

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
City Attorney Jeff Dorocak
City Clerk LuAnn D. Holmes

Special City Council Minutes

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April 21, 2025
12:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

PRESENT: MAYOR BERKLEY and COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN (via teleconference), SEAMAN (via teleconference), DIAZ (via teleconference and excused until 12:40 p.m.), ALLEN-PALENSKE, BRUNE (excused until 12:33 p.m.) and SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG

ALSO PRESENT: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER SABRA NEWBY, CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK and CITY CLERK DR. LUANN D. HOLMES

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 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:

None.

4. Discussion regarding waiver of service of notice by individual Councilmembers

Minutes:

CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK explained that pursuant to City Charter (Charter), Section 2.050, special meetings may be called by the Mayor or two Councilmembers by providing a minimum of six hours' written notice of the special meeting to the Mayor and to each Councilmember before the meeting by way of serving the notice personally or leaving it at the Councilmembers' usual place of abode. As such, the City Clerk's Office ensured compliance was met with Section 2.050, and MR. DOROCAK complied with serving the seven members of the Council with written notice personally. Therefore, the waiver of service was not necessary to hold the special meeting because the City Clerk's Office promptly issued the notice for this meeting.

5. R-28-2025 - Discussion for possible action regarding a Resolution in support of extending a property tax rate in the City of Las Vegas and unincorporated Clark County for the continued employment of police officers with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department - All Wards

Minutes:

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER SABRA NEWBY explained that this resolution was necessary to continue funding the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) by way of an existing levy of 28 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The voters approved 8 cents in 1988 and approved 20 cents in 1996. The levy generates approximately \$155 million annually and supports nearly one-quarter of the total sworn police officers, meaning half of the current patrol officers. Should the tax be allowed to expire in June 2027, LVMPD would likely have to release over 800 community-facing positions and return detectives to the field as patrol officers, thus hindering crime-solving efforts. Additionally, because of the way property taxes work in Southern Nevada, property taxes would not go down. R-28-2025 expresses support for LVMPD, its officers and the extension of the tax levied to support them. The Clark County Commission considered the same resolution on April 19, 2025, and unanimously approved it.

For MAYOR BERKLEY, MS. NEWBY explained that not extending the tax rate would mean the loss of the \$155 million that supports the officers. Without the extension, one option would be to come up with that amount, of which the City of Las Vegas' portion would be \$52.5 million. The Mayor verified that the property taxes would not be reduced even if the tax rate expired, as the majority of property taxes were under abatement. Therefore, the current amount would be consumed by regular property taxes.

After COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN vocalized her vote in the affirmative, MAYOR BERKLEY sequentially confirmed with COUNCILMEMBERS DIAZ and KNUDSEN that they, too, were voting affirmatively.

Motion made by Francis Allen-Palenske 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;

6. 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:

None.

7. Adjournment


Minutes:

The meeting was recessed from 12:37 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. and was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk



Dr. LuAnn D. Holmes, MMC, City Clerk

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