

**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

October 20, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: 4:35 P.M.
2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada

ROLL CALL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Michael L. Montandon
Mayor Pro Tempore William E. Robinson
Councilwoman Stephanie S. Smith
Councilman Shari Buck
Councilman Robert L. Eliason

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Gregory Rose
Assistant City Manager Dan Tarwater
City Attorney Sean McGowan
City Clerk Karen L. Storms
Public Works Director Jim Bell
Planning and Zoning Director Jory Stewart
Strategic Planning Director Eric Dabney

VERIFICATION: Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk

BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE A SITE FOR THE FACILITY.**

City Manager Gregory Rose stated Council authorized Staff to prepare a cost analysis for proposed construction of a water reclamation facility. He explained that Utilities Director David Bereskin would provide information about why this item should be considered, the results of the cost analysis and Staff's recommendation.

Director Bereskin explained the City had grown to a population which provided the necessary economy of scale to move forward with a water reclamation facility. The recommendation would be the best alternative for City's financial health and citizen's

monthly waste water bills. Director Bereskin introduced John Gallagher and Brad Hemkin, Black and Veatch, who conducted the study.

Mr. Gallagher stated his firm was directed to take into careful consideration the impacts of this project on the utility rate payers and ensure they were minimally impacted. Mr. Gallagher stated the study identified four alternatives for location, technology and capacity, with Alternative No. 4 being preferred as the most economically favorable. The preferred location near Gowan and Losee Roads would be phased up to its maximum capacity of 46 million gallons per day.

The City would save approximately \$91,000,000, which included a 1/4 percent sales tax revenue distributed to entities which owned and operated a water reclamation facility. The savings would be higher because the 40% increase imposed by the City of Las Vegas for use of their facility had not been factored into the calculation. The potential impact on monthly wastewater and water bills was less over the next ten years than the other alternatives. Director Bereskin stated Staff recommended Alternative 4 with an initial capacity of 20 million gallons per day.

Councilman Buck asked if federal money was available and Director Bereskin stated the City had already secured \$900,000 of the approximately \$20,000,000 available. He explained Alternative 4 did not factor in federal money and was a conservative estimate of savings. He assured Council Staff would continue to lobby and apply for federal funds. Mayor Montandon stated the City was at the mercy of another entity by not having its own site. He stated the 40% increase was the best scenario under the circumstance because Las Vegas could have stated they were at capacity and no longer able to provide the service. He asked if the cost for building Alternative 4 included the purchase of land for the site and Director Bereskin said it did.

ACTION: DIRECTED STAFF TO PURSUE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY
ALTERNATIVE 4

MOTION: Mayor Montandon

SECOND: Councilman Eliason

AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members Smith,
Buck and Eliason

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCES/MAPS
CONCERNING HOUSES THAT FACE MAJOR STREETS WITHIN
DEVELOPMENTS.**

Planning and Zoning Director Jory Stewart stated Staff was directed to look at Title 17 pertaining to single family design guidelines regarding lots that faced 60 foot wide or less

streets and Planning and Zoning Manager Marc Jordan would present their findings. Manager Jordan explained their analysis showed that there were circumstances where it might be warranted to prohibit houses facing out of subdivisions such as when there is a commercial project across the street or if there is a lot of traffic on the road. He also stated there were situations where the house must face onto outer roadways such as when the property being subdivided was long and narrow. He stated the issue had been discussed with the traffic department and they suggested traffic calming devices could be used to slow traffic.

Councilwoman Smith stated that it wasn't the 60-foot wide street that was a problem, but where it was located. Staff should look at whether the street was a major thoroughfare. She said she was concerned about situations where the residents purchased homes facing outward from their subdivision believing the vacant land across the street would be residential and it was rezoned to commercial.

Director Stewart suggested Staff would present the information to the Traffic and Parking Committee for further consideration and input. Staff would begin to draft policy to be adopted into design guidelines.

Harvey Ferber, 1504 Daisy Hill Ranch Way, North Las Vegas, thanked Council for addressing this issue. He stated the problem had been that people purchased a home and believed the property across from them would be residential but it was rezoned to commercial.

ACTION: STAFF DIRECTED TO FORWARD ITEM TO TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW DETAILS AND PROPOSE A DRAFT FOR PLANNING

MOTION: Mayor Montandon

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson

AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members Smith, Buck and Eliason

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. VISIONING COMMITTEE UPDATE.

Strategic Planning Director Eric Dabney introduced Carl Neu, the strategic planning consultant.

Carl Neu, Neu and Company, Lakewood, Colorado, stated the Visioning 2025 Committee was in the process of writing a draft plan based on input from the citizens and the research of several sub-committees. Mr. Neu stated the Committee had identified six core elements to focus on. Those elements were planned quality growth, pivotal centers

for development and redevelopment, economic development, community services and amenities, community spirit, relationships and pride and, finally, fiscal policies and management. Mr. Neu stated there were several steps for the draft document before it would be presented to Council. When ready, the draft would again go to the citizens for their feedback and validation. Mr. Neu hoped to have the document adopted by Council in January at which time implementation would begin. Mr. Neu thanked the steering committee members, issue project teams and Staff for their contributions.

ACTION: UPDATE GIVEN

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING STANDARDIZING BOARD APPOINTMENTS.

City Manager Gregory Rose stated he had asked City Clerk Karen Storms to look at the way in which advisory board members were appointed and to provide a report on methods for improving the process.

City Clerk Storms explained Staff was responsible for tracking 172 appointments to 55 state, regional, county, and city boards with various terms of appointment and nominating processes. She presented three options for changing the process. She advised Council whichever option they chose, the conversion would be lengthy.

Option 1 was for 1 Council/1 appointment. There would be no change in term lengths. The next appointment to a board would be made by the next Council Member in rotation.

Option 2 was 1 Council/1 appointment, co-terminus with terms expiring June 30. The first five members of a board would be appointed by Council and co-terminus with the Council Member appointing them. If there were more than five members on a board, the remaining members would be appointed at large by a majority vote.

Option 3 was 1 Council/1 appointment, co-terminus, by ward, with four-year terms. All current appointees would complete their term, but might not be eligible for re-appointment by the same Council Member.

Additionally, City Clerk Storms stated there were 23 boards on which a Staff member sat. Only one of those boards required Staff to be appointed by Council and she recommended Council authorize the City Manager to make those appointments. Staff recommended approval of Option 2.

Councilwoman Smith thanked Staff and said this would simplify the process.

ACTION: OPTION 2 APPROVED; CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZED TO MAKE STAFF APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Councilwoman Smith
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson
AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members Smith,
Buck and Eliason
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 P.M.

ACTION: MEETING ADJOURNED

MOTION: Mayor Montandon
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson
AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members Smith,
Buck and Eliason
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED: JANUARY 5, 2005

Mayor Michael L. Montandon

Attest:

Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk