

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, MARCH 13, 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 4/5/2000 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

- 1 **Bill No. 2000-15** – Repeals and replaces LVMC Chapter 2.46 relating to the Senior Citizens' Advisory Board.
Proposed by: Dr. Barbara P. Jackson, Director of Leisure Services
Committee: Mayor Goodman and Councilman Reese

- 2 **Bill No. 2000-16** – Reenacts a provision specifically authorizing off-site improvements for smaller projects to be secured by the withholding of occupancy permits. Proposed by: City Attorney Bradford R. Jerbic
Committee: Mayor Goodman and Councilman Reese

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 A.M. 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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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, 400 EAST STEWART AVENUE
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2000
4:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Councilman Gary Reese
Mayor Oscar Goodman

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Houchens, Deputy City Manager
Val Steed, Chief Deputy of Governmental Affairs

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Reese called the meeting to order at 4:14 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. 2000-15 – REPEALS AND REPLACES LVMC CHAPTER 2.46 RELATING TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD** Proposed by. Dr. Barbara P. Jackson, Director of Leisure Services
Committee: Mayor Oscar Goodman and Councilman Gary Reese

Dr. Barbara Jackson, Director, Leisure Services Department, advised that in the latter 1970's a Senior Citizens Advisory Board was formed with the intent of having them address larger issues of transportation, housing, utility rates, employment, and issues that were of a broader interest to the citizens of Las Vegas. That Board originally served under the Senior Citizens Department, which eventually became a Division under the Department of Parks and Leisure Activities.

Recreational staff hoped that the Board might function in an advisory capacity and get more involved in recreational programming for senior citizens; however, the current Board members expressed a desire in continuing to serve as it was originally intended and deal with broader issues. Consequently, the subject Bill was drafted to address the Board's desire and allow it to be a part of the Administrative Services, which has staff members that have more interest in legislative and broader regional issues.

Because it was decided that the terms of the Board members would run coterminous with the member of the City Council who makes the appointment, Mr. Steed recommended an amendment to Page 2, Line 4 to reflect that no Board member shall serve for an interrupted period longer than eight years instead of six.

Tom McGowan, 720 South Casino Center Boulevard, confirmed with Dr. Jackson that the Board would only serve in an advisory capacity and that approval of the subject Bill would not expand any current City department.

Mayor Goodman asked what would happen with the existing Board members if the Bill were approved. Dr. Jackson indicated that the Board could stay in tact, unless the City Council wishes otherwise. Presently there are eight members on the Board and they are eligible to serve. Mayor Goodman clarified that he asked because he is supposed to be able to appoint two members to the Board, but he has not been able to. He suggested that the Board be dissolved. Mr. Steed interjected that the subject Bill is drafted so that the existing Board is discontinued, as of the effective date of the Bill, with the understanding that any current member could be reappointed.

Jerry Kosbab, 800 North Eastern Avenue, stated that the suggested membership of eight people does not work sometimes, especially if some members do not show up and there is no quorum to hold the meeting. He suggested the Board consist of an odd number of members. Councilman Reese disagreed stating that the Board only serves in an advisory capacity and does not set policies and procedures. The City Council makes the final decisions.

Mr. Kosbab insisted that the members of the Board are older and sometimes all the members cannot be present to vote and some matters require a two-thirds majority vote. Councilman Reese asked if there is a problem with the time of the meetings or whether some of the members are ill. Mr. Kosbab stated that staff could speak to the number of meetings that have been canceled due lack of a quorum.

Councilman Reese stressed that it would benefit all the members of the Council to review the attendance record of their appointees at the time they are eligible for reappointment to ensure that they are active members.

Mr. Steed interjected that the two-thirds majority vote of the membership is only required on matters concerning the bylaws of the Board.

Mr. McGowan pointed out that attendance via teleconference is lawful in Nevada.

No one appeared in opposition.

There was no further discussion.

Mayor Goodman recommended Bill No. 2000-15 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation, with a First Amendment. Councilman Reese concurred.

(4:14 - 4:23)

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2. **Bill No. 2000-16** – REENACTS A PROVISION SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING OFF-SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR SMALLER PROJECTS TO BE SECURED BY THE WITHHOLDING OF OCCUPANCY PERMITS. Proposed by: City Attorney Bradford R Jerbic

Committee: Mayor Oscar Goodman and Councilman Gary Reese

Mr. Steed explained that for many years one of the options utilized to secure the installation of off-site improvements on projects under \$50,000 was to hold the occupancy permit, in lieu of posting a bond or putting up a deed of trust, until the improvements were completed. However, in 1994 when the subdivision code was redrafted, that provision was inadvertently excluded. Adoption of the subject Bill would reenact that provision. He recommended approval.

Todd Farlow, 240 N 19th Street, expressed concern about homes that are located in older neighborhoods that have had a lot of improvements done without permits. He asked if there would be any repercussions and whether the City would give courtesy inspections. Mr. Steed explained that the subject Bill would only affect a homeowner who decided to convert a home into an office and was required to put in sidewalks as part of the zoning approval, and if the project was under \$50,000.

Tom McGowan, 720 South Casino Center Boulevard, countered that unless the intent is clearly delineated, some people could have a problem interpreting the ordinance, which could discourage small-scale development. Councilman Reese commented that he perused the subject Bill several times and thought the intent is very clear. During his tenure, he has also been very pro-active in making sure that developers clearly understand all the conditions

Mr McGowan indicated that he too read the Bill. Councilman Reese stated that to his understanding anyone wishing to convert a home into an office would have the option to agree to have the occupancy permit held until the improvements are completed, in lieu of a \$50,000 bond, which is sometimes difficult for people to obtain.

Mr. McGowan insisted that the verbiage be very clear to avoid any misinterpretation, especially in future years when the people that drafted the ordinance are no longer with the City. He also noted that there are many old properties in the City, and he has often called for full-scale building inspections throughout the City.

Councilman Reese confirmed with Mr. Steed that the intent of the subject Bill is clear

There was no further discussion.

Mayor Goodman recommended Bill No. 2000-16 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. Councilman Reese concurred.

(4:23 - 4:30)

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Tom McGowan, 720 South Casino Center Boulevard, reminded the Recommending Committee members that it is considered gracious to provide coffee and cookies at the meetings. Mayor Goodman stated that Mr. McGowan has a very good appetite, probably in consideration of all those people around the world who are starving

(4:30 – 4:31)

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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