



Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN and ALLEN-PALENSKE

ALSO PRESENT: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE FORD, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, ASSISTANT DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACQUIE MILLER 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 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:

NICOLE KELLEY asked questions about changes in Bill No. 2024-8 with respect to Residential Adjacency Standards, height and acreage restrictions to allow churches to be constructed under the new Civic (C-V) District.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the March 4, 2024 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. 2024-8 - For possible action - Repeals and replaces LVMC 19.10.020, pertaining to the C-V Civic Zoning District, to provide updated standards and procedures for that district. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open.

PETER LOWENSTEIN, Deputy Community Development Director, said the Planning Commission approved this bill in November 2023 to accomplish the following: 1) redefine and clarify who can develop properties using the district; 2) clarify the process for approval; 3) eliminate the need for additional variances and waivers to deviate from standards; 4) add uses to the list of uses requiring approval of a Special Use Permit (SUP); 5) clarify the process for approving additional signage and add a specific wall sign to the list of permitted signs; and 6) add the Civic (C-V) District as a conforming district within the Form-Based Code (FBC) land use designation, but only if approved via a future General Plan Amendment (GPA).

At the request of COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN, MR. LOWENSTEIN addressed the questions by NICOLE KELLEY regarding churches under the new C-V District. MR. LOWENSTEIN indicated that a proposed house of worship falls under a specific zoning district. Should someone with 20 acres want to build a church under C-V in a rural preservation neighborhood or R-PD (Residential Planned Development), which is limited to five units per acre, they would have to seek a change from residential to C-V, but it would be procedurally possible. Regarding the height limitation being removed from the Residential Adjacency Standards, MR. LOWENSTEIN indicated that the Residential Adjacency Standards still apply as part of the Unified Development Code under Section 4, which he read pertaining to the 3:1 Proximity Slope, meaning no impact. He commented that although LVMC (Las Vegas Municipal Code) 19.06.60 was not mentioned in this bill, as MS. KELLEY pointed out, the language was replaced by Residential Adjacency Standards requiring that projects proposed in a C-V District would have to comply with those standards.

MS. KELLEY questioned requirements for screening of utility installations and boxes, as they seem to have been removed, and setback requirements. MR. LOWENSTEIN respectively answered that screening standards are applicable under Section E(4)(c) of this bill, and setback requirements would depend on the proposed development and the respective Residential Adjacency Standards. MS. KELLEY noted that under Permitted Land Uses, Section B(4) includes Church.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN said that MS. KELLEY raised good questions.

See Item 3 for related discussion.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing closed and announced that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the City Council meeting on March 20, 2024.

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. Citizens Participation: Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Recommending Committee. No subject may be acted upon by the Recommending 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

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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