

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



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Special City Council Minutes

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June 18, 2026
3:00 PM

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

MAYOR BERKLEY called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

PRESENT: MAYOR BERKLEY and COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, DIAZ, ALLEN-PALENSKE, SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG, and KELLEY

EXCUSED: COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE

ALSO PRESENT: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER SABRA NEWBY, CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, and ASSISTANT 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; and the Nevada Public Notice website - notice.nv.gov.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

SOPHIA SCHAFER, Clark County Youth Mayor, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the request of MAYOR BERKLEY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. 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.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

CITY CLERK - DISCUSSION

5. Discussion for possible action regarding the certification of canvassed election returns for the June 9, 2026 Municipal Primary Election

Minutes:

CITY CLERK DR. LUANN D. HOLMES reported on the results of the 2026 Primary Election. There was an active voter registration of 419,556 voters in the city. Of the 76,856 ballots cast, 43,889 were cast by mail, 18,351 were cast during the early voting period, and 14,497 were cast at a Vote Center on election day. DR. HOLMES advised there were 15 discrepancies in ballots cast, citing three voters fleeing the voting machine before casting their ballot, 10 voters voting in the wrong precinct, and two reactivation errors. There were 128 provisional ballots cast, of which 119 were verified and counted, but nine were not accepted. There were no tabulation errors. She confirmed that audits were performed in accordance with NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) 293B, and as a member of the Accuracy Certification Board, she attested that they certified the functionality of the tabulation system, including the mail readers, ballot-marking devices, and mail-ballot processing machine. All systems were found to be 100 percent accurate in tabulating votes and processing mail ballots, and tests were performed before the start of early voting, the day before the election, and on the day following the election. DR. HOLMES recommended that the City Council accept and certify the results of the 2026 Primary Election.

COUNCILWOMAN KELLEY was impressed by the integrity of the election, and she wondered about the auditing process. DR. HOLMES advised that the Accuracy Certification Board involved the Clark County Election Department and City Clerks within Clark County, and she clarified that the three tests attempted to replicate the same results using dummy data while ensuring the hash calcs, which she defined as software's electronic signature, had not been changed. Additionally, she confirmed the tests would have found if any of the equipment had been altered or the data was misaligned. The Councilwoman felt that DR. HOLMES and her team were an important function of government, citing their work to ensure confidence in a free and fair election.

COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ understood that systems were updated for this electoral cycle, stating that the new process involving voters printing and delivering their ballot to the counting machine, and she wondered if that improved the tabulation process. DR. HOLMES believed the new procedure allowed voters to be more involved, stifling their fears, and had sped up the process, though she noted they could not confirm efficiency until there was more data with the November election. She felt there was a benefit to having voters more involved in the process, and she confirmed that all Nevada counties were able to post detailed election results faster. The Councilwoman looked forward to seeing more telling information during the November elections.

In response to COUNCILWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG, DR. HOLMES repeated voter turnout and participation statistics.

MAYOR BERKLEY thanked and congratulated DR. HOLMES for her work, and she expressed concern regarding the lack of voter participation, noting the different ways voters could cast ballots. She wondered what the City of Las Vegas could do to increase voter turnout. DR. HOLMES cited their civic engagement and voter education program, voter registration drives, and great community partners, including the Las Vegas Raiders and UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas). Additionally, she confirmed her staff had visited schools to teach students about the legislative process, but she believed more could be done.

Motion made by Brian Knudsen to Certify the report of the canvass election

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

For-Kara Kelley, Olivia Diaz, Shelley Berkley, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Shondra Summers-Armstrong; Excused-Nancy Brune;

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

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:

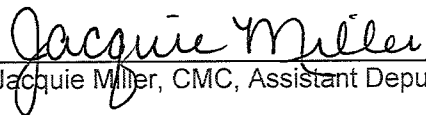
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brian Carroll, Senior Deputy City Clerk



Jacquie Miller, CMC, Assistant Deputy City Clerk

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