

Carolyn G. Goodman, Mayor (At-Large)  
Brian Knudsen, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 1)  
Victoria Seaman (Ward 2)  
Olivia Diaz (Ward 3)  
Francis Allen-Palenske (Ward 4)  
Cedric Crear (Ward 5)  
Nancy E. Brune (Ward 6)



City Manager Jorge Cervantes  
City Attorney Bryan K. Scott  
City Clerk LuAnn D. Holmes

## City Council Minutes

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**August 2, 2023**  
**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 and COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, CREAR (excused until 9:02 a.m.), SEAMAN (excused at 12:00 p.m.), DIAZ, ALLEN-PALENSKE and BRUNE

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JIM 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](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov); and the Nevada Public Notice website – [notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov).

3. Invocation - Pastor Matthew Teis; Liberty Baptist Church

Minutes:

PASTOR MATTHEW TEIS, Liberty Baptist Church, 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:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN invited the Harlig Family to the podium for recognition as the August Citizen of the Month. He said the Harlig Family embodies the best of Las Vegas as a family unit that takes care of the neighborhood around them, noting that RABBI SHEA HARLIG provides blessings to make the world better. The Councilman stated that people had differences and similarities, and love of family and communities hold us together. He presented the Harlig Family with a recognition plaque and proclamation for The Harlig Family Day, copies of which were submitted for the record.

RABBI SHEA HARLIG introduced his wife DINA HARLIG and advised that he visited small Jewish communities while attending rabbinical school. He explained that a member of the Binion family invited him to Las Vegas while he ran a camp in Anchorage, Alaska, and he never believed he would visit Las Vegas. He has lived in Las Vegas for 32 years and opened the Chabad Center, which is one of 5,000 centers across the world. The Chabad Center provides outreach and social services and preaches about the seven Noahide Laws, one of which is to establish just laws as performed by the City Council. RABBI HARLIG noted that six of his children run different Chabad Centers, and they would soon open their tenth center in Southern Nevada. He felt fortunate to be part of the community and was thankful for the honor.

RABBI LEVI HARLIG stated that he and his wife operate Friendship Circle, which is a non-profit organization for children and young adults with special needs. He felt honored to be a citizen of Las Vegas, and he thanked the Councilmembers for their support and friendship.

#### **ADDITIONAL CEREMONIAL:**

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN invited DORIAN STONEBARGER, Special Assistant to Council, to the podium and explained that they met while she was working at Three Square several years ago. The Councilman could see that she was a leader, and he recruited her to work for him after becoming a councilman. He said MS. STONEBARGER had remained focused on transit, housing, and improving the lives of Las Vegas residents. He hoped she would return to the City in the future, and he opined that she might be his boss one day. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN presented MS. STONEBARGER with a proclamation for Dorian Stonebarger Day, a copy of which was submitted for the record.

MS. STONEBARGER was proud to operate a business in and be a resident of Las Vegas, and she appreciated the opportunity to work with kind, committed, and smart City staff members. She confirmed that she met the Councilman while he was a City staff member, noting that he helped provide a free meal to every child in afterschool programs through Three Square. MS. STONEBARGER had planned to reach 12 afterschool programs and instead reached 46 with the Councilman's assistance. That helped Three Square become nationally recognized as the largest afterschool and summer meal provider in the state of Nevada. She thanked COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN for the opportunity to work together, and she said he was one of the most authentic people she had ever met.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS - 9:30 A.M. SESSION**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. 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 opening Public Comment, MAYOR GOODMAN explained that many senior City staff members were retiring, and she noted that former Chief Community Services Officer DR. LISA MORRIS HIBBLER had recently retired. The Mayor had known many wonderful City Managers over her and her husband's terms as Mayor, and she felt they made Las Vegas a positive place to live for people of all nationalities, cultures, and religions. She believed it was rare for leadership to possess all of the highest qualities, and she stated that this was CITY MANAGER JORGE CERVANTES' last City Council meeting. MAYOR GOODMAN said MR. CERVANTES inspired the Councilmembers and handled challenging times with great resolve and understanding, and she noted that EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE MIKE JANSSEN would move into that leadership role. Lastly, the Mayor thanked MR. CERVANTES and said his team was the best because he set the bar so high.

The Councilmembers thanked MR. CERVANTES for being an excellent City Manager, being genuine, evolving and setting a path forward for everyone, for his service, leadership, and everything he had done for the City. COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE compared MR. CERVANTES to an owl for being quiet and wise, and COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ announced that he was the first Mexican American City Manager. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN told a story that involved MR. CERVANTES denying being interested in becoming City Manager around 15 years ago, and COUNCILMAN CREAR stated that the City Manager managed 3,500 City staff

members and had the upmost respect from everyone at the City. COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE was impressed by how MR. CERVANTES brings an engineering perspective when thinking about problems. She believed a succession plan marks a great leader, and she said he built a team that lives City values and loves being at the City.

MR. CERVANTES felt honored to serve the community and said his job was to provide direction. He gave credit to City staff members for doing the work every day, and he thanked them their dedication to making the community what it is.

MAYOR GOODMAN also acknowledged CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT saying he is a wonderful person, and she thanked him for everything he has done and his years of service.

MR. SCOTT thanked the Councilmembers for supporting him through the years and felt honored to be the City Attorney. He stated that he was the first African American City Attorney and Presidents of the State Bar of Nevada, Clark County Bar Association, and Clark County Law Foundation. He thanked ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK for taking over as City Attorney.

The Mayor said she knew that it was MR. SCOTT and MR. CERVANTES' teams that get the work done, and she thanked everyone for what they do.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS - 9:30 A.M. Session**

7. 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.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Strike Items 13 and 14 and Hold in Abeyance Item 29 to 9/6/2023

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the video did not display the vote for these items.

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

8. Discussion for possible action regarding annual review of City Auditor Radford K. Snelding (NOTE: This item is being trailed to be heard after the Closed Session.)

Minutes:

This item was heard subsequent to Item 24.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN thanked CITY AUDITOR RADFORD SNELDING for the wonderful job he does, and MAYOR GOODMAN said he has done a great job in his 23 year tenure. MR. SNELDING thanked the Council for the opportunity to work at the City.

Motion made by Victoria Seaman to Approve a salary increase to \$205,492 retroactive to July 1, 2023 and an \$1,800 bonus

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

### **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**

9. For possible action to approve continued funding in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million in FY24 for Leonard Law, McDonald Carano, and Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger to represent the City of Las Vegas in all matters arising in the Badlands litigation, which involves the former Badlands Golf Course generally located south of Alta Drive, east of Hualapai Way, and north of Charleston Boulevard (General Fund) - Ward 2 (Seaman)

### Minutes:

Regarding Item 9, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN expressed concern regarding providing additional funding towards the Badlands litigation. She noted the City has 14 civil attorneys, and she believed they need to settle the litigation.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

NOTE: The video does not reflect the vote accurately, in that Councilwoman Seaman voted No on Item 9.

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

For-Nancy Brune, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;  
Against-Victoria Seaman;

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - BUSINESS LICENSING - CONSENT**

10. For possible action to approve a Restricted Gaming license for Once Again Inc dba 7 ELEVEN STORE #29661D at 1201 East Sahara Avenue [Naveen Dadlani, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director] - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - CONSENT**

11. For possible action to approve a host site agreement between the City of Las Vegas and FORTH as part of the "Affordable Mobility Platform" to implement community carsharing as part of a grant subaward from the US Department of Energy - Wards 1 and 5 (Knudsen and Crear)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

## **FINANCE - PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS - CONSENT**

12. For possible action to approve award of Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 150030-JL, Case Management System - Las Vegas Municipal Court - Award recommended to: JOURNAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (Not-to-Exceed \$125,000 Annually/Total Modification Not-to-Exceed \$2,625,000 - Various Funds) - All Wards

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

13. For possible action to approve award of Bid No. 230213-SK-A, Lot I - Arrow Community Shuttles, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder - Department of Neighborhood Services - Award recommended to:

AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS DBA AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION (Not-to-Exceed \$590,750 Annually/Total Contract Amount Not-to-Exceed \$2,953,750 - Various Funds) - All Wards

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Strike Items 13 and 14 and Hold in Abeyance Item 29 to 9/6/2023

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the video did not display the vote for these items.

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

14. For possible action to approve award of Contract No. 240002-DG, Blanket Services For Geotechnical Engineering Services - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: GEOTECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. (Not-to-Exceed \$200,000 - Various Funds) - All Wards

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Strike Items 13 and 14 and Hold in Abeyance Item 29 to 9/6/2023

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the video did not display the vote for these items.

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

#### **MUNICIPAL COURT - CONSENT**

15. For possible action to approve a grant from the State of Nevada Administrative Office of the Courts in the amount of \$363,614 to support the Las Vegas Municipal Court's Specialty Court Program - All Wards

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

#### **OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - CONSENT**

16. For possible action to approve the ratification of David Neldberg in a Council support position as a Special Assistant to Council in the Ward 1 office (\$66,526 + Benefits - General Fund) - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

#### **PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - CONSENT**

17. For possible action to approve a Member Organization Grant Letter of Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and Move United, Inc for the purpose of supporting the USA Wheelchair Football League Expansion Team Programming from May 24, 2023-December 1, 2023, through grant funding in the amount of \$85,000 to continue growing the sport of wheelchair football - All Wards

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

18. For possible action to approve a Member Organization Grant Letter of Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and Move United, Inc for the purpose of supporting the USA Wheelchair Football League Tournament on October 21-22, 2023, through grant funding to the City of Las Vegas in the amount of \$20,000 for the hosting of a USA Wheelchair Football League Tournament - All Wards

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

### **PUBLIC WORKS - CONSENT**

19. For possible action to approve a Grant of Easement to Nevada Power Company, d/b/a NV Energy, to provide services to The Animal Foundation Emergency Power Project located at 655 North Mojave Road, APN 139-25-405-008 - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

### **RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT**

20. R-33-2023 - For possible action to approve a Resolution consenting to the undertakings of the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency (RDA) in connection with the Commercial Visual Improvement Program (CVIP) Agreement between the RDA and 3RD STREET, LLC, (Owner) located at 1226 South 3rd Street (APN 162-03-105-017), to be in compliance with and in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the RDA - Redevelopment Area - Ward 3 (Diaz) [NOTE: This item is related to RDA Item 5 (RA-11-2023)]

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 13 and 14

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE - DISCUSSION**

21. Discussion for possible action possible action regarding the approval of the employment contract with Jeffry Dorocak and ratification as City Attorney (\$250,000 + Benefits) - General Fund - All Wards

Minutes:

VINCE ZAMORA, Human Resources Director, reported that the Council selected ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK to be the City Attorney at the July 19, 2023 City Council Meeting, and he noted that the effective date would be August 11, 2023. MR. DOROCAK began working at the City Attorney's Office as a Deputy City Attorney in 2014 and has served as an Assistant City Attorney since 2021. Further, he has served as an Intergovernmental Relations Officer for the City of Henderson and a Hearing Officer for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. He graduated magna cum laude from University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Political Science, and he earned a Juris Doctorate Degree from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. MR. DOROCAK is a Local Government Fellow and Regional Vice President at the International Municipal Lawyers Association, serves on the Board of Directors for Nevada Legal Services, and is a volunteer attorney for the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada's Children's Attorneys Project.

Subsequent to the motion and vote, MAYOR GOODMAN invited HARRY AVERY to the podium to hold the

Bible as she administered the Oath of Office. MR. DOROCAK felt honored for the appointment and the confidence that the Councilmembers placed with him. He thanked his family and MR. AVERY for their love and support, and he believed it was easier to take risks with family behind him. He stated that he took the Oath of Office with absolute humility. He opined that the 650,000 Las Vegas residents wanted him to lead an efficient City Attorney's Office and that would be his mission. MR. DOROCAK said his job was to ensure that staff from the City Attorney's Office succeeded in their jobs, and he clarified that he would treat City departments as clients to help legally and ethically. He offered to provide legal options to Councilmembers to help them implement policies. Finally, he stated that he was accountable to all Las Vegas residents, and his mission is to work his hardest to earn the salary he is paid.

Motion made by Carolyn Goodman to Approve

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

## **PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - DISCUSSION**

22. Discussion for possible action regarding a Special Event Licensing and Temporary Land Use Agreement with Life is Beautiful, LLC for the temporary use of land and right of way bounded by Carson Avenue (south), 11th Street (east), Las Vegas Boulevard (west), and the Las Vegas Expressway/515 (north) for the Life is Beautiful Festival to be held September 22, 23 & 24, 2023 - Wards 3 and 5 (Diaz and Crear)

### Minutes:

STEVE FORD, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, appeared with JASMINE FREEMAN, Cultural Affairs Manager, and said they were available to answer any questions. MS. FREEMAN explained that the three-day Life is Beautiful music festival would celebrate their tenth year in Downtown Las Vegas. She said the festival would take place over 18 blocks and feature comedy, culinary, and art pieces that would remain downtown. The City's sponsorship includes the use of land and waiver of City fees, and she noted that the festival's economic impact in 2022 caused \$32.2 million in spending and created 655 jobs. She displayed a color-coded map on the overhead that showed road closures caused by the festival beginning on September 6th and ending on September 29th. Lastly, MS. FREEMAN introduced LEE FLINT, Chief Operations Officer, and SHAREE MACY, Liaison to the City.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if festival tickets had sold out. MR. FLINT hoped that the festival would sell out and expressed excitement that the festival would return downtown. He said the tenth year was an important milestone, and he felt grateful for the City's support. The Mayor questioned how residents living within the festival grounds would travel to and from their homes. MR. FLINT stated that three people living or working downtown were hired under the community relationship team, and their focus is to engage with the community and give direction during the festival. He advised that a shuttle program would run 24 hours a day during the festival, and an additional shuttle would run on Ogden Avenue after operational hours to traverse the festival's footprint. He believed the shuttles and increased communications would reduce the impact on residents. MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed with MR. FLINT that business owners will receive working credentials to enter the festival grounds outside of guest hours, and residents receive a wristband allowing them access at any time through separate gates.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ expressed excitement for the festival's 10th year, stating that the festival was important for the downtown area. She clarified with MR. FLINT that LAUREN DELFRAGO no longer worked for Life is Beautiful, and she requested a new point of contact to discuss and quickly resolve resident concerns. Lastly, she appreciated that there would be minimal load out time and noted that would lessen the impact on the area. MR. FLINT thanked the Councilwoman for feedback they had received, and he noted that JACKIE FISHER, Community Relations Director, would return to Life is Beautiful and provide continuity.

COUNCILMAN CREAR welcomed the festival's new owner GUS WENNER. He conceded that the festival disrupts the downtown corridor and noted that many community members love having the festival downtown. He said the festival brings revenue and business to the community, and he looked forward to it. The Councilman appreciated MR. FLINT for working with the Councilmembers. The Mayor advised that Life is Beautiful was founded by TONY HSIEH, and she said the City was proud to host the festival.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

### **RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE REPORT - DISCUSSION**

#### **BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT A LATER MEETING**

**There is no public comment on these items and no action will be taken by the Council at this meeting, except those items which may be stricken or tabled. Public testimony takes place at the Recommending Committee Meeting held for that purpose.**

23. Bill No. 2023-17 - Amends various provisions of LVMC Chapters 14.10 and 14.11 to update water conservation measures to be consistent with regulations of the Las Vegas Valley Water District; makes related changes to LVMC Title 19; and amends LVMC Chapter 16.28 to prohibit the use of evaporative cooling in new structures. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Olivia Díaz

Minutes:  
Recommendation noted.

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### **CLOSED SESSION**

24. Closed Session - Upon a duly carried motion, a closed meeting is called in accordance with NRS 241.030 to discuss the following item:  
A. City Auditor's Annual Performance Review

Minutes:  
This item was trailed and heard subsequent to Item 31.

MAYOR GOODMAN announced that the Council would go into Closed Session and would return after 15 minutes.

See Item 8 for related discussion.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve to enter into Closed Session

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;  
Did Not Vote-Cedric Crear;

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve reconvening from Closed Session

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - CONSENT**

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25. 23-0200-EOT1 - EXTENSION OF TIME - APPLICANT/OWNER: ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, INC. - For possible action on a Land Use Entitlement project request for the First Extension of Time of a Previously approved Site Development Plan Review (21-0116-SDR1) FOR A 9,851 SQUARE-FOOT ADDITION TO AN EXISTING 3,060 SQUARE-FOOT CHURCH/HOUSE OF WORSHIP WITH WAIVERS OF TITLE 19.09 FORM BASED CODE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS on 0.48 acres at the southwest corner of Ogden Avenue and 9th Street (APNs 139-34-612-035, 049, 050 and 051), T5-MS (T5 Main Street) Zone, Ward 3 (Diaz). Staff recommends APPROVAL.

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

26. 23-0226 - EXTENSION OF TIME - APPLICANT/OWNER: LINDELL LIVING II, LLC - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 2.70 acres on the west side of Lindell Road, approximately 200 feet south of Charleston Boulevard (APN 163-01-103-028), R-4 (High Density Residential) Zone, Ward 1 (Knudsen). Staff recommends APPROVAL on the entire Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

See Items 26a-26c for related backup.

- 26a. 23-0226-EOT1 - FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME - VARIANCE (21-0197-VAR1) - TO ALLOW AN EIGHT-FOOT TALL FRONT YARD FENCE WHERE FIVE FEET IS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED AND TO ALLOW A 10-FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK WHERE 20 FEET IS THE MINIMUM REQUIRED

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

See Items 26-26c for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

- 26b. 23-0226-EOT2 - FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME - VARIANCE (21-0197-VAR2) - TO ALLOW THREE ADDRESSES WHERE ONE IS ALLOWED FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN APARTMENTS DEVELOPMENT

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

See Items 26-26c for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

- 26c. 23-0226-EOT3 - FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW (21-0197-SDR1) - FOR A PROPOSED THREE-STORY TALL, 90-UNIT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS DEVELOPMENT WITH A WAIVER OF THE PERIMETER LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

See Items 26-26c for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

27. 23-0313-EOT1 - EXTENSION OF TIME - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - APPLICANT/OWNER: SKY HI, LLC - For possible action on a Land Use Entitlement project request for the first Extension of Time of a previously approved Special Use Permit (21-0079-SUP2) FOR A MAJOR AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL USE PERMIT (U-0068-95) FOR A PROPOSED 1,979 SQUARE-FOOT REDUCTION TO AN EXISTING TAVERN USE at 6000 and 6050 Sky Pointe Drive (APNs 125-27-223-002 and 003), C-1 (Limited Commercial Zone), Ward 6 (Brune). Staff recommends APPROVAL.

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

28. 23-0316 - APPLICANT/OWNER: JOHN NGUYEN - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 0.5 acres at the southeast corner of Del Monte Avenue and Arville Street (APN 162-06-601-027), R-E (Residential Estates) Zone, Ward 1 (Knudsen). Staff recommends APPROVAL on the entire Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

See Items 28a-28c for related backup.

- 28a. 23-0316-EOT1 - EXTENSION OF TIME - VARIANCE - FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME OF AN APPROVED VARIANCE (20-0383-VAR1) TO ALLOW A 30-FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK WHERE 35 FEET IS THE MINIMUM REQUIRED AND TO ALLOW A 10-FOOT RESIDENTIAL ADJACENCY SETBACK WHERE 75 FEET IS REQUIRED

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

See Items 28-28c for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

- 28b. 23-0316-EOT2 - EXTENSION OF TIME - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME OF AN APPROVED SPECIAL USE PERMIT (20-0383-SUP1) FOR A PROPOSED CHURCH/HOUSE OF WORSHIP USE

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

See Items 28-28c for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

- 28c. 23-0316-EOT3 - EXTENSION OF TIME - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME OF AN APPROVED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW (20-0383-SDR1) FOR A PROPOSED 4,400 SQUARE-FOOT CHURCH/HOUSE OF WORSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH WAIVERS OF THE PERIMETER LANDSCAPE BUFFER DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Minutes:

Items 25-28c were heard subsequent to Item 23.

See Items 28-28c for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) None

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DISCUSSION**

29. 23-0134-SUP1 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: CORNER BUILDING, LLC - For possible action on a Land Use Entitlement project request FOR A PROPOSED 4,035 SQUARE-FOOT CANNABIS CONSUMPTION LOUNGE USE at 1205 South Main Street (APN 162-03-105-011), C-M (Commercial/Industrial) Zone, Ward 3 (Diaz). The Planning Commission (5-0-1) vote recommends DENIAL. Staff recommends APPROVAL.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Strike Items 13 and 14 and Hold in Abeyance Item 29 to 9/6/2023

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the video did not display the vote for these items.

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

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

### **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

30. Report by Ryan Wheeler, Senior Project Manager at the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), on the Downtown Access Project, which evaluates safety and travel reliability alternatives along Interstate 515 (U.S. Highway 95) between Rancho Drive and Mojave Road in Downtown Las Vegas - Wards 3 and 5 (Diaz and Crear)

Minutes:

JOEY PASKEY, Deputy Public Works Director, introduced RYAN WHEELER, Senior Project Manager at the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), and provided a history of the Downtown Access Project. MS. PASKEY expressed excitement for the project, noting that the City has collaborated with NDOT for over four years on this project. MR. WHEELER utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to advise that a third public information meeting would be held later this month. He narrated from the presentation to explain the purpose of the project, noting that the freeway bridges had not been widened since 1968. The project's goals are to reconnect neighborhoods, improve infrastructure resiliency, and improve the human and natural environment. Further, the project will provide improved landscaping and bike and pedestrian mobility.

In the southbound direction, there is a short distance when encountering the Casino Center off-ramp after I-15 merges onto I-95. In the northbound direction, the Las Vegas Boulevard and Casino Center on-ramps are within 0.2 miles of each other and the I-15 on-ramp follows after 500 feet. These close ramps cause weaving and backed up traffic. MR. WHEELER displayed videos from the presentation showing the proposed designs with a collector distributor road, and he stated the amount of lanes would expand to six from four. He expected the environmental phase of the project to be completed towards the end of 2024 and construction to begin in 2029. He explained that three previously considered alternatives were eliminated due to their impact on the community, and four new alternatives were designed after receiving input from the community through meetings in English and Spanish. He listed four mitigation efforts to offset the impact of the project, which included \$10 million towards resources for the unhoused community and \$20 million towards developing complete streets. MR. WHEELER stated that social media campaigns were conducted to educate the community on right-of-way acquisitions and the environmental process. He invited everyone to the upcoming public information meeting being held on August 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the East Las Vegas Community Center and virtually from August 14th to September 14th at [www.ndotdap.com](http://www.ndotdap.com). Lastly, he thanked COUNCILMEMBERS DIAZ and CREAR for providing input on the project designs.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE advised that she serves on the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA) and noted that some of their properties would be impacted. She questioned how much in mitigation funding would be given to the City and the SNRHA. MR. WHEELER stated that \$10 million would be designated to provide housing to the unhoused community affected in the area, and they would work with the City to best utilize that money. Further, he noted that impacts to SNRHA would be handled separately. In response to the Councilwoman, MR. WHEELER explained that they would work with the City and Desert Pines developer to replace affected housing with mitigation funding of \$15 million. COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE questioned if Federal or State funds would be applied towards the mitigation efforts, and MR. WHEELER confirmed that Federal and State funds would be utilized during the next phase of the project.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked if protected bike lanes would be included on the project. MR. WHEELER advised that the original proposal included bike lanes on both sides of the freeway, but they were instead pursuing complete streets in the area after community feedback. He noted that complete street exhibits would be shown at the virtual public information meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ confirmed that the public information meeting was meant for the community to provide input on the project, and she expressed excitement for complete streets and replaced housing in the area.

MAYOR GOODMAN hoped that the environmental studies would be completed in a timely manner.

31. Report by Economic and Urban Development staff regarding the final recommendations resulting from the ECG Management consultant contract assessing the current state of healthcare in the Las Vegas Medical District (LVMD) - Wards 1 and 5 (Knudsen and Crear)

Minutes:

RYAN SMITH, Director of Economic and Urban Development (EUD), appeared with TAMMY CHRISTENSEN, Economic Development Manager, and TABITHA PEDERSON, Senior Economic Development Specialist, to advise that two Councilmember priorities are economic diversification and healthcare. MR. SMITH believed the report would address these key priorities.

MS. CHRISTENSEN stated that the Medical District was established in 1997 and over \$400 million had been

invested in the Medical District since 2018. The SmithGroup was hired around 2015 to complete a facilities master plan, and the Medical District was expanded around that time from 214 to 674 acres. She cited studies performed by WS Nevada in 2020 and The Lincy Institute in 2022 that showed investing in healthcare will have an economic impact of \$3.6 billion with 12,185 new high-paying jobs being created by 2040. She reported that ECG Management Consultants (ECG) was hired to create an implementation strategy, and MS. PEDERSON was hired from Volunteers with Medicine last year to help implement the future of the Medical District.

MS. PEDERSON utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to list Nevada's medical health rankings and to report that Nevada ranks 50th for adults seeking mental health care according to Mental Health America. She noted that primary care physicians in Clark County each handle around 1,800 patients, which is 35 percent more than the national average. Further, Las Vegas residents report longer periods of poor physical health than the national average. She stated that the following primary groups worked with ECG: the Medical District Sponsor Group, which includes MS. PEDERSON and her team; the Steering Committee with leaders in the Medical District, such as COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN, MASON VANHOUWELING, CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of UMC (University Medical Center), and UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) School of Medicine's Dean of Medicine; and various stakeholders with healthcare interests in the community. MS. PEDERSON displayed a map from the presentation showing three service areas that analyzed patient migration trends. The Primary Service Area (PSA) contains zip codes within the Medical District, the Secondary Service Area (SSA) includes the city of Las Vegas and the surrounding area, and the Tertiary Service Area (TSA) includes all of Clark County. She displayed graphs showing outmigration and inpatient migration statistics for various medical services for each service area, and she noted that many Las Vegas residents have to travel outside of Clark County in order to stay in hospitals for orthopedics, spine, and cancer services. MAYOR GOODMAN noticed that pediatric services were not shown on the graphs, and MS. PEDERSON advised that pediatric and adult services were mixed together. Further, MS. PEDERSON stated that the report contained pages specific to pediatric services.

Regarding outmigration for transplant services, MS. PEDERSON explained that UMC is the only hospital with a transplantation center in Clark County, and they only provided kidney transplants until recently adding pancreas transplants services. She expected UMC to add liver transplant services within the next year. COUNCILMAN CREAR saw that the transplant outmigration graph did not specifically list kidney transplants, and he noted that his wife had a kidney transplant in 2012. He said Nevada Donor Network was looking to build a facility for heart and lung transplants, and he asked if MS. PEDERSON was working with them. MS. PEDERSON responded in the negative and believed that further partnerships needed to be developed. She clarified that Intermountain Healthcare had plans to offer transplant services and the displayed data only showed transplants needed by Las Vegas residents in 2021. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN advised that MR. VANHOUWELING serves as Chair of Nevada Donor Network's board, and he believed MR. VANHOUWELING'S comments influenced the report. COUNCILMAN CREAR acknowledged that Las Vegas lacked transplant services. He believed having to leave Las Vegas for services would take a toll on patients and their families, and he suggested getting medical facility leadership together to get on the same page.

MS. PEDERSON stated that ECG performed a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis of the Medical District, which she listed from the presentation. Strengths involved excitement about investment in the area and the City's focus on creating a walkable and livable neighborhood. Weaknesses included limited parking and only small land parcels available for development. Opportunities encompassed stopping the outmigration of services, creating an innovative ecosystem for workforce development, and developing an inviting neighborhood with amenities and public art. Threats contained the challenge to recruit new physicians and local providers moving to more affluent neighborhoods. ECG created three project goals to determine services missing from the community, explore investment into biomedical research space, and provide guidance for using land within the Medical District. The top service area gaps were listed from the presentation, and MS. PEDERSON advised that the need for ENT (ear nose and throat) services was five times higher than the Medical District's capacity. She stated that biomedical research was a key priority for the City and an area of interest for stakeholders, and she opined that building lab space would attract researchers and be a driver for Federal funding. Nevada recently received around \$60 million in funding from the National Institute of Health and National Science Foundation, and she clarified that Nevada is one of the least funded states and most of that funding went to Northern Nevada. ECG suggested creating an innovation hub with short-term agreements that would allow Las Vegas to grow into the biomedical research space. MS. PEDERSON displayed a map from the presentation showing recommended land use in the Medical District, and she noted that Zones A and D should be used for medical office space.

Regarding the strategic next steps, MS. PEDERSON explained that a Bio Health Sciences Steering Committee would be formed with practicing researchers, and she will support an infrastructure for the committee over the next six months. She advised that a marketing campaign would be created to highlight Las Vegas with developers and site selectors in mind. She stated that she would attend conferences to develop connections within the medical industry, and EUD will continue to develop healthcare strategies and public policy initiatives. Lastly, MS. PEDERSON said the full consultant report could be accessed using a QR (quick response) Code from the presentation, which was displayed.

MAYOR GOODMAN questioned how UMC, the UNLV School of Medicine, and Clark County worked together. MS. CHRISTENSEN advised that a committee of stakeholder groups continually meet to discuss the implementation and funding strategy for the Medical District. The Mayor noted that a medical community could not be established without doctors, support staff, and funding, and she said medical care had not improved since the 2000 State of the City. She expressed concern regarding hiring consultants without taking action, and she requested a timeline with specific achievable goals.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN advised that G2 Capital Development was constructing two buildings in partnership with the City, UNLV, and a private sector partner, and he noted a third building would contain space for medical offices and research space. He suggested that one of the City's goals should be to help them fill that office space with health-related practices. He advised that the Nevada Bio Health and Bioscience Corporation received around \$75 million from the State of Nevada and around \$15 million from the City for their project, which includes a public health lab in partnership with UMC. The Councilman believed the City's second goal should be to develop a public health lab with bio health research space to attract doctors. He expected all of the Medical District's vacant land to be built out within the next three years, and he contributed that to strategic investments of money and time into the Medical District.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE noted that the Medical District was 674 acres, and she questioned if each parcel was inventoried and prioritized for development. MS. CHRISTENSEN responded that they had an inventory of raw parcels and available medical office space.

### **SET DATE**

32. 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**

33. 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 did not believe the medical profession was unified, and he proposed building a facility to share research. He noted that his friend was involved with alternative medicine and opined that alkalizing the body could heal the liver. He displayed photos on the overhead, which were submitted for the record, showing various signs covered by stickers and vegetation. Lastly, MR. BRAISTED suggested replacing a billboard near a City building with a digital billboard.

### **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.**

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

Minutes:  
None.

**COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION**

35. 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:  
COUNCILMEMBERS BRUNE, SEAMAN, CREAR, ALLEN-PALENSKE, DIAZ, and KNUDSEN announced the various events taking place throughout the months of June, July, August, September, October, and December. Some of the Councilmembers submitted flyers, which are attached as backup, regarding their events and points of interest.

MAYOR GOODMAN listed several retiring City staff members and wished them well. She welcomed the new City Attorney and thanked various City staff members and departments. The Mayor noted that First Friday would take place on Friday and announced that the next City Council meeting would be held on August 16, 2023.

The meeting was recessed at 11:21 a.m. to go into Closed Session, was reconvened at 11:37 a.m., and adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Brian Carroll, Deputy City Clerk

  
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LuAnn D. Holmes, MMC, City Clerk

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