



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 JACQUIE MILLER and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

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 February 3, 2025 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. 2025-1 - For possible action - Amends Title 2 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code by adding Chapter 2.70 to establish the Youth Leadership Advisory Council. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Olivia Diaz, Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske, and Councilwoman Nancy E. Brune

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open by reading the item.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE FORD deferred to TAMMY MALICH, Youth Development and Social Initiatives Director, to present this item.

MS. MALICH stated the possibility for this concept was contemplated several times by multiple City of Las Vegas elected officials to actively engage youth in civic engagement opportunities, such as the Great American Awards and We The People and similar to the YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) standing board. The Youth Leadership Advisory Council (Leadership Council) members would be an ongoing committee to advise or weigh in on youth-related matters and function as an organized arm of the City Council. In essence, the bill establishes a formal process to educate future leaders and perhaps interest youth in government leadership positions.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked several questions and MS. MALICH answered the following: The Leadership Council would hold at least five meetings during the academic year. A non-voting staff member of her department would be assigned to oversee and work with the City Clerk's Office and the City Attorney's Office, given that it would be an official board, on drafting their meeting agendas. The agenda items would include reviews of the City Council agenda items to consider how they might relate to youth. The youth members would work with her team on establishing the Leadership Council's rules and bylaws to educate them on the process for resolutions and ordinances to establish an area of interest for each. Ultimately, they would submit a report to the Council yearly on their accomplishments, plans and ideas. Additionally, they would provide MS. MALICH with input or feedback for the City Council to consider relative to youth matters on an ongoing basis. The Leadership Council would consist of students in freshman year to senior year of high school, and seniors could finish their term as college students if necessary.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN was perplexed about this matter because the previous month her Council colleagues spoke about how the creation of new committees was a waste of time, funds and resources. Although well-intentioned, the Councilwoman felt that creating this committee would be a duplication in effort and suggested partnering with numerous established non-profits dedicated to fostering the next generation of leaders instead of using City resources. Therefore, she could not support this matter. MS. MALICH indicated that as part of her department's function, her team works with local non-profit agencies, but she did not feel that any of them were well positioned to educate youth or to serve as a model for the students on the City Council functions. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN recommended collaborating with Clark County and other jurisdictions, noting her belief that supporting the committee would be a waste of City resources, given there are more important issues for the City Council. MS. MALICH commented that the cities of North Las Vegas and Henderson formed youth councils.

COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE felt it important to foster youth with internships and programs such as the Leadership Council. She recalled an intern who worked in her Nevada Assembly office in Carson City who went to law school and became a deputy district attorney. She expressed her support.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN announced that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the April 2, 2025, City Council meeting and declared the Public Hearing closed by reading Item 6.

Motion made by Francis Allen-Palenske to Approve to forward to the City Council with no recommendation

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

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

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.

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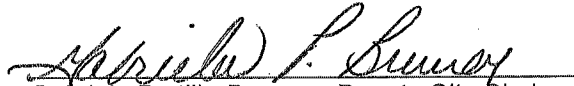
None.

7. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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