



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, CITY CLERK DR. LUANN D. HOLMES 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:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the April 14, 2025 Recommending Committee Meeting

Motion made by Francis Allen-Palenske 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. 2025-3 - For possible action - Ordinance concerning the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, Special Improvement District No. 1485 - Alta Drive (Landscape Maintenance FY2026); providing for the payment of the costs and expenses of maintaining street beautification improvements; assessing the cost of maintenance against the assessable lots, tracts, and parcels of land benefitted by said maintenance. Proposed by: Joey Paskey, Director of Public Works

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open.

ZELALEM ALEMU, Engineering Project Manager, stated that SID (Special Improvement District) 1485 involves landscape maintenance for 37 properties along Alta Drive, between Rancho Drive and about 275 feet west of Lacy Lane. In addition to landscape maintenance, the SID covers utility services and plant nutrition. The total

assessment for the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, was \$118,050, which would be paid in full by the property owners. He indicated the bill was in order and staff recommended approval.

See Item 6 for related discussion.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing closed and announced after the vote on Item 6 that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the May 21, 2025, City Council meeting.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen 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. Bill No. 2025-4 - For possible action - Ordinance concerning the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, Special Improvement District No. 1516 - Fremont Street Maintenance District FY2026 (Las Vegas Boulevard to 8th Street); providing for the payment of the costs and expenses of a Neighborhood Improvement Project, assessing the cost of the project against the assessable lots, tracts, and parcels of land benefitted by said improvements. Proposed by: Joey Paskey, Director of Public Works

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open.

ZELALEM ALEMU, Engineering Project Manager, reported that SID (Special Improvement District) 1516 is for the Fremont Street Maintenance District, consisting of 32 parcels along Fremont Street, between Las Vegas Boulevard to the west, 8th Street to the east, Ogden Avenue to the north and Carson Avenue to the south. The SID covers the annual cost of landscape maintenance, street cleaning, public utilities, promotional events and marketing. Upon coordination with the Fremont East District Board, there would be no assessment for the period between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, due to sufficient fund reserves to cover anticipated expenses. This SID is paid for by the property owners and staff recommended approval, given that it is in order.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing closed and announced after the vote that this bill and Bill No. 2025-3 would be eligible for adoption at the May 21, 2025, City Council meeting.

Motion made by Victoria Seaman 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;

7. Bill No. 2025-5 - For possible action - Amends LVMC Chapter 6.08 to make various changes regarding ambulance franchises, including provisions to update maximum service rates; change the method and calculation of annual increases in service rates and franchisee penalty items; update provisions regarding the revocation and adjustment of franchises for noncompliance; and provide for the extension of ambulance vehicle service life under certain circumstances. Proposed by: Fernando Gray, Chief of Fire and Rescue

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open.

GINA BISHOP, Franchise Officer, appearing on behalf of CHIEF FERNANDO GRAY, Fire and Rescue Director, assured the Committee that the Business Impact Statement (Statement) for this matter was conducted in accordance with NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) 237, to which two benign comments and questions were received in response. The signed Statement was approved at the April 16, 2025, City Council meeting. The bill increases the baseline allowed to about 6.5 percent from last year's increase and creates a different method for calculating increases in the future to ambulance rates and liquidated damages by establishing an annual percentage increase that follows the CPI (Consumer Price Index) for medical services. Should the CPI fall below 3 percent or go to a ceiling of 5 percent, the rates would always be between 3 percent and 5 percent increases. Additionally, this bill includes general housekeeping to remove outdated language and clarification of certain responsibilities.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN asked for clarification on the change to allow ambulances up to 500,000 miles from 300,000 miles. MS. BISHOP explained that the life of an ambulance service vehicle could be extended to 500,000 miles if a new engine and transmission were to be installed before reaching 300,000 miles. Based on the most recent reports submitted to the City of Las Vegas, approximately 12 units were approaching 300,000 miles.

To COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE, MS. BISHOP indicated that the life extension of units applies to all ambulance service franchisees.

KIRK SCHMITT, American Medical Response (AMR) Regional Director for Southern Nevada, said that AMR had no issue with replacing units at 300,000 miles because of the size of AMR's parent company, GMR (Global Medical Response). The 300,000-mileage issue affected other franchise holders due to their difficulty in finding replacement ambulance units. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN verified that MR. SCHMITT was not opposed to the mileage change.

MS. BISHOP said that staff recommended approval of this bill.

To COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN, MR. SCHMITT explained that AMR expressed concerns regarding an increase in penalties year over year. Nevertheless, they signed an agreement accepting those penalties. The Councilman appreciated everyone working together.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing closed and announced that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the May 7, 2025, City Council meeting.

Motion made by Victoria Seaman 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;

8. 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.

9. Adjournment

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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