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Steven G. Seroka (Ward 2)
Bob Coffin (Ward 3)
Stavros S. Anthony (Ward 4)
Cedric Crear (Ward 5)
Michele Fiore (Ward 6)



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Redevelopment Agency Minutes

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February 20, 2019

8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

CHAIR GOODMAN called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR GOODMAN and MEMBERS TARKANIAN, ANTHONY, COFFIN, FIORE and CREAR

EXCUSED: MEMBER SEROKA

ALSO PRESENT: SCOTT ADAMS, Executive Director, JEFF DOROCAL, Deputy City Attorney, and LUANN D. HOLMES, Secretary

2. Announcement Re: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive.

3. 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:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the regular Redevelopment Agency Meeting of December 19, 2018

Motion made by Lois Tarkanian to Approve

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

For-Cedric Crear, Michele Fiore, Bob Coffin, Lois Tarkanian, Stavros Anthony, Carolyn Goodman; Excused-Steve Seroka;

Redevelopment Area

5. RA-1-2019 - Discussion for possible action regarding a Resolution finding the project proposed by the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) to be in compliance with and in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the Redevelopment Plan and authorizing the execution of the Lease Agreement for office space by the Agency located at 330 South 4th Street (APN 139-34-210-077) (Not-to-Exceed \$1,600,000 RDA Special Revenue Fund) - Redevelopment Area 1 Ward 3 Coffin [NOTE: This item is related to Council Item 40 (R-1-2019)]

Motion made by Bob Coffin

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

For-Cedric Crear, Michele Fiore, Bob Coffin, Carolyn Goodman, Lois Tarkanian, Stavros Anthony; Excused-Steve Seroka;

Minutes:

BILL ARENT, Director of Economic and Urban Development, stated that he was excited to introduce a new business model for downtown Las Vegas and the redevelopment area named the Las Vegas Innovation and Technology Exchange or LITE for short. The concept is not new as in 2016 the City Council passed a resolution, R-4-2016, declaring downtown an innovation district. MR. ARENT read from the Resolution. He reminded that the world and technology are changing, particularly surrounding smart mobility, connected and autonomous vehicles.

Utilizing the PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, MR. ARENT highlighted the area titled Civic and Business District on the map shown noting there is a space in downtown that was known as the RedFlint Experience Center space; the space is located within the Bank of America Financial Center at South 4th Street and Lewis Avenue. The ground floor had been leased by the University of Phoenix to operate the RedFlint Experience Center which was an innovation center. He explained how the innovation center was closed which opened a new opportunity for the City of Las Vegas to review the space.

MR. ARENT showed an image of an autonomous shuttle which operated for almost 12 months; it was a great pilot program that set the stage for Las Vegas as a leader and a pioneer in autonomous vehicle technology. It was accomplished by a great City team with many departments involved.

MR. ARENT stated that he believed Las Vegas to be one of the leading cities across the country with the appropriate infrastructure for an innovation district while sharing a map of the connected intersections developed into the City's live street grid. Whereas other cities have test tracks and/or research centers, Las Vegas allows for real-world testing in a mixed traffic flow setting.

He shared an image of projects and partners across different industry verticals and briefly described each category. Additionally, MR. ARENT shared a snapshot stating that applications were currently being accepted through a software tool named UrbanLeap from companies that wish to partner with the City to do a proof of concept project. The PowerPoint slide shown by MR. ARENT included a sample of interested companies but was not an exhaustive list. To date, there are 46 active or pending projects in the Smart City Program, and he pointed out that many of the companies shown were outside of Las Vegas.

MR. ARENT displayed information pertaining to a five-year business model noting many of the associated costs were already included in the total gross expenses. He reviewed some of the key amounts and stated that interest has already been received from some of the global partners featured on the previous PowerPoint slide including NTT DATA, a global IT innovator that does \$100 billion in United States revenue annually. He provided a brief history of the company pointing out that a memorandum of understanding was signed between NTT DATA and the City of Las Vegas and the State to try to advance their partnership forward. It was a goal of staff to seek revenue through sponsorships as well as through membership fees for individual companies. Additionally, this space would allow for the City's innovation lab located on the First Floor of City Hall to expand.

Lastly, MR. ARENT expressed the desire of staff to differentiate Las Vegas as the leading city nationally and globally for Smart City, smart mobility, IoT (internet of things) and cybersecurity technology. He stressed it is very expensive for companies to fly in and fly out for conventions that may happen once or a couple of times a year.

For the same expense or smaller, these companies could have a permanent showroom for their technology with professional management from the City. Additionally, the project would attract the global startup community to locate, grow and expand in Las Vegas.

In closing, MR. ARENT requested the Board's approval of the lease agreement and to authorize funding. In addition, staff was working on a non-profit model to set up a non-profit agency to manage the innovation center, and the space would be managed with existing resources.

CHAIR GOODMAN thought this was an exciting concept and believed the business model should be named the Las Vegas International Innovation Center. She also wished for staff to encourage the Department of Communications to market the innovation center. She encouraged staff to act immediately.

MEMBER COFFIN thought this was a good program and was in a great building.

MR. ARENT indicated he would take the Mayor's direction to heart and would converse with the building's owner.

Citizens Participation

6. Citizens Participation: Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Redevelopment Agency. No subject may be acted upon by the Redevelopment Agency 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:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

LuAnn D. Holmes, Secretary

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