City Council Minutes

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September 1, 2021
9:00 AM

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

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

Present: MAYOR GOODMAN (excused at 1:15 p.m.) and COUNCILMEMBERS ANTHONY, FIORE, CREAR, KNUDSEN, SEAMAN and DIAZ

Also Present: CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JAMES LEWIS and CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

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

3. Invocation - Pastor Paul Goulet, International Church of Las Vegas

Minutes:
PASTOR PAUL GOULET, International Church of Las Vegas, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Recognition of the Citizen of the Month

Minutes:
Prior to hearing this item, MAYOR GOODMAN said it was an honor for the Council to represent their constituents, but that it is not always easy because not everyone agrees with the decisions that are made. She stressed the importance of being uplifting and thankful.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE recognized CHERILYN BEANAN as the September Citizen of the Month. She said MS. BEANAN is a professional dancer and teacher who moved to Las Vegas from the San Francisco Bay area over 20 years ago and opened her dance studio, Dance Connection, in 2003, serving thousands of children, teenagers and adults. The studio currently offers jazz, funk, contemporary, tap and ballet classes, with over 50 classes a week, averaging 15-25 students per class. Dance Connection provided an irreplaceable destination for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Councilwoman shared a statement made by MS. BEANAN about children learning to believe in themselves again, and she did not want another minute to pass without bringing them some positivity. The hard work and dedication MS. BEANAN has brought to the dance community will continue to be a valuable asset to those who dance for fun, competition and professionally. She noted MS. BEANAN'S daughter is now a professional dancer in the Michael Jackson show. The Councilwoman presented MS. BEANAN with a statue and proclamation, which she read, a copy of which is included in the backup.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE shared how MS. BEANAN took in her two autistic grandchildren after they were asked to leave another school because they had difficulty following instructions.

MS. BEANAN stated this could not come at a better time because being a business owner during the pandemic has been a struggle, but the children keep her going, and she likes being able to provide them with a sense of normalcy and helping with their mental health. She expressed how she sees the need for interaction on the children's faces, and this acknowledgement gave her the fuel needed to keep going.

MAYOR GOODMAN expressed her gratitude and agreed a smile on a child's face makes one's heart joyful. COUNCILWOMAN FIORE also wished MS. BEANAN'S husband, BRETT BEANAN, a happy birthday.

6. Recognition of The Just One Project

Minutes:
COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN recognized The Just One Project, which he noted many of the Councilmembers have been involved with. He said this organization started as a way to connect individuals to their community through volunteerism. One way they chose to do this was by distributing food, and they became the largest, single food distribution partner for Three Square Food Bank. The Councilman stated October 1, marks the beginning of Hunger Action Month. As they have connected food to families across the valley, other needs became evident. As such, The Just One Project added financial literacy and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for adults. They also participate in Operation Home Partner, which is a rapid rehousing program that the City of Las Vegas supports.

The Councilman commented the two programs that really speak to him are the Smile Project, where volunteers dress up as superheroes and visit children in the hospital. The second is Camp Just One, where middle and high school students are connected to their communities by volunteering and learning work skills. They also spend time with a clinical psychologist. He stated all of the principals in Ward 1 schools expressed a desire in receiving trauma-informed training. He shared the phrase "killing ants" meant killing any negative thoughts before they get embedded in your brain. Killing these negative thoughts that creep into our minds everyday as children would make being an adult a lot easier.

The Councilman stated DORIAN STONEBARGER, Special Assistant to Council, is on the Board of Directors, and for her birthday, she donated more than $14,000 to The Just One Project through a fundraiser the previous week. Outside of her work for the City, she is making waves and changing the community for the better in a variety of ways. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN read and presented a proclamation to The Just One Project team that was present, a copy of which is included in the backup. He expressed his pride in the work MS. STONEBARGER does for The Just One Project and of the work the organization has done being a new nonprofit.

BROOKE NEUBAUER, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, expressed her appreciation for the Councilmembers' support, stating they are grateful to be able to connect the community through their work. She acknowledged CASEY FLAIR, Chief Operating Officer, MARISA CERVANTES, Grant Writer, and TORI LAWSON BELAFONTE, Program Director. They have 25 staff members that work very hard, along with 10,000 volunteers annually that help.

In response to the question by MAYOR GOODMAN about how to contact them, MS. NEUBAUER said individuals can reach them through The Just One Project on social media or look them up online. They are located at Rancho Drive and U.S. Highway 95, with 13 mobile distributions throughout the valley. After the Mayor commented the organization is looking to add more locations, MS. NEUBAUER stated they have a unique opportunity with the American Rescue Act dollars in that they can fund their agencies that are doing amazing work and can collaborate on many things that will better their future. They are looking for three acres on which to build a space that can serve the community. They currently serve over 15,000 people out of a 10,000 square-foot space and imagined what could be done with 30,000 square feet. Their focus is on client experience, which is why she believes they are able to engage so many community members that need their services.

MAYOR GOODMAN expressed her gratitude and invited MS. STONEBARGER to the podium to acknowledge her as well. She said MS. STONEBARGER'S heart has always been in this area, as she spent several years at Three Square. MS. STONEBARGER said she is happy to be a part of The Just One Project and expressed her gratitude for all of the amazing things it does for the community.

MAYOR GOODMAN commented on the results this organization has achieved since its inception in 2014, and added individuals could also contact COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN'S office if interested in volunteering.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said this was an exceptional team, and believed with providers like The Just One Project, they will be able to accomplish even more and meet the anticipated increased need in the community in the future.

BUSINESS ITEMS - 9:30 A.M. SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Minutes:
Prior to hearing this item, MAYOR GOODMAN reminded everyone as they deal with their own daily struggles, to remember the people lost in Haiti due to the earthquake, those impacted by the California wildfires and the 13 young service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan. She expressed her sympathy and wished to honor the memories of these young individuals by reading their names. For those affected by Hurricane Ida, she announced the Nevada Task Force One Urban Search and Rescue Team was activated by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Act) and has been ordered to deploy to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to assist in the response and recovery. A 35-member team consisting of firefighters and staff from throughout the valley are also deploying to the area.

TASHIKA LAWSON spoke on Item 45. She displayed the vision sold to the Westside at a neighborhood planning meeting, along with various photos of what is being proposed and what is being allowed to be built as part of the Form-Based Code. The Mayor invited MS. LAWSON to speak again either when this item was heard or under Citizens Participation.

BUSINESS ITEMS - 9:30 A.M. Session

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

Minutes:
ATTORNEY TONY CELESTE spoke on behalf of the applicant for Item 43 and wished to confirm that with the withdrawal of the appeal, that item was approved.

PETER LOWENSTEIN, Deputy Planning Director, explained the item was approved at Planning Commission, and with the withdrawal of the appeal, the Planning Commission's decision is considered final, and the applicant can move into the next development phase, which is the permitting process.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Hold in Abeyance Items 42a and 42b to 12/1/2021, Items 44a and 44b to 10/6/2021 and Withdraw Items 43a and 43b

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 Final Minutes by reference of the August 4, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Approve

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITY ATTORNEY - CONSENT

10. For possible action to approve settlement of Sonia Patricia Quintero-Rodriguez v. Matthew Tranell Marshall, City of Las Vegas, Case No. A-20-818106-C in the Eighth Judicial District Court ($77,500 - Tort Liability Fund) - All Wards

Minutes:
Speaking to Item 13, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN stated it is very frustrating to continue to spend money on Badlands litigation, while there are so many other needs for this money as the City deals with the pandemic. She will continue to work hard to find a resolution, but will support spending the additional funds to defend the City and taxpayers.

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

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

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

11. For possible action to approve settlement of Daniel Markosky v. Kelly Smith, City of Las Vegas, Case No. A-20-826824-C in the Eighth Judicial District Court ($90,000 - Tort Liability Fund) - All Wards

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

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

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

12. For possible action to approve settlement of Chetak Development v. City of Las Vegas, Case No. A-21-828782-C in the Eighth Judicial District Court - All Wards

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

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

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

13. For possible action to approve continued funding for McDonald Carano to represent the City of Las Vegas in an action filed against it by 180 Land Company, LLC, Case No. A-17-758528-J, in the Eighth Judicial District Court, concerning the denial of several land use applications for the development of a portion of the former Badlands Golf Course for an amount not-to-exceed $200,000 and Case No. A-18-780184-C, in the Eighth Judicial District Court challenging the City's Parks/Recreation/Open Space designation on 65 acres generally located south of Alta Drive, east of Hualapai Way and north of Charleston Boulevard and alleging an action for inverse condemnation for an amount not-to-exceed $100,000 (General Fund) - Ward 2 (Seaman)

Minutes:
See Item 10 for related discussion.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES - CONSENT

14. 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 Community Development Programs Center of Nevada, for the construction of 40 multifamily apartments located at 1501 North Decatur Boulevard, APN 138-25-518-002 - Ward 5 (Crear)

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

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

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

FINANCE - PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS - CONSENT

15. For possible action to approve award of Contract No. 220026-JH, Prime Design Services Contract for Alta Drive Local Storm Drain - Cimarron Road to Buffalo Drive - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: CA GROUP, INC. ($245,448 - Road and Flood Capital Projects Fund) - Ward 2 (Seaman)

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

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

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

16. For possible action to approve award of Contract No. 220027-JH, Prime Design Services Contract for Sewer Rehabilitation Group K - Arville Street Relief Sewer - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: GCW, INC. ($221,741 - Sanitation Enterprise Fund) - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

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

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

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

17. For possible action to approve the purchase of four (4) Pierce Velocity Pumper Fire Apparatus - Fire and Rescue Department - Award recommended to: HUGHES FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC. ($2,873,380 - Fire Equipment City Acquisition Internal Service Fund) - All Wards

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

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

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

PLANNING - BUSINESS LICENSING - CONSENT

18. For possible action to approve a Cannabis Distributor License (Medical/Recreational) for REDWOOD WAREHOUSE, LLC dba REDWOOD WAREHOUSE, LLC at 9625 Redwood Street - Clark County, Nevada

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

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

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

19. For possible action to approve a Retail Cannabis Store License for a Change of Ownership FROM: NATUREX II, LLC TO: NATUREX II, LLC dba CURALEAF at 1736 South Las Vegas Boulevard - Ward 3 (Diaz)

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

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

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

20. For possible action to approve a Medical Cannabis Dispensary License for a Change of Ownership FROM: NATUREX II, LLC TO: NATUREX II, LLC dba CURALEAF at 1736 South Las Vegas Boulevard - Ward 3 (Diaz)

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

NOTE: The video does not reflect the vote accurately, in that Mayor Goodman abstained from voting on Items 18-20 due to her son's involvement in the marijuana industry.

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

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

21. For possible action to approve a Whole Sale General License for a Change of Ownership FROM: GOOD SPIRITS DISTRIBUTING, LLC TO: GOOD SPIRITS DISTRIBUTING, LLC dba SUMMIT SPIRITS & WINE at 6975 South Decatur Boulevard, Suites #100 and #110 - Clark County, Nevada

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

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

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

22. For possible action to approve a Temporary Tavern License for a Change of Ownership FROM: BRIGGS OF STRATOSPHERE, LLC TO: BRIGGS OF STRATOSPHERE, LLC dba FAT TUESDAY at 2000 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Suite D11 - Ward 3 (Diaz)

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

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

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

23. For possible action to approve a Temporary Tavern License for a Change of Ownership FROM: FAT TUESDAY NEONOPOLIS, LLC TO: FAT TUESDAY NEONOPOLIS, LLC dba FAT TUESDAY at 450 Fremont Street, Suite #101 - Ward 5 (Crear)

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

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

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

24. For possible action to approve a Temporary Tavern-Limited License 2330 EVENTS, LLC dba THE INDUSTRIAL at 2330 Industrial Road - Ward 3 (Diaz)

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

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

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

25. For possible action to approve a Temporary Banquet or Event Establishment-Liquor License for a Change of Ownership FROM: 2330 EVENTS, LLC TO: 2330 EVENTS, LLC dba THE INDUSTRIAL at 2330 Industrial Road - Ward 3 (Diaz)

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

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

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

26. For possible action to approve a Tavern License for a Change of Ownership FROM: PIZZA ROCK II LV, LLC TO: BBB SKYE PARTNERS, LLC dba BIG BOY TAVERN at 9800 West Skye Canyon Park Drive, Suite #160 - Ward 6 (Fiore)

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

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

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

27. For possible action to approve a Restricted Gaming License for BBB SKYE PARTNERS, LLC dba BIG BOY TAVERN at 9800 West Skye Canyon Park Drive, Suite #160 - Ward 6 (Fiore)

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

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

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

28. For possible action to approve a Temporary Beer/Wine/Cooler On-Sale License VANILLA AND PEPPER CATERING AND EVENTS, LLC dba AROMI at 2110 North Rampart Boulevard, Suite #110 - Ward 2 (Seaman)

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

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

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

29. For possible action to approve a Beer/Wine/Cooler On-Sale License for CALIFORNIA FISH GRILL, LLC dba CALIFORNIA FISH GRILL at 1100 South Fort Apache Road, Suite #170 - Ward 2 (Seaman)

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

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

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

30. For possible action to approve a Beer/Wine/Cooler On-Sale License for a Change of Ownership FROM: MARIA SAUCEDO TO: ARCE GROUP, LLC dba LOS MOLCAJETES at 1553 North Eastern Avenue - Ward 3 (Diaz)

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

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

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

31. For possible action to approve a Temporary Beer/Wine/Cooler Off-Sale License for a Change of Ownership FROM: FAYMAG LLC TO: PASHA INVESTMENT, LLC dba LAKE MINI MARKET at 2934 Lake East Drive [Reza Nayebhosseini, Managing Member] - Ward 2 (Seaman)

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

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

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

32. For possible action to approve a Restricted Gaming License for GOLDEN MARKET 7, LLC dba GOLDEN MARKET 7 at 321 North Mojave Road - Ward 3 (Diaz)

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

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

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

33. For possible action to approve a Two-Day Opening for a Non-Restricted Gaming License FIFTH STREET GAMING, LLC dba FIFTH STREET GAMING, LLC db at GOLD SPIKE HOTEL at 217 North Las Vegas Boulevard - Ward 5 (Crear)

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

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

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

34. For possible action to approve a Temporary Massage Establishment License for 7 STARS MASSAGE, LLC dba 7 STARS MASSAGE at 7350 West Cheyenne Avenue, Suite #102 - Ward 4 (Anthony)

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

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS - CONSENT

35. For possible action to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Las Vegas (CLV) and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) to allow the RTC to fund and coordinate the Northwest Las Vegas Traffic Study in the northwest region of the CLV bounded by Buffalo Drive to the east and Centennial Parkway to the south - Ward 6 (Fiore)

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

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

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

ECONOMIC AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - DISCUSSION

36. Discussion for possible action regarding activating and operating a temporary program by which fines for qualifying parking infractions may be paid by means of the donation of children’s toys in lieu of the payment of money pursuant to LVMC 11.10.150 - All Wards

Minutes:
BRANDY STANLEY, Parking Services Manager, stated this program has been running since 2016. Twice a year a local nonprofit is selected in which to partner with to provide school supplies or presents during the holidays for children and teens. She stated this year for the holiday program, they chose to partner with the City of Las Vegas Office of Community Services to help families who are being served by Las Vegas’ flexible housing program. Individuals and families that come into The Courtyard are given temporary housing up to 90 days, with the hope that they will exit out to permanent housing at the end of the program. The City found over the last couple of years that a lot of families take advantage of this program, and staff would like this holiday season to benefit the children of the families that are in the flexible housing program. She explained anyone with a ticket for a non-public safety violation issued between October 15, 2021, and November 15, 2021, is eligible to donate an unwrapped, new toy with a receipt in lieu of paying the fine for the parking ticket.

In response to questions by MAYOR GOODMAN, MS. STANLEY reiterated a receipt must be provided with the donation and that the age range for the toys could be from babies up to teenagers, depending on which families are taken in to the program.

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;

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - DISCUSSION

37. Discussion for possible action regarding the reappointment of Donald Hotchkiss to the Historic Preservation Commission

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve the reappointment of Donald Hotchkiss

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. Discussion for possible action regarding the appointment of nominee Rudy Zamora to a Ward 3 seat on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve the appointment of Rudy Zamora

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

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

39. 21-0380-VAC1 - VACATION - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: THE HOWARD HUGHES COMPANY, LLC - For possible action on a Land Use Entitlement project request for a Petition to Vacate a portion of a right-of-way (median island nose), generally located on Sky Vista Drive at the intersection of Sandstone Rise Drive, Ward 2 (Seaman). The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open for Items 39-41.

There being no one present to speak, she declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 39-41.

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;

40. 21-0391-RQR1 - REQUIRED REVIEW - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR - OWNER: FISHER BROTHERS LAS VEGAS, LLC - For possible action on a Three Year Required Review of an approved Variance (V-0058-94) FOR A 40-FOOT TALL, 14-FOOT BY 48-FOOT OFF-PREMISE SIGN TO BE LOCATED 600 FEET FROM ANOTHER OFF-PREMISE SIGN WHERE 750 FEET IS THE MINIMUM

SEPARATION REQUIRED at 2900 Sirius Avenue (APN 162-08-702-002), M (Industrial) Zone, Ward 1 (Knudsen). Staff recommends APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 39 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;

41. 21-0410-SUP1 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: WORLD CRAWL BAR - OWNER: F A E C HOLDINGS WIRRULLA, LLC - For possible action on a Land Use Entitlement project request FOR A PROPOSED 1,838 SQUARE-FOOT TAVERN-LIMITED ESTABLISHMENT USE on 2.50 acres at 450 Fremont Street, Suite #251 (APNs 139-34-513-000, 002 and 003) C-2 (General Commercial) Zone, Ward 5 (Crear). The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
See Item 39 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;

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42. 20-0344 - ABEYANCE ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: SWDE348, LLC - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 44.52 acres on the west side of the Rainbow Boulevard alignment, approximately 6,900 feet north of Horse Drive (APN 125-03-501-001), Ward 6 (Fiore). The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend DENIAL on the Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:
See Items 42a and 42b for related backup.

42a. 20-0344-GPA1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT - FROM: PCD (PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) TO: ML (MEDIUM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)

Minutes:
See Items 42-42b for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Hold in Abeyance Items 42a and 42b to 12/1/2021, Items 44a and 44b to 10/6/2021 and Withdraw Items 43a and 43b

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;

42b. 20-0344-ZON1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - REZONING - FROM: R-E (RESIDENCE ESTATES) TO: R-SL (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SMALL LOT)

Minutes:
See Items 42-42b for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Hold in Abeyance Items 42a and 42b to 12/1/2021, Items 44a and 44b to 10/6/2021 and Withdraw Items 43a and 43b

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;

43. 21-0230 - ABEYANCE ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: SAFSTOR REAL ESTATE CO, LLC - OWNER: NORTHWEST 95, LLC - For possible action on an Appeal of the Approval by the Planning Commission on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 2.79 acres at the northeast corner of Oso Blanca Road and Durango Drive (APN 125-17-703-001), T-C (Town Center) Zone [SC (Service Commercial) Town Center Special Land Use Designation], Ward 6 (Fiore). The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL on the Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:
See Item 8 for related discussion and Items 43a and 43b for related backup.

43a. 21-0230-SUP1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - FOR A PROPOSED MINI-STORAGE FACILITY USE

Minutes:
See Item 8 for related discussion and Items 43-43b for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Hold in Abeyance Items 42a and 42b to 12/1/2021, Items 44a and 44b to 10/6/2021 and Withdraw Items 43a and 43b

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;

43b. 21-0230-SDR1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - FOR A PROPOSED 101,850 SQUARE-FOOT, 794-UNIT MINI-STORAGE FACILITY DEVELOPMENT WITH WAIVERS OF TOWN CENTER DEVELOPMENT STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

Minutes:
See Item 8 for related discussion and Items 43-43b for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Hold in Abeyance Items 42a and 42b to 12/1/2021, Items 44a and 44b to 10/6/2021 and Withdraw Items 43a and 43b

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. 21-0252 - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: MARIA G. PEREZ DETORRES - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 0.53 acres at 4830 Irene Avenue (APN 140-29-810-028), R-E (Residence Estates) Zone, Ward 3 (Diaz). The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend DENIAL on the Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:
See Items 44a and 44b for related backup.

44a. 21-0252-VAR1 - VARIANCE - TO ALLOW A THREE-FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK WHERE FIVE FEET IS REQUIRED FOR AN EXISTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (CLASS II) [SHED] AND A THREE-FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK WHERE FIVE FEET IS REQUIRED FOR AN EXISTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (CLASS II) [STABLE]

Minutes:
See Items 44-44b for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Hold in Abeyance Items 42a and 42b to 12/1/2021, Items 44a and 44b to 10/6/2021 and Withdraw Items 43a and 43b

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;

44b. 21-0252-SUP1 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - FOR AN EXISTING ANIMAL KEEPING AND HUSBANDRY USE TO ALLOW FIVE COWS, FIVE HORSES, AND SEVEN GOATS

Minutes:
See Items 44-44b for related backup.

Motion made by Stavros Anthony to Hold in Abeyance Items 42a and 42b to 12/1/2021, Items 44a and 44b to 10/6/2021 and Withdraw Items 43a and 43b

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. 21-0341 - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 4.42 acres on the west side of Interstate 15 between Owens Avenue and Jefferson Avenue (APNs multiple), Ward 5 (Crear). The Planning Commission (6-0-1 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL on the Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open for Items 45-45b.

SETH FLOYD, Director of Community Development, stated the City of Las Vegas is requesting this General Plan Amendment and Rezoning of 4.42 acres commonly known as James Gay Park. Although the City owns and controls the land on which the park is situated, the area could not be included in the Master Plan 2050 adoption because it was still designated at that time as a public right-of-way. By changing the land use designation and rezoning, the vision for fully integrating the park into the plan to revitalize the Historic Westside District can be realized. Staff recommended approval of both applications.

TASHIKA LAWSON, Historic Westside Revitalization, spoke of the continuity of the HUNDRED Plan and the importance of community input and oversight. They do not want to set any plan up for failure by not engaging the community that is going to be most impacted. She wished to push for the creation of a Westside Revitalization Commission and referenced Page 42 of the original HUNDRED Plan that was done in 2016, which called for the oversight of such a Commission to be created by the City of Las Vegas. Displaying a photo of what they were told would be at the park, which included vertical gardens and a more preserved green space, MS. LAWSON wished for more clarification as to what will actually be located on the property so actual dialogue can take place instead of just showing them pretty pictures, which make it appear as though there will not be any buildings on the lot. She spoke of information found on the Form-Based Code for the T4 Maker transect zone, which allows for light industrial uses and multiple buildings and opined what the City was saying and the research she has done are in direct conflict with each other. The community wants their children to be able to play in a park, and if there are going to be vertical gardens, for them to be able to set the aesthetic plan and ask the City about the parking plan. She said there is no space for a farm or to have people shop at a grocery store at this location even if they take back the right-of-way. MS. LAWSON continued to speak about the various transect zones and what would be allowed within those and pointed out the only area that she believes would allow for cleaner air and for a drop in temperature. She referenced an existing grocery store less than a 10-minute walk from the park location and asked the City to put the resources where they need to be. MS. LAWSON expressed pride in her city and her people, and wanting the same equity put into this community that is put into others. She reiterated her request for the creation of the Westside Revitalization Commission and her desire to build an inclusive community together.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM McCURDY, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, stated he was impressed with MS. LAWSON'S statement in that Ward 5 residents should be given the opportunity to participate in the development of this park. He recalled the park being closed due to the homeless population occupying it. He stated the City acquired the right-of-way from the State of Nevada and was using it as a park, but is now looking to rezone it. He supports the rezoning, but also supports the residents having input as to the design of what goes on that parcel. He added when appointing a person to a Board or Commission, that person should know what their respective Councilperson wishes so they are not blindsided. He emphasized the importance of people attending meetings and programs when the City puts out announcements for such. He reiterated his support of the rezoning and that the residents in West Las Vegas should have the opportunity to participate in what the City wants to do with that park.

DR. SYLVESTER S. ROGERS, Pastor and Teacher at Greater Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, concurred with COMMISSIONER McCURDY'S and MS. LAWSON'S comments. He wondered why the HUNDRED Plan was discarded and stressed the importance of what the community wants, not the Council.

SHONDRA SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG indicated she was conflicted because she is a proponent for development in West Las Vegas and thought it important to have a vision and be proactive in moving forward, but is concerned with the portion of the plan that would allow housing next to the freeway. She referenced, and submitted for the record, information from the Sierra Club and the Nevada Conservation League, which is included in the backup, indicating there is a national movement and science that supports not having housing next to a freeway. She stated there is nothing that can be done to mitigate pollution from the freeway, noted the associated health concerns, and expressed people have a right to have parks and open spaces in their communities. She supported having an urban garden, as it is a place where the community can gather, and they can teach their children to garden. The park could be a beautiful place to plant more trees that would help with some of the effects of the pollution coming from the freeway, and asked the Council to consider maintaining that open space and working with the community to bring in more development.

COUNCILMAN CREAR appreciated residents coming to the meeting to speak. He said he has been a part of this community for 52 years, and although initially unfamiliar with it, he attended meetings related to the HUNDRED Plan to provide input, and thought it important to understand the community has been engaged every step of the way and provided input. After coming into office, that Plan was shelved, which oftentimes happens, but after speaking with the Planning Department, the Plan was revisited. Many more meetings and forums took place with the community, and although it is impossible to obtain 100 percent support, the majority of the people he has interacted with on a day-to-day basis believe the Council is moving in the right direction and is continuing to make strides in bettering the community. He does not want anything but excellence for the community. He said he knew JAMES GAY, and he thought this was a great way to honor him for everything he did for African Americans in the community. If approved, this will provide the opportunity for the City to do what the community wishes.

The Councilman thought a community farming facility was something that was needed, sustainable and a way to get fresher and healthier foods. He also said they want to bring churches together to form a nonprofit organization to operate and run a co-operative grocery facility that will be open seven days a week, with food being either free, discounted or market rate depending on eligibility. He noted Las Vegas was one of 13 cities to receive a Local Foods, Local Places federal grant to help build such a facility. If the HUNDRED Plan was not in place, the City would not have been able to receive such grants as this or the Workforce Center. He said a lot of progress is being made, he values the residents' opinions, and the City will do its best to responsibly move forward. Any action at this meeting is simply planting the seed in order to move forward with any plans for the park.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ noted the Form-Based Code is something new, which prompts concerns within the community that the City is trying to push people out, when in actuality, the Form-Based Code is opening the door for future opportunities and provides more flexibility since the City is becoming increasingly landlocked. She asked staff if the zoning change boxed them in to only doing a T4 Maker. MR. FLOYD concurred flexibility with the Form-Based Code is key, and T4 Maker is a district that allows a fairly wide range of flexibility. The purpose is to steer away from use-based zoning and focus more on the form so communities are more vibrant and look more how the community feels it should. He deferred to MICHAEL HOWE, Planning Section Manager, who has been involved since the beginning and could provide more insight as to how they arrived at this designation.

MR. HOWE clarified each transect zone has an open space allowance, which provides a strategy to incorporate parks throughout downtown. The T4 Maker was created intentionally in order to keep the James Gay Park open space and the qualities that the community needs. It also provides the ability to introduce such things as vertical farms and more amenities in the downtown area to avoid having to close the park again. He confirmed for the Councilwoman T4 Maker does not exclude the vision the community has thus far expressed.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said he met with MS. ARMSTRONG, who brought up some critical points, but he also listened to COUNCILMAN CREAR and staff regarding the importance of the revitalization of the Westside. He expressed the difficulty in trying to please all of the people and trying to decide how best to move forward. He thought COUNCILMAN CREAR did an incredible job galvanizing support and making sure people are focused on the success of Ward 5. Taking this into account and the fact that COUNCILMAN CREAR really cares about what happens in Ward 5, he stated he could provide his support and thought it was a good step forward.

COUNCILMAN CREAR added his main issue with the Form-Based Code since the beginning was that he did not want to take away the voices of the community. He also touched on the HUNDRED Plan presentations, noting that the renderings are only potential possibilities and not carved in stone, which is typical of the process.

MAYOR GOODMAN added she worked in the Historic Westside many years ago and considers herself part of that community. It is an important part of Las Vegas' history, and every resident has the right to participate in its development. The responsibility is with elected officials and staff, but she encouraged the community to have an open mind, share concerns, talk to neighbors and be a positive force to present ideas. She asked about the property ownership, and COUNCILMAN CREAR explained it was privately owned, as is the Nucleus Plaza across the street. The Mayor stated there are a lot of components, and if they are trying to achieve a private/public project, there has to be a type of mediation to get the end result desired. She stated moving forward provides the opportunity to work with the Councilman and staff, but more specifically the leadership and grass roots of the community, and she stressed the importance of attending all meetings. She suggested forming groups, while being flexible. She noted how each Councilperson is involved in their Ward, and generally, the Council looks to that Councilperson to know what is best for that particular community. She believes the Historic Westside will be outstanding and thought staff was on the right path.

See Item 7 for related discussion and Items 45a and 45b for related backup.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 45-45b.

45a. 21-0341-GPA1 - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT - FROM: ROW (RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO: FBC (FORM-BASED CODE)

Minutes:
See Items 7 and 45 for related discussion and 45-45b for related backup.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve Items 45a and 45b

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;

45b. 21-0341-ZON1 - REZONING - FROM: UNDESIGNATED TO: T4-M (T4 MAKER)

Minutes:
See Items 7 and 45 for related discussion and 45-45b for related backup.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve Items 45a and 45b

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. 21-0369-DIR1 - DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: BRASS MONKEY, LLC - For possible action on a Land Use Entitlement project request to designate the Huntridge Theater as a Historic Building on the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register as approved by the Historic Preservation Commission (21-0312-HPC1) on 2.62 acres at 1208 East Charleston Boulevard (APN 162-02-110-016) C-2 (General Commercial) Zone, Ward 3 (Diaz). The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

JOHN CURRAN appeared on behalf of the applicant, stating they were grateful for this opportunity. He said the Huntridge Theater is on the National and State Registry of Historic Places, they feel it is appropriate to also be included on the local registry, and they look forward to continuing the hard work necessary to rehabilitate and restore this historic property.

DR. DIANE SIEBRANDT, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Las Vegas, stated the Huntridge Theater is an iconic 1940s building that holds a near and dear place in many people’s hearts, and she is excited for it to be placed on the local register. This is the last step prior to working with the developer and moving forward to ensure the building maintains its historic integrity.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked DR. SIEBRANDT about the timeline. DR. SIEBRANDT stated once approved, the building will be placed on the Historic Register immediately, but deferred to MR. CURRAN for the construction timeline. MR. CURRAN explained the timeline is yet to be determined because construction will not start immediately. Given the historic nature of the iconic property, he said it is going to take more time for a variety of reasons, such as they wish to pursue unique financing and incentive programs. He noted they are in advance dialogue with the operator of the theater, and once a deal is signed, that will drive the design. The Mayor asked if the property is fenced in as they await the next stage. MR. CURRAN said fencing was contemplated, but because it is unsightly and the property has been thoroughly cleaned up and the building secured, they decided against it. Additionally, the property is in the Huntridge neighborhood patrol route.

DANIEL BRAISTED stated he drives by this location all of the time, and it was wonderful to see job site signs.

So everyone could understand, COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked staff to explain what it means to be on the Local Register of Historic Places. DR. SIEBRANDT explained to be on the register means Las Vegas Municipal Code Title 19 would apply, such that if there was a desire to change or alter the exterior, a Certificate of Appropriateness would need to be applied for. This would then go through the Historic Preservation Commission, which ensures the historic integrity is maintained. Additionally, no building permits will be issued until approved by that Commission. The Councilwoman asked how many buildings are currently on the local registry. DR. SIEBRANDT stated there are some buildings that are no longer standing or that have to be decommissioned, so Huntridge Theater will bring the number back to 30. COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked if placement on the register provided any protections as it relates to demolition because it is important to her constituents to preserve these locations. DR. SIEBRANDT explained if a building is on the local register, it is safe from demolition unless there are extenuating circumstances that deem it a hazard and necessitate it being destroyed. Demolition would also have to be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, such as was the case with the Moulin Rouge. Properties not on the local register are not afforded such protection. COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ loved the rendering, and she hopes to see the Huntridge brought back to its glory.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz 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;

47. 21-0387 - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: W OWENS AVE TRUST - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 1.26 acres at 600 West Owens Avenue (APN 139-22-402-

008), C-1 (Limited Commercial) Zone, Ward 5 (Crear). The Planning Commission (5-2 vote) recommends DENIAL on the Land Use Entitlement project. Staff recommends APPROVAL on the Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open for Items 47-47b.

SETH FLOYD, Director of Community Development, stated staff finds the proposed Mortuary or Funeral Chapel use can be conducted in a manner that is harmonious and compatible with the adjacent uses in the area, and the proposed changes to the building and grounds generally conform to Title 19 requirements, will enhance the aesthetics of the site and provide a well-maintained commercial amenity in this area. Staff recommended approval of both the Special Use Permit (SUP) and the Site Development Plan Review.

MELVIN GREEN, KME Architects, appeared representing the applicant; DR. RAYMOND GIDDENS, JR., Giddens Memorial Chapel, was also present. DR. GIDDENS shared they are a first generation African American-owned funeral home, originally from Chicago, but have been in Las Vegas for 19 years and are going on 40 years in business. They are a proud member of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, an international association comprised of African Americans that in the 1900s were not allowed to be a part of other funeral associations. In 1924, they started their own funeral association that welcomed all people. He noted how during the Civil Rights movement, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING was taken around in a hearse for his protection. He stated usually there is a funeral home in every black community, but here, the majority are corporate funeral homes. Having a funeral home at this location will enable them to meet families in the area where they live and provide affordable pricing.

DR. GIDDENS said they are trying to provide a five-star facility for the community of 89106 by investing more than $3 million, with the goal of creating more jobs. He is a licensed Funeral Director, and they have the only black female embalmer in the state of Nevada, who is from the 89106 area. While many churches had to shut down during COVID-19, funeral homes remained open. He spoke of how they want to be a training hub in the funeral industry. They also want to educate the community with regard to enrichment programs and preparing for end of life and preventing death from becoming a burden. They also provide life insurance and free notary services along with quarterly outreach. In the past, they have rented movie theaters for celebrations of life. This facility will also be available to host positive life events, such as proms and birthdays.

MR. GREEN stated in order to make this vision a reality, they developed a signature project that would enhance the community. He pointed out the entrances off of Owens Avenue and F Street, the fire lane around the building and the lush landscaping. He said the existing building is in disrepair and needs to be razed, but they will try to salvage the slab. Being sensitive to the community, the entrance for the enclosed receiving area was placed on the west side. He also described the location of the conference room, viewing rooms, kitchen and dressing rooms for brides and grooms. He displayed a rendering highlighting the high bay windows, which were created to provide a sense of elegance. He showed a video on his iPad of the renderings of the project. He said they concur with staff's recommendations of approval, agreed to all conditions and respectfully requested the Council's approval.

PATRICIA BUTLER BROWN read a support email that she indicated was previously sent to COUNCILMAN CREAR.

The following individuals supported the project, many of whom spoke very highly of the GIDDENS family: WILLIAM McCURDY; BISHOP BILL H. McDONNELL; CHARLOTTE DANCY; PASTOR CLAYTON MOORE, Second Baptist Church; KRYSTAL OSBORNE, Embalmer; ASHLEY JACKSON, Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Funeral Advocates of America; SONYA DAVIS; KIRBY BURGESS; MINISTER MONIQUE WOODARD, Chaplain at Giddens Memorial Chapel; COURTNEY MYLES HEMPHILL, Funeral Arranger at Giddens Memorial Chapel; PASTOR WILLIE JACOBS, JR., True Love Missionary Baptist Church; and DR. SYLVESTER S. ROGERS, Pastor at Greater Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church.

The reasons stated included support of redevelopment of West Las Vegas, there being no receiving doors on the west side, confidence there would not be problems with regard to formaldehyde and odors, no involvement of COVID-19 relief funds, the importance of not closing the door on the vision COUNCILMAN CREAR has for rebuilding this community, disagreeing there are too many funeral homes in this area, appreciation for the attention being given to the Westside, support of the funeral home as a black-owned business and not a franchise, the thought this would restore and benefit the area, it would bring jobs, take away the stigma of death, set the standard for other businesses that would like to invest in this area, the family serves with dignity and compassion, this being the first black-owned funeral home that owns their building in Clark County, the opportunities it will provide to further careers in this field, grief classes held afterwards, the belief in the GIDDENS' vision and having a closer funeral home.

COLENE JORDAN JAMES stated she owns two properties near the subject site, and did not believe many of those present lived near it. She referenced the banquet hall and wondered if they would be applying for a liquor license. DR. GIDDENS indicated they would not. She also asked about how this business would affect the value of the homes in the area. DR. GIDDENS described the landscape buffer around the perimeter of the project, and stated they also took into consideration the location of the doors and the traffic pattern when designing the project.

DEANDREA STANSBERRY, 1RealEstate Agency, representing the brokerage for the GIDDENS family, addressed the concerns related to decreased property values. She explained without revitalization and development, there are no increases in property values. Bringing a project that aesthetically appeals to and contributes to the community, changes the function of how a community moves and being owned by a local business, does nothing but increase those values.

LEONARD MARTIN did not support the location, as he did not believe it to be best suited for the neighborhood. He displayed the definition of mortuary and spoke of the stigma associated with such. Even though the applicant indicated there will also be a banquet facility, he said this project deals with death. He thanked COUNCILMAN ANTHONY for responding when he reached out to his office to help explain the process. MR. MARTIN also displayed trends and neighborhood features that drag down home values, reviewed various statistics from this documentation and submitted such along with a protest petition for the record.

SALVADOR SERNA was opposed to the location because of traffic, and his children did not want to live by or work in such a facility.

CHARLES BARBER, representative for the Elks Lodge, stated they did not have a problem with the funeral home, but rather with Operation Life and the title company involved with the Deed of Trust from 2002. He spoke of filing a complaint with the Attorney General that may affect the title of this property and requested a meeting with COUNCILMAN CREAR prior to moving forward with litigation. MAYOR GOODMAN asked MR. BARBER to contact the Councilman’s office.

TASHIKA LAWSON supported the GIDDENS and recognized the need in the Westside community, but asked if it was necessary in a residential area and wondered about a comparable site owned by the City. Ultimately, she did not support the request for the SUP.

MR. GREEN added there will be no neon signs; just channel signs and backlighting.

COUNCILMAN CREAR loves to see community input and a strong level of engagement regardless of whether in support or opposed. He noted the GIDDENS are a tremendous family, and there is a lot of support for this project. This is an investment in people, and he believes the GIDDEN family will do what they say they are going to do. The current facility needs improvement, and he thought they did a great job of addressing any stigma associated with funeral homes. The landscaping plan and the building itself will be beautiful. He shared a couple of stories how the GIDDENS offered assistance to different families. He noted Owens Avenue is a commercial thoroughfare and is not in a residential neighborhood. As far as litigation, the Councilman stated the City does not get involved in private litigation matters and cannot direct a private property owner to take a certain action. He was happy to bring this project into this community and believes it will be an asset and draw in other businesses because of the quality product. He also believes the GIDDENS will be good partners and address issues should any arise.

Subsequent to the vote, MAYOR GOODMAN thanked those who came and voiced their opinion.

See Items 47a and 47b for related backup.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 47-47b.

47a. 21-0387-SUP1 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - FOR A MORTUARY OR FUNERAL CHAPEL USE

Minutes:
See Items 47 for related discussion and 47-47b for related backup.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve Items 47a and 47b subject to condition(s)

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;

47b. 21-0387-SDR1 - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - FOR A PROPOSED SINGLE-STORY, 13,144 SQUARE-FOOT MORTUARY WITH WAIVERS OF PERIMETER LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS

Minutes:
See Items 47 for related discussion and 47-47b for related backup.

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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. 21-0412-DIR1 - DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS - NON-PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: SC EAST LANDCO, LLC - For possible action on a Required Review of a 24-month development report as required by Section 9.01 of the Sunstone Development Agreement, generally located at the southwest corner of N Skye Canyon Drive and Moccasin Road (APNs Multiple), Ward 6 (Fiore). Staff recommends APPROVAL.

Minutes:
MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

ATTORNEY STEPHANIE ALLEN appeared on behalf of the applicant and the master developer for the Master Planned community of Sunstone. She pointed out the community on the site plan and described its location. She stated this item is a required 24-month review, and during the past two years, most of the work done involved infrastructure, master studies, roadways and off-sites. She noted a number of parks are planned and pointed out an age-qualified development by Shea Homes, with the other builders being Lennar Homes and Woodside Homes. She believed 22 permits had already been pulled for these homes. There is a lot of excitement in the northwest, and this is a fabulous addition to the area. She acknowledged staff for working with them over the past two years and the continued work as the community evolves.

SETH FLOYD, Director of Community Development, reported the Master Developer is in general compliance with the terms of the Sunstone Development Agreement, and staff recommended approval of the development report.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Michele Fiore to Approve

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the video did not capture the vote.

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

49. Report by Jorge Cervantes, City Manager, regarding an update on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) allocation of funds to the City - All Wards

Minutes:
CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES reported the City submitted documents to the U.S. Department of the Treasury on August 31, 2021, as required by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), so staff thought this to be an appropriate time to provide an update to the Council. Using the PowerPoint presentation included in the backup, MR. CERVANTES stated the ARPA provided monies for many needs associated with the pandemic, and those funds went directly to the community or were distributed through public agencies. Rental assistance money was given directly to individuals who were at risk of losing their homes. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) received money because at the beginning of the pandemic, this agency funded vaccination and contract tracing. This proved timely because of FEMA's response to Hurricane Ida and the California wildfires. There were also some nutritional programs that needed additional funding because they were very involved in helping the community. He referred to the slide for a list of other categories, most of which were existing programs that simply needed additional funding.

MR. CERVANTES stated $350 billion was allocated to state and local governments to help address the needs of the community, but it came with statutory requirements as far as what the money could be used for. He reviewed the slide containing a list of these requirements. When developing an assessment of how to distribute the money the City received to best meet the community's needs, they held meetings with community and non-profit partners, attended and monitored regional town hall meetings and conducted an on-line citizen survey.

What they heard at the town hall meetings related to affordable housing, public healthcare, workforce development, broadband and connectivity and start-up businesses. MR. CERVANTES noted more than 500 responses to the survey were received, and he reviewed the results that were broken down into the categories of affordable housing, non-profit assistance, public pandemic response and business assistance. He further described the specifics and rankings of programs and services under each of these categories.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if there was anything the City was able to do immediately to help. MR. CERVANTES explained some money was immediately given to Legal Aid of Southern Nevada to assist individuals facing eviction, and the rental assistance program helped them to stay in their homes.. Additionally, not-for-profit partners are creating inventory by, in some cases, re-purposing buildings.

There are four focus areas the City is using during the evaluation process: Non-Profit Organizations Assistance, Affordable Housing, Business Assistance and the Public Pandemic Response.

Speaking to funding requests, MR. CERVANTES stated the pre-application submittal portal was open July 26, 2021, to August 13, 2021. Five hundred and eighty-one requests were received totaling over $2.2 billion, so the need is great. The City was allocated $130 million in two charges; $65 million was received earlier this year, and the remaining $65 million will be received in March/April 2022. He noted all monies must be spent by December 31, 2024, or encumbered under a contract, which extends it to December 2026.

As part of the pre-screening criteria, staff needs more data from the applicants to determine whether or not they have the ability to perform and manage the federal regulations. A team consisting of staff from the City Attorney's Office, Economic and Urban Development, the Office of Community Services and Strategic Services was created to perform the screening process to determine if the request is somehow associated with the pandemic, if it meets the statutory requirements of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and if it falls under one of the focus areas.

MR. CERVANTES reviewed the evaluation process timeline. In July and August, the portal was open for application submittals, and they are in the process now of pre-screening those to see which can move forward for further evaluation. Staff believes they can bring a recommendation to Council in December. Once approved, staff will work with those businesses that received grants and then continue to monitor them over the following two years because the City is fiscally responsible for the money.

MR. CERVANTES stated as the moratorium on evictions ended, Legal Aid of Southern Nevada needed additional staffing, so the City gave them a $600,000 allocation to keep them afloat. He also noted there are a couple of key acquisitions the City would like to take advantage of that are strategic to such things as affordable housing.

He stated the City was required to submit two reports to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Recovery Plan Report is a high-level outline of how they plan to allocate the money. This report was submitted on August 31, 2021, and then will be submitted annually thereafter. The Project Expenditure Report details how much money has been spent to date. This report was also due August 31, 2021, and then quarterly thereafter. These reports are posted on the City's website. The Treasury Department does not want to see governments sitting on money they received. They need to push it out into the community because the need is great.

MR. CERVANTES stated next steps include continuing to filter pre-applications to make sure they meet the criteria and are aligned with the City Council priorities of public safety, healthcare and economic development. Additional information will be requested from those that move forward for further consideration, and staff will come back to the Council for approval of the allocation of funding to outside parties.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY noted the huge difference between the amount of funding available versus the amount of money requested, but he had confidence staff was up to the task. He asked about the distribution of the $130 million funding. MR. CERVANTES stated the thought was to allocate the bulk of the money, but also keep some in reserve because the pandemic is still fluid. The rest they will cash flow over two years. He confirmed the entire $130 million would be brought before the Council in December for consideration. The Councilman expressed concern with giving someone a large sum of money without some back-end accountability over the two-year period to ensure the money is being spent the way it is intended. MR. CERVANTES indicated the City will continue to monitor this, and any ineligible uses would require reimbursement to the City.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ spoke of the huge need and the difficulty in determining who would receive the monies. Referencing the Neighborhood Partners Fund Board process, the Councilwoman wondered if it might be of some value to create a board with Ward representatives to help with the vetting process. MR. CERVANTES said that was something that could be considered. At this point, they are simply doing a pre-screening to make sure the requests meet the fiscal and legal criteria of the use of the money. He noted some of the requests are outside the wheelhouse of municipal government, and those that fall under State and County responsibilities will be referred to those agencies as appropriate, noting the State and County received more money than the City. The City may provide support as a participant, but would look to these other government entities to take on the lead role.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN thought the City was doing this the right way, and he was thankful for the time staff has put into it. There is a lot of information out there, as communities have been struggling even prior to the pandemic. He thought the quick allocation of funding and infrastructure investment was incredibly important.

MAYOR GOODMAN thought trying to get ahead of this was an impossibility because of the ongoing issues with COVID-19 and the variants. She thanked MR. CERVANTES for the report and thought staff was being proactive and wise, yet cautious at the same time. In response to the question by the Mayor, MR. CERVANTES indicated another presentation would be made around December 2021, but staff would update the Council monthly at briefings.

50. Report by Seth T. Floyd, Director of Community Development, regarding an overview of operations and accomplishments for FY 2021 and a look forward to FY 2022 - All Wards

Minutes:
SETH FLOYD, Director of Community Development, stated the zoning codes date back to around 1926 when federal regulation allowed states to pass local ordinances. Nevada, however, did not pass its statutes until 1941, which are now codified in Nevada Revised Statutes 278, which is what the Planning Department relies on for their planning and zoning authority. MR. FLOYD stated as of 1949, the zoning code became a section of the Las Vegas Municipal Code, with the first full comprehensive plan being developed in 1959. He spoke of former Planning Director FRANKLIN BILLS, who decades ago discussed the importance of Southern California on Nevada's population growth and how booming the desert southwest was going to be, which continues to be the case. He said in their master plans, they have always underpromised and overdelivered. It

was predicted by 1980, the population would double, and it quadrupled, and Las Vegas is now predicted to grow by another 300,000 people by 2050.

MR. FLOYD continued with his presentation using the PowerPoint presentation in the backup. A slide was shown of several acronyms, which MR. FLOYD commented Planners love to use. He stated the Planning Department currently has about 80 employees and covers the Planning side, Business Licensing and Code Enforcement. The Planning side incorporates public planning, case planning, long-range planning and historic preservation. Business Licensing includes the compliance, administration and audit teams, while Code Enforcement does a lot of things in the community.

MR. FLOYD said staff thought at the beginning of the pandemic that growth would slow down, but that has not proven to be the case. Building permit reviews over the last year stayed pretty constant and were actually on the rise through June of this year, which means development has not slowed. He displayed various graphs and charts related to the total maps reviewed, which are final maps that create subdivisions; single-family home tract permits reviewed and zoning verification letters issued, which are also an indicator of ongoing growth and development.

The Case Planning team prepares backup materials, staff reports and density and zoning category charts. He indicated there are four staff members dedicated full-time to drafting staff reports, which requires an incredible amount of work. This team also handles pre-application requests, which have been steadily increasing over the past two years. The number of application submissions also indicate a lot of growth and projects coming in. A chart showing the length of the Planning Commission meetings was also shown.

MR. FLOYD reported the biggest accomplishment this year for the Long Range Planning team was getting the 2050 Master Plan passed, which was adopted in July and will be rolled out over the next 30 years. Some steps have already been implemented related to developing a plan for East Las Vegas. He provided the Council with updates on the following plans as well:

The Maryland Parkway Transit-Oriented Development Plan – This is another project that supports the Master Plan. As the population becomes more dense and the city runs out of land, they need to find places for people to live, and one of the ways to do this is by having plans that focus on transit. This is a coordinated effort with Clark County and is in the design phase.

The HUNDRED Plan – Key catalytic projects are being rolled out to help implement this.

18b Las Vegas Arts District – MR. FLOYD stated the Form-Based Code should roll out in the Arts District this Fall, which allows for more flexibility in how the buildings in this district are adaptively reused.

East Las Vegas – Rafael Rivera Area Plan – MR. FLOYD stated they are working with a consultant on the public engagement and outreach process for this plan.

MR. FLOYD noted the Planning Department also staffs three of the City's more active boards. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is one. The HPC recently received a $50,000 grant from the National Parks Service to survey underrepresented communities. They will be looking at the West Las Vegas neighborhood from about 1930 to 1969, focusing on properties, buildings and areas that were important in both segregation and civil rights. There is also the Centennial Commission, which over the years, has awarded millions to preserve the history of Las Vegas. Staff has also assisted with a documentary series, which has received more than 4 million views through the City's various social media and web pages.

MR. FLOYD said Business Licensing has been around longer than Planning, and the authority to regulate businesses was mentioned in the City Charter. Business Licensing's focus is being more business friendly and streamlining processes and ordinances. He referenced another comment from MR. BILLS referring to the code becoming a Frankenstein as it became unworkable due to amendment after amendment. In Business Licensing, checklists are being created and consolidated to reduce the time it takes to apply for a business license. Additionally, they are very close to having all applications online, including those for privilege business licenses. The number of management reviews are being reduced so more can be done administratively, and the nightclub ordinance was re-written. Staff is working on re-writing the liquor ordinance, and they hope to have a draft by the end of the calendar year to reduce the 26 categories down to 13 that are more streamlined and allow for more creativity.

With regard to the liquor ordinance, COUNCILMAN CREAR asked if staff would be addressing the concern some of the Councilmembers had finding harmonious language that would be consistent across the community (i.e., some businesses can sell singles, while some cannot, etc.). MR. FLOYD confirmed the process was being streamlined so there will be fewer and broader categories, but single sales will more than likely still be addressed as an endorsement on a license. He stated they do not want to take the Council out of the process altogether, so more of these applications will require a Special Use Permit under staff's proposal, which affords the opportunity to impose conditions.

With regard to outreach and education, there is a Small Business Task Force in place to do more of this. He provided the example of unlicensed and improperly licensed food trucks and working with them and the Fire Department to get them properly licensed. They are trying to shift their focus away from compliance to focus more on education on the front end to help get these businesses up and running.

MR. FLOYD said this was a year defined by COVID-19, and as such, Business Licensing was in charge of the Ambassador Program. A lot of resources were expended working with the County on the required mask mandate, and that program was successfully closed out after 10 months in May 2021.

MR. FLOYD also shared Business Licensing stats, to include the number of new businesses licensed, customers served, the average wait time of two minutes and 21 seconds, the number of emails and phone calls answered, the number of audits conducted, the number of business inspections and the number of citations issued.

With regard to Code Enforcement, MR. FLOYD said there has been a lot of activity in Code Enforcement over the last year. He commented they get a lot of questions as to what they enforce and what their priorities are. A pyramid graph was shown outlining which complaints and issues are considered a rush, routine or low priority. He said they are generally complaint based because there is not enough staff to do proactive enforcement.

He shared a few highlights from Code Enforcement, noting certain enforcement efforts were slowed during the pandemic because the community was already hurting. Approximately 5,000 cases were opened, which equates to about half the typical number over the last 10 years. They conducted slightly more than half the average number of inspections, but are starting to do more because some have been in the queue for a while.

MR. FLOYD also provided an update on the following programs:

The Multi-Family Residential Inspection Program – This program will roll out in September, with the first round of inspections scheduled for the week of September 6, 2021.

The Neighborhood Beautification Program – This program was piloted in May 2021, and is a coordinated effort amongst departments. He stated Planning is not typically out in front, but they are behind the scenes making things work.

Nuisance Structure Demolition/Abatement Program – There are a number of structures across the city, primarily in Wards 1, 3 and 5, where the buildings have become dangerous, and staff is working on a program to develop a standard how these Code Enforcement issues will be addressed more quickly.

In conclusion, MR. FLOYD said he has never worked with a group of people that care so much about the City, which is why they are in the field they are in. Although they may not always agree, he assured the Council they are committed to the same goals as the Council in making the community better.

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked MR. FLOYD for his hard work prior to turning the meeting over to MAYOR PRO TEM ANTHONY.

The Mayor Pro Tem referenced building on the code that MR. BILLS referred to as Frankenstein for 60 years, and he hoped staff was continually questioning whether a regulation was needed to eliminate unnecessary ordinances so people will want to come to the city of Las Vegas to do business.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ commended MR. FLOYD'S staff and team for their flexibility and responsiveness and for taking the time to listen to the Council's vision. She knows applicants will appreciate the process being more streamlined. She praised staff and looks forward to continuing to do good work on behalf of the residents. MR. FLOYD acknowledged the City Manager's Office for their support in driving the Council's vision.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN expressed appreciation to the Planners that put the Staff Reports together, as he finds them incredibly beneficial. He acknowledged and commended several Planning team members along with those that do not have the opportunity to stand before the podium.

SET DATE

51. 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

52. 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 commented on the improved crosswalks on Fremont Street. With Life is Beautiful approaching, he wondered if something could be done about the many unattractive sites in the area and one in particular on East Fremont Street that needs a building number. He displayed various photos, which were submitted for the record, and commented on a fire hydrant that had running water, a sign on Main Street with graffiti, and trying to use the Freedom of Information Act to obtain information. He stated last weekend was the 40th Convention for the Alternative Medicine Association, to which he sent invites to various government officials. Lastly, he offered his assistance in painting curbs on Saturday, September 4, 2021, in the Life is Beautiful area. MAYOR PRO TEM ANTHONY said he appreciated MR. BRAISTED being the watchdog for the City.

CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT stated a public records request can be made through GovQA or by sending an email to any department MR. BRAISTED was seeking records from.

COUNCIL EMERGING ISSUES

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

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

Minutes:
None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION

54. 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:
MAYOR PRO TEM ANTHONY and COUNCILMEMBERS CREAR, SEAMAN, DIAZ, KNUDSEN and FIORE announced the various events taking place in their wards on various dates throughout the months of August and September. Some of the Councilmembers submitted flyers, which are attached as backup, regarding their events and points of interest.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN expressed her thanks to the Mayor for reading the names of the 13 fallen heroes who sacrificed everything for our freedoms. COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ expressed her condolences to the family of HAE UN LEE as well. COUNCILWOMAN FIORE spoke about depression, suicide and the importance of listening and reaching out to friends and neighbors.

MAYOR PRO TEM ANTHONY announced the next City Council meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021.

The meeting was recessed at 12:02 p.m., reconvened at 12:30 p.m. and was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

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LuAnn D. Holmes, MMC, City Clerk

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