



## Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ANTHONY and FIORE (via telephone conference) and MAYOR GOODMAN (for COUNCILMAN COFFIN)

EXCUSED: COUNCILMAN COFFIN

ALSO PRESENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM PERRIGO, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

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

3. Bill No. 2019-15 - For possible action - Amends LVMC 16.16.030 and LVMC Chapter 9.28 to authorize the City to treat certain fireworks-related violations as civil violations subject to a civil penalty rather than proceeding by means of a misdemeanor prosecution. Proposed by: William L. McDonald, Chief of Fire and Rescue

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED reported that a couple years ago the local fire chiefs decided to more effectively address illegal fireworks by imposing fines, allowing staff to opt for civil proceedings and authorizing collection of costs incurred by jurisdictions for disposing of fireworks. He noted that Clark County already adopted a similar ordinance, and the City would like to have this ordinance in effect for the 2019 4th of July Holiday.

MR. STEED emphasized that the ordinance will allow the Fire Department to choose misdemeanor prosecution or to impose a civil penalty for fireworks violations, which is the type of action allowed in some ordinances in place relative to business licensing and for short-term rentals. He explained that the penalties in the bill are the maximum allowed to be imposed under state law. Should the Fire Department issue a notice of infraction, the person cited has the right to go before a hearing officer to make a presentation.

MAYOR GOODMAN questioned the process for changing the amount of the penalty, to which MR. STEED replied that the amount is from \$250 to \$500, which is the maximum allowed civilly under state law.

MICHELINE KERN said she has contacted the police about the many issues in her neighborhood with illegal fireworks; however, they have been unresolved. She asked how this bill would help address her situation. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY thought this bill only pertained to the penalties. However, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM PERRIGO interjected that the bill would give the Fire Department more tools to address fireworks violations immediately. MAYOR GOODMAN said that to her

understanding, Clark County has adopted a similar ordinance and people will be fined and penalized for illegal fireworks.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY asked ROBERT NOLAN, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, to address MS. KERN'S question. MR. NOLAN said this bill is part of the "You Light It, We Write It" effort to address illegal fireworks by the task force made up of fire and police, and they will be able to issue fines, with the first citation being a minimum fine of \$250. This bill will make it easier because evidence will not have to be collected and go through the courts. Persons cited can appear before a hearing officer. He indicated that Clark County adopted a similar ordinance last year, and the City wants to be prepared for the upcoming 4th of July Holiday and use last year's Hot Spot map to get started. It will take time to see results, and they intend to canvas the neighborhoods and send out mailers. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY asked MR. NOLAN to add MS. KERN'S neighborhood to the map.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing closed and announced that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the 6/19/2019 City Council meeting.

Motion made by Carolyn Goodman to Approve as Do Pass

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

For-Carolyn Goodman, Stavros Anthony, Michele Fiore;

4. Bill No. 2019-17 - For possible action - An ordinance authorizing the issuance by the City of Las Vegas of its General Obligation (Limited Tax) Various Purpose Refunding Bonds (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues), Series 2019C, in an amount not to exceed \$26,000,000, and providing other matters relating thereto. Proposed by: Venetta Appleyard, Director of Finance

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER GARY AMELING indicated that this bond issuance is at a fixed rate and would help refund variable-rate bonds with interest rate risk as interest rates are rising. Staff would like to refund the bonds in July of 2019. He recommended approval.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing closed and announced that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the 6/5/2019 City Council meeting.

Motion made by Carolyn Goodman to Approve as Do Pass

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

For-Carolyn Goodman, Stavros Anthony, Michele Fiore;

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:

None.

6. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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