

City of Las Vegas

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL, 400 STEWART AVENUE
CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: <http://www.ci.las-vegas.nv.us>
MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2000
4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

THE RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON EACH ITEM OF LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED. THE RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MAY, THEREAFTER, CONTINUE THE HEARING TO A FUTURE DATE OR FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR PASSAGE, REJECTION OR AMENDMENT OF THE PROPOSED BILL.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE 2/2/2000 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

1. Bill No. 2000-5 - Amends the certification requirements for persons who practice massage therapy. Proposed by: Mark Vincent, Director, Finance and Business Services
Committee: Councilmen Weekly and Mack
2. Bill No. 2000-7 - Annexation No A-40-99(A) -- Property Located: On the north side of Gilmore Avenue, approximately 650 feet east of Fort Apache Road, Petitioned By Fletcher, Nelson and Nunn; Acreage: Approximately 5.39 acres; Zoned: R-E (County Zoning), U (ML) (City Equivalent) Sponsored by: Councilman Larry Brown
Committee: Councilmen Weekly and Mack

THE FOLLOWING BILLS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE 2/16/2000 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

3. Bill No. 2000-8 - Annexation No A-46-99(A) -- Property Located: On the northeast corner of Buckskin Avenue and Puli Drive; Petitioned By: James C. Evans; Acreage: Approximately 4.98 acres; Zoned: R-U (County Zoning), U (PCD) (City Equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Larry Brown
Committee: Councilmen Weekly and Mack
4. Bill No. 2000-9 - Creating the special improvement district re: Special Improvement District No. 1469 - 4th Street (Washington Avenue to Adams Avenue) Sponsored by: Step Requirement
Committee: Councilmen Weekly and Mack

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

ITEMS RAISED UNDER THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA CANNOT BE DELIBERATED OR ACTED UPON UNTIL THE NOTICE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW HAVE BEEN MET. IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON A MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. IN CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS, AVOID REPETITION, AND LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MINUTES. TO ENSURE ALL PERSONS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, EACH SUBJECT MATTER WILL BE LIMITED TO TEN (10) MINUTES.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: A tape recording of all the proceedings will be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk until final disposition is made. Copies of the above Bills may be obtained through the Office of the City Clerk, Monday through Friday, 8:00. to 5:00 P.M.

Facilities are provided throughout City Hall for the convenience of disabled persons. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons. If you need an accommodation to attend and participate in this meeting, please call the City Clerk's office at 229-6311 and advise of your need at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Downtown Transportation Center, City Clerk's Board
Senior Citizens Center, 450 E. Bonanza
Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Court Clerk's Office Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza
City Hall Plaza, Special Outside Posting Bulletin Board

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TM / R/E Comm Mtg - [3P, Tues 18 Jun, 00 (2nd floor)] (Reese/McDon.)

(CP) * Tom McGowan, 720 So. Casino Center Blvd.

* TODAY'S RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL ADDRESS TWO (2) ITEMS OF PROFOUND SIGNIFICANCE AND ENDURING IMPACTIVE CONSEQUENCE, WHOSE SEEMINGLY 'INNOCUOUS AND BENIGN' 'OUTWARD APPEARANCE' IS MISLEADING.

* IT'S UP TO YOU, AS RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE FULLY INFORMED, AND ACT ACCORDINGLY, BEFORE YOU VOTE ON EACH AND BOTH OF THOSE ITEMS, IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

* THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS: " THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM TO BE " -- AND: -- " INTEGRITY IS CONTINGENT UPON THE INDEPENDENT, INDIVIDUAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ,

* I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU ARE EACH AND BOTH CAPABLE OF "DOING THE RIGHT THING" (!)

* THANK YOU. / ~

TM / Recommending Committee. ... to VAP Mon 31 Jan '00 (Weekly 12K)
8PM 6:00

(Bill 2000-5) (MASSAGE CONT.)

Hemlock x Tom McGowan, 720 So. Casino Center Blvd. - Good Afternoon.

It's impossible to legislate morality.

And while Bill 2000-5 is a commendable attempt to codify and regulate the criteria-conformances and thereto pertinent activities of certified professionally qualified, experienced and expertised ^(LICENSING) massage therapists, it does nothing to address the fundamental crux issue, which is the compelling need for and advisability to ensure the protection and preservation of the norm-acceptable sense of public morality, city and county-wide.

That assertion does not express or imply, and should not be construed to constitute a 'blanket indictment' of massage therapists, per se, or of the practice of massage therapy, which documentarily is of quantifiable therapeutic value, but recognizes the inrefutable fact that the licensing process is readily subject to opportunistic exploitation and widespread abuse as a 'legitimized front' for persons and/or entities who may engage in prostitution, vice and/or related illicit activities. In which instance, the bill is tantamount to the licensing of technically experienced and expertised practitioners of illicit immoral activities adversely impactive upon public morals, the moral development of impressionable children exposed to those activities, and the moral status of adults who misguidedly 'choose' to act like "delinquent children", with resultant consequences on public health and morals impactive upon society-at-large, -- and particularly within a jurisdictional locale which caters to both tourists and local residents, and where, in instances, certain commercial interests may ponder to the Basel Dwensconomy interests, for the sake of pecuniary gain at the expense of and without due regard for public health and morals.

Thereas, The following pertinent questions apply: --

1. How many Massage Therapists currently are licensed in the City?
2. of that number, how many are 'grandfathered' by the Bill?
3. Is that number increasing?
4. How often are these licensed persons and entities subjected to regular and special (i.e., 'random', or complaint-based) inspections, audits and accounting, pursuant to ensured effective compliance-enforcement, and who conducts those inspections and audits?
5. What has the Nevada Legislature done to ensure certification criteria and licensing compliance by and within the State of Nevada?
and:
6. What are the civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance with those criteria and for utilization of the license as a 'front' for the perpetration of illicit activities?

The Bill is remiss, since it makes no provision to address, nor any reference whatsoever to, the pertinent questions and related details.

I recommend approval of the Bill solely in the instance of refinement of the verbiage text to reflect those questions and their accurate and complete responses, as well as inclusion of additional provisions to ensure compliance and to specify penalties for non-compliance, and I expressly recommend that the City Council aggressively 'lobby' the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation to ensure the preservation of the absolute integrity of the certification criteria and licensing process by and in the State of Nevada, in the genuine best public interest.

Thank you. /

(Bill 2000-9) (SID, 4M+WASH.)

Item 4.

* Tom McGowan, 720 So. Casino Center Blvd.

* NRS 241, THE NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW, EXPRESSLY MANDATES THAT ALL PERTINENT DETAILS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE VERBATIM TEXT OF AN AGENDA ITEM.

AS MR. AL GALLEGOS JUST POINTED OUT, THE BILL DOES NOT INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT OF THE 'OPPOSITE' SIDE OF THE STREET WHICH BOUNDARIES THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

BUT THAT IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS OMITTED FROM THE VERBATIM TEXT OF THE ITEM, -- WHICH MAKES THE ITEM AND THE MEETING UNLAWFUL, -- AND ALL ACTIONS TAKEN DURING AN UNLAWFUL MEETING ARE MADE NULL AND VOID (!).

* FURTHERMORE, IT IS DULY NOTED THAT THE FULL COUNCIL RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUES, 18 JAN, '00, WAS INTENTIONALLY DIRECTED TO LOSE ITS QUORUM FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM # 2, HENCE WAS AN UNLAWFUL MEETING.

THE MEETING WAS EXPEDITIOUSLY CONFIGURED AND CONDUCTED AS A 'HYBRID COMPOSITE' OF TWO (2) SEQUENTIALLY-ORDERED AS RESPECTIVELY SEPARATE AND DISCRETE MEETINGS WHICH SHARED A COMMON AGENDA, DEVOID OF A 'CITIZEN PARTICIPATION' SEGMENT IN THE FIRST MEETING, AND DEVOID OF 'ADJOURNMENT' BETWEEN THE TWO (2) MEETINGS.

NRS 241 EXPRESSLY MANDATES THAT EACH AND ALL MEETINGS SHALL HAVE A RESPECTIVELY SEPARATE AND DISCRETE MEETING AGENDA AND 'CITIZEN PARTICIPATION' SEGMENT.

CONSEQUENTLY, THE RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING(S) IN

TUES, 18 JAN '10, WAS (WERE) IN VIOLATION OF NRS 241,
THE NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW, AND ALL ACTIONS TAKEN
DURING THE MEETING(S) ARE NULL AND VOID.

FURTHERMORE, ... ALL ACTIONS TAKEN DURING A SUBSEQUENT
MEETING PREDICATED ON A PRIOR-OCCASIONAL UNLAWFUL
BUT NON-REMEDIATED MEETING ARE ALSO UNLAWFUL AND
MADE NULL AND VOID.

I DIDN'T WRITE THE LAW, ... BUT I OBEY THE LAW, AND
SO WILL EACH AND ALL OF YOU.

Thank you. /-

Citizen's
Participation

* Tom McGowan, 720 So. Casino Center Blvd.

* AS I ADVISED THE FULL COUNCIL RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUES. 18 JAN, '00, -- BILL 2000-4, WHICH PROHIBITS NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORT WITHIN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED, DEFICIENT AND DEFECTIVE ON MULTIPLE GROUNDS, -- SINCE IT FAILS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE TRANSPORT OF HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE IS AN 'EFFECT' AND NOT A 'CAUSE', -- AND THAT THE CRUX ISSUE 'CAUSE' IS UNDERGROUND STORAGE, WHICH NECESSITATES THE TRANSPORT OF HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE TO THE REPOSITORY.

IT'S WIDELY RECOGNIZED AND PUBLICIZED THAT IN STATE AND/OR LOCAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORT IS UNLAWFUL ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND MULTIPLE STATUTORY GROUNDS.

CONSEQUENTLY, -- THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT THE TRANSPORT OF HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE THROUGH THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, OR ANYWHERE ELSE, FOR THAT MATTER, -- IS TO DEMAND THAT THE CONGRESS REPEAL THE 'NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT OF 1982, AS AMENDED IN 1987, -- THE SO-CALLED: 'SCREW NEVADA BILL', -- WHICH MANDATES THE UNDERGROUND REPOSITORY STORAGE OF HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE IN YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA (!)

THE ISSUE RANGES WELL BEYOND THE POTENTIAL 'EFFECT' OF NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORT AND POLITICAL POSTURING IN 'SYMBOLIC' ONLY 'PRESERVATION' OF THE EGO-CENTRIC INTEREST OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, IN FURTHERANCE OF THE POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY-DRIVEN INTERESTS OF THE MAJORAL 'SPONSOR' OF THE BILL.

FOR YOUR EDIFICATION, -- THERE IS CURRENTLY MORE THAN
800 CUBIC YARDS OF DEADLY TRANSURANIC WASTE STORED
AT THE NTS AWAITING REMOVAL AND TRANSPORT TO THE
'WIPP' REPOSITORY IN CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO. -- IF THAT
TRANSPORT IMPERATIVE IS PROHIBITED ACCESS TO AND THROUGH
THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE TRANSPORTED
THROUGH AND IMPACTIVE UPON THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS
AND BOULDER CITY ENROUTE TO HOOVER DAM AND ARIZONA, --
AND/OR THROUGH PAHRUMP, JEAN, PRIMUM, AND THE
CALIFORNIA CITIES OF BAKER, BANSTON AND POINTS SOUTH.

IF THOSE COLLEAGUE STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ENACT
SIMILAR TRANSPORT PROHIBITIONS, USING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS'
PRECEDENT-SETTING ORDINANCE AS THE 'EMULATIVE MODEL', --
IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE DOE TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT
TRANSURANIC WASTE FROM THE NTS TO CARLSBAD, NEW
MEXICO, -- EXCEPT AND SOLELY FOLLOWING COSTLY AND PROTRACTED
LITIGATION, COMMENSURATE COUNTER-SUITS AND APPEALS, WITH
THE FURTHER POTENTIAL FOR ACCOUNTABILITY-BASED CRIMINAL AND
CIVIL LIABILITY (!) -- SPECIFYING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL
AS THE PERPETRATORS OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND UNLAWFUL ACTS, --
AND WILL EFFECTIVELY BANKRUPT THE CITY AND ITS PUBLIC OFFICIALS (!)

FURTHERMORE, -- THE AGING NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARSENAL STORED AT
THE NTS IS DETERIORATING SOONER THAN ANTICIPATED, AND
THE INSTABILITY OF WEAPONS GRADE PLUTONIUM IS POTENTIALLY CAUSAL
OF A SERIES OF UNCONTROLLABLE CATASTROPHIC NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS
OF UNPRECEDENTED MAGNITUDE AND IMPACTIVE CONSEQUENCES, --
UNTIL AND UNLESS THE PLUTONIUM 'PITS' ARE REMOVED AND
TRANSPORTED OUT OF NEVADA, PURSUANT TO REMEDIATION. -- THEREAS,
THE TRANSPORT PROHIBITION ORDINANCE ^{IGNORES} THE IMPERATIVES OF NATIONAL
SECURITY AND DEFENSE, AS WELL AS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

FINALLY, -- THE EARTH IS NOT A 'MONOLITHIC' SOLID, BUT IS THE GEO-PHYSICAL EQUIVALENT OF A 'LIVING ORGANISM', NATURALLY-ORDERED AS IN A STATE OF VARIABLE DYNAMIC FLUX ONGOING OVER THE GEOLOGIC TIME-SCALED CONTINUUM, -- WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO 'GUARANTEE' THE 'SAFE, SECURE' UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE NOT ONLY AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA, AND ELSEWHERE NATIONALLY, BUT ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET (!).

IN CONCLUSION, -- REST ASSURED THAT YOUR OFFICIAL VOTE ON THE NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORT 'PROHIBITION' ORDINANCE ON WED. 2 FEB., '00, WILL BE OF WIDELY PUBLICIZED SIGNIFICANT INTEREST WELL PRIOR TO THE NEXT ELECTION.

† 'CONGRATULATE' YOU ON YOUR APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC OFFICE AND, WHILE I APPRECIATE YOUR 'MAGNANIMOUS' ALLOWANCE OF THREE (3) MINUTES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF 'PUBLIC COMMENT', -- BE ADVISED THAT THE REASON THAT THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND THE NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD, INCLUSIVE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING NUCLEAR PHYSICISTS, ENGINEERS, GEOLOGISTS AND HYDROLOGISTS INSIST THAT I PROVIDE 'PUBLIC COMMENT' FOR AS LONG AS FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES IN MULTIPLE INSTANCES DURING THEIR OFFICIAL MEETINGS IS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT I KNOW PRECISELY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT (!).

WHETHER THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS KNOWS THAT IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO EITHER ME OR THEM, -- BUT WILL BE OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO AND IMPACTIVE CONSEQUENCE UPON YOUR INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PUBLIC CONSTITUENCY, -- PARTICULARLY SINCE THE AGING AND DETERIORATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARSENAL STORED AT THE NTS, AND THE 27,000 METRIC TONS OF

HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE IMPENDING AS ENTOMBED IN
AN UNDERGROUND REPOSITORY AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN IS
SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE INSTABILITY OF WEAPONS GRADE PLUTONIUM.
POTENTIALLY CAUSAL OF AUTOCRITICALITY-DRIVEN CATASTROPHIC
EXPLOSIONS OF UNPRECEDENTED MAGNITUDE WHICH WOULD
'BLOW' THE ENTIRE NTS, YUCCA MOUNTAIN AND ALL OF
SOUTHERN NEVADA 'OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH' (!), INCLUDING
THE EGOCENTRIC AND CONCLUSIVELY IGNORANT AND IRESPONSIBLE
CITY OF LAS VEGAS (!!).

Thank you. / -

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, 400 EAST STEWART AVENUE
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2000
4.00 P.M.

- ATTENDANCE:** Councilman Lawrence Weekly
Councilman Michael Mack
- ALSO PRESENT:** Doug Selby, Deputy City Manager (arrived at 4.10 p.m.)
Val Steed, Chief Deputy of Governmental Affairs
- CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Weekly called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.
- ANNOUNCEMENT MADE:** Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

Downtown Transportation Center, City Clerk's Board
Senior Citizens Center, 450 E. Bonanza Road
Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Court Clerk's Office Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza
City Hall Plaza, Special Outside Posting Bulletin Board

1. **Bill No. 2000-5 – AMENDS THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS WHO PRACTICE MASSAGE THERAPY.** Proposed by: Mark Vincent, Director, Finance and Business Services
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- Committee: Councilmen Lawrence Weekly and Michael Mack

Jim DiFiore, Manager, Business Services, indicated that the massage ordinance was amended in September of 1999, which required that all persons performing massage therapy to obtain national certification by the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Body Work (NCBTMB) within 120 days. However, after meeting with representatives of the massage industry, staff found that the time line was unreasonable and came up with amendments to accomplish the following: 1) The definition of certification will refer to the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Body Work or give the members of the industry an option to have certification by a board of equivalent stature that is accredited by a national commission for certifying agencies for massage and body works. 2) Add to the definition of "recognized school of massage" the phrase: "which has a license, other than a temporary or provisional license," to be able to distinguish a type of license that may be in existence from the regulatory agency. 3) Intent to grandfather in a massage therapist who falls into one of the following categories prior to 1/1/2000: one who possesses a valid unexpired license or work card authorizing the performance of massage and who continuously has maintained that license or work card in active status, one who has submitted a complete application for a license or work card authorizing the performance of massage and whose application is ultimately approved; one who is a student enrolled in a recognized school of massage whose enrollment can be certified by an administrator of that school to the satisfaction of

the director and who maintains enrollment until satisfactory graduation, or one who is a student that graduated from a recognized school of massage during the Calendar year 1999 after a period of continuous attendance and whose attendance and graduation can be certified by the administrator of that school to the satisfaction of the director.

The Code will also require all licensees and massage therapists exempted from national certification to complete minimum continuing education requirements either from the NCBTMB or a board of equivalent stature if the continuing education units would require a minimum of 50 units during a 4-year certification period

The revisions to the Code would grant the Director of Finance and Business Services to issue final approval on licenses that have been granted a temporary license if: a) there are no unfulfilled conditions on a temporary license; b) the applicant demonstrates compliance with exemption from certification required in the Code; and c) final approval is otherwise appropriate.

Mr. DiFiore explained that massage therapists received temporary licenses by the Council between 9/15/99 and 1/18/2000 because at that time the Code required national certification. This provision would give the director the authority to grant those licenses on a final basis so that the applicants do not have to appear before the City Council, unless there are conditions attached. He recommended approval.

Tom McGowan, 720 South Casino Center Boulevard, asked how many massage therapists there are and how many are grandfathered in. Mr. DiFiore answered that there are approximately 400 licensed in Las Vegas, and it is always increasing. In this case there will be about 400 therapists grandfathered in. Mr. McGowan asked how frequently massage therapists are audited. Mr. DiFiore indicated that massage establishments are inspected once a year.

Mr. McGowan stressed that the State Legislature failed to allow a premise for local certification. He felt that there are too many massage therapists, and strongly recommended that the City call for a full-scale investigation.

He advised that the Recommending Committee meeting of 1/18/2000 failed to meet the requirements of NRS 241, because half of the members left half way through the meeting, which means that there was no quorum. Every meeting has to have its own agenda.

Attorney Jack Godfrey, Schreck Morris, representing the Nevada Resort Association, was present accompanied by Robert Elliott, Assistant Director of Community Affairs, Mirage Resorts, Incorporated, and Johnnie Egnelzi, Assistant Manager, Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino Spa. Attorney Godfrey, on behalf of the Association, expressed satisfaction of the amendments recommended at the meeting, which will provide for suitable continuing-education requirements for existing massage therapists. He thanked the City for its efforts.

Councilman Mack commended Mr. DiFiore for moving forward and working with the massage therapists. The previous requirements were very burdensome. The City is now moving in the right direction with respect to the massage industry.

No one appeared in opposition.

There was no further discussion.

Councilman Mack recommended Bill No. 2000-5 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. Councilman Weekly concurred.

(4:05 - 4:15)

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2. **Bill No. 2000-7- ANNEXATION NO. A-40-99(A) – PROPERTY LOCATED: ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GILMORE AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 650 FEET EAST OF FORT APACHE ROAD; PETITIONED BY: FLETCHER, NELSON AND NUNN; ACREAGE: APPROXIMATELY 5.39 ACRES; ZONED: R-E (COUNTY ZONING), U(ML) (CITY EQUIVALENT). Sponsored by: Councilman Larry Brown**

Committee: Councilmen Lawrence Weekly and Michael Mack

Mr. Steed stated the Bill is in order.

No one appeared in opposition.

There was no further discussion.

Councilman Mack recommended Bill No. 2000-7 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. Councilman Weekly concurred.

(4:15 - 4:16)

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3. **Bill No. 2000-8 – ANNEXATION NO. A-46-99(A) – PROPERTY LOCATED: ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BUCKSKIN AVENUE AND PULI DRIVE; PETITIONED BY: JAMES C. EVANS; ACREAGE: APPROXIMATELY 4.98 ACRES; ZONED: R-U (COUNTY ZONING), U(PCD) (CITY EQUIVALENT). Sponsored by: Councilman Larry Brown**

Committee: Councilmen Lawrence Weekly and Michael Mack

Mr. Steed stated the Bill is in order.

No one appeared in opposition.

There was no further discussion.

Councilman Mack recommended Bill No. 2000-8 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. Councilman Weekly concurred.

(4:16 - 4:17)

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4. **Bill No. 2000-9** – Creating the special improvement district re: Special Improvement District No. 1469 – 4th Street (Washington Avenue to Adams Avenue). Sponsored by Step Requirement

Committee: Councilmen Lawrence Weekly and Michael Mack

Mike Thompson, Special Improvement District Division, stated that the subject SID would allow for off-site improvements along the east side of Fourth Street. It is in order.

Al Gallego, citizen of Las Vegas, felt that improvements should be made along both sides of Fourth Street

Mr. McGowan alleged that the agenda item as listed was not specific to the fact that only one side of the street would be improved. He also concurred with Mr. Gallego that the matter should not go forward until it is corrected.

Mr. Thompson explained that the improvements along the east side of the street were conditioned as part of the approval for that particular development. It will provide adequate travel lanes through the area as well as drainage and lighting for the Fourth Street alignment. One of the conditions of moving forward with an SID is that it increases property values or that it be of benefit to the owners. For that reason, the cost associated with improvements for the westerly side could not be justified. Councilman Mack clarified that if the development project had not come forward, the special improvements would not be done. If a developer came forward for the westerly side of the street, special improvements would be imposed for that side

There was no further discussion

Councilman Mack recommended Bill No. 2000-9 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. Councilman Weekly concurred.

(4:17 - 4:20)

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Tom McGowan, 720 South Casino Center Boulevard, insisted that the content of an item on an agenda must be clearly stated. Further he stated that Bill No 2000-4 is fundamentally defective, since it fails to recognize that transport is an effect not a cause. The focus should be prohibiting the storage of nuclear waste thereby making its transport unnecessary. The City Council should demand that Congress repeal the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, which mandates the underground storage of high-level of nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain. If transport is prohibited

through the City of Las Vegas, nuclear waste will undoubtedly be transported through other local entities. As a matter of information, he stated that the nuclear weapons arsenal presently stored at the Nevada Test Site is deteriorating sooner than anticipated. The instability of plutonium weapons is potentially the cause of a series of uncontrollable, catastrophic nuclear explosions of unprecedented magnitude. Until the plutonium pits are removed and transported out of Nevada, Bill No. 2000-4 ignores the importance of national security and defense, not only public health and safety. He advised Councilmen Weekly and Mack to closely review everything before they decide to give their support. He reminded them that they have a job to do and it is their job to find out what that job entails.

(4:20 – 4:25)

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Note: Subsequent to the meeting Mr. McGowan submitted written documentation that he commented from at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

/gpb