

**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 18, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 4:33 P.M.

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 Sam Chambers
Assistant City Manager Maryann Ustick
Acting City Attorney Carie Torrence
City Clerk Karen L. Storms
Fire Chief Al Gillespie
Information Technology Director Steve Chapin
Chief Deputy City Clerk Anita Sheldon

VERIFICATION: Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk

BUSINESS:

1. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS REPORT FOR 2005.**

Fire Chief Al Gillespie advised a committee consisting of two Fire Captains and two Firefighters was created to prepare the report which was based on the following priorities of the Fire Department:

Well-Planned Quality Growth
A Safe Livable Community
Responsible Fiscal Management
Quality Municipal Services.

Chief Gillespie stated emphasis was placed on response time, apparatus placement and staffing needs. He felt the number of Fire Department staff was not keeping up with the population growth and was particularly concerned about the future growth of the City. Chief Gillespie described the acute needs of his department in the report which included the staffing of two new rescue units. The long-term staffing issues were addressed in the 2006-07 budget request. One of the solutions was the award of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Firefighters Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 over a five-year period which would be used to fund 15 additional firefighters. The request for ratification of this grant was scheduled to be presented at the February 15, 2006 Council meeting.

Chief Gillespie advised he would also request a reallocation of General Fund monies as a result of the audit conducted by Management Partners which imparted the need for additional staff, funding and stations.

In response to a question by Mayor Montandon, Chief Gillespie stated the bid for the construction of Fire Station 57 would be awarded at the January 18, 2006 Council meeting. The staffing for Fire Station 57 was included in the 2005-06 budget.

When asked by Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson about matching funds for the SAFER grant, Chief Gillespie responded the matching funds by the City would amortize over a five-year period.

In response to a question by Councilman Buck, Chief Gillespie stated 50 employees were requested in the 2006-07 budget, in addition to the 15 requested in the 2005-06 budget.

ACTION: PRESENTATION MADE

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:53 P.M.

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

APPROVED: April 5, 2006

Mayor Michael L. Montandon

ATTEST:

Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk