



## Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS FIORE and KNUDSEN

EXCUSED: COUNCILMAN ANTHONY

ALSO PRESENT: CHIEF OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TOM PERRIGO, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES, and DEPUTY CITY CLERK CHEYENNE LARANCE

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](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov); and The Nevada Public Notice website – [notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov).

3. Bill No. 2022-4 - For possible action - Amends LVMC Chapter 6.50 and other chapters of LVMC Title 6 to consolidate a number of alcoholic beverage license categories and adjust the licensing treatment of the new and remaining categories; amends various provisions of LVMC Titles 10, 11, 12 and 19 to make corresponding changes to other alcohol-related provisions, including land use regulations; and provides for the continuance, discontinuance or transition of existing licenses and land use approvals. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Olivia Diaz and Councilman Stavros S. Anthony

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance to 4/4/2022

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

For-Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen; Excused-Stavros Anthony;

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE declared the Public Hearing open.

SONIA VERMEYS, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, appeared representing Station Casinos and the Fremont Street Experience, alongside VIRGINIA VALENTINE, President of the Nevada Resorts Association, and explained they represent a group that has a long history of capital investments in resorts and the Fremont Street Experience that has made Downtown an attractive destination. They welcomed the City's efforts to streamline the Code and make it more business friendly, and many of their members spent time with the consultant hired by the City to provide historical context specific to Downtown. MS. VERMEYS said the Downtown casino resorts and the Fremont Street Experience are vital elements to the city's economic success, and their members invest heavily in their properties, amenities and attractions to ensure the city's tourism area remains a strong draw for visitors. They have a long history of engagement on the proliferation of alcohol

establishments, particularly for packaged liquor, within the Downtown Casino Overlay District. The easy access to alcohol, specifically single service alcohol, creates several problems such as: purchases on behalf of minors, vagrancy, loitering, trash and other unsanitary conditions. Ensuring that the liquor code overhaul is done carefully without resulting in any unintended consequences is important to them and the industry. Further, MS. VERMEYS requested that the 1,500-foot distance separation from restricted gaming be applied to all gaming establishments, and that this requirement be non-waivable within the Downtown Casino Overlay District and the Gaming Enterprise Overlay District. They also have concerns surrounding the changes to walk-up bars and off-premise consumption, and they need more clarification as to when a patron can leave a liquor establishment with an alcoholic beverage that was purchased for consumption at that establishment. MS. VERMEYS said the proposed ordinance would remove the tavern designation and replace it with a full alcohol on-premise license, which would add to the proliferation of walk-up windows. While they applaud the inclusion of a 1,000-foot non-waivable distance separation between alcohol off-premise establishments, they have previously seen this requirement waived which renders it meaningless. They felt the amortization of packaged liquor provisions should be included back in the draft ordinance, as no other tourist corridor in the United States has seven packaged liquor stores within such a small radius. In closing, they requested an abeyance to allow time for staff to provide clarification on the issues that have been raised and how the proposed changes will apply to existing licenses.

SETH FLOYD, Director of Community Development, submitted comments he received from JIM DiFIORE, a copy of which was attached as backup.

ATTORNEY JENNIFER LAZOVICH appeared representing ABC Stores, and said they oppose placing a provision relating to the amortization of packaged liquor stores along Fremont Street back in the ordinance.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN acknowledged the staff members who have been working on this ordinance over the past two years, but he felt there was more work to be done.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE declared the Public Hearing closed.

4. Bill No. 2022-5 - For possible action - Adopts that certain document entitled "Amendment to Amended and Restated Sunstone Parks Agreement," regarding property located at the southwest corner of Moccasin Road and North Skye Canyon Park Drive. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Michele Fiore

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED said the City Council voted on the wrong version of this bill at their January 19th meeting, and staff therefore recommended a First Amendment that contains the proper dates in Sections 2 and 3.

COUNCILMAN FIORE declared the Public Hearing closed and confirmed through MR. STEED after the vote that this bill will be recommended to the City Council on March 16, 2022.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve as Do Pass as a First Amendment

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

For-Michele Fiore, Brian Knudsen; Excused-Stavros Anthony;

5. Citizens Participation: Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee. No subject may be acted upon by the Committee 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 and correct spelling 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:

JACINTO ALFARO introduced himself, and said he is currently shadowing COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN.

6. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

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