permit expired when the previous owners passed away. He thought this rezoning was appropriate, and appreciated MS. AUTRY'S pool company for their longevity in the community.

See Item 57 for related backup.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 56 and 57.

Motion made by Cedric Crear 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;

57. VAR-78756 - VARIANCE RELATED TO ZON-78680 - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: CYNTHIA AUTRY - OWNER: AUTRY FAMILY TRUST - For possible action on a request for a Variance TO ALLOW A 13-FOOT TALL PERIMETER WALL WHERE EIGHT FEET IS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED, TO ALLOW A WROUGHT IRON FENCE WHERE A SOLID CMU WALL IS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR STORAGE, TO ALLOW CHAIN LINK AND BARBED WIRE WHERE SUCH ARE PROHIBITED MATERIALS AND TO ALLOW A FIVE-FOOT REAR YARD OUTDOOR STORAGE SETBACK WHERE 20 FEET IS REQUIRED

on 0.47 acres at 2110 West Bonanza Road (APN 139-29-704-037), Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78671]. Staff recommends DENIAL. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) recommends APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 56 for related discussion and backup.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve subject to conditions and deleting Conditions 1 and 2

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;

58. VAR-78641 - VARIANCE - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: ALICE HARRIS BELL - For possible action on a request for a Variance TO ALLOW A FIVE-FOOT CORNER SIDE YARD SETBACK WHERE TEN FEET IS REQUIRED FOR A PROPOSED 178 SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING ADDITION on 0.12 acres at 2725 Rising Legend Way (APN 139-20-814-016), R-CL (Single Family Compact-Lot) Zone, Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78631]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend DENIAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, said no evidence of a unique or extraordinary circumstance had been presented to warrant the requested Variance. As such, the hardship was deemed self-imposed and staff recommended denial.

Property owner ALICE HARRIS BELL said she would like to build a family room in her home and retire there. KENNY FAWKES voiced his support for the item. MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve subject to conditions

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;

59. VAR-78675 - VARIANCE - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: CIM DOWNTOWN GRAND - OWNER: 220 NORTH 4TH STREET LV, LLC, ET AL - For possible action on a request for a Variance TO ALLOW A ZERO-FOOT SETBACK WHERE FIVE FEET IS REQUIRED FOR A PROPOSED FREESTANDING SIGN on 3.73 acres at 206 North 3rd Street, 221 North 3rd Street and 220 North 4th Street (APNs 139-34-514-007 through 009; and 139-34- 510-019), C-2 (General Commercial) Zone, Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78587]. Staff recommends DENIAL. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) recommends APPROVAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open for Items 59 and 60.

BRADLEY AARONSON, CIM Group, apologized for not scheduling a meeting with COUNCILMAN CREAR'S office. They are nearing completion of the new tower of the Downtown Grand, adding 500 keys to the property. The tower will be completed in August 2020 with a reopening scheduled for September 2020. MR. AARONSON explained they are proposing to take the same valet directional sign and put it in a different location on Stewart Avenue. The applicant asked for a zero foot setback in order to deal with existing conditions on the property. CIM Group conducted a study to see if a five-foot setback could be accommodated, and it was found that the sign would be blocked from visibility. Lastly, he noted the staff report was incorrect in stating the size of the sign was increasing.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, explained that an alternative design or location for the proposed sign would conform with Title 19 setback requirements. In view of the absence of a hardship imposed by the site, it was concluded that the hardship is preferential in nature and staff recommended denial of both items. Speaking to the staff report, MR. SUMMERFIELD clarified that the sign will be placed higher than the previously approved sign.

COUNCILMAN CREAR voiced his support for the Downtown Grand, and hoped the applicant would meet with his office to discuss their plans in the future.

See Item 60 for related backup.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 59 and 60.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve subject to conditions

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;

60. MSP-78676 - MASTER SIGN PLAN RELATED TO VAR-78675 - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: CIM DOWNTOWN GRAND - OWNER: 220 NORTH 4TH STREET LV, LLC, ET AL - For possible action on a request for a Major Amendment of an approved Master Sign Plan (MSP-45919) TO RELOCATE AND INCREASE THE HEIGHT AND SIZE OF ONE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FREESTANDING SIGN AT AN EXISTING HOTEL/CASINO on 3.73 acres at 206 North 3rd Street, 221 North 3rd Street and 220 North 4th Street (APNs 139-34-514-007 through 009; and 139-34-510-019), C-2 (General Commercial) Zone, Ward 5 (Crear) [PRJ-78587] Staff recommends DENIAL. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) recommends APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 59 for related discussion and backup.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve subject to conditions
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;

61. VAR-78703 - VARIANCE - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: XAVIER & MONICA WATKINS - For possible action on an Appeal of the Denial by the Planning Commission on a request for a Variance TO ALLOW A THREE-FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK WHERE FIVE FEET IS REQUIRED FOR AN EXISTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (CLASS II) [GARAGE] on 0.50 acres at 7065 Del Rey Avenue (APN 163-03-603-002), R-E (Residence Estates) Zone, Ward 1 (Knudsen) [PRJ-78664]. The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend DENIAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

Property owners XAVIER and MONICA WATKINS provided a background of the existing structure, and said a disgruntled neighbor submitted an e-comment during the Planning Commission meeting and the request was denied without the Commissioners vetting the neighbor’s complaints. MR. WATKINS displayed a photo showing a 300-pound propane tank in the neighbor’s backyard, and said he started a Code Enforcement case. They expressed their wish to keep the structure so MR. WATKINS can continue to store his classic cars. Per COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN’S request, they presented signatures from neighbors in support of keeping the structure. Lastly, MR. WATKINS thanked ANTONIA PRECIADO, Special Assistant to Council, for assisting them through this process.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, said this item was the result of a Code Enforcement case for a structure that was built without permits. No evidence of unique or extraordinary circumstance was presented, as the applicant created a self-imposed hardship by building an accessory structure without meeting the minimum Title 19 development standards or retaining building permits. In view of the absence of any hardship imposed by the site’s physical characteristics, the applicants hardship is preferential in nature and is thereby outside the realm of NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) Chapter 278 for granting Variances. As a result, staff recommended denial.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE expressed her support for the Variance.

CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES read e-comments submitted online, copies of which were attached as backup.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said he did not want to be involved in neighborhood disputes, and MR. WATKINS should attempt to make amends with his neighbors.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve subject to conditions

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

62. Report by Francis Julien, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), regarding an overview of proposed changes to the RTC's transit service - All Wards

Minutes:
MIKE JANSSEN, Public Works Director, said the public transit system has not been immune to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ridership and revenue numbers have decreased, and this presentation would outline the community- wide impacts within the city.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, FRANCIS JULIEN, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), explained the RTC was facing a structural deficit even before the pandemic. Fiscal Year 2020 will result in a $24 million deficit, and Fiscal Year 2021 is expected to bring a $63 million deficit. In order to save money, the RTC eliminated and postponed capital projects and contracts, implemented hiring freezes, furloughed 15 percent of their workforce and cut management pay.

The RTC received CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds, which will stabilize Fiscal Year 2020, but leaves an immediate need for other changes for upcoming years. These proposed changes include eliminating four bus routes, adjusting four other routes and a proposed frequency decrease on a route to Henderson. Currently, the RTC is engaging with the community via a 60-day public comment period that lasts from June 29th to August 28th. During this time, the RTC will be educating, listening and learning from the community and so far, 2,700 surveys have been completed. Their system-wide tactics include internal communications, briefing elected officials, community engagement and marketing. MR. JULIEN also noted that additional efforts are being made for those who frequent the impacted routes such as door-to-door mailers. The following routes will be discontinued: Route 104 (Valley View Boulevard and Arville Street), Route 207 (Alta Avenue and Stewart Avenue), Route 209 (Vegas Drive and Owens Avenue) SDX (Las Vegas Strip and Downtown Express), WAX (Westcliff Airport Express) and CX (Centennial Express).

Four public meetings are taking place in the months of July and August in an effort to explain the proposed changes to the constituents. The RTC will seek Board approval on September 10th and the service change could start as soon as October.

MAYOR GOODMAN inquired about social distancing measures on the buses and how that has affected their ridership numbers, and MR. JULIEN advised the RTC is taking on additional costs to provide additional rides in an effort to comply with social distancing guidelines. MAYOR GOODMAN commented on how the pandemic has devastated the RTC and other means of transportation such as Uber and Lyft.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ thanked the RTC for staying connected with the community during these challenging times.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said transportation is one of the biggest challenges he has faced since working in public service. He recognized many challenges faced by transit existed before the COVID-19 pandemic, and wanted to learn more about the RTC's funding model for the future of transportation. MR. JULIEN said the RTC is working hard on future funding sources and offered to give a presentation in the future.

MAYOR GOODMAN said every community is facing the same challenges, and applauded MR. JULIEN for his efforts.

63. Report from Dr. Lisa Morris Hibbler, Chief Community Services Officer, on the progress of the Mayor's Fund for Las Vegas LIFE, which provides a vehicle for corporate and philanthropic partners to support innovative programs that improve the quality of life for all Las Vegas residents - 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, was present to provide a recap of highlights from the Mayor's Fund and what the future holds. The programs and initiatives in the Mayor's Fund are aligned with the City Council's priorities, leverage community resources and produce measurable results. The Fund is guided by a diverse group of community and business leaders who serve as members of the Mayor's Fund Advisory Committee, and many members have been instrumental in securing donations. DR. MORRIS HIBBLER noted that the Nevada Community Foundation serves as the fiscal agent, receiving all private donations and facilitating administrative functions related to those donations.

Since October 2019, the Mayor's Fund received $1.1 million in cash and $1.3 million in goods and services. In the areas of livability, the Mayor's fund underwrote the fees for 200 youth to participate in various sports, funded a major art project in the Historic Westside and the State's largest book festival, and supported over 7,000 guests at the Courtyard Homeless Resource Center. In the areas of innovation, the Mayor's Fund in partnership with Las Vegas Connected helped provide families with internet access and devices pre-loaded with key resources, educational resources and workforce information. The Fund continues to help bridge the digital divide in the community through testing community-based broadband, a need made more evident in the time of distant learning and remote working. As part of civic innovation, a significant gift of over $3.8 million in goods and professional services from Cisco helped launched Project Blackjack, an intelligent intersection project that supports the deployment of safety applications for all world users. Recently, the Mayor's Fund started working with the Sunrise Children's Foundation to provide the remaining Samsung tablets with integrated Wi-Fi to help economically disadvantaged families. Last year, the Strong Future Employment Program trained over 400 youth in job readiness, and over 200 of those individuals were placed in jobs in high-demand industries. Donations from community partners such as City National Bank, the Helmes Helps Foundation, the Vegas Golden Knights Foundation and Zappos for Good helped underwrite a second Strong Start Go! mobile pre-K bus, ensuring students with the greatest achievement gaps are equipped to enter the school system. Additionally, MGM Resorts International underwrote a mid-year school supply drive that provided supplies and hygiene products to over 7,000 students, and funded curriculum in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs for students in after-school programs.

As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, the Mayor's Fund focused their shift to the homeless community. This included seeking cash and essential item donations to support individuals at the Cashman Isolation-Quarantine Complex (ISO-Q) and the Courtyard Homeless Resource Center. The Cashman ISO-Q is believed to be the first field acute observation alternative care site for persons experiencing homeless, and received praise from DR. ROBERT MARBUT, Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. In total, nearly $600,000 in cash and in-kind donations were received to support the facility and community partners were able to provide hygiene products, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), hot meals and water. She thanked COUNCILMEMBERS FIORE, SEAMAN, KNUDSEN and CREAR for leveraging their relationships to assist in getting necessary items. Another community partner, AT&T, donated $35,000 and their employees delivered hot meals from McDonalds to the ISO-Q every day.

DR. MORRIS HIBBLER said the Mayor's Fund stands ready to refocus programs that will help residents regain a sense of normalcy and quality of life that has been impacted from the quarantine. The Fund is working with various partners to develop strong case plans for the programs and projects that are forthcoming. As the city recovers from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fund is positioned to reactivate its efforts on the many programs it supports that promote and enhance the quality of life within the city. Future endeavors include the Courtyard respite facility, launching the Wardelle Strong Start Go Academy and develop programs that support local artists while promoting community healing. Lastly, the Fund will continue to help bridge the digital divide through Las Vegas Connected and expand digital infrastructure in low-income areas to increase WiFi access. As the Council finalizes their new City priorities, the Mayor's Fund will be ready to work with City departments to identify and support programs and initiatives that make life better for the residents.

JULIE MURRAY, Moonridge Group, thanked the Council for their leadership during these difficult times. She said the Moonridge Group engaged in a survey of corporate philanthropic teams and charitable foundations statewide. They found that 55 percent of corporate funders will budget for the same level of support or even consider increasing funding. This says the funders are resilient and loyal, and the Moonridge Group will continue to steward those relationships. They plan to work with donors and find creative ways to bring equity to the Mayor's Fund.

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked MS. MURRAY, and thought it was wonderful that leaders could sustain their contributions during these hard times.

64. Report from Scott D. Adams, City Manager, on Emerging Issues - All

Wards Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN said it was remarkable how CITY MANAGER SCOTT ADAMS and his team have found ways to make sure the city is able to move forward.

MR. ADAMS thanked the City Council for their support and he promised to maintain his commitment of communicating any actions he had taken. He reported that Clark County was identified as a 'red zone' by the White House due to a surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. The Governor's office asked each jurisdiction to respond with a heightened action plan, and MR. ADAMS has focused on an enhanced enforcement effort. He asked for employees to be reassigned to work in teams of two and meet with businesses in the community to monitor their compliance with the Governor's directives. Areas with high infection rates will be targeted, and the goal is to hit every street-facing businesses with clients over the next 30 days. Employees will report back to the Business Licensing Department who will revisit the business and take further action if necessary.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY said he received a call from a small business owner who was visited by Code Enforcement and were told they were not in compliance with the mask mandate. Although the business is dedicated to enforcement, they do not have the ability to hire more employees or security to assist; therefore, they were in fear of receiving fines or forced to shut their business down. The Councilman felt a balance needed to be struck between enforcement and working with businesses that have a limited number of resources. MR. ADAMS felt the smallest businesses should have the easiest time with enforcement since only a limited amount of people can visit the business at any given time. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY disagreed, and said this particular business has very few employees but a lot of customers. MR. ADAMS said he did not make the rules, and the Governor was very specific with his directive. It has been made clear that every customer and every employee must wear a mask, and it is up to the business to creatively figure out ways to comply.

MR. ADAMS affirmed that the City Council has been in compliance with the mask mandate because area in which the Council and other staff members sit is considered to be a private meeting space.

A team comprised of City employees have been visiting sports fields, and many teams were found to be not in compliance. MR. ADAMS presented a Field Monitor Report that was conducted from July 16th to July 18th, and it outlined the violations at various fields. He suggested that parents drop their child off at practice and utilize other areas of the park while they wait. He commended the Nevada Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) for their continued enforcement and compliance. MAYOR GOODMAN agreed, and said the NYSA has always been efficient in communicating to parents.

Lastly, MR. ADAMS reported that the City held back funds from the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act for a plan that commits to a number of pop-up COVID-19 testing locations in all six wards with a focus on Wards 1, 3 and 5.

SET DATE

65. 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

66. 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 reminded the public about the annual AFWERX (United States Air Force program) Fusion being held from July 28th through July 30th. He was thankful that the proper construction warning signs were placed on the south side of Bridger Avenue, and that the Sheriff had the parking lot off of First Street cleaned. He also thanked the Fire Department for painting the fire hydrant on Main Street and Clark Avenue, and encouraged each ward to paint their own hydrants. Speaking to Clark County's plan for diverting traffic from the Raider's Stadium, MR. BRAISTED thought buses should be utilized to reduce congestion.

PATRICIA REID introduced herself as an animal activist, and said COUNCILWOMAN FIORE does not license her dogs. She said the Councilwoman is unable to represent Ward 6 without bias and malice, and wanted to know why she, a Christian woman, would mock the Governor's mandates by wearing underwear on her face. MS. REID said COUNCILWOMAN FIORE demonstrates everything that is wrong with Christian churches, and accused her of financially benefiting her daughter's company from the development at Floyd Lamb Park.

DAN ROLLE said although the Council is not required to wear face masks during the meetings, there were 28 Nevadans that died within a matter of days. He felt the Council was dishonoring their memory and refuses to show any leadership during a crisis. He said COUNCILWOMAN FIORE is funneling money to her daughter's business through her Political Action Committee. He spoke of over 300 people that are in the Intensive Care Unit, and felt the least the Council could do is demonstrate leadership by wearing a mask.

TASHEKA LAWSON felt all Councilmembers should wear a mask. She had seen money being thrown around during the meeting, and felt disappointed that it took so long to see any development for the Historic Westside. She had been calling for two weeks to receive information on a meeting regarding redevelopment in the Historic Westside and felt it was held in secret. Lastly, she spoke of the only grocery store in Ward 5, and said it is selling bad meat and very little produce.

TRICE BROOKS said she left America for Israel in 2010 to escape racism, and she does not feel safe in this city. She spent six days in jail after being arrested at a Black Lives Matter protest, and spoke against SHERIFF JOE LOMBARDO and COUNCILWOMAN FIORE. MS. BROOKS said she has three Bachelor degrees and runs a non-profit for athletes.

AMBER BLOW introduced herself as a radio personality for KCEP Power 88, and said there is still a lot of tension in the black community. She felt open dialogue was needed that will let the black community know that the City Council is aware of the issues that have been brought forward. She said change does not happen overnight, but the community needs assurance that the Council is willing to listen and take action.

TENISHA CARMICHAEL said certain Councilmembers have turned a blind eye on racial profiling. Statistics show that one in three black men will be in prison versus one in 17 white men. She introduced her two children, and said people see their color. She had to speak to her children on how to avoid being killed and seen as criminals. MS. CARMICHAEL commended COUNCILMAN CREAR for standing up against racism, and said COUNCILWOMAN FIORE should be held accountable for her racist remarks. She asked the Councilwoman to be honest with herself and surrender her seat on the Council. A transparent conversation needs to take place in order to relieve tension in the community. Lastly, she believes that police lives matter, but does not believe in police brutality.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION

67. 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:
COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ thanked the City's efforts in ensuring that more testing is available in her ward. She announced that there would be free COVID-19 tests available at Jerome Mack Middle School on July 24th and 25th, and at Roy Martin Middle School on July 31st and August 1st The Councilwoman wished COUNCILMAN CREAR and her mom a Happy Birthday, and a Happy 20th Anniversary to her husband.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE said her masks are fashionable and safe, and she purchased them from Wassa Boutique in Town Square Las Vegas. The Councilwoman read a statement from former member of the Nevada Senate, KELVIN ATKINSON, where he insisted the Councilwoman was not racist. She also spoke of a time she defended former City Councilman RICKI BARLOW, and asked the judge to be lenient on him. Lastly, COUNCILWOMAN FIORE clarified that her daughter's business is not benefiting from the development at Floyd Lamb Park in any way.

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked the individuals who participated in the meeting, and said City staff works hard to keep everyone safe. The City of Las Vegas is only responsible for itself and they cannot act outside of their boundaries. She implored people to be responsible for themselves and set examples for others. The Mayor thought everyone could find a way to have their voices heard respectfully, and expressed the importance of listening and not judging people you know nothing about. She thanked the City staff members who are working to assist community members affected by the pandemic, which has been a huge burden on Las Vegas. Lastly, she announced the next City Council meeting would be held on August 5, 2020.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

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LuAnn D. Holmes, MMC, City Clerk

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