



Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ANTHONY, FIORE, and KNUDSEN

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

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. Bill No. 2022-8 - For possible action - Repeals and replaces LVMC 1.16.020 to 1.16.070, inclusive, to update the description of City ward boundaries to reflect precinct-numbering changes made by the Clark County Election Department. Proposed by: LuAnn D. Holmes, City Clerk

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing open.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED said from time to time the Clark County Election Department combines precincts. As a result of redistricting efforts, there were changes to how the precincts are described. This bill repeals and replaces those chapters of the Las Vegas Municipal Code to include the new precinct numbers. Staff recommended approval.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing closed and announced after the vote that this bill will be heard at the May 4, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Michele Fiore, Stavros Anthony, Brian Knudsen;

4. Bill No. 2022-9 - For possible action - Annexation No. 22-0062-ANX1 - Property location: North side of Alexander Road between El Capitan Way and Juliano Road; Petitioned by: CAB Properties, LLC Clark County Vacant Series; Acreage: 5.18 acres; Zoned: R-E (County Zoning), R-E (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Stavros S. Anthony

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing open.

ATTORNEY LIZ OLSON appeared on behalf of the property owner and stated they wished to annex the property into the City.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing closed and announced after the vote that this bill will be heard at the May 4, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Michele Fiore, Stavros Anthony, Brian Knudsen;

5. Bill No. 2022-10 - For possible action - Amends various sections of LVMC Chapter 11.68 to update provisions governing street performers and other activities within the Pedestrian Mall. Proposed by: Jorge Cervantes, City Manager

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TOM PERRIGO said the sponsor has requested this bill be Stricken as the City Manager's Office would like more time to work with stakeholders to ensure the Bill's language achieves a safe environment within the pedestrian mall. He confirmed with COUNCILMAN ANTHONY that staff would pursue something in the future.

RAY ZONE identified himself as a street performer. He liked the idea of having more rules on Fremont Street but was unsure if they would offer any solution to the ongoing problems with the performers. He believed the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) might have to file a lawsuit to address the situation.

PANDORIA WATSON, street performer, said she performs every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. She did not believe there was a problem with street performers creating fraudulent IDs (identification) but that the lottery used to select the street performers is congested with showgirls, which causes problems amongst the street performers.

SEAN SCOTT, street performer, read from a Review Journal article regarding this bill. He confirmed there are sound issues, but most of the sound comes from the Fremont Street Experience, which he believes increases their volume level at certain times of the day. He referenced several days of busker schedules for the Fremont Street Experience, pointing out that five to 10 spaces are not available on a daily basis, which leaves fewer spots for buskers.

ATHAR HASEEBULLAH, Executive Director for the ACLU of Nevada, mentioned having submitted written opposition, which was attached as backup. He asserted that if this bill is approved, the organization will proceed with litigation, which he believed would be costly for the City. MR. HASEEBULLAH did not believe this bill was practical or necessary, and many of the ordinances have gone too far in restricting First Amendment speech.

PAT RILEY appeared on behalf of the Fremont Street Experience and said the existing system was part of a collaboration with and was agreed to by the ACLU of Nevada. In 2011 and 2015, the City worked together with the ACLU and the Fremont Street Experience, and this bill is a product of more than one year of negotiation and interplay between the Fremont Street Experience and the ACLU. He believed Fremont Street Experience has been acting in good faith but did not feel that good faith has been returned by the ACLU; however, they were open to more discussions.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY repeated MR. PERRIGO'S recommendation to Strike the Bill. MR. PERRIGO confirmed the recommendation was to Strike and that staff will continue to work on the language to address the current issues. He could not confirm a date, but assured this bill is a priority.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE stressed the importance of keeping tourists and families safe when downtown.

In response to COUNCILMAN ANTHONY'S query, MR. STEED confirmed the Bill will still need to be voted on by the City Council if the recommendation to Strike is passed.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing closed and announced after the vote that this bill will be heard at the May 4, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Strike

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Michele Fiore, Stavros Anthony, Brian Knudsen;

6. 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:
None.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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