



Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS FIORE and KNUDSEN

EXCUSED: COUNCILMAN ANTHONY

ALSO PRESENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOM PERRIGO, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCÁK, CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO- BRENNER

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 State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006: The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov and The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov.

3. Bill No. 2020-31 - For possible action - Annexation No. 20-0061-ANX-1 - Property location: on the north side of Darling Road, approximately 160 feet east of Tee Pee Lane; Petitioned by: H&F LLC; Acreage: 0.94 acres; Zoned: R-E (County zoning), R-E (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilwoman Michele Fiore

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE declared the Public Hearing open.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, reported that this bill pertains to an owner-requested annexation into Ward 6. The property is just under one acre. The item is in order and recommended for approval.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE declared the Public Hearing closed and announced after the vote that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the City Council meeting of November 4, 2020.

Motion made by Michele Fiore to Approve as Do Pass

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

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

4. Bill No. 2020-32 - For possible action - Amends LVMC 13.36.030 to generally prohibit the feeding of wildlife, animals, birds, waterfowl and fowl within City parks, recreational facilities and public plazas. Sponsored by: Councilman Cedric Crear

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE declared the Public Hearing open.

GREG WEITZEL, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the intent of this code amendment is to protect wildlife, visitors and staff in parks, some of which have been overrun with wildlife. Some of the increase in wildlife is because visitors are feeding the geese that congregate in the parks. This is causing a health hazard for visitors and staff who clean the parks. The intent of the ordinance change is to help in this regard by prohibiting feeding the wildlife to avoid congregation of the wildlife. He showed a sign designed to ask people not to feed the

animals, with the hope that educating visitors will avoid having to issue citations with a fine of up to \$1,000. A copy of the sign was submitted for the record.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked if the fine to be imposed of \$1,000 is consistent with other cities throughout the country, noting that it seems excessive. MR. WEITZEL said that the amount is consistent with a misdemeanor charge. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK remarked that the fine is discretionary as it is up to \$1,000, and it corresponds in general with fines for misdemeanors.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said he would prefer to reduce the fine, given the financial state of many people and because he is aware of several constituents in Ward 1 that would be affected. MR. DOROCAK said the fine could be adjusted at a lesser amount, and he asked the Councilman if he had an amount in mind. He added that Municipal Court could be notified that the amount is set at a certain maximum.

MR. WEITZEL assured COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN that the intent is to primarily educate people on the issue rather than impose fines. He believes the ordinance change will mostly affect repeat offenders. MR. DOROCAK indicated that the City Council can ask to set the upper limit at less than \$1,000, and the signs to be posted can be adjusted accordingly. MR. WEITZEL reiterated that the first step is to educate the visitors.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN suggested capping the fine at \$200. COUNCILWOMAN FIORE commented that the topic of feeding animals is always contentious; therefore, she suggested forwarding the bill to the City Council with no recommendation. MR. DOROCAK stated that the bill could be prepared with the amendment to have it ready for the Council meeting. The Councilman said he was just wondering if such an ordinance would really resolve the issue or just create more work for staff.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE stressed that she prefers to educate people without imposing fines or criminalizing certain actions that will just show on someone's record. She proposed making the offenders clean up the mess at the park rather than imposing fines. She asked MR. WEITZEL to figure out how to show video footage to offenders. She reiterated that imposing labor in this case rather than a fine would be better. MR. DOROCAK said he would look into a community service component.

This bill is eligible for adoption at the City Council meeting of November 4, 2020.

COUNCILWOMAN FIORE declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Forward to the Full Council of 11/4/2020 with No Recommendation

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:

None.

6. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006
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and
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