

To: Edwina M. Cole  
City Clerk, Las Vegas, Nevada

February 4, 1970

CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING:

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, is hereby called to be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on the 9th day of February, 1970, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., to consider the following matters:

| <u>ITEM</u>                                                                                                                                   | <u>Commission Action</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Department Action</u> |
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| 1. <u>LIQUOR ORDINANCE CHANGES</u><br>Committee: Commissioners<br>Corey and Coblentz                                                          | Approved:<br><br>1. 400 ft.<br>requirement<br><br>2. Population<br>formula to be<br>1,300 relating to<br>Tavern & Package<br>Licenses. Issu-<br>ance of future<br>licenses at<br>discretion of<br>Commission<br><br>3. City to adopt<br>policy similar to<br>County's re<br>Licenses to<br>ex-felons<br><br>4. Classification<br>of "Beer License" -<br>12-stool provision<br>deleted<br><br>5. Clarification of<br>Title 5, Chap. 18,<br>Sec. 14, Subsec. (B)<br>in re penalties on<br>Liquor Licenses | C/A to proceed           |
| 2. <u>REQUEST APPROVAL TO SUBMIT<br/>APPLICATION FOR OPEN SPACE<br/>FUNDS - L.D.S. RECREATION CENTER</u>                                      | Approved                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Planning to<br>proceed   |
| 3. <u>COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF<br/>GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON THE<br/>STATUS OF WOMEN</u>                                                 | Re-affirmed<br>Resolution of<br>1958                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Clerk to notify          |
| <u>ADDITIONAL ITEMS:</u>                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
| A. <u>REQUEST APPROVAL TO SUBMIT<br/>APPLICATION FOR OPEN SPACE FUNDS -<br/>ELKS PROPERTY</u><br>Committee: Commissioners Howery<br>and Corey | Approved                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Planning to proceed      |

| ITEM (continued)                                                                                 | Commission Action | Department Action                                                  |
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| B. <u>Re CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS -<br/>FULL TIME INVESTIGATOR OUT OF<br/>CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE</u> | Approved          | C/M and C/A to<br>proceed                                          |
| C. <u>POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY CITY IN<br/>FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CRIME<br/>PREVENTION</u>           | Approved          | Director of<br>Planning instructed<br>to investigate and<br>report |

/s/ ORAN K. GRAGSON, MAYOR

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING:

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| To: Oran K. Gragson      | Mayor        | James J. Corey     | Commissioner       |
| Alexander Coblentz, M.D. | Commissioner | A. R. Trelease     | City Manager       |
| Hank Thornley            | Commissioner | William E. Adams   | Asst. City Manager |
| Wesley G. Howery         | Commissioner | Earl P. Gripentrog | City Attorney      |

You, and each of you, will please take notice that pursuant to the above Call of the Special Meeting this day issued, a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, will be held as stated above.

/s/ EDWINA M. COLE,  
CITY CLERK

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE:

We, the undersigned Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, Assistant City Manager and City Attorney of the City of Las Vegas do hereby admit due service of the foregoing Notice of Special Meeting:

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| /s/ Oran K. Gragson          | /s/ James J. Corey   |
| /s/ Earl P. Gripentrog       | /s/ A. R. Trelease   |
| /s/ Alexander Coblentz, M.D. | /s/ William E. Adams |
| /s/ Wes Howery               | /s/ Hank Thornley    |

MINUTES

Las Vegas, Nevada  
February 9, 1970

A Special Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, held this 9th day of February, 1970, was called to order by His Honor, Oran K. Gragson, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., with the following members present:

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| Mayor        | Oran K. Gragson           |
| Commissioner | Alexander Coblentz, M. D. |
| Commissioner | Hank Thornley             |
| Commissioner | Wesley G. Howery          |
| Commissioner | James J. Corey            |

STAFF PRESENT

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| A. R. Trelease                | City Manager             |
| Earl P. Gripentrog            | City Attorney            |
| Kenneth A. Bouton             | Administrative Assistant |
| Director of License & Revenue | Jean Dutton              |
| Director of Planning          | Donald J. Saylor         |
| City Clerk                    | Edwina M. Cole           |

LIQUOR  
ORDINANCE  
CHANGES  
Approved

Committee: Commissioners Corey and Coblentz

Mayor Gragson: Commissioner Corey, are you familiar with the action by the Commission at the last meeting?

Commissioner Corey: Yes I am.

Mayor Gragson: As a member of this Committee, do you have any recommendations or comments at this time? Or Commissioner Coblentz?

Commissioner Coblentz: The only suggestion I have is that we again consider the original motion - see if we can get a second to my motion to accept the changes and recommendations as made on February 4, 1970, i.e.:

1. There was a suggestion that the 400 ft. distance between Licenses be changed. It is the Committee's recommendation that the present footage limitation remain as is.
2. It has been suggested that the population ratio on Package and Tavern Licenses be raised. It is the Committee's recommendation that the population ratio remain as is, i.e.:

One (1) Tavern License for each 2,750 population

One (1) Package License for each 1,800 population

3. The Committee also recommends that the provision in the City Code which does not allow an ex-felon to hold a Liquor License of any type, be changed to the same method as set forth in the Clark County Licensing Code in their Liquor Section; leaving this up to the Mayor and Board of City Commissioners after taking into consideration the investigation report and the public health, welfare and morale of the people of the City of Las Vegas.

4. The Committee recommends that the Ordinance be amended so that anyone holding a Package Liquor License - with the exception of grocery stores, supermarkets and drug stores - may, if desired, apply for a Tavern License and, upon payment of the additional

fee, be allowed to operate as both a Package and Tavern License. Also, that a Tavern License may, if desired, engage in the Package business, upon application, approval by the City Commission and payment of the additional fee, selling Package goods along with mixed drinks. For anyone engaged in the business of a Tavern License and a Package License, the License fee would be increased to \$3,400.00 a year. This is an addition to the two existing fees.

5. The Committee recommends that the classification of "Beer License", allowing a lunch counter that can seat twelve (12) or more persons at tables or stools, be deleted. At this time the proper dividing point, or descriptive regulation, has not been defined.
6. Clarification of the City Code under Title V, Chapter 18, Section 14, Subsection (B) in regard to penalties on Liquor Licenses. The City's policy for penalties on Liquor Licenses, when they have gone past due, has always been that, if not paid on or before the due date, a 10% penalty will be charged and, if not paid on or before fifteen (15) days after the due date, an additional 25% will be charged. The present Code reads that a penalty of 10% will be applied in the event such License is not paid within fifteen (15) days of due date. If it is delinquent for more than fifteen (15) days, a penalty of 25% shall be applied and it is not accumulative.

Commissioner Coblentz moved that the foregoing changes to the City's Liquor License Ordinance, as recommended by the Committee (Items 1 thru 6) be APPROVED.

Mayor Gragson: I believe I asked you on Wednesday, Mr. Dutton, if the County permitted multiple licenses in all instances and you told me they did. Is that correct?

Mr. Dutton: Yes sir -

Commissioner Corey: In all instances?

Mr. Dutton: In practically all of their actions -

Commissioner Corey: In all of their actions - but a Tavern License does not include off-sale?

Mr. Dutton: No - not unless they apply for it -

Commissioner Corey: If they apply for it, is it available?

Mr. Dutton: If they apply for a Tavern and a Package - if it is available - Yes sir -

Commissioner Corey: I was told it wasn't.

Mayor Gragson: With a separation -

Mr. Dutton: As an example take the Town Pump. This is a one shell building partitioned down the center - one side is Package and one side is Tavern.

Mayor Gragson: Is that the type of licensing we are considering here?

Mr. Dutton: No - what we were considering could be operated from one room in one building. They would not have to be separated but most of them probably would separate to a certain degree.

Mayor Gragson: As a matter for consideration, I would like to see us make it discretionary for a person who had previously been convicted of a felony to receive a license at the discretion of this Board and to reconsider the twelve stools and hold the licensing as it is until we learn just exactly what the operation is in the County, and perhaps get together with one liquor licensing that is equal and compatible to the whole area.

Commissioner Corey: How many Tavern Licenses do we have in the City at the present time?

Mr. Dutton: Fifty -

Commissioner Corey: And how many Liquor?

Mr. Dutton: 69 Package -

Mayor Gragson: Under this proposed ordinance could there be 69 Taverns under the proposed change? Could there be 69 and the 50 we now have? 119?

Mr. Dutton: Theoretically - yes -

Mayor Gragson: Do you think that could be real dangerous here? Or would it help?

Mr. Dutton: I can't see where allowing Tavern/Package or Package/Tavern business would be dangerous - no. Basically, they are all in the business and it would make it easier to police because a Package Store that might be selling whiskey illegally would have no reason to do so. As to the Taverns - you have some grand-daddies - 15 or 16 that haven't changed hands - that have Package privileges now . . . . I think where you would probably see the biggest change in the Package Stores - paying the additional fee and being able to pour liquor by the drink. I, personally, can see no particular danger in going into it.

Mayor Gragson: Then, in essence, we would be increasing the number of licenses considerably?

Mr. Dutton: We could be - as I have said, I think the biggest change would be in the Package stores taking the privilege of serving drinks - I feel we would have a minimum number of Taverns coming in and paying the additional for the Package privilege -

Commissioner Corey: Let me understand a couple of things here - the request of the Nevada License Beverage Association - if I read it correctly - they want the population increased so that nobody else gets a license -

Commissioner Coblenz: No - they accepted the recommendation that the population ratio remain as it has been. That was

accepted at the last meeting - they asked for that, so we allowed that to remain as is. They accepted the 400 ft.; they accepted the \$3,400 for the combined License and they accepted the recommendation about the Beer Bars.

Chris Tsouras of NLBA: I don't believe our people accepted the \$3,400 fee.

Commissioner Howery: You didn't -

Mr. Tsouras: I think our people are under the impression it was \$2,400 -

Mayor Gragson: In order to control - as you have indicated in almost every meeting we've had - the number of licenses that would, on its own, exercise some control. Am I right?

Mr. Tsouras: I would think so -

Mayor Gragson: So to that extent, it has merit -

Commissioner Corey: There is so much involved here - I hate to see the entire thing be voted down because of one particular part of it. Is there a chance that we can take this step-by-step? Or do you want to vote on all of them at one time?

Commissioner Coblentz: Alright - then let's vote on the \$2,400 fee -

Commissioner Corey: I am not so sure I am in favor of a combined License. I would hate to vote the rest of it out if I am not in favor of that - I think everything should stand on its own merit - unless everybody wants it as a package.

Mayor Gragson: Then why don't we take it up item by item -

Commissioner Corey: There is a motion before us, Your Honor.

Commissioner Coblentz withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Corey: Let me bring up one suggestion here that maybe will change everybody's thinking on the rest of the thing - we have 50 Tavern Licenses existing right now. We have 69 Liquor Store Licenses existing right now. That's 119 Licenses existing. If we had our population at 1,300 for any kind of License, that would change it so that the maximum could be 125, or only 6 more than what we have now. On existing Licenses, it would allow 30 more. I propose that it be left to the discretion of this Board as to whether it is warranted in each location. I feel that the Commission, after taking into consideration the financial statement, the investigation report and the public health, welfare and morale of the people of the City of Las Vegas, should be able to decide whether a person should get a License or not. That's the way it's done in other places - in the County - etc., but the maximum, in any case, would be 6 more than there are now - rather than 30 as it is presently.

Question: I don't quite understand how you are cutting it and only getting 6 Licenses - you are combining the two and they will come under one classification?

Commissioner Corey: It's a Liquor License, whether it be a Tavern or Package - it is a Liquor License - and in no case be

more combined total than 125 under this formula. Now, if we feel in taking a look at it that if in a particular area there are six Package stores and one Tavern, we may allow another Tavern there, but no more Package stores - but, whatever, we allow in there would be part of this six. And, when that six are gone, there is no more. From what I gather, I feel that you people want some protection and to have thirty available is not much protection for you. To have only six available is a great deal more protection. It would still allow us in the case of hardship cases - and we have had some in the past - where you, Bill - your place was designed for a Tavern and not designed for anything else - and to not give you a License would have caused undue financial pressure. And there may be other cases come up this way - there is one coming up now - the Green Shack, I think - it has always been . . . .

Mr. Dutton: At the last meeting the Commission lifted the freeze so I started accepting applications this morning. As of noon today I have seven applications.

Commissioner Corey: Well, we will limit it at this meeting to six - if, in fact, any of them.

Commissioner Corey: To attempt to solve one step, I would make that into a motion, if that's alright with everybody -

Commissioner Howery: I would have to know what else went with it - this is not all there is to it -

Commissioner Corey: With the provision that the provision in our Code that does not allow us to combine them - for an ex-felon to hold a Liquor License under the same provisions as set forth in the Clark County Liquor Licensing Code . . . .

Commissioner Coblentz: These are Items 1, 2 and 3?

Commissioner Corey: No - that's just one item - that would combine Item 3 and Item 2.

Commissioner Coblentz: How about Item 1?

Commissioner Corey: It hasn't come up yet -

Commissioner Coblentz: That is No. 1 item - we should take that first.

Commissioner Howery: Commissioner Corey, what is your thinking in reducing this? To cut down on the number of Licenses?

Commissioner Corey: Basically -

Mayor Gragson: Commissioner Coblentz desires to re-make a motion - I will give him this opportunity and see if there is a second to it.

Mayor Gragson: Do you want to reinstate your motion?

Commissioner Coblentz: Yes - I reinstate my motion - pertaining to the memorandum of recommendations that each one of you have (see Page 2), excluding Item 2 recommending that the population ratio remain as is, i.e., 1 Tavern License for each 2,750 population and 1 Package License for each 1,800 population - the population ratio be allowed to remain the same and all other factors accepted in this memorandum -

Commissioner Howery: And the fee?

Commissioner Coblentz: And a fee of \$2,400.00 -

Commissioner Corey: You are leaving it just like it is?

Commissioner Coblentz: Yes sir -

Commissioner Corey: Except that you are changing the fee to \$2,400.00?

Commissioner Coblentz: Yes sir -

Mayor Gragson: Does everybody understand this? He is proposing that they be able to combine a Package and Tavern License for a \$2,400.00 fee; leave the 400 ft. as it is; the population ratio as it is now; give an ex-felon an opportunity to hold a License and make a Package or Tavern License available in any area with the exception of grocery, supermarkets and drug stores -

Question: Do I understand that this would mean - the way that motion is worded - that any Liquor store could then apply for a Tavern License, and be granted, in addition to the six that you will be issuing?

Commissioner Corey: No - in addition to thirty which will be issued.

Mayor Gragson: Or which would be available under the present formula.

Question: In addition, it would mean that any Liquor store at the present time could be granted a Tavern License and it would not fall within the thirty Licenses? Just double the number of Taverns?

Mayor Gragson: And any Package store could apply for a Tavern License -

Question: That would cut the population count down to about 200?

Commissioner Howery: It would cut it about in half -

Mayor Gragson: Do I hear a second to the motion?

(At the hour of 2:30 p.m., Chief Deputy City Attorney, George Ogilvie, replaced Earl Gripentrog as counsel for the Commission for the balance of the meeting)

Commissioner Corey: I would vote against it.

Mayor Gragson declared Commissioner Coblentz's motion dead for lack of a second.

Commissioner Corey moved that:

1. The population count be figured on Tavern and Package Licenses and that it be set at 1,300; with issuance of future Licenses to be at the discretion of the Mayor and Board of City Commissioners after taking into consideration the financial statement, investigation report and the public health, welfare and morale of the people of the City of Las Vegas.
2. That the classification of "Beer License", allowing a lunch counter that can seat twelve (12) or more persons at tables or stools, be deleted. (Descriptive regulation to be defined subsequently).
3. Clarification of the City Code under Title V, Chapter 18, Section 14, Subsection (B) relating to penalties on Liquor Licenses.
4. That the provision in the City Code which does not allow an ex-felon to hold a Liquor License of any type be changed to the same method as set forth in the Clark County Licensing Code (Liquor Section); leaving it to the discretion of the Board of City Commissioners.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Coblentz.

Commissioner Thornley: Just to make it absolutely clear - as it stands now - no dual license but they both count -

Mayor Gragson: There are six Licenses available and they can get a Package or a Tavern within this number at the discretion of the Board.

Question: There is some question out here as to Beer Bars -

Commissioner Corey: They remain as they are - the regular place that serves bottle beer, or canned beer, over a bar - it is already spelled out in the Code -

Roll call vote on Commissioner Corey's recommendation:

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| Commissioner Coblentz | Aye |
| Commissioner Thornley | Aye |
| Commissioner Howery   | No  |
| Commissioner Corey    | Aye |
| Mayor Gragson         | Aye |

Commissioner Howery moved 300 ft. be established as the distance between Licenses.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Thornley.

Roll call vote:

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| Commissioner Coblentz | No  |
| Commissioner Thornley | Aye |
| Commissioner Howery   | Aye |
| Commissioner Corey    | No  |
| Mayor Gragson         | No  |

L.D.S.  
RECREATION  
CENTER and  
ELKS PROPERTY  
Applications  
Approved

Commissioner Coblentz: This leaves it at 400 feet.

Committee: Commissioners Corey and Thornley

Director of Planning, Donald J. Saylor: We are here to seek approval to submit an application under the Open Spaces Program in connection with the LDS property (and the Elks property - I have just been advised). I am not going to indicate to you that it is real likely that we will get approval for these funds, but it will do no harm to have the application in. It is a 50% participation Program. In the case of the LDS property, you will have to subtract the value of the building, however. They will not participate in any building valuations.

Commissioner Coblentz: But they will on the land?

Mr. Saylor: On the land - yes - there is a possibility. There is a Program to that effect. However, this Program, like all other Programs, has been tied directly to low-income minority neighborhoods and unless you can show a direct benefit to a low-income minority neighborhood, you lose priority. It is still eligible - anyplace in the City is. All I am saying is that the priority has gone that way. However, we have discussed this LDS property, to a certain extent, with some of the Federal people and there may be some chance on that. We would, at this time, like permission to file the application.

Commissioner Howery moved that the recommendation of the Director of Planning to file applications for 50% funding through the Federal Open Spaces Program as they may relate to the L.D.S. Recreation Center (opposite Cashman Field) and the Elks property, be APPROVED; that the following Resolution be ADOPTED, and the Director of Planning authorized to proceed.

"WHEREAS, Title VII of the Housing Act of 1961, as amended, provides for the making of grants by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to States and local public bodies to assist them in the acquisition and development of permanent interests in land for open-space uses where such assistance is needed for carrying out a unified or officially coordinated program for the provision and development of open-space land as part of the comprehensively planned development of the urban area; and

"WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas desires to acquire and develop Fee Title to certain land known as L.D.S. Recreation Center, which land is to be held and used for permanent open-space land for Recreation and Park Use; and

"WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating that Title, provide that no person shall be discriminated against because of race, color or national origin in the use of the land acquired and/or developed; and

"WHEREAS, it is recognized that the contract for Federal Grant will impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the

Applicant and will require, among other things (1) assurances that families and individuals displaced as a result of the open-space land project are offered decent, safe and sanitary housing, (2) compliance with Federal labor standards and (3) compliance with Federal requirements relating to equal employment opportunity; and

"WHEREAS, it is estimated that the cost of acquiring said interest(s) will be \$550,000.00.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, at a Special Meeting held on February 9, 1970:

- "1. That an application be made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in an amount authorized by Title VII of the Housing Act of 1961, as amended, which amount is presently estimated to be \$275,000.00 and that the Applicant will pay the balance of the cost from other funds available to it.
- "2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and to file such application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required by said Department, to execute such contracts as are required by said Department, and to act as the authorized correspondent of the Applicant.
- "3. That the proposed acquisition and development is in accordance with plans for the allocation of land for open-space uses, and that, should said grant be made, the Applicant will acquire, develop and retain said land for the use(s) designated in said application and approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- "4. That the United States of America and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development be, and they hereby are, assured of full compliance by the Applicant with regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- "5. That there exists in the locality an adequate amount of decent, safe and sanitary housing which is available to persons displaced as a result of the open-space land project, at prices which are within their financial means, and which are not generally less desirable in regard to public utilities and public and commercial facilities than the dwellings of the displaced individuals and families, and it is the sense of this body that such displacees, if any, will be relocated in accordance with applicable regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Coblenz and carried by the following vote: Commissioners Coblenz, Thornley, Howery, Corey and Mayor Gragson voting aye; noes, none.

Commissioner Coblenz: How much are you going to ask to borrow?

Commissioner Corey: I didn't know we had bought it.

Mayor Gragson: The offer has been made and we should authorize the Director of Finance to go to bid and see what the interest on the money will be - the offer was predicated upon our ability to secure the funds at the maximum rate.

CRIME  
CONTROL  
Report

Mayor Gragson: There are funds available for Crime Control?

Mr. Trelease: According to an announcement in the paper this morning - yes -

Mr. Saylor: We don't have any specific data on that. It appears that 112 cities have been picked to share in a special Ten Million Dollar funding for crime control -

Mayor Gragson: Let's instruct the Planning Department to proceed with all possible speed and determine the availability of those funds and the method in which to handle it -

WOMEN  
DEALERS  
Resolution  
of 11/5/58  
Upheld

Mayor Gragson: We have had the following communication from the Chairman of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women:

"26 January, 1970

"Board of Commissioners, City of Las Vegas

"Referring to the controversy over the hiring of women dealers in the Las Vegas area, a resolution was passed at a recent meeting of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women to the effect that we believe flagrant discrimination exists in this respect. The resolution also states that all legal means should be employed to eliminate such discrimination, etc.

"As a result, a letter along these lines has been sent to the Commission on Equal Rights of Citizens in Nevada, and we are presently awaiting reaction and information from that quarter.

"This Commission is very interested in securing from the City of Las Vegas a statement regarding the present position of the Board of Commissioners in view of the 1958 Resolution (11/5/58) signed by Reed Whipple, Mayor Pro Tem.

"We shall look forward to hearing from you at your early convenience."

/s/ Marjorie Da Costa, Chairman

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Mayor Gragson: This has to do with a Resolution that was adopted by the City of Las Vegas in 1958 and it would be my recommendation that this Resolution has been in effect for these some eleven years, plus, and the community - and especially the gaming interests - have prospered far and above here in this area more than any other area of the State - that we take no action on it and leave it as it is for the time being.

Commissioner Howery: I believe this Board should reaffirm the Resolution that was adopted by a previous Board.

Commissioner Howery moved that the Resolution adopted on November 5, 1958 by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, relating to women dealers within the gambling houses and clubs of the City of Las Vegas, STAND AS PRESENTLY ON RECORD.

Commissioner Coblentz: I don't see why you have to vote on it -

Mayor Gragson: Is there a second to the motion? Hearing none, I will declare the motion dead for lack of a second.

Commissioner Howery moved that the Resolution adopted on November 5, 1958 relating to women dealers within the gambling houses and clubs of the City of Las Vegas, be REPEALED.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Coblentz and carried by the following vote: Commissioners Coblentz, Howery and Corey voting aye; noes, Commissioner Thornley and Mayor Gragson.

Commissioner Corey: The resolution, in part, states:

"...the employment of women as dealers in gambling houses is contrary to the best interests of the City of Las Vegas and its citizens because such activity on the part of women creates bad publicity for the area and tends to induce certain people to gamble who would not otherwise . . ."

Commissioner Corey: I don't know whether that's true or not and I certainly don't want to discriminate against the women in this town because of a statement I am not too sure of -

Commissioner Coblentz: I change my vote to "no".

(Resolution of 11/5/58 relating to women dealers in the City of Las Vegas to remain as adopted at that time, i.e.:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has the delegated power under the Charter of the City of Las Vegas to regulate or prohibit and suppress gaming houses and gambling; and

"WHEREAS, there appears to be the possibility of women being employed in gambling clubs as dealers; and

"WHEREAS, the employment of women as dealers in gambling houses is contrary to the best interests of the City of Las Vegas and its citizens because such activity on the part of women creates bad publicity for the area and tends to induce certain people to gamble who would not otherwise; and

"WHEREAS, from a consideration of all the facts as to the employment or non-employment of women, the Board feels that it is in the public interest and for the general welfare, protection of public safety, and for the protection of public morals that women be prevented from engaging in the occupation of dealers within the gambling houses and clubs of the City of Las Vegas.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of November, 1958, that it be declared as the policy of said Board that no women be employed as 'dealers', as such term is commonly understood in gambling circles, within the gambling clubs and houses of the City of Las Vegas.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this prohibition is not deemed to apply to shills, check rackers, change girls, cocktail waitresses and bingo games.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of policy of the Board be communicated to every gambling club operator within the City of Las Vegas.

"PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of November, 1958."

/s/ REED WHIPPLE, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

/s/ ROBERT F. BOOS, ACTING CITY CLERK

CITIZENS'  
COMPLAINTS

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FULL-TIME INVESTIGATOR - CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS - OUT OF  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Mayor Gragson: This will only take a moment. As you know, the Civil Service Rules indicate that when a citizen's complaint is filed with the Civil Service Board, the Board shall investigate the complaint, or cause the complaint to be investigated. There has now been another complaint filed with the Board alleging police brutality which, at this time, is not being filed with the FBI. The Civil Service Board respectfully requests the Board of City Commissioners as to how the expense for private investigations will be furnished by the City of Las Vegas.

Mayor Gragson: Are you familiar with this last one that was filed?

(Commission acknowledged its understanding of  
the complaint referred to)

Mayor Gragson: I take it that the Civil Service Board does intend to hire an outside investigator and they are asking us how we are intending to provide the funds.

City Manager, A. R. Trelease: If you agree to their hiring them, I think all you need to do is to authorize me to make the expenditure for them.

Mayor Gragson: Out of what funds?

Mr. Trelease: Out of the General Fund.

Mayor Gragson: And to what limit?

Mr. Trelease: I have no idea what it would eventually come to -

Commissioner Howery: I think, Your Honor, we have only started on this. I think we haven't seen anything yet and I believe we should authorize the City Attorney's office to hire a full-time investigator - one who does nothing but handle these complaints - this investigator would also be the investigator for the Civil Service Board.

Commissioner Corey: How would you ever get anybody to agree with him?

Commissioner Howery: You won't anyway - so if you can't get that, you might as well start at the beginning. Whatever you do is going to be wrong, but I still think we should have a full-time investigator - working out of the City Attorney's office and would be the investigator for the Civil Service Board - the City Attorney is the legal advisor to the Civil Service Board.

Mayor Gragson: I concur.

Commissioner Corey: Then if they are not happy with what comes out of that office, they can go to the FBI -

Commissioner Thornley: As a matter of fact, you will recall that Mr. Kellar made reference to that fact - that this could have been an answer - The City Attorney handling investigations for the Civil Service Board.

Commissioner Howery: I think we should provide the funds for him to hire a full-time investigator.

Commissioner Howery moved that the City Attorney be authorized to engage the services of a full-time investigator of citizens' complaints; said investigator to also be at the disposal of the Civil Service Board in matters of complaints filed with that Commission.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Coblentz and carried by the following vote: Commissioners Coblentz, Thornley, Howery, Corey and Mayor Gragson voting aye; noes, none.

Mr. Ogilvie: On this latter motion I think it would be appropriate for our office to look into what we think the time requirements are going to be and also investigate as to whom we might hire and report back as to these two matters and, at that time, set a salary for that inspector based on whether it would be full time, or three-quarter time -

Mayor Gragson: You will have one problem - if you follow the 15-day maximum time limit, I would think that with this authorization, you should immediately secure an investigator for this one and work the other out later.

Commissioner Corey: Either that, or use the City Attorney's staff now for this one. See how much time it is going to run into and we may have to provide in the budget for it.

Commissioner Coblentz: You are again going to run into the problem of the people making the complaints - they want somebody from out-of-State.

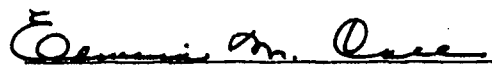
Commissioner Howery: I am fully aware that whatever he reports is not going to be accepted, but this is what we have to do - we are fulfilling the Law -

There being no further business to come before the Board, at the hour of 3:05 p.m. Mayor Gragson declared this Special Meeting ADJOURNED.

APPROVED

  
~~FRANK GRAGSON, MAYOR~~  
HANK THORNLEY, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST

  
EDWINA M. COLE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY REFERENCE at a Regular Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners held on the 18 day of March, 1970.