

Shelley Berkley, Mayor (At-Large)  
Brian Knudsen, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 1)  
Victoria Seaman (Ward 2)  
Olivia Diaz (Ward 3)  
Francis Allen-Palenske (Ward 4)  
Shondra Summers-Armstrong (Ward 5)  
Nancy E. Brune (Ward 6)



City Manager Mike Janssen  
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## City Council Minutes

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April 2, 2025  
9:00 AM

### CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: MAYOR BERKLEY and COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN (excused at 12:15 p.m.), DIAZ, ALLEN-PALENKE, BRUNE (arrived at 9:01 a.m.), and SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG (arrived at 9:01 a.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER MIKE JANSSEN, CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, and CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACQUIE MILLER

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. Invocation - Reverend Sasoon Zumrookhdian, St. Geragos Armenian Apostolic Church

Minutes:

REVEREND SASOON ZUMROOKHDIAN, St. Geragos Armenian Apostolic Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

REVEREND SASOON ZUMROOKHDIAN, St. Geragos Armenian Apostolic Church, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the request of MAYOR BERKLEY.

5. Recognition of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Skatin' Rebels

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY invited the UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) Skatin' Rebels hockey team to the podium and recognized them as the 2024-2025 American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) National Champions. She stated that they are a self-funded, non-profit program that began in 2005 and joined ACHA Division 1 in 2017. She noted this was the program's first national championship and provided a proclamation declaring April 2, 2025, as UNLV Skatin' Rebels National Championship Day, a copy of which was attached as backup.

ANTHONY VIGNIERI-GREENER, Head Coach, appreciated the Council and noted that they had worked on winning the championship for 10 years.

On behalf of the team, PRESTON BROSNIAK said they were honored to be there, and they could not have done it without the support from their fans and the City of Las Vegas.

6. Recognition of the Citizen of the Month

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY invited ANDY ARMENIAN to the podium and recognized him as the April Citizen of the Month. Born in Beirut, Lebanon, he immigrated to the United States in 1976 and studied at Northeastern University in Boston. He then worked for Procter & Gamble and traveled the world, eventually settling in Las Vegas in 2005 and quickly became an active member of the community. He managed a thriving real estate business and played an instrumental role in the construction of the first Armenian Church built and consecrated in Nevada. He served as the honorary consul of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Armenia in Las Vegas and currently serves as a Commissioner on the Las Vegas Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. The Mayor appreciated what he did for the Las Vegas and Armenian communities.

MR. ARMENIAN emphasized the diversity in Las Vegas, stating that 30 different languages and ethnic groups call Las Vegas home. He said Armenian families settled in Southern Nevada as early as 1911 and his family came to Las Vegas in 2005. He noted several Armenians that played key roles in the growth of Southern Nevada such as KIRK KERKONIAN, JERRY and LOIS TARKANIAN, and ANDRE AGASSI. He reported that the month of April is full of tragic historical events for the Armenian community, highlighting the 1.5 million victims of The Armenian Genocide that took place in 1915 under the cover of World War I. MR. ARMENIAN thanked the Mayor for the honor of Citizen of the Month and accepted the award on behalf of his family and the Las Vegas Armenian-American community.

7. Recognition of KO Knudsen Middle School and Sunrise Elementary School Students

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ invited Sunrise Elementary's flag football team and cheerleaders to the podium. She stressed the importance of celebrating milestones of youth and said the City Council was proud of them. They finished the season undefeated with a record of 10-0 to win the Las Vegas Raiders-sponsored 2024 Silver and Black Citywide Championship. She explained that the East Side school league had 12 schools, seven of which were public schools in Ward 3. She recognized the coaching staff for their mentorship and the cheerleaders for believing in the team and cheering for them.

NICOLE BAUMGARTNER, Principal, said the football team did an incredible job, highlighting their dedication and hard work. She added that the cheerleaders encouraged the team when they needed it the most and she could not ask for better mentors than the coaching staff.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ invited the students of KO Knudson Middle School's Mariachi Los Pumas program to the podium. Under the leadership of JOHNNY GONZALEZ, YASMIN DUEÑES, and Sectional Directors HECTOR AGUILAR and ROCIO GONZALEZ, they were recognized as national champions in December at the 30th Annual Mariachi Extravaganza in San Antonio, Texas. Nearly 1,200 middle school, high school, and collegiate musicians from across the country participated in the competition, with Los Pumas placing first in the middle school category. Additionally, they won best middle school violin section and armonia section. The Councilwoman recognized Del Sol Academy of the Performing Arts' Mariachi Encendido and Las Vegas High School's Mariachi Joya for being finalists in the high school category. A second Extravaganza event was held at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) last month, and Los Pumas placed first in the middle school category again and won best middle school vocal and armonia sections. She thanked the students for excelling in their passion and signified the difficulty of balancing their schoolwork, homelife, and mariachi responsibilities. Further, she thanked the parents, stating that it could not work without their support and encouragement.

JOHNNY GONZALEZ thanked the City Council for inviting them and celebrating their accomplishments. He stated this year marked the 20th year of the mariachi program at KO Knudson, and he recognized all that contributed to their program and hoped to continue showing their culture to the community.

HAROLD BASHAY, Principal, thanked the Council for inviting them to honor the students, stating that they are the embodiment of grace, humbleness, and professionalism. Additionally, he said the students are a wonderful representation of talent in their school and in Las Vegas.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ thanked the YDSI (Youth Development and Social Initiatives) Department for coordinating the transportation of the students and thanked DR. TAMMY MALICH, Director of Youth Development and Social Initiatives, for her help.

MR. GONZALEZ and Los Pumas played a song for the Mayor and Councilmembers.

MAYOR BERKLEY acknowledged the Honorary Consul General of Korea JOE CAMPOS.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS - 9:30 A.M. SESSION**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

8. Public comment during this portion of the Agenda must be limited to matters on the Agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come to the podium 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:

BRYCE HENDERSON, President of No Kill Las Vegas, spoke in support of Item 33. He worried that the City Council might not support the Youth Advisory Council and compared it to how the Animal Advisory Committee was voted down by the Council. He hoped that the arguments used against an Animal Advisory Committee would not be used against the creation of a Youth Advisory Council.

PATRICIA REID appeared representing Vegas Pet Rescue Project and spoke in support of Item 33. She felt that if the creation of a Youth Advisory Council was approved, it would nullify their reasoning for voting against the creation of an Animal Advisory Committee. MAYOR BERKLEY invited her to speak on the phone to share their plans for an Animal Advisory Committee.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS - 9:30 A.M. Session**

9. For Possible Action - Any items from the 9:30 a.m. session that the Council, staff and/or the applicant wish to be stricken, tabled, withdrawn or held in abeyance to a future meeting may be brought forward and acted upon at this time.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 37a-37e to 6/4/2025

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

10. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the March 5, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and have been recommended for approval by the Submitting Departments. All items on the Consent Agenda may be approved in a single motion. However, if a Council Member so requests, any consent item may be moved to the discussion portion of the agenda and other action, including postponement or denial of the item, may take place.**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - BUSINESS LICENSING - CONSENT**

11. For possible action to approve a Cannabis Cultivation Facility License (Medical/Recreational) for SILVER STATE WELLNESS, LLC dba SILVER STATE WELLNESS LLC at 3265 West Post Road - Clark County  
  
Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18  
  
Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0  
  
For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;
12. For possible action to approve a Restricted Gaming license for SRUN SIN dba BIG BUNDLES LAUNDROMAT at 2071 North Jones Boulevard [Srun Sin, Owner] - Ward 5 (Summers-Armstrong)  
  
Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18  
  
Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0  
  
For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

## **FINANCE - PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS - CONSENT**

13. For possible action to approve award of Bid No. 25.69111.06-JG, Floyd Lamb Replacement Well 175A, located at 9200 Tule Springs Road, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: STONEHOUSE DRILLING & CONSTRUCTION LLC (Not-to-Exceed \$1,267,120 - Parks and Leisure Activities Capital Projects Fund) - Ward 6 (Brune)  
  
Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18  
  
Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0  
  
For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;
14. For possible action to approve award of Contract No. 250190-JG, Blanket Services for Building Commissioning Consulting Services - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: BCC MANAGEMENT, INC. (Not-to-Exceed \$100,000 - Various Funds) - All Wards  
  
Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18  
  
Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0  
  
For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;
15. For possible action to approve award of Contract No. 250192-TF, Blanket Services for Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) - Department of Public Works - Award recommended to: HORROCKS, LLC (Not-to-Exceed \$200,000 - Various Funds) - All Wards  
  
Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18  
  
Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0  
  
For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;
16. For possible action to approve award of Contract No. 250138-PH, eCourt Case Management System Project Manager - Las Vegas Municipal Court - Award recommended to: NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS (Not-to-Exceed \$179,185 - Computer Services Internal Service Fund and Municipal Court Administrative Assessment Special Revenue Fund) - All Wards  
  
Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

17. For possible action to approve award of Contract No. 220097-PH-O, Professional Services Contract - Public Attorney - Department Six - Las Vegas Municipal Court - Award recommended to: SILVIA D. THULL, PLLC (Not-to-Exceed \$102,300 Annually/Total Contract Amount Not-to-Exceed \$237,150 - General Fund) - All Wards

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

18. For possible action to approve award of Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 240082-SK, Las Vegas Arts District Business Improvement District (BID), located in the area bounded by Wyoming Avenue on the south, Las Vegas Boulevard on the east, Gass Avenue on the north, and the Union Pacific Railroad on the west - Department of Economic and Urban Development - Award recommended to: CENTRO, INC. (Increase Amount Not-to-Exceed \$37,500 - General Capital Projects Fund) - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

Item 18 was pulled forward and heard subsequent to the Consent Agenda (Items 11-22 and 35-36).

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ explained that she wanted this item to be pulled for discussion since her office was receiving questions about the process and she wanted to be transparent with her constituents, noting that the project is community-driven.

DINA BABSKY, Director of Economic and Urban Development, stated that they hired Centro last year to serve as a consultant and explore potential options of establishing a BID (Business Improvement District) in the Arts District. She said Centro explored interests and feasibility with local stakeholders until the end of last year when their contract expired. Since it took a few months for this item to be placed on a City Council agenda, she clarified that this amendment adds additional funding of \$375,000 for the consultant to pick up where they left off in December. MS. BABSKY reported that they were currently in the process of meeting with the BID Steering Committee that was established last year to explore the operational framework for a potential BID. If there is support in the community, they will begin the surveying and petitioning process. If they achieve over 50 percent of property owner support for the BID, they will bring the petition to establish the BID before the City Council for consideration.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

### **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES - CONSENT**

19. For possible action to approve an allocation of \$1,000,000 of HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant Funds and Account for Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AAHTF) to Brinshore Development, LLC and the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority for the construction of 138 apartment units located at 1310 West McWilliams Avenue (APN 139-28-702-001) - Ward 5 (Summers-Armstrong)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

## **PUBLIC WORKS - CONSENT**

20. For possible action to approve staff to acquire and dedicate various real property rights for the Sidewalk Infill 2A Project bounded by the areas south of Bonanza Road, east of Maryland Parkway, north of Interstate 11, west of Eastern Avenue, and the area within the vicinity of the intersection of Maryland Parkway and Bruce Street, multiple APNs (\$30,000 - Road and Flood Capital Project Fund [CPF]) - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

21. For possible action to approve the Real Property Purchase and Sale Agreement between Johncyn Irrevocable Business Trust, a Nevada Business Trust, as to an undivided 89.60 percent interest, Lynn E. Behrens, an unmarried woman, as to an undivided four percent interest, and Michelle Wise, trustee of the Michele Wise Living Trust, as to an undivided 6.40 percent interest (collectively, "Seller") and the City of Las Vegas (CLV) for the acquisition of real property located at 224 West Baltimore Avenue (APN 162-04-813-013) (Not-to-Exceed \$190,000 - Municipal Parking Fund) - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

## **RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT**

22. R-20-2025 - For possible action to approve a Resolution concerning a proposed Special Improvement District within the Summerlin Area, an Improvements Reimbursement Agreement and other related matters - Ward 2 (Seaman)

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 18

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **HEARINGS - DISCUSSION**

23. Public hearing on local improvement district for Special Improvement District No. 1485 - Alta Drive (Landscape Maintenance - FY 2026) - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY declared the Public Hearing open.

ZELALEM ALEMU, Program Manager, reported that this Special Improvement District (SID) is for 37 properties along Alta Drive, between Rancho Drive and approximately 275 feet west of Lacy Lane, for the annual maintenance costs of landscape and utility services for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The total assessment amount is \$118,050 and will be paid by the property owners. No protests were filed.

MAYOR BERKLEY declared the Public Hearing closed.

24. Public hearing on local improvement district for Special Improvement District No. 1516 - Fremont Street Maintenance District FY 2026 (Las Vegas Boulevard to 8th Street) - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY declared the Public Hearing open.

ZELALEM ALEMU, Program Manager, reported that this Special Improvement District (SID) is for 32 parcels bounded by Las Vegas Boulevard to the west, Ogden Avenue to the north, Carson Avenue to the south, and 8th Street to the east. This SID covers the cost of landscape maintenance, street cleaning, public utilities, promotional events, and marketing for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. In coordination with the Fremont East Entertainment District Board, there will be no assessments this year due to sufficient reserves to cover anticipated expenses. The assessment is fully paid by the property owners. No protests were filed.

MAYOR BERKLEY declared the Public Hearing closed.

## **FINANCE - DISCUSSION**

25. Discussion for possible action regarding the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget for the City of Las Vegas and the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency - All Wards [NOTE: This item will be heard after the Community Development - Discussion section of the Agenda]

Minutes:

This item was heard after Item 35.

CITY MANAGER MIKE JANSSEN utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to cover the financial challenges for Fiscal Year 26 (FY26), including the Badlands settlement, Nevada PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) increases, and a softened consolidated tax (C-Tax). He reported that the Badlands settlement significantly impacted the General Fund reserves, but the City had been planning for the settlement for years, resulting in the largest General Fund reserve in Las Vegas' history at nearly \$300 million. The PERS increase was higher than expected, with the contributions of early retirees, regular employees, and judicial members increasing by 8.75 percent, 3.75 percent, and 1.5 percent, respectively. As a result of C-Tax softening, the City asked each department to present five to 10 percent decrement plans and to keep expanded budget requests to a minimum. He noted that public safety remains the top priority in the budget, with the highest budget allocations going to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Department of Public Safety, and the fire department (Las Vegas Fire & Rescue). MR. JANSSEN stated that some capital projects needed to be delayed, but the City could issue a C-Tax revenue bond and Parks and Recreation bond to significantly reduce the delays. He added that the overall proposed budget was limited, but most departments used vacant positions to contribute towards their five and 10 percent decrements, noting that uniformed officers and firefighters will not be impacted by the decrements. He clarified that the City did not have a hiring freeze, and they are hiring. The Voluntary Separation Program (VSP) resulted in about \$6.1 million in savings, with 21 positions frozen for the next 2.5 years. Additionally, departments identified reductions in services and supplies to contribute towards their decrements.

SUSAN HELTSLEY, CFO (Chief Financial Officer), presented the tentative budget for FY26, which she expected to exceed the budget by about 4.5 percent with the inclusion of \$30 million in bond proceeds. In the FY25 General Fund year-end estimate summary, she highlighted that the revenues would be greater than the budget by about \$14 million, with the C-Tax year-end estimate coming in at \$7 million under budget. She reported that expenditures were projected to exceed the budget by nearly \$65 million, with an estimated spending of \$18 million largely due to ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) projects not being budgeted in FY25. MS. HELTSLEY stated they saved nearly \$10 million on salaries and benefits primarily due to PJC (Position Justification Committee) vacancy management.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE FORD showcased various funding sources with and without restrictions for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects. He also went over major construction projects and public safety projects in each ward. He reported that the FY26 Parks and Recreation Bond is roughly \$25 million, and he said they will work with each Councilmember's office over the next few months to determine their priorities in utilizing the funds before the final budget is established.

MR. JANSSEN stated the RDA (Redevelopment Agency), which covers Wards 1, 3, and 5, was expected to see a significant increase in assessed value in FY27 due to the opening of the AC Marriott Hotel in Symphony Park, Summerlin Arts District project, and CEDARst project. He added that small business owners making small improvements in the RDA also contributes to the overall assessed value. The RDA has been supportive of all Las Vegas Medical District projects and is involved in training the community for the jobs found in the district. MR. JANSSEN reported that Las Vegas was currently the 23rd largest city in the United States, and with thousands of housing units in the construction phase, he felt the city would continue to grow.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN thanked staff for putting the budget together and hoped the City Council would take a leadership role in defining the importance of an academic medical center to the community. Additionally, he wished to work with the fire department to address transporting mental health patients and prioritizing emergency response. MR. JANSSEN clarified that he would meet with CHIEF FERNANDO GRAY to provide a briefing to the Council regarding the Crisis Response System.

COUNCILWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG was impressed by the conservative yet aggressive approach to the budget, stating that it puts them in a position to look after the City and its employees while looking towards the future. She was proud to be a Councilmember of the 23rd largest city in the nation and looked forward to discussions regarding the expansion or relocation of the Neon Museum and growth possibilities in Ward 5.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

## **RESOLUTIONS - DISCUSSION**

26. R-21-2025 - Discussion for possible action regarding a Resolution approving a Cooperative Grant Agreement (Agreement) between the City of Las Vegas (City) and City Parkway V, Inc. (CPV) and providing for other matters related thereto for purposes of the property located at 320 South 9th Street (APN 139-34-701-010) commonly known as the Strong Start Academy Elementary School at the Tony Hsieh Education Center and ratification of related actions by City, its officers, and employees (Not-to-Exceed \$6,352,200 - General Capital Project Fund) - Ward 3 (Diaz) [NOTE: This item is related to Council Item 27 (R-22-2025)]

Minutes:

Items 26 and 27 were heard together.

DINA BASKY, Director of Economic and Urban Development, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and reported that the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program was created by Congress in 2000 to attract private investment into historically disinvested communities. She explained the private investors can gain a tax credit if they invest their funds into such projects and over a period of seven years, they can realize the tax credit annually, noting that the money cannot be pulled out prematurely. The criteria to apply for the program is for the entity's primary mission to provide investment capital for low-income communities or persons. Additionally, they must have an advisory board with at least 20 percent of local community members serving on the board. MS. BASKY reported that in 2013, the LVCIC (Las Vegas Community Investment Corporation) received a total allocation of \$128 million from New Markets Tax Credits, which allowed them to deliver 10 community projects. She noted they received \$60 million last year, which was the largest allocation to date. The LVCIC evaluates projects to be added to the pipeline based on target areas, capital needs, and targeted outcomes. She went over the members of the LVCIC Advisory Board, stating they typically meet quarterly but are also on call to provide guidance for new projects.

Using the \$60 million allocation from 2024, MS. BASKY reported the NMTC funds would be used for the expansion of the Strong Start Academy Elementary School at the Tony Hsieh Educational Center. She explained the proposed project includes an additional building with nine classrooms to provide extra space for the students. She showcased the elevations of the project and noted the overall project cost is \$8.7 million. She said LVCIC will transfer \$9 million towards the project with U.S. Bank as the primary investor. The funding amount from LVCIC would be \$2,377,800 in cash, resulting in a \$1.4 million reimbursement for expended costs over the compliance period of seven years.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

27. R-22-2025 - Discussion for possible action regarding a Resolution approving and authorizing execution and delivery of transaction documents for allocation of New Markets Tax Credits (NMTCs) from Las Vegas Community Investment Corporation (LVCIC) to LVCIC Sub-CDE XII, LLC, for the purpose of expanding and operating the property located at 320 South 9th Street (APN 139-34-701-010) commonly known as the Strong Start Academy Elementary School at the Tony Hsieh Educational Center and ratification of related actions by the City of Las Vegas (City), its officers, and employees - Ward 3 (Diaz) [NOTE: This item is related to Council Item 26 (R-21-2025)]

Minutes:

See Item 26 for related discussion.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - DISCUSSION**

28. Discussion for possible action regarding the appointment of nominee Marilyn Booker to the Audit Oversight Committee

Motion made by Shelley Berkley to Approve the appointment

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

29. Discussion for possible action regarding the appointment of nominee Brittany Fiedler to the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ recognized MS. FIEDLER and felt she would bring value to the conversations of the Board.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

30. Discussion for possible action regarding the appointment of nominee Elizabeth Foyt to the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY recognized MS. FOYT in the audience, stating that she did a remarkable job on the Board in the past.

Motion made by Shelley Berkley to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

31. Discussion for possible action regarding the reappointment of Kate Turner Whiteley to the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the reappointment

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

32. Discussion for possible action regarding the appointment of nominee Linda Young to the Senior Citizens' Advisory Board as the Mayor's appointee

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY noted that she had known MS. YOUNG for years and felt she would do a remarkable job on the Board.

Motion made by Shelley Berkley to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

### **RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE REPORT - DISCUSSION**

#### **BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT THIS MEETING**

33. 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 noted this was moved out of Recommending with no recommendation and deferred to the bill sponsors.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ felt this ordinance was instrumental for youth to inform the City Council of their perspectives. She believed the Youth Leadership Advisory Council would provide opportunities for youth in the city of Las Vegas and internships may blossom from participating in the Council.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN felt it was hypocritical that the City Council did not have time and resources to form an Animal Advisory Council, but they would vote on forming a Youth Leadership Advisory Board one month later.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN thanked the bill sponsors for their effort and reported his office will have a youth intern over the summer to assist in the selection process.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ clarified that this ordinance was conceived in 2024 and took a lot of vetting to ensure no additional funding or resources were needed. She believed this Advisory Council would expose the youth to leadership opportunities they can put on their résumé, noting that many of her constituents do not have a lot of connections or family members in the executive world. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN felt that they use City resources for certain committees and not for others.

MAYOR BERKLEY felt the Youth Leadership Advisory Council and Animal Advisory Board were two separate issues and explained the Council felt there was a more inclusive and substantive way of solving animal-related issues in Southern Nevada.

See Item 8 for related discussion.

Second reading and bill adopted as introduced as Ordinance No. 6899.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong; Against-Victoria Seaman;

## **NEW BILLS**

**There is no public comment on these items and no action will be taken by the Council at this meeting, except those items which may be stricken or tabled. Public testimony takes place at the Recommending Committee Meeting held for that purpose.**

34. Bill No. 2025-2 - Amends the Title 19 Land Use Tables regarding various uses to correct drafting errors regarding those uses that were made in Ordinance No. 6876, adopted last year. Proposed by: Seth T. Floyd, Director of Community Development

Minutes:  
Recommendation noted.

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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The items listed below, where appropriate, have been reviewed by the various City departments relative to the requirements for storm drainage and flood control, connection to sanitary sewer, traffic circulation, and Building and Fire regulations. Their comments and/or requirements have been incorporated into the action.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - CONSENT**

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and have been recommended "for approval". All items on the consent agenda may be approved in a single motion. However, if a Council Member so requests, any consent item may be moved to the Discussion portion of the agenda and other action, including postponement or denial of the item, may take place.

35. 25-0033 - ABEYANCE ITEM - APPLICANT/OWNER: BUENOS AIRES AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING, INC. - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 0.61 acres at 5200 Vegas Drive (APN 138-24-801-027), C-1 (Limited Commercial) Zone, Ward 5 (Summers-Armstrong). Staff recommends APPROVAL on the entire Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:

RENEE ROWLAND appeared on behalf of the applicant and explained that the project site is an existing home that had been converted into a business. She reported the applicant did not have space to expand the business and hire additional employees, so they proposed expanding the single-story building and adding a second story to said building. She believed the parking requirements were met and they needed an extension of time to move forward with building permits.

PETER LOWENSTEIN, Deputy Community Development Director, reported these were the first extension requests of the Variance and Site Development Plan Review approvals, and conditions in the area had not significantly changed since the time of original approval. The applicant was also nearing the issuance of a building permit for the addition. Staff recommended approval of the requested Extensions of Time.

COUNCILWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG said she did a site visit on April 26th and met with the applicant and staff. She felt that code enforcement issues still needed to be addressed and offered them 90 days to remove the razor wire and get permitting for the height adjustment to the wall. She noted the side gate for additional parking was closed when they visited and said the gate needs to be open during business hours. She added that a significant number of supplies were blocking parking spaces, and the garbage structure needed to be improved. The Councilwoman felt a one-year review would be sufficient to get their permitting in place. She was excited about the expansion of businesses in her ward and wanted the business to be presented to the community as an example to others.

MR. LOWENSTEIN read the conditions of approval into the record.

See Items 35a and 35b for related backup.

- 35a. 25-0033-EOT1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME - VARIANCE (22-0581-VAR1) - TO ALLOW EXISTING 10-FOOT TALL PERIMETER WALLS WHERE EIGHT FEET IS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED

Minutes:

See Items 35-35b for related backup.

Motion made by Shondra Summers-Armstrong to Approve Items 35a and 35b subject to condition(s), with amended conditions for Item 35b, and amending Condition 1 as read for the record:

1. This approval shall expire on January 18, 2026 unless another Extension of Time is approved by the City of Las Vegas.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

- 35b. 25-0033-EOT2 - ABEYANCE ITEM - FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW (22-0581-SDR1) - FOR AN APPROVED TWO-STORY, 3,073 SQUARE-FOOT ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SINGLE-STORY, 1,548 SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING MAINTENANCE SERVICE AND SALES DEVELOPMENT AND FOR EXISTING WALLS AND FENCES TO INCLUDE RAZOR WIRE

Minutes:

See Items 35-35b for related backup.

Motion made by Shondra Summers-Armstrong to Approve Items 35a and 35b subject to condition(s) and adding a condition and amending Condition 1 as read for the record:

1. This approval shall expire on January 18, 2026 unless another Extension of Time is approved by the City of Las Vegas.

A. Prior to the exercising of the Site Development Plan Review as expressed in Title 19.16.100(J), the Developer is required to record a Declaration of Private Maintenance Requirements ("DPMR") as a covenant on all associated properties, and on behalf of all current and future property owners. The DPMR is to include a listing of all privately owned and/or maintained infrastructure improvements, along with assignment of maintenance responsibility for each of the subject site's landscaped areas, including but not limited to perimeter landscape buffers, parking lot landscaping, and foundation landscaping, and is to provide a brief description of the required level of maintenance for privately maintained components, including but not limited to building elevations, parking lot striping, trash enclosures and driveway pans. The DPMR must be reviewed and approved by the City of Las Vegas Department of Community Development prior to the exercising of the Site Development Plan Review as expressed in Title 19.16.100(J), and must include a statement that all properties within the subject site are subject to assessment for all associated costs should private maintenance obligations not be met, and the City of Las Vegas be required to provide for said maintenance. Following recordation, the Developer is to submit a copy of the recorded DPMR document to the City of Las Vegas Department of Community Development.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

36. 25-0053-EOT1 - FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW (22-0622-SDR1) - APPLICANT/OWNER: PROVIEW SERIES 34, LLC - For possible action on a Land Use Entitlement project request FOR AN APPROVED TWO-STORY, 10,970 SQUARE-FOOT RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING A 4,168 SQUARE-FOOT ROOFTOP OUTDOOR PATIO WITH WAIVERS OF APPENDIX F INTERIM DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS on 0.16 acres at the southeast corner of Utah Avenue and Casino Center Boulevard (APN 162-03-210-091), Ward 3 (Diaz). Staff recommends APPROVAL.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve the Consent Agenda except Item(s) 35a and 35b

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DISCUSSION**

37. 24-0603 - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: DESERT PINES MASTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC - OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 97.99 acres at the southeast corner of Mojave Road and Bonanza Road (APN 139-36-502-003), Ward 3 (Diaz). The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL on the entire Land Use Entitlement project.
- 37a. 24-0603-GPA1 - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT - FROM: PR-OS (PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE) TO: TND (TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT)
- Minutes:  
See Items 37-37e for related backup.
- Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 37a-37e to 6/4/2025
- Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0
- For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;
- 37b. 24-0603-ZON1 - REZONING - FROM: C-V (CIVIC) TO: T-D (TRADITIONAL DEVELOPMENT)
- Minutes:  
See Items 37-37e for related backup.
- Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 37a-37e to 6/4/2025
- Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0
- For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;
- 37c. 24-0603-DIR1 - DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS - REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE DESERT PINES DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND DESERT PINES MASTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC
- Minutes:  
See Items 37-37e for related backup.
- Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 37a-37e to 6/4/2025
- Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0
- For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;
- 37d. 24-0603-VAC1 - VACATION - PETITION TO VACATE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ALONG MOJAVE ROAD AND BICYCLE PATH EASEMENTS GENERALLY LOCATED ALONG MOJAVE ROAD, BONANZA ROAD AND PECOS ROAD
- Minutes:  
See Items 37-37e for related backup.
- Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 37a-37e to 6/4/2025
- Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0
- For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;
- 37e. 24-0603-TMP1 - TENTATIVE MAP - DESERT PINES - FOR A PROPOSED 17-LOT SUBDIVISION [PARENT TENTATIVE MAP]
- Minutes:  
See Items 37-37e for related backup.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Hold in Abeyance Items 37a-37e to 6/4/2025

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong;

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

38. Report by Kelvin Watson, Executive Director, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, regarding an update on current and upcoming initiatives as part of National Library Week - All Wards

Minutes:

This item was heard after Item 25.

DR. TAMMY MALICH, Director of Youth Development and Social Initiatives, introduced KELVIN WATSON to share statistics, partnerships, and a future project in Ward 5

KELVIN WATSON, Executive Director of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to give updates on their accomplishments since the second half of 2024. He stated they continue to focus on early childhood learning, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) classes, and offering health and wellness resources. They hosted over 36,000 programs attended by over 817,000 residents last year and had 1.8 million visits to the Library District's website. They offer laptops, games, and toys in addition to books, and library cardholders checked out over 11 million items. He was excited about the rapid progress of the new West Las Vegas Library, located at 1861 North Martin Luther King Boulevard, and gave a brief history of the original library, noting that the new library is over 40,000 square feet. He went over the expanded services and features that the new library has to offer. With partnerships of the NBA (National Basketball Association) Summer League, Las Vegas Golden Knights, and many more, the Summer Challenge Program saw impressive gains of providing reading activities and prizes to kids, teens, and adults. MR. WATSON reported that registrations for The 2024 Summer Challenge increased by 57 percent, completed activities increased by 31 percent, and total minutes spent reading increased by 26 percent. He highlighted a new partnership with the Las Vegas Raiders that was established last year, noting they provided thousands of co-branded shirts, library cards, and bookmarks. They partnered with Sunrise Children's Hospital to provide gift boxes including educational items and resources that introduce the library and early literacy to new mothers and caregivers. He highlighted the addition of unique QR (quick response) code posters to be added at each branch to introduce visitors to the library and their resources. Their partnership with Three Square helped serve 37,000 people at 11 branches since 2022. The Nevada DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) now offers special Library District license plates, and the proceeds will help fund essential library programming. The new Library District App launched and provides immediate access to library resources, services, and events. MR. WATSON concluded by stating the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District would celebrate their 60th anniversary next week and each branch will hold their own unique celebration. He encouraged those interested to visit [thelibrarydistrict.org/60th-anniversary](http://thelibrarydistrict.org/60th-anniversary) for a list of event dates.

MAYOR BERKLEY thanked MR. WATSON for his presentation and was proud to be in a community that values reading.

COUNCILWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG was excited about the new West Las Vegas Library and wanted to speak with MR. WATSON about expanding the baby box service they offer. She appreciated him for thinking outside the box to keep people engaged and improve their minds

COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENKE wanted to work with the Library District to create a QR code poster that synergizes with the addition of the Veteran's Memorial in Ward 4 to bring it to life. MR. WATSON said he was a veteran and supports veterans.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ thanked MR. WATSON for contributing to every community cause. She felt that EmployNV Career Hubs offered by the Library District would be instrumental in reconnecting the community to employment and training opportunities.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN thanked MR. WATSON for his service in the military and to the community. She felt it was important for libraries to keep physical books and requested that they do not move to digital books exclusively.

39. Report by Celese Rayford, Region 2 Superintendent, on the current educational operations in schools within the Clark County School District (CCSD) in the City of Las Vegas - All Wards

Minutes:

DR. TAMMY MALICH, Director of Youth Development and Social Initiatives, introduced DR. CELESE RAYFORD, Region 2 Superintendent, to share the Quarter 4 report regarding City of Las Vegas schools located in the Clark County School District.

DR. RAYFORD shared a brief update on the data presented to their Board of Trustees from October to December 2024 regarding proficiency levels, Nevada school performance framework, and advanced coursework diversity and achievement. There was a 42.4 percent proficiency rating in English language arts for Grades 3-5, with gaps for ELL (English language learners) and students with disabilities. There was a 36.8 percent proficiency rating in mathematics with significant gaps for black and hispanic students. Additionally, there was a 11.9 percent proficiency rating in science for fifth graders and a 36 percent proficiency rating for eighth graders. She stated that 38.5 of CCSD (Clark County School District) schools were rated above three stars and said they had strong participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) courses, AP (Advanced Placement) classes, and CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs. She noted that the chronic absenteeism rate was 19.1 percent and was an improvement rate among the highest in the district. She reported there were high rates of suspensions and expulsions which indicate the continued need for behavior management strategies. She highlighted on March 25, 2025, the Clark County School District participated in the Nevada Moves Celebration and events that promoted physical activity. Six Clark County schools were recognized for excelling in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education.

COUNCILWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG had concerns about achievement gaps and student discretionary expulsions. She was shocked that 232 students were expelled and 186 of them were African American or Hispanic, stating that it must be a deeper issue than teachers not being able to control their students. She asked what the Clark County School District was doing to combat these issues in a way that is helpful to the students and teachers. DR. RAYFORD said schools are being proactive by having Educational Service Division members meet with schools to establish plans to support students. She stated consequences need to be in place for incidents, but there needs to be restorative practices to rebuild trust. She added that schools are educating parents to reinforce skills and behaviors at home, and they are working to develop plans with leadership and staff at schools. The Councilwoman asked if she had quantitative data of the training solutions that she can share with the community, to which DR. RAYFORD said they would share the data with DR. MALICH.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ recommended having the Clark County School District Superintendent JHONE EBERT attend one of the City Council briefings to support their initiatives and create pathways for successful student futures.

MAYOR BERKLEY recognized that the current school environment is drastically different than when she was in school and thanked DR. RAYFORD on behalf of the City of Las Vegas for her work with students.

#### **SET DATE**

40. Set date on any appeals filed or required public hearings from the City Planning Commission Meetings and Dangerous Building or Nuisance/Litter Abatements.

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY advised JACQUIE MILLER, Chief Deputy City Clerk, to set the date for all applicable items.

Appeal for 24-0672-SUP1 - 4/16/2025 Council Agenda

## CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

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

PATRICK BALLINGER AND RYAN MOON, Las Vegas Area Council Scouting America gave a presentation for COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE. MR. BALLINGER stated COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE'S dedication to the Las Vegas City Council extends far beyond simple support. She was instrumental in securing Floyd Lamb Park (Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs) for the Annual Scout Expo and this allocation allowed an exceptional setting for camping activities and an enriching experience. Further, the expanded space allowed the Scouts to participate in a vast array of merit badges and classes for development. He praised the Councilwoman's leadership skills and acknowledged that she helped them navigate challenges and open pathways for collaboration. MR. BALLINGER and MR. MOON presented COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE with the North Star Award, the highest honor for non-registered volunteers.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE said they are incredible partners and help maintain Floyd Lamb Park, noting that they are developing the next generation of leaders.

ERECH MELCHIZEDEK CHRIST NIMROD was aware of Armenian Genocide and did a lot of research. He said he loves his library and felt that the expulsion and suspension rate among black students in the Clark County School District was a spiritual issue. He was uncertain of the effects from cuts into the Interagency Council on Homelessness and Institute of Museum and Library Services. He said the sleeping mat area at the Courtyard shelter needed to be cleaned more often. He felt that the City Council was great and kept Las Vegas as the most outstanding city in the state. MR. NIMROD concluded that their attention to detail with their amazing teams encouraged the world to hold Las Vegas in high regard and thanked them for their love and care.

MUYANG BONI FOMINYEN reported having issues at the Courtyard and did not know where to go, stating that she would sue the City of Las Vegas and Allied Security (Allied Universal). She reported an Allied Security officer followed her into the bathroom at the Courtyard and wanted to move forward with the lawsuit. She did not think low-barrier shelters were helpful, noting that surrounding healthy people with less healthy people creates more sickness.

## COUNCIL EMERGING ISSUES

**Comments made by Council members during this portion of the agenda must refer solely to proposals for future agenda item topics to be brought before the Council for consideration and action at a later date. Any discussion must be limited to whether or not such proposed items shall be placed on a future agenda and no discussion regarding the substance of any such proposed topic shall occur. No action shall be taken.**

42. Discussion regarding potential items for future City Council agendas - All Wards

Minutes:

None.

## COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION

43. Council Member Recognition: Comments made by individual City Council Members during this portion of the agenda will not be acted upon by the City Council unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action.


Minutes:

COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN, BRUNE, ALLEN-PALENSKE, DIAZ, and SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG announced various events for January and February. Some of the Councilmembers submitted flyers or photos, which are attached as backup, regarding their events and points of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Nick Crawford, Deputy City Clerk

  
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Jacquie Miller, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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