



Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, DIAZ and ALLEN-PALENSKE

ALSO PRESENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SETH FLOYD; DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY II GILLIAN BLOCK-SEGERBLOM; ASSISTANT DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACQUIE MILLER; and DEPUTY CITY CLERK NICK CRAWFORD

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 February 2, 2026 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-Olivia Diaz, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

5. Bill No. 2026-4 - For possible action - Amends LVMC 2.26.040 pertaining to the compensation for alternate municipal judges. Proposed by: Hans Jessup, Court Administrator

Minutes:

HANS JESSUP, Court Administrator, explained that the proposed amendment would adjust the compensation for alternate municipal judges, commonly referred to as pro tem (pro tempore) judges, from \$100 to \$150 per session. He stated that the amendment serves as a catch-up measure to codify the rate that has been in practice since approval in the FY (fiscal year) 24 budget. He added that the adjustment would align the City of Las Vegas with the Cities of Henderson and North Las Vegas.

In response to COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN, MR. JESSUP explained that alternate judges are primarily utilized to cover judicial absences due to conferences, illness, vacation, or other business-related matters. He noted that pro tem judges or senior judges approved by the Nevada Supreme Court are brought in to ensure that court operations continue without interruption. He stated that a specific budget item exists to cover these costs and referenced the recent retirement of two judges, during which pro tem judges were used to maintain court services until vacancies were filled.

COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE inquired about the meaning of a session. MR. JESSUP explained that unlike other jurisdictions that compensate by the hour, the City's ordinance defines compensation per session, which typically represents a four-hour block of time, such as a morning or afternoon calendar, or 24-hour coverage of warrant phone duty. He confirmed that two sessions in one day would total \$300.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ asked when the compensation rate had last been amended. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY GILLIAN BLOCK-SEGERBLOM stated that the rate was last established by ordinance in 2000. The Councilwoman expressed concern that \$150 per session may not be enough compensation and questioned whether the City would remain competitive in attracting qualified judges. MR. JESSUP stated the compensation remained competitive within the region and shared that the City maintains a list of approximately seven pro tem judges approved by the Mayor in addition to senior judges appointed by the Nevada Supreme Court.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Olivia Diaz, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

6. Bill No. 2026-5 - For possible action - Adopts a Third Amended and Restated Redevelopment Plan for the redevelopment area commonly known as Redevelopment Area 1, to expand the Redevelopment Area associated with that plan. Sponsored by: Councilman Brian Knudsen and Councilwoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong

Minutes:

ALEX STRAWSER, Senior Economic Development Specialist, Department of Economic and Urban Development, reported previous amendments to this bill added parcels to the plan area in 1988, 1996, 2006, and 2015. He stated that the proposed amendment would add the Grant Sawyer office complex, approximately 22.7 acres located at Washington Avenue and Las Vegas Boulevard. He noted that the property had previously been owned by the State of Nevada and had not been included in prior redevelopment amendments. With the State seeking to sell the property, the site aligned with the vision of the Redevelopment Plan and its proximity to the Cashman District within the Downtown Las Vegas Master Plan. Additionally, MR. STRAWSER shared that the former Grace Presbyterian Church property would also be included in this amendment. The site is approximately 4.95 acres located at Charleston Boulevard and Interstate 15 and had previously been owned by the church with no plans for redevelopment. With the State seeking to sell the site, it presented an opportunity for redevelopment consistent with the vision of the Las Vegas Medical District.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Olivia Diaz, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

7. Bill No. 2026-6 - For possible action - An ordinance authorizing the issuance of the "City of Las Vegas, Nevada, General Obligation (Limited Tax) City Hall Refunding Bonds (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues), Series 2026C" for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds and providing the form, terms and conditions of the bonds, and the security therefor, and other details in connection therewith. Proposed by: Susan Heltsley, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

SUSAN HELTSLEY, Chief Financial Officer, explained that the proposed bond issuance would refund existing City Hall bonds originally issued in 2015. She stated that the refinancing would generate approximately \$9.7 million in savings over the remaining life of the bonds. She clarified that the term of the bonds would not be extended and that the purpose was to secure a more favorable interest rate.

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

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Olivia Diaz, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

8. Bill No. 2026-7 - For possible action - An ordinance providing for the issuance by the City of Las Vegas of its General Obligation (Limited Tax) Medium-Term Various Purpose Bonds, Series 2026D, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$24,000,000 for the purpose of financing the cost of recreational projects and providing details concerning the bonds, the project and general tax proceeds. Proposed by: Susan Heltsley, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

SUSAN HELTSLEY, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the \$24 million bond issuance would replace a prior issuance that had expired. She explained that the bonds were supported by room tax revenues received through the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and were used exclusively for parks and recreational facilities. She noted that the bonds were structured as a 10-year term and were supported conservatively based on projected revenues.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ inquired about recent room tax trends and whether declining tourism had impacted revenues. MS. HELTSLEY stated that while room tax revenues have softened slightly, they were not experiencing catastrophic declines. She added that the City takes a conservative approach in financial projections and does not issue bonds beyond what revenue streams can reasonably support. She indicated that the Financial Advisory Committee recently reviewed the data and found that downtown rates had remained relatively steady.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN confirmed with MS. HELTSLEY that the proceeds would fund parks and recreational facilities and projects throughout all wards of the City.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY GILLIAN BLOCK-SEGERBLOM submitted a letter of approval from the State of Nevada Department of Taxation into the record.

Motion made by Olivia Diaz to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Olivia Diaz, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

9. Bill No. 2026-8 - For possible action - An ordinance providing for the issuance by the City of Las Vegas of its General Obligation (Limited Tax) Medium-Term Building Bonds, Series 2026E (Taxable), in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of financing the cost of building projects and providing details concerning the bonds, the project and general tax proceeds. Proposed by: Susan Heltsley, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

SUSAN HELTSLEY, Chief Financial Officer, explained that the \$10 million bond issuance would reimburse the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) for funds previously advanced toward construction of the Arts District parking garage. She stated that the RDA provided \$10 million in cash during construction and that issuing bonds through the City allowed for more favorable financing terms. Pursuant to an agreement with the RDA, she noted that the proceeds would replenish RDA funds for future land acquisitions and redevelopment purposes.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ confirmed that the bond related to the Arts District parking garage that was under ongoing construction.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY GILLIAN BLOCK-SEGERBLOM submitted a letter of approval from the State of Nevada Department of Taxation into the record.

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For-Olivia Diaz, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

10. 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.

11. Adjournment

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nick Crawford, 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:

The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov
The Nevada Public Notice website – notice.nv.gov
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