



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, CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES, and VANESSA CHAVEZ-HOLMAN, Deputy City Clerk

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

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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. 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 16, 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. 2023-26 - For possible action - Amends LVMC Title 10 to establish provisions regarding an "order out corridor," including the circumstances under which a court may impose an order to stay out of the corridor as a condition of a suspended sentence or deferred adjudication of any criminal offense, and repeals existing "order out corridor" provisions pertaining to drug activity and prostitution. Sponsored by: Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman

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CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK stated that this bill would update the current order out provisions by repealing what is on the books regarding drug activity and prostitution, and it would be replaced with a new chapter setting up an order out corridor from Main Street to 8th Street from Stewart Avenue to Bridger Avenue. This would apply to any misdemeanors. If found guilty or plead guilty, the municipal court could give an order out for a portion or the entire order out corridor as an alternative to going to jail. This bill is sponsored by

MAYOR CAROLYN GOODMAN and is supported by the City Manager's Office as well as Fremont Street Experience. MR. DOROCAK stated the language of the bill includes provisions for judges to allow this condition of order out in lieu of going to jail. For the defendant's protection, judges would inquire as to any employment of the area, religious exceptions, and medical needs prior to the defendant being given the order out so the exemptions may be added; however, the defendant would need to carry the order out whenever they enter the area. MR. DOROCAK noted this ordinance on its own is a misdemeanor, which is significant because it will allow on site arrests, if needed.

CHIEF JASON POTTS, Director of Department of Public Safety (DPS), said they are in full support of the bill as chronic offenders account for most of the crimes, and this will help them in being more precise with their patrols. Proven research shows through several jurisdictions that 10 percent of people account for 68 percent of all crimes and this bill will be another tool for DPS to be more focused in combatting chronic offenders.

Upon COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN'S inquiry regarding practical application, MR. POTTS stated once they receive the order out corridor list, they will be able to share intel among themselves as well as during briefings with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Fremont Street substation, Fremont Street security and Clark County schools. MR. POTTS clarified that once an officer makes a call to dispatch they will have the list of offenders. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN inquired as to the number of people that are expected to be on this list and whether any data systems are in place to provide Council with updated information on a regular basis. MR. POTTS did not know how many people were currently on the list, but DPS intends to be more data driven with this new bill and can brief Council with a six month update. MR. DOROCAK stated they are working with JACK ESLINGER, Court Administrator, and his team to implement data at the courtroom level as well. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN noted the data requests he made of the court has been going on for four years, and he will be relying on MR. DOROCAK to get this data to them.

COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE noted the increased size of the map and asked if DPS had any strong feelings about the size of the area. MR. POTTS stated they agreed with the Mayor in that starting small and working their way out will allow certainty of the area being defensible.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked whether the boundary included the Strat. MR. DOROCAK stated the map as proposed does not. He informed the Committee they recently met with Golden Entertainment, the company that owns and operates the Strat, regarding the concept of this order out. He referenced a map that indicated an amendment of the bill was suggested to include the area surrounding the Strat, starting at Sahara Avenue and going down to the overall order out corridor. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN noted the nearby recycling plant that had been creating challenges with copper wire theft is near the amended map area and suggested including Industrial Road and Wyoming Avenue to the amendment. MR. POTTS and MR. DOROCAK agreed that keeping the borders as tight as possible as to avoid any residential areas is best for now but could look into expanding those borders at a later date.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN clarified with LIEUTENANT JESSE KOMMEL-BERNSTEIN the implementation of this bill is still being discussed, but they are likely going to follow the same proven idea that giving officers the ability to look up information of those on the list will ensure proper and accurate arrests. He noted the main benefits of the Fremont Street substation is the ability to collaborate with City marshals and DPS.

KAMI DEMPSEY, representative of Golden Entertainment, expressed her gratitude to MR. DOROCAK and MR. POTTS for their consideration in including the Strat in the order out. There have been many challenges in that area, and she hopes that by working together it will create a much safer and attractive place to visit.

ANDREW SIMON, President and CEO of Fremont Street Experience, stated he was in complete support of this bill as his number one priority has been public safety. The goal was to make Fremont Street Experience one of the best tourist destinations in the world, and this bill would be a significant tool to ensure that happens.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve as Do Pass as a First Amendment

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

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

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 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

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Vanessa Chavez-Holman, Deputy City Clerk

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

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