



## Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN, and ALLEN-PALENSKE

ALSO PRESENT: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE FORD, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK STACEY CAMPBELL, and DEPUTY CITY CLERKS BRIAN CARROLL and VANESSA CHAVEZ-HOLMAN

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. Public Comment: Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward 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:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the October 2, 2023 Recommending Committee Meeting

Motion made by Victoria Seaman to Approve

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

For-Victoria Seaman, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

5. Bill No. 2023-24 - For possible action - Annexation No. 23-0245-ANX1 - Property location: 6315, 6335, and 6355 North Juliano Road; Petitioned by: Becker Equities, LLC; Acreage: 1.85 acres; Zoned: R-E (County Zoning), R-E (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open.

PETER LOWENSTEIN, Deputy Planning Director, stated that everything was in order for this voluntary annexation into the city.

See Item 5 for related discussion.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Francis Allen-Palenske to Approve as Do Pass

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

For-Victoria Seaman, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

6. Bill No. 2023-25 - For possible action - Amends LVMC 9.28.120 and 16.16.130 to establish minimum criminal and civil fines for fireworks-related violations. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Victoria Seaman.

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED explained that this bill would amend two chapters of the Code in which fireworks are prosecuted. He said there was currently a fine of up to \$5,000 for criminal violations related to fireworks, and civil penalties include \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for a subsequent offense within 12 months. He advised that the ordinance would update fines to \$500 for the first criminal conviction, \$1,000 for each subsequent conviction, and \$500 for every civil violation, which is the maximum amount allowed under State law.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN questioned if the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) supported the bill. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE MARSHALL SHERRI SHOUP advised that they use Metro's You Light It, We Write It campaign to implement citations and noted that the City and County (Clark County) participate in the program. She explained that the program's goal is to take dangerous fireworks off the street, and Fire Marshals alongside Metro Police Officers cite repeat offenders. The Councilman confirmed with CHIEF SHOUP that Metro was aware of the proposed ordinance. The Chief stated that CAPTAIN JOE LEPORE, Summerlin Area Command, planned to have Fire Inspectors identify and collect illegal fireworks and Metro Officers would write citations. She felt this would make the program more effective. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked CHIEF SHOUP to provide an update to the City Council on planned activities between the Fire Department and Metro along with an after-action report, to which the Chief responded in the affirmative.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN stated that the ordinance was in response to complaints by residents regarding illegal fireworks. She explained that illegal fireworks scare animals and create safety and fire hazards. She noted that the city hosts a professional fireworks show, and she believed there was no need for illegal fireworks. Lastly, she thanked Metro and the Fire Department for their support.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing closed and announced subsequent to the vote that each bill moved out of the Committee would be eligible for adoption at the City Council Meeting of November 1, 2023.

Motion made by Victoria Seaman to Approve as Do Pass

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

For-Victoria Seaman, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

7. 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 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.

8. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Brian Carroll, Deputy City Clerk

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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