



Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN and ALLEN-PALENSKE

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER SEAMAN

ALSO PRESENT: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE FORD, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, CITY CLERK LUANN HOLMES and DEPUTY CITY CLERK SAMANTHA DINICOLA

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:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the May 13, 2024 Recommending Committee Meeting

Motion made by Francis Allen-Palenske to Approve

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

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

5. Bill No. 2024-15 - For possible action - Amends LVMC 6.02.060 and 6.02.115 to update provisions regarding multi-jurisdictional business licenses to provide flexibility regarding the determination of eligible license categories. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Olivia Díaz

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open.

PETER LOWENSTEIN, Deputy Community Development Director, explained the bill adds clarification to contractor's licenses under the multi-jurisdictional category and gives discretion to the Director for additional

classifications to be added without having to go before City Council.

DARCY ADELBAI-HURD, Business Licensing Manager, advised this bill will align the City with other jurisdictions. The previous ordinance contained five categories and this will allow them to gain multi-jurisdictional business licenses. COUNCILMEMBER KNUDSEN clarified this gives the discretion to the Director as to what licenses may be added into a category.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing closed and announced that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the City Council meeting on June 26, 2024.

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

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

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

6. Bill No. 2024-16 - For possible action - Grants to Google Fiber Nevada, LLC, a non-exclusive franchise for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining, within the City, communications services, including broadband internet service and/or telecommunications service, subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement incorporated by reference into this Ordinance. Proposed by: Mike Janssen, City Manager

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED explained the process for a telecommunications franchise stating it includes a public hearing that is noticed in the newspaper twice. TIM HACKER, Deputy City Manager, introduced GINA BISHOP, Franchise Officer, to further explain what the bill entails. MS. BISHOP noted the City's charter requires an ordinance be in place for a franchise agreement to be granted. She said Google Fiber (Google Fiber Nevada, LLC) wanted to provide communications services to Las Vegas residents and businesses. They negotiated a five-year agreement consistent with the City's other telecommunication franchise agreements with an additional focus on broadband provided by the City's rights-of-way. The agreement included a two percent franchise fee on broadband services and five percent on telecommunication services. She stated staff recommended approval of the bill.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN questioned if the fees paid to the City go into the General Fund, and MS. BISHOP confirmed they do. COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE wondered if there was an estimation on what the contract fees would be on an annual basis, and MS. BISHOP opined it would be difficult to project due to the build-out and permit time frame. She stated they had competitive pricing for their services but did not reveal their financial records due to confidentiality. She believed this franchise would fill a void for a majority of the community. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN thanked her for the work she put into this project and noted this would be the first contract of its type for the City.

DAN MUSGROVE, representative for Google Fiber, thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak and explained they had identified Southern Nevada as a target area for fiber. Though they hold a contract with the County (Clark County) they wanted to expand it valley-wide. He noted the difficulty with providing revenue projections due to it being membership based and needing to lay the fiber first. He explained their goal was to lay fiber in all neighborhoods across the valley and then it would be the sales representative's responsibility to secure new memberships. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN clarified as the project progresses, Google Fiber would keep each Council office up to date on construction advancement, and MR. MUSGROVE agreed and added they would keep neighborhoods informed as well. COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE inquired about the standard moving forward with franchise agreements and the fees included in contracts. MR. HACKER advised this would be the model contract moving forward and current contracts that do not include them would have it added upon renewal. MS. BISHOP added they are currently working on agreements with this fee included and any near expiring will move over to this template for communications franchises.

CARLA CAMPOS, member of Communication Workers of America Local 9413, explained the union represents about 1,000 workers including over 500 telecom technicians to deploy and maintain the broadband infrastructure in Las Vegas. She asked the Recommending Committee to amend the franchise agreement to

include contractor transparency language and baseline labor standards for worker training and safety. She explained the current contract does not include detailed regulations for workers' training and certifications and gave an example of a Google Fiber contract in Texas that left workers unpaid. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN advised he would not propose an amendment at this time, but he would follow up with MR. MUSGROVE regarding the concern and advised MS. CAMPOS to provide MR. MUSGROVE with her contact information.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing closed and announced that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the City Council meeting on June 5, 2024.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve as Do Pass

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

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

7. 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.

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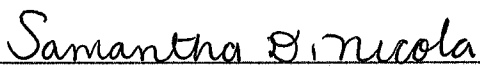
None.

8. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Samantha DiNicola, Deputy City Clerk

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

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