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Las Vegas, Nevada
March 5, 1976

A RECESSED REGULAR MEETING of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, held this 5th day of March, 1976, was called to order by His Honor Mayor William H. Briare at the hour of 2:30 P.M. with the following members present:

Mayor
Commissioner
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Commissioner

William H. Briare
Paul J. Christensen
Myron E. Leavitt
Roy A. Woofter
Ron Lurie

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager
City Attorney
Director, Department of
Community Development
Director, Department of
License & Revenue
Dep. Director, Dept. of
License & Revenue
S.I.D., Metropolitan
Police Department
City Clerk

A. R. Trelease
Carl E. Lovell, Jr.

Donald J. Saylor

Ila M. Britt

Howard Crow

Stu Brown
Edwina M. Cole

Mayor Briare: The first items before us today are the matters of Licensing, which we put over until today. I would ask the Commissioners first if, on the basis of Police Reports, on investigations of three of the applicants, where a derogatory report was given, whether they want to take action on these matters before we get to the ones who do not have a derogatory report.

City Attorney, Carl E. Lovell, Jr.: Mr. Mayor, may I interject just one moment? I think prior to the Commission's consideration of that, in view of the statements and information that was had at the meeting last Wednesday, it might be just as well to wait, if we're going to wait, on all of them for several reasons and if I may, I'll tell you why.

After we advised those applicants for the business and permits who were here last Wednesday of the new Ordinance and the requirements that intervened, our office and the Department of License and Revenue got together with reference to the applications.

We went over the applications and there are eight (8) aspects, or changes, that have to be made, which we got together on, and they should be ready for print, I understand, by Tuesday, or no later than Wednesday, and these are the nature, for Mr. Shaner's edification, and others, under the requirements, what are going to be on it.

First of all, similar to one that the applicants signed previously under the old Ordinance, is a sworn affidavit of understanding the terms and conditions, etc., and willingness of compliance with the conditions of the Ordinance. That they have not done with the newest existing Ordinance.

Secondly, under the newest existing Ordinance there is a requirement to have a physician's statement for each escort, indicating that they do not have any communicable diseases. Under the old Ordinance they did not have to meet that requirement. Consequently, the applicants themselves with Escort Permits have not yet complied with the newest of the effective Ordinances.

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The third thing, pursuant to the latest Federal Law, is a disclaimer notice which we must set out in writing and advise each applicant regarding Social Security.

A fourth one has to do with a paragraph in which each applicant for a Business or a Permit would be required to state that they do, in fact, understand the nature and provisions of the contract which is required under the terms of the new Escort Ordinance, and even the Massage Parlor Ordinance.

The fifth requirement is an explanation to the extent necessary as to the method of payment to employee escorts by an employer Escort Service.

The sixth is method of payment from the employee escort to the employer's escort business. It has come to our attention that certain escort businesses are not paying, as such, their escorts. What they are doing is allowing them to work for them and then merely taking a percentage of the "tips" which the escorts themselves get. We need to get an understanding as to what type of business operation this is going to be.

The seventh point is an advertising disclaimer concerning false advertising. The District Courts have allowed us to insure that false advertising in any type of business would not be condoned. In this particular instance, to insure that the type of advertising that has been done in the past, we can notice of to insure what the intent of the business itself, and the permittees, if necessary, understand as to false advertising, without any suggestion there is any guilt on their part but merely so they can understand it, and sign that they do.

The eighth thing is a resume of the nature of the business and the method of its operation.

The purpose for these things has to do with the fact that we have found out in the past, and have been upheld in Court on these very points, both in Escort and in Massage Parlor cases. We have been upheld in the denial of certain applicants, or the rejection of certain applicants, wherein certain information was either misrepresented, or falsified, or not put on certain applications. There have been some attempts to have defenses they didn't understand this or that, and a further clarification was suggested in this regard. Consequently, we are asking for these types of provisions in disclaimers or, at least, understanding signatures by these people.

Consequently, Licensing is now in the midst of preparing these particular additional aspects to the application itself, and we expedited it now - I know the Commission did because they wanted it on as early as possible - that's why we're meeting today - however, that certainly will be done as Mrs. Britt has just indicated to me, by no later than Wednesday, and we can certainly contact the business and the applicants themselves.

One of the major things, Mr. Shaner, is that your clients need this position statement regarding communicable diseases, etc..

Attorney Jeffrey T. Shaner: What Section of the Ordinance is that?

Mr. Lovell: I do not have the Ordinance in front of me -

Mrs. Britt: This is in Ordinance No. 1807. It's under Title V, Chapter 23, Section 8(G) - in the middle of the eighth page. It says: "In addition to the above information, the applicant shall furnish evidence that he or she has been examined by a physician for communicable disease."

Mr. Shaner: OK -

Mr. Lovell: To summarize - consequently, I think it would be proper and certainly more than fair to allow even those who may or may not

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have a derogatory report, or evaluation, to be able to get the new Ordinances to be ready at the regular meeting on the 17th - to make sure they understand all of the ramifications and maybe there is something there that can be clarified on their part.

Mayor Briare: Thank you, Mr. Lovell, and, Mr. Shaner; before the attorney should answer questions here, it is very obvious - it would appear that a policy statement of some sort, consisting of independent statements by each member of the Commission, or collectively, or whatever, might be in order so there might be some guidance for attorneys present here, and others, who might in the future be questioning the Ordinances we have in effect right now. Also the philosophy and thinking of this Board.

It would seem that we have reached the point where our revised Ordinances and new rules and regulations are being accepted by the Courts and are withstanding attacks by businesses over which we have been trying to exercise a very strict control. Substantial sums of money were committed last week by the City to Metro Police to enforce these new regulations and Ordinances.

Advertising used by Massage Parlors, Escort Services and other so-called Adult-oriented businesses - Jam Auctions and other troublesome activities, are now, and will continue to be carefully examined by professional experts to report for prosecution for misleading and false advertising.

There are reliable and dedicated commitments on the part of each City Commissioner, and the Mayor, to continue to relentlessly pursue every new avenue which may open to them whereby even stricter regulations might be levied on these sorts of businesses.

Now, in order to test the quality of our Ordinances, which we expect to have rigidly enforced, and which we are confident will be sustained in the Courts, it would seem appropriate to request the Director of Licensing, in accordance with the City Attorney's statements just a short while ago, to now issue Licenses applied for in accordance with these regulations. And, as in the past, any questionable applications should be referred to the Commission for action.

This perhaps is putting everyone on notice - and to repeat, as a City Commission representing the people of the City of Las Vegas, will relentlessly continue to pursue the regulation of these types of businesses. And the day will come when these sorts of advertisements - advertising the types of businesses that you are applying for here today - will no longer be in business. That portion of my statement is a personal feeling, which we have every right to express here in public.

Are there any comments from any of the Commissioners?

Commissioner Christensen: I would just like to point out, Mayor, in addition to what you've said, that our purpose is not to harass people who are in business. You can laugh all you want but that still, nevertheless, not our purpose. We have an obligation to protect the citizens of this community, and also the tourists that come to our City - and that's our primary aim - to protect those citizens and the tourists. I think that should also be noted for the record, in addition to what the Mayor has said.

Mayor Briare: Mr. Lovell, your recommendation then as I understand it from the comments you made, is that these matters before us now be again tabled for the purpose of those points you submitted, until Wednesday of this week . . .

Mr. Lovell: At the next regular meeting. I'm not sure they can have those applications filled out and the physician's statements before the 17th.

If you would consider, because of the newest existing Ordinance - if you considered the girl applicants now, actually they would not meet the requirements but I think, in good faith, because of that intervention thing, you should allow them to meet the requirements of it.

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Mr. Shaner: Just for a point of clarity, Mayor, with respect to your previous statement - might I suggest that any reasonable regulations by the City is not something - speaking on behalf of my clients - is particularly onerous or horrendous from our standpoint.

I think you and I both know, and I think the Commission knows, our basic problem has been one with Licensing - not with regulations. If I can look forward to a situation where my clients can come in and comply, and comply with reasonable regulations by the City and have their Licenses issued, you will hear no complaint from me or my clients.

If there arise difficulties between the City and my clients now, or in the future, with respect to the enforcement of those regulations, if my clients are wrong then they will, of course, be subjected to whatever penalty for their misconduct. If the regulations are unreasonable, there is a proper form to test those regulations and we can all meet and let the judiciary decide that.

I'm hoping that the gist of your statement is that anyone who comes in and complies with the regulations in advance, as set forth for a License, will be issued a License without the necessity of continual litigation, which is of no value to the City, obviously - the taxpayers or the individual clients. If they can't meet the regulations, then they can't have their License.

Mayor Briare: That is the thrust of the statement -

Mr. Shaner: I welcome that, Mayor, that is not a difficulty for me or my clients.

Mayor Briare: I think you also, Mr. Shaner, paid heed to the commitments that are still in existence -

Mr. Shaner: Well, let me suggest, Mayor, that misconduct on the part of anyone, my clients or anyone for that matter - with respect to any City or County Ordinance or State Statute - the resultant consequences will occur regardless of what the policy attitude is with respect to this type of business. That's not something I'm concerned about. That's a case-by-case problem for a lawyer and presumably a case-by-case problem for the City - if someone breaks the law - we prosecute them.

Mayor Briare: You know, Mr. Shaner, you are making me feel very uneasy by agreeing -

Mr. Shaner: Well, Mayor, I may as well go on record as saying that I've always asked that the City Commission grant the Licenses where there are reasonable pre-conditions of Licensing, and if someone breaks the law, you have an effective Metropolitan Police Department to enforce that law. I don't think anyone takes issue with the quality of service from the Metropolitan Police Department and I think that's the real problem and that may be the best solution to this problem - let the Police handle what amounts to a Police problem - and let the City collect its License fees and revenue that is appropriate for the issuance of these types of Licenses. You and I have no disagreement there.

Mayor Briare: Insofar as collecting fees for Licensing & Revenue purposes, that is not the idea we have here . . .

Mr. Shaner: No - I understand, Mayor - what I am saying is that the City Commission, obviously, is not favorable toward this type of business. I think that's an established point - everybody knows that. The City Commission has been made aware of the limitation of its exercise of power in the Courts. If I understand what you're saying - you're saying - we're going to give people Licenses who comply with our regulations and if they break the Law, we'll prosecute them and/or take away their License. Is that a fair statement?

Commissioner Leavitt: I think there was an addendum there - if it involved any troublesome type of License.

Mayor Briare: Yes - anything that is questionable on the part of

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our Licensing Director . . .

Mr. Shaner: Then it would be referred to your Commission for review -

Mayor Briare: Right -

Mr. Shaner: But, presumably, the regulations which I've seen in this Ordinance and presumably in the other Ordinance, I can rely on the Courts to require the Commission to pass reasonable regulations - the Commission can rely on the Courts to do that - constitutionally firm and constitutionally proper regulations. Any constitutionally proper regulation that I've seen upheld by the Courts is not something that cannot be complied with. So, presumably then, if somebody complies with these regulations they will then be able to go into the Licensing Director, apply for the License and if they meet those requirements, the License will be issued within a reasonable length of time.

Mayor Briare: What we have been doing, and what we're going to continue to do, is to have Ordinances that are so tight - and we are also going to enforce them - we are confident that the Court is going to find reasonable in view of the circumstances that are in existence - that have been laid out and are going to be established, and hope to have them established as a policy of the City -

Mr. Shaner: I'm not taking issue with you, Mayor . . .

Mayor Briare: I know you're not - I'm just trying to emphasize the strong feelings that this administration has toward these types of businesses. It's true - you want to be able to see them in writing and we're going to be set to back up in writing, not only by adequate Law Enforcement, but also some constant surveillance on advertising and everything that you need so badly in order to get your businesses across. As a matter of fact, using the word "across" - there are advertisements and I don't believe any of your clients are involved, nor anyone else in this room - but one of them is that the "girls do come across" -

Mr. Shaner: Of course, I can't speak for what other people do and I'm not going to take exception to what you're saying, because it is not really necessarily a problem. I believe, and I think probably everyone in this room if they think about it, would come to the conclusion that if we apply a little conservative economics, those businesses that comply with the law will survive, and those that don't, won't.

Mayor Briare: Mr. Lovell, it is your recommendation then that these applications, because of the points you brought out, be held until March 17th?

Mr. Lovell: In all fairness to all of them - yes.

Mr. Shaner: Let me ask a number of questions, if I may so that it will be easier . . . Mr. Lovell made a list of eight items: One is a non communicable disease certificate which, of course, is a factual matter. I notice there was a srown compliance with the Ordinance - No. 4 was a compliance requirement with respect to the contract. I was not entirely clear on that and would like some clarification, if I may.

Mr. Lovell: There is a provision to be in the application wherein it states that they are supposed to know - there are to be written contracts between the patrons and the escorts themselves. These are to be kept of record and a copy given to the patron. In addition to that there is a provision in there regarding what certain types of acts are illegal in Clark County and Las Vegas, and this is something we want in writing - a signature verifying they understand it - it's going to be in the contract - they must abide by it, etc.

Mr. Shaner: Am I to understand then that the City would prepare what amounts to a form which will set forth this particular information?

Mr. Lovell: Yes -

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Mr. Shaner: And the applicant will then sign the form indicating acknowledgment of that form -

Mr. Lovell: Right.

Mr. Shaner: And with respect to the method of payment: I wasn't clear on that either. I realize . . .

Mr. Lovell: On the method of payment, there are various methods under which Escort Bureaus are operating, for one particular reason or another. We are, I think, justifiably interested in what type of payment is going to be given to the Escort herself or himself, or what type of commission relationship between the two exists, if there is that. In fact . . .

Mr. Shaner: Is it my understanding that you will be asking for a disclosure statement as to how the Escort is paid?

Mr. Lovell: An explanatory statement -

Mr. Shaner: Alright - if an Escort is paid \$100.00 a week, he or she would then be . . .

Mr. Lovell: Salaried -

Mr. Shaner: Salaried - the question would go into the salaries as well as whether it is a salary or not?

Mr. Lovell: Yes, to the requirements that we can under the Federal Law.

Commissioner Leavitt: Mr. Mayor, I have some questions - if Mr. Shaner has further questions he can discuss them with the City Attorney later -

Mayor Briare: Whatever time is necessary, Mr. Shaner, get with Mr. Lovell sometime between now and the 17th. We have some other things we have to do today and you can get all the answers you need from the City Attorney within the next several days.

Mr. Shaner: Let me say one more thing, Mr. Mayor, and I won't ask any more questions. That, in fact, answers one of my questions . . . when will these forms be ready?

Mr. Lovell: On Wednesday - next Wednesday - March 10th -

Mr. Shaner: Alright - there was some discussion about unfavorable Police Reports. We, obviously, would like to have those reports on the clients I represent -

Mayor Briare: There, again, this is something you can bring up when you talk with Mr. Lovell on these other matters. Now, what is the pleasure of the Commission with respect to the City Attorney's recommendation?

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Commissioner Leavitt: I move that these applications be held to our regular meeting of March 17th.

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Mayor Briare: Any comments by the Commission?

(No response)

Motion carried by the following vote: Commissioners Christensen, Leavitt, Woofter, Lurie and Mayor Briare voting aye; noes, none.

RECESSED REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

FRIDAY - MARCH 5, 1976 - 2:30 P.M.
CONSOLIDATION CONFERENCE ROOM - 10TH FLOOR

ITEM

Commission Action

Department Action

ITEMS RECESSED FROM REGULAR MEETING OF 3/3/76:

IV. DEPARTMENT OF LICENSE & REVENUE

N. ESCORT LICENSE - NEW

CONNIE L. YURESKO

For:

LADIES IN WAITING
 210 E. Charleston

Items N, O and P
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 Leavitt - unanimous

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O. ESCORT BUREAU LICENSE - NEW

REFINED ESCORT SERVICE
 2401 Industrial Road, No. 3

C.A.S. Enterprises, Inc.
 Donna Faye Simmons, Pres 90%
 Carl Alden Simmons, VP/Secy/
 Treas 10%

Subject to the provisions of the Planning,
 Building and Fire Codes

P. ESCORT LICENSES - NEW

1. CHERIE GORDON

For:

LADIES IN WAITING
 210 E. Charleston

2. ANN C. HOMAN

For:

LADIES IN WAITING
 210 E. Charleston

3. PAMELA JOHNSON

For:

LADIES IN WAITING
 210 E. Charleston

4. MARGARET ANN ORLOSKY

For:

LADIES IN WAITING
 210 E. Charleston

VI. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PLAZA LANDSCAPING PLAN - PRESENTATION

Tabled

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

1. BILL No. 76-18 - RELATING TO ESCORT BUREAUS, ESCORTS AND ESCORT BUREAU RUNNERS

1st Reading
 and Referred
 (Commissioners
 Leavitt & Woofter)

Clerk to proceed with
 1st Publication
 by Title

2. BILL No. 76-19 - PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF MASSAGE PARLORS

1st Reading
 and Referred
 (Commissioners
 Christensen & Lurie)

Same as above

AT THE HOUR OF 3:30 P.M. THIS RECESSED MEETING
 RECESSED TO MARCH 10, 1976 (following meeting of Joint City/County Commission)

CITY HALL PLAZA LANDSCAPING PLAN - PRESENTATION

Mayor Briare: The next item before us is a presentation by Donald J. Saylor, Director, Department of Community Development on a Plaza Landscaping Plan.

Mr. Saylor: The Plaza Landscaping was predicated on a philosophy that the Planning Commission took - that it look like it was designed as a part of the original building, rather than something that was added as an after thought. We've had restrictions because of what we could do because of that, the other thing being a weight factor on this floor Plaza (drawing).

This is a view looking down with the half-circle pond that is there now, to give you an idea of the landscaping proposed for around there. Because of the vastness of the area, in terms of looking up at the three levels, you can see from here (drawing) that just a ground level treatment would not be very effective.

So we have come up with a Plan that will bring something in from the second and third levels also. There would be a series of planters on the inside of the ring where you can walk around there now, with the foliage of the plants cascading down over the inside wall of the second and third levels, to give you this type of effect (drawing). There would also be hanging planters within that walkway. There is water availability on those levels so that will not present any particular great problem.

This is the fountain underneath and the plantings on that Plaza level will have a treatment of planters and some benches and some hanging planters - to provide a focal point, however, where your eye comes in at the entrances and where you now see the bareness of the concrete, there would be this treatment (drawing) - this being the "bubble" where you go into City Hall - and coming in from the street over here and the street over there -

Commissioner Leavitt: Is that in addition to the hanging stuff?

Mr. Saylor: Yes in addition - the hanging stuff here (drawing) is in the background - we wanted to put the emphasis on this effect. When you come into the Plaza, this is what you would be greeted with -

Commissioner Leavitt: And you're going to have benches - how many benches?

Mr. Saylor: There will be a substantial number of benches - they are built right into the planters - this would be relatively low landscaping in here - two or three tress - but essentially a low type of landscaping -

Commissioner Christensen: Will that leak into the Police vaults when you water those plants?

Mr. Saylor: These are planters with saucers under the planters. The combination of this on the walls (drawing) and this at ground level, plus . . .

Commissioner Christensen: So we have to consider all three pictures then -

Commissioner Leavitt: Are we covering the fountain up?

Mr. Saylor: No - no - these are designed to compliment the building and the fountain and add some attraction within the Plaza. We worked also to try to keep the cost down as much as possible. The total package is estimated at \$46,000.00. I can be done in phases, but we feel if it is done that way it will lose the full effect - you won't be able to appreciate the total concept.

Commissioner Leavitt: What can we buy for \$10,000.00?

Mr. Saylor: This (indicating Plaza level on drawing) without the hanging planters -

Commissioner Lurie: What about the lip around the pool - as I suggested - like we have out in front?

Mr. Saylor: Well, that is what I had thought also, Commissioner Lurie - in fact we had quite a struggle on that one before I was convinced - the rest of the Committee, however, seemed to agree on this design, and I've finally been convinced. They pointed out two or three things - No. 1, that you would have to have almost complete stillness in order to sit around the pond because of spraying -

Commissioner Christensen: It's wet around there most of the time -

Mr. Saylor: Plus the noise factor - if you get too close, it's too noisy. You stay a few feet away and it has a nice sound to it - but not right up close. And there were some problems from a technical viewpoint, so we discarded that concept. So this is what your Committee has recommended.

Commissioner Lurie: What Committee is that?

Mr. Saylor: The Special Committee that was set up - Staff, plus the Garden Club people and it has also been reviewed by the City Hall Steering Committee and the Beautification Committee.

Mayor Briare: Commissioner Leavitt, when you asked - how much would \$10,000.00 buy - it's a lot of dough - there's no question about it - but I think the impact is going to be equal to, or even greater, than the tremendous improvement that was made to City Hall when Commissioner Christensen and Commissioner Lurie, when they were with another Board, and they insisted on putting some plantings out in front of City Hall, which we now have. I just can't conceive of all that bare, barren concrete without that lawn and trees that were planted there, and they took some flack over it - I can't imagine why -

Commissioner Lurie: We had some participation by the members of the Beautification Committee in the interest of saving money. They did the design and broke out the concrete. All the City had to do was haul the debris away and then plant the grass and shrubbery. They've come up here with a great idea that will cost a lot of money - are they going to participate in some way?

Mr. Saylor: The Garden Clubs are going to participate to a limited extent in terms of the overall cost. Again, the participation of the Beautification Committee on the other improvement was quite limited in terms of the overall cost. They are going to supply some of the planting material. The planters will all have to be purchased, of course, and it is conceivable that we can drum up some other groups that may wish to be a part of the action.

Commissioner Leavitt: In those planters I see what appear to be trees?

Mr. Saylor: Just two or three that will grow alright in a planter.

Commissioner Leavitt: What I'm concerned about - the wind blows like hell through there - has any consideration been given as to what effect the wind will have on this installation?

Mr. Saylor: Yes -

Commissioner Leavitt: If you have a tree there, it's going to blow over -

Mr. Saylor: That has been taken into consideration in the type of tree that will be planted there.

Mayor Briare: This will also adopt a seasonal type of planting. Once this is established, it is my impression that the Garden Clubs will be more than happy to come in the seeds and plantings like it used to be at the old City Hall when Ken Hadland used to have

the different seasonal plantings, and it really did make a very, very attractive type of appearance where a modernistic type of building such as our present City Hall is not conducive to all that great expanse of lawn we used to have. Nevertheless, it would appear to me that by going the whole route right now we would be able to create an impact where people are going to enjoy it immediately - whereas, if you did a little bit now and a little bit later, it's going to be so long in coming. Let's do it now.

Commissioner Leavitt: I would like to inquire: You indicate that it can be done in phases?

Mr. Saylor: It can. I wouldn't recommend it.

Commissioner Leavitt: But you indicate that all the bottom there can be . . .

Mr. Saylor: Not all the bottom - this focal point which is at the apex of the two entrances -

Commissioner Leavitt: What you would be eliminating would be the hanging things -

Mr. Saylor: The hanging planters and this (drawing) in the background.

Commissioner Leavitt: That comes up to \$30,000.00?

Mr. Saylor: There is a series of planters on the inside of the ring here (drawing), plus when you get down into here you don't see all of it here - this just gives you about a third -

Commissioner Christensen: It doesn't look like there's much because it's spread - but actually there is much more than shown in that focal point -

Mayor Briare: As the Commissioners know, there is money set aside in a fund called City Hall Funds Limited to Capital Expenditures - monies that have been accumulated for the purpose of doing projects such as this.

Commissioner Christensen: How much is in that fund?

Mayor Briare: About \$115,000.00.

Commissioner Woofter: I appreciate that bottom layout, but I'm still not grabbing the hanging plants.

City Manager, A. R. Trelease: What would happen to those plants hanging over the side there when the wind blows?

Mr. Saylor: I'm not the expert on the plant part of it, but the people that were on that Committee have said that that type of planting is not going to be materially affected . . . the wind factor was taken into consideration - I do know that.

Mayor Briare: This is not a project that was started only last week -

Commissioner Woofter: You said there was quite a bit of disagreement on those hanging plants?

Mr. Saylor: No, but the end result here is not something that came real easy. Actually this is not the Plan I had strongly supported.

Commissioner Leavitt: I like the bottom part, but like Commission Woofter, I have a little trouble with the rest of it.

Commissioner Christensen: Is it the money or the plants that's bothering you?

Commissioner Leavitt: It's the money - but I don't like the hanging gardens either - not for that kind of money - but the money bothers me too. If you can do that for \$10,000.00, I'd like to take a look at that. Everybody is entitled to their opinion, but

when you start talking about \$50,000.00 . . .

Commissioner Lurie: I had a suggestion, and I wasn't asked to serve on any Committee for any input, and now you're throwing my idea right out the window, but I'm one who has to vote to spend the money -

Commissioner Leavitt: What was your idea, Commissioner Lurie?

Commissioner Lurie: I didn't have as many plants down there as is laid out there. I had it like you have out in front - a lip all the way around that fountain where people could sit, with some potted plants like is shown here, but not as many as are shown.

Mayor Briare: We've been contemplating the beautification of this area for so long - now we come up with something that all the people are recommending -

Commissioner Leavitt: This is the first time I've seen this proposed layout -

Mayor Briare: It is the first time you've seen the completed project, but you've been watching this thing for five or six months now - we accept - we reject - we say no, we can't do that or can't do this -

Commissioner Leavitt: But you're asking me to vote \$50,000.00 and this is the first time I've seen it - everyone has his own priorities -

Mayor Briare: You know, we could become such a sterile community if we don't do some of these kinds of things. Every person that keeps a garden, including Commissioner Lurie, knows what it costs to do this sort of thing. This is not expensive in terms of what it would cost to do your own yard - go down to any nursery and you will find that out - people are not going to criticize the expenditure of this kind of money when they see what the end result does.

Commissioner Leavitt: I want to get off this subject for a moment: I want to have the City Manager investigate - or the Building Committee, or whoever it is - in front of the building here where we cut out the lawn and people have beaten a path through it. Maybe they're trying to tell us something - put a sidewalk there where they have beaten a path through the lawn - when you park on the Stewart Street side and come up to the building, put a little concrete there for a walkway. People have worn out the lawn so it won't grow.

Mayor, this is the first time I've seen this complete project and I'd like to have some time to think about it - see some of the alternatives. Was it the Building Committee that came up with this?

Mr. Saylor: No - it was a Special Committee. It has been reviewed by the Building Committee and they've recommended it. The Committee that came up with it was a Committee comprised of myself, Laurence Hampton, some people from the Garden Clubs and somebody from the Park Department, and Tom Graham from my Department.

Commissioner Leavitt: Are there any other alternatives we could look at? I'm like Commissioner Woofter - were there any minority reports - some other plans?

Commissioner Lurie: I would like to try some alternatives, on price - like \$25,000.00 -

Mayor Briare: These are catalog prices -

Commissioner Lurie: I don't think we should spend that kind of money - \$50,000.00 -

Commissioner Leavitt: Maybe we ought to give them a figure and see what they can come back with -

Commissioner Lurie: Are those pre-cast concrete - those planters?

PLAZA LANDSCAPING
(continued)

Mr. Saylor: I don't know, but I can say this to you - the two design people were very, very sensitive to the fact that these had to be completely compatible with the existing surfacing and finishing of what is there. This is intended to give the impression it was the concept at the time the building was designed and a part of that design. These are not just ordinary - I am not qualified to try to describe them, except that they have presented them in terms of texture and compatability -

Commissioner Woofter: I need some time as Commissioner Leavitt has requested - I just can't see \$30,000.00 hanging on the walls -

Mr. Saylor: Part of the problem is that none of the illustrations here give you the full treatment for the rest of the Plaza along the wall -

Commissioner Lurie: I think we're trying to talk about something here that you don't have all the information on -

Commissioner Woofter: I move we hold this in abeyance to our next regular meeting -

A b e y a n c e

Mayor Briare: OK, let's hold it off until we get every bit of information that everybody wants.

Mayor Briare: We now have before us some new Ordinances:

BILL

No. 76-18
1st Reading &
Referred

A Bill entitled: BILL No. 76-18 - ORDINANCE No. _____ - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE V. CHAPTER 23 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, 1960 EDITION, BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO ESCORT BUREAUS, ESCORTS AND ESCORT BUREAU RUNNERS; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH" was read by Title by the City Attorney, who recommended that it be referred to Committee and the Clerk instructed to publish, by Title, said Bill No. 76-18. (1st reading)

Mayor Briare appointed Commissioners Leavitt and Woofter as the Committee for Recommendation on Bill No. 76-18.

BILL

No. 76-19
1st Reading &
Referred

A Bill entitled: "BILL No. 76-19 - ORDINANCE No. _____ - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE V OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, 1960 EDITION, BY REPEALING CHAPTER 29 THEREOF; BY ADDING THERETO A NEW CHAPTER TO BE DESIGNATED CHAPTER 29, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 34, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF MASSAGE PARLORS; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH" was read by title by the City Attorney, who recommended that it be referred to Committee and the Clerk instructed to proceed with the first publication, by Title, of said Bill No. 76-19.

Mayor Briare appointed Commissioners Christensen and Lurie as the Committee for Recommendation on Bill No. 76-19.

PARKING
GARAGES

Commissioner Leavitt: I have a request at this time, Mr. Mayor: I don't know - maybe you've already done this administratively - but you, of course, are aware as well as I am of the statements that have have appeared in the paper regarding the City's Parking Garages, and I would like to request the City Manager to come up with a recommendation.

POLICE
SUBSTATIONS

Commissioner Leavitt: Also, I assume you have all received the memo that I did regarding Substations -

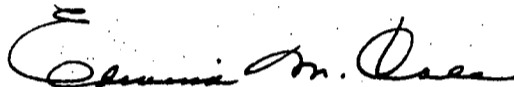
Commissioner Lurie: In regard to that particular memo, if you will check with the Metropolitan Police Department, they already have a map of the locations already set out --

There being no further business to come before the Board at the hour of 3:30 P.M. Mayor Briare declared this meeting to be RECESSED to March 15, 1976 at an hour to be later announced by the Mayor.

APPROVED


WILLIAM H. BRIARE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


EDWINA M. COLE, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY REFERENCE at a regular meeting of the Board of City Commissioners held on the 2nd day of June, 1976