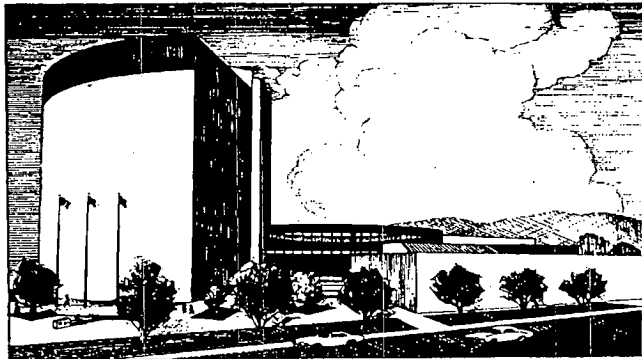




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City of Las Vegas

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 STEWART AVENUE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89101
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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2000

CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT ABSENT EXCUSED

MAYOR OSCAR B. GOODMAN



COUNCILMAN MICHAEL McDONALD
MAYOR PRO-TEM



COUNCILMAN GARY REESE



COUNCILMAN LARRY BROWN



COUNCILMAN LYNETTE BOGGS McDONALD



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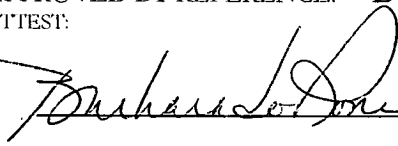


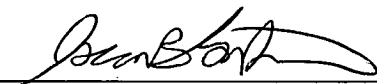
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APPROVED BY REFERENCE: **DECEMBER 20, 2000**

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 400 STEWART AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: <http://www.ci.las-vegas.nv.us>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2000

9:00 A.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action by the City Council to elect one of its members to be Mayor Pro-Tem

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.

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

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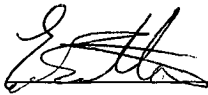
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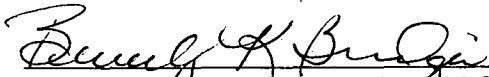
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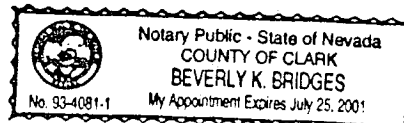
COUNTY OF CLARK)

Eva Cotton, an employee of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the **9th** day of **November, 2000**, a copy of NOTICE, the attached of which is a true and correct copy of the Public Hearing - re: **A Special City Council Meeting** to be held on the **16th** day of **November, 2000** was deposited in the United States Mail, Postage prepaid, First Class Mail, to each person and/or organization whose name appears on the list maintained in the Office of the City Clerk.


SIGNATURECity Clerk**DEPARTMENT**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9th day of November, 2000


NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County and State


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3. Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway; (Faxed)
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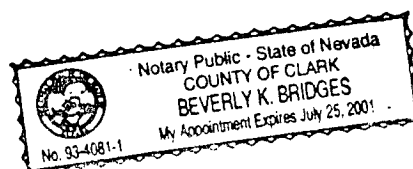

Signature

City Clerk
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Bernadette K. Brindley
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County and State



City of Las Vegas

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 16, 2000

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DATE: November 9, 2000

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FROM: CITY CLERK

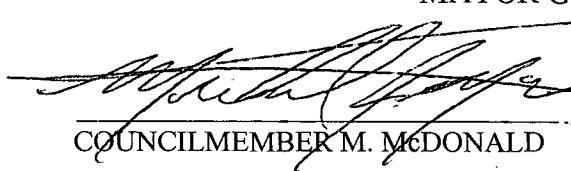
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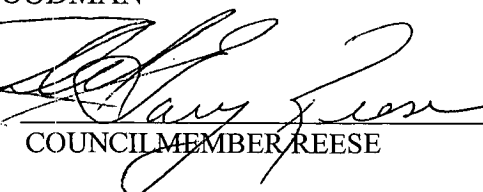
A Special Meeting of the City Council is being called by the Mayor for the matter shown below. The meeting will be held in the Las Vegas City Council Chambers on Thursday, November 16, 2000 at 9 am.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO ELECT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO BE MAYOR PRO-TEM

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE: The undersigned do hereby acknowledge service of notice for the Special Meeting called to be held as stated above.


MAYOR GOODMAN


COUNCILMEMBER M. McDONALD


COUNCILMEMBER REESE


COUNCILMEMBER BROWN


COUNCILMEMBER L. B. McDONALD


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Agenda Item No.: 1

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 16, 2000

DEPARTMENT: MAYOR**DIRECTOR: MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:****BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Discussion and possible action by the City Council to elect one of its members to be Mayor Pro-Tem

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:****RECOMMENDATION:****BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

None

MOTION:

GOODMAN – Motion to change the current appointment of Mayor Pro Tem and to elect Councilman Gary Reese to become effective immediately – UNANIMOUS

MINUTES:

There was no discussion.

(9:05)

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AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 16, 2000**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Items raised under this portion of the City Council 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 step up to the podium and 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.

MINUTES:

JOE RYCHIC, 560 North 11th Street, objected to the building being built by the Las Vegas Housing Authority and the \$2 million funding required. The residents of Robert Gordon affordable housing have already been stuck with considerable outstanding debt. He requested that those members of the Council who sit on the Housing Authority look into the situation. The Housing Authority does things in such a manner the residents are not kept informed. COUNCILMAN McDONALD advised that he would go with MR. RYCHIC to meet with the head of the Housing Authority, CHRIS HOY.

ANTHONY HODGES, 3640 Las Vegas Boulevard North, questioned whether the State of Nevada has a law which prohibits taping conversations without a person's knowledge. MAYOR GOODMAN answered that face-to-face conversations can be taped by one participant without telling the other(s) pursuant to a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court. That ruling determined that one of the risks of conversing with a person is that the conversation may be taped. However, Nevada law prohibits taping telephone conversations via some type of a wire.

CLYDE DENKINS, 8905 County Scene Way, pointed out that everything is connected and apathy and non-action allows unethical and corrupt officials to exist. MAYOR GOODMAN indicated that despite the right to express one's self, he would prefer speakers not state derogatory personal opinions. It is demeaning to the Council as a whole.

MR. DENKINS pointed out that the media exposes unethical actions. His criticisms of the Council always exclude COUNCILMAN BROWN, whom he finds to be concerned about the ordinary people, polite, respectful of the people, ethical and a voice of reason on the Council. He commended the Metropolitan Police Department and the Las Vegas Ethics Review Board for their conduct regarding the investigation and evidence. MR. DENKINS praised BOB ROSE as a great man who is committed to integrity in American democracy, a true hero of the people. He questioned COUNCILMAN McDONALD'S continuing service as Chairman of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority as well as requested a response to his letter to the Council regarding the disposition with regard to the charges against COUNCILMAN McDONALD contained in his letter.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2000 Citizens Participation

CAROL LeDUC, 7575 Rome Boulevard, commended COUNCILMAN REESE for his new appointment. The position of Mayor Pro Tem can be difficult because it is a broader view than that of a Ward specific Councilman. She congratulated COUNCILMAN REESE for his fairness, which has been demonstrated during many long Council meetings. MS. LeDUC indicated that an issue has arisen which was discussed at the Lone Mountain Town Board/Kyle Canyon Town Board meetings on 11/14/2000 regarding a commercial development at 95 and Kyle Canyon Road. The application includes a carwash and gas station on a septic tank. This is another indication that the seamless land use plan is not in effect and the County does not plan to keep it in effect. Although there is a service commercial node at Kyle Canyon Road/95, this is not what was anticipated. She wanted to make sure the Council was aware of what was happening for the future.

JOHNNY VENTURA, 601 Raintree Lane, stressed the good job done by his representative COUNCILMAN McDONALD. There have been excellent neighborhood meetings. It is important to appreciate one's ability to express an opinion without fear. It was incorrect to call COUNCILMAN McDONALD corrupt. Other elected officials have been found in great violation with only a slap on the wrist. COUNCILMAN McDONALD was only helping a friend and there is nothing wrong with that. When citizens want help they go to the elected officials.

JOE MAVIGLIA, 4901 East Bonanza Road, stated that in 30 years of monitoring the town, he has experienced good and bad elected officials. The most important thing is the law which is more important than any elected official. When it is proven that the law has been violated, there is punishment. He has personally experienced the consequences of making a mistake. However, getting caught was a blessing in disguise and made him more aware of things around him. The situation with the election is very sad, but this is a nation of laws which must be adhered to. He has dedicated his life to helping youth, dropouts and the homeless despite numerous barriers. Those at-risk must be helped to get them employed and keep them out of the penitentiaries.

KATHERINE MARTIN, 2801 Alcoa, indicated that the Richfield Neighborhood Association continues to support COUNCILMAN McDONALD whose leadership and support have resulted in an organized community fighting commercial intrusion. She outlined various specific efforts since 1996, including traffic solutions, noise pollution mediation, recreation facilities and neighborhood clean up projects. She stated that the constituents of the Richfield Neighborhood Association elected COUNCILMAN McDONALD and wish to retain him in that same position.

TOM McGOWAN, 720 South Casino Center Boulevard, submitted for the record written comments regarding the significance of the integrity and viability of the Council. The community's responsibility, including the media, is to be aware of and put on display the conduct of the elected officials.

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Citizens Participation

BEN SHAFFER, 330 North 10th Street, requested that he and two others with him be allowed to participate in any meeting with the Housing Authority. There are many issues to be straightened out. COUNCILMAN McDONALD agreed to speak with MR. SHAFFER and his companions regarding such a meeting after the present meeting was adjourned.

NOTE: A Verbatim Excerpt of the comments made by COUNCILWOMAN MCDONALD is made a part of the Final Minutes.

(9:05 – 9:30)

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:


Gabriela S. Portillo-Brenner

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**VERBATIM EXCERPT: CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
COMMENTS BY COUNCILWOMAN LYNETTE BOGGS McDONALD**

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

Yes, Your Honor. I'd just like to offer a few brief remarks. Personally I think today and the past several months have been a very tumultuous, stressful and trying time for the entire City Council. And I have to say I take some exception with some of the remarks offered today. And I – speak personally, from my own life experiences. Wh--I grew up as a dependent of a military-career soldier, most of my childhood was spent on United States military installations in foreign countries. And in the household I was raised in the most important word that was impressed upon myself and my seven brothers and sisters was honor.

Honor first to our family. Meaning that nothing in our actions and how we conducted ourselves was to bring dishonor to our mother or our father. The second was honor to our community and honor to our country. Because as Americans living abroad we knew our actions were a reflection on all Americans back in the United States. And another thing beyond honor was the – concept of chain in command. That in everything that we did there was a protocol and a way of conducting business. Honor, chain of command.

In many respects, I think many of the things that have occurred have – brought a breach to the honor of the City of Las Vegas. And that honor must be restored from this point on. We who sit in these chairs must lead the way in restoring this honor. Which to me means that we have to hold ourselves to a higher standard of conduct. This is not about, you know, whether or not in my view Councilman McDonald is a great Councilman. He is a great Councilman. And anyone who lives in Ward 1 has been a tremendous beneficiary of his passion for his neighborhoods. But that's not the point. The point here is conduct and how we carry on the day of business.

My parents taught me that I am Lynette. No one else. I am responsible for everything I am and everything that I am not. No one else. You can't point the fingers at anyone else. There's a time as a parent when you have to learn to take accountability and responsibility for your actions. You know, the scripture says when I was a child, I thought as a child, my actions were as a child. But when I became a man, I left childish things behind me.

AUDIENCE

Disruptive comment and applause.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Please, please. Please.

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And we must restore dignity and honor and lead the way. If we don't do it, then how can we expect our children and anyone else in this community to obey the laws of our State, of our nation and of our City. We must.

Now, someone who is very concerned about the morale of this organization, because as I stated, this has been a stressful situation for all of us. It's been stress for our Mayor, all of the members of the Council, our City management and our employees. And so for one, I want it to be known perfectly clear that because of the actions that have taken place today, that will continue to occur in the future, because the future is unknown, it's unclear. But I want it to be known and perfectly stated that we will not tolerate any form of retaliation, intimidation of any employee in this organization.

And I want to read for the record, so that our City Manager can instruct all City employees, that according to Nevada Revised States 199.300, which relates to intimidation of public officers, public employees and others, it says: A person who directly or indirectly addresses any threat or intimidation to a public officer, public employee, juror, referee, arbitrator, appraiser, assessor or any person authorized by law to hear or determine any controversy or matter with the intent to induce him contrary to his duty to make, omit or delay any act, decision or determination shall be punished. In a physical force or the immediate threat of physical force is used that will come as a Category C felony, as, and it goes on. And it says if no physical force or immediate threat of physical force is used, it will constitute a gross misdemeanor.

Read my lips, no retaliation or intimidation of any City employee will be tolerated in this organization. Today begins a new day. It's a new day of honor, a new day of respect and I ask that citizens keep this entire organization in your prayers and help us. Because, as I said, this has been a very stressful time for all of us, but again, maybe I'm glad, I don't have many friends. But the comment that if you can't go to your friends, who can you go to is just totally dishonorable, in my book.

And those are my comments, Your Honor.

(END OF DISCUSSION)

6. TM/LAS COUNCIL MTH ~~9A 11/16/00 10:00 AM~~

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[EIP] ~ * TOM MCGOWAN, LAS VEGAS RESIDENT.

[* THE STATE & FLORIDA JUST ANNOUNCED: -- THE NEW PRESIDENT IS: 'ELIAN GONZALEZ'!]

* AT THIS IMPORTANT JUNCTURE, [THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE INTEGRITY AND VIABILITY OF THIS CITY COUNCIL AND ITS PUBLIC CONSTITUTION, IS OF PRIORITY IMPERATIVE SIGNIFICANCE; ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL SUB-TENDING ISSUES, INTERESTS AND CONCERNS: --]

IN THE HEAT OF PASSION, MISTAKES CAN BE COMPOUNDED AND EXACERBATED, ^{OR REDEMPTION.} ~~PERHAPS~~ BEYOND REMEDIATION. THEREFORE, 'COOLER HEADS' PROPERLY SHOULD AND NECESSARILY MUST PREVAIL, IN THE SPIRIT OF OBJECTIVITY, IN GENUINE COMMUNITY AND IN THE GENUINE BEST PUBLIC INTEREST, INCLUSIVELY.

'HUMAN' MEANS 'IMPERFECT', TO WHICH WE ALL MUMBLINGLY ATTEST, AND THE ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE OF CULPABILITY OR WRONGDOING IS NOT EVIDENCE OF THE ABSENCE OF WRONGDOING AS YET UNDISCOVERED OR UNDISCLOSED.

IN A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND UNCERTAINTIES, WE ESSENTIALLY 'COMPETE' ONLY WITH OURSELVES, -- THE GREATEST THREAT IS NOT OF EXTERNAL ORIGIN BUT OF INTERNAL DERIVATION, -- AND THE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO EXTRAORDINARY HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT IS THE HUMAN-INNATE PERVERSE POTENTIAL COMPOUND OF EGO, IGNORANCE AND PARANOIA.

^{HONOR OR} THERE IS NO SATISFACTION IN UNACCOMPANIED OR UNSHARED TRIUMPH, -- NO DIGNITY IN A STATE OF DENIAL OR AVOIDANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, ^{AND} NO JOY IN VENGEANCE, PARTICULARLY WHEREIN THE ^{ACCUSED} ~~PERPETRATOR~~ AND THE ^{ACCUSED} ~~VICTIM~~ ARE VIRTUALLY INDISTINGUISHABLE.

(~~AND~~) AS I'VE SAID PREVIOUSLY, -- SOMEWHERE BENEATH THIS PILE OF EMBARRASSING MANURE', THERE IS A 'SHETLAND PONY'!... OUR JOB ^{AS A} COMMUNITY IS TO DIG IT OUT, CLEAN IT OFF AND PUT IT PROUDLY ON DISPLAY FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE!...

BUT FIRST, WE MUST ATTAIN TO A HIGHER IDEALIZED STANDARD OF HUMAN SPIRITUAL QUALITY, IN TERMS OF ETHICS, MORALITY, REASON, INTEGRITY, RESPONSIBILITY, ~~ACCOUNTABILITY~~, ~~INTEGRITY~~ AND, ABOVE ALL, -- CONSCIENCE.

IN CLOSING, I WOULD OFFER THE FINAL LINE OF A SONG KNOWN AND LOVED BY INNOCENT CHILDREN:

"INCH-WORM, INCH-WORM, -- MEASURING THE MARIGOLDS, --
SEEMS TO ME YOU'D STOP AND SEE, HOW BEAUTIFUL THEY ARE!"

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Thank you. / ~

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C.H. Portie.

• TOM MCGOWAN, LAS VEGAS RESIDENT.

• IN THE 1940s' MOTION PICTURE ENTITLED: "THE OX-BOW INCIDENT", STARRING DANA ANDREWS AND BASED ON HISTORICAL FACT, -- THREE (3) ITINERANT TRANSIENTS WERE ARRESTED BY THE SHERIFF OF A SMALL RURAL TOWN. THEY WERE ACCUSED OF THEFT, RAPE AND MURDER AND WERE HANGED BY A 'LUNCH-MOB', WITHOUT BENEFIT OF TRIAL.

IT WAS LATER FOUND THE THREE (3) WERE 'INNOCENT'! -- BUT THE ENTIRE 'LUNCH-MOB' TOWN WAS 'GUILTY'!

THAT TRUE STORY OF INJUSTICE TOOK PLACE IN THE RURAL TOWN OF 'OX-BOW', -- IN THE 'BATTLE-BORN' PIONEER STATE OF -- NEVADA!

AT THIS JUNCTURE, -- I'm COMPELLED BY REASON, JUSTICE, INTEGRITY AND CONSCIENCE TO 'CAUTION' EACH AND ALL OF YOU HERE TODAY NOT TO BECOME THE 'MODERN ITERATION' OF THE TOWN OF 'OX-BOW, NEVADA'!

TODAY'S MEETING WAS AN EXCELLENT MEETING! -- AND I JOIN ALL OTHERS WHO 'CONGRATULATE'! OUR EXCELLENT NEWLY-ELECTED JUDGE, STEPHEN GEORGE! -- WHO I'M SURE WOULD VERIFY THE CAVEAT THAT: --

-- WHEN 'PROCESS' IS ABANDONED OR DENIED, --

-- 'GOVERNMENT' IS 'ANARCHY'!

THANK YOU. / ~