

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

May 3, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 4:36 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

Councilman Shari Buck

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Gregory Rose
Assistant City Manager Sam Chambers
Assistant City Manager Maryann Ustick
Assistant to City Manager Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth
City Clerk Karen L. Storms
Economic Development Director Mike Majewski
Fire Chief Al Gillespie
General Services Director Eric Dabney
Planning and Zoning Manager Marc Jordan
Public Works Director Jim Bell
Chief Deputy City Clerk Anita Sheldon

VERIFICATION: Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk

BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSSION AND/OR DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING A PROPOSED RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SPECIFIC BOUNDARIES FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA.**

City Manager Gregory Rose advised for the past year citizen input was sought in designating specific boundaries for the downtown area. He introduced Assistant to the City Manager Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth who provided information on the process.

Ms. Bailey-Hedgepeth stated in August of 2005 the Downtown Business Owners group,

along with the Economic Development staff, held their quarterly luncheon at which time the downtown boundaries were defined. In February of 2006 a meeting was held with the members of the Visioning Committee, the project teams and the public at which time four maps were developed. The Visioning Committee met again in March of 2006 to further discuss these maps and to develop the final consensus map.

The Visioning 2025 Downtown Consensus Map encompassed the area defined by the Downtown Business Owners along with the comments from the community. The consensus that was reached determined that the Downtown area was surrounded by key geographic features and neighborhoods that contributed to the core Downtown area. The study area identified the core business district of Downtown and outlying areas of influence that extend to Cheyenne Avenue, Pecos Road and on the north past I-15 and Commerce Street.

It was Staff's recommendation that Council review a draft resolution identifying the boundaries of the study for adoption at a future Council meeting.

In response to a question by Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, there was some minor discussion during the meetings regarding a name change.

Mayor Montandon felt further information was needed regarding where the Downtown boundaries began and ended. City Manager Rose explained the project was initiated to gain a better idea on how to focus resources in a particular area versus a "shotgun approach". The long-term intention was to identify the Downtown area and begin to create a master plan which may result in dividing the area into districts. City Manager Rose stated the intention was to return with a draft plan for Council consideration at which time it might be decided to change the boundaries.

Councilwoman Smith expressed concern with a triangular area located near Commerce Street that crossed over I-15 and felt it was not part of Downtown.

ACTION: STAFF DIRECTED TO REMOVE TRIANGLE AREA WEST OF I-15 AND PREPARE A RESOLUTION FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL

MOTION: Councilwoman Smith

SECOND: Mayor Montandon

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. UPDATE AND DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE 3-

PHASE STREET SWEEPING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

City Manager Rose explained that in the current fiscal year the City Council approved the first phase of the Street Sweeping Improvement Program and Public Works Director Jim Bell would provide an update of the program.

Director Bell explained the program consisted of three phases to be completed in three years which began on July 1, 2005. He stated entities of similar size and population were compared to North Las Vegas and it was discovered that North Las Vegas was being programmed at less than half and, in some cases a third, than that of those entities. The frequency of the street sweeping varied across the board but the downtown areas were swept more often.

Director Bell advised some of the steps to be taken toward cleaner streets included an increase in the number of street sweepers and employees to operate them, as well as a provision for maintenance of the machines. He stated Phase I was now complete and the process of hiring staff was currently taking place.

Phase II, covered in the current budget year, involved the purchase of four additional street sweepers and a dump truck, as well as the employment of four additional operators. The final phase, which would bring the City in line with other entities, included the purchase of an four additional street sweepers.

Director Bell advised the growth rate in North Las Vegas was 11% which would take two street sweepers and operators per year at the current service level. At the end of Phase III, there would be 20 street sweepers in place at a rate of four per year.

Director Bell stated currently 100% of the streets were being serviced every two weeks, up from 35%. Sweeping was being done five days a week, including nights. There was a significant increase in the quality of the sweeping since the purchase of the new machines, as well as a decrease in the number of citizen complaints.

Although there was significant improvement in the quality of the street sweeping process, there were still challenges that had to be resolved. Director Bell advised there was a problem in sweeping certain areas of the City due to parked cars, abandoned vehicles and large objects of debris. He stated the intent was to notify residents when their streets were being swept and request that they move their vehicles.

Director Bell advised several of the Downtown streets (Civic Center Drive, Lake Mead Boulevard and Las Vegas Boulevard) were being swept every two weeks by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). The plan was for the City to sweep those streets every other week so there would be weekly maintenance.

Director Bell stated efforts would be made to involve the public via media announcements

on public television, the All Points North bulletin and the water bills.

In summary, Director Bell felt the short-term solutions for a clean city were to continue to improve the three-phase plan, fill the vacant positions, optimize the routes and publicize the program for community involvement.

In response to a question by City Manager Rose, Director Bell stated the Downtown streets that would be swept weekly were Las Vegas Boulevard from Owens Avenue to Pecos Road, Lake Mead from I-15 to Pecos Road and Civic Center from Owens Avenue to Cheyenne Avenue.

ACTION: UPDATE GIVEN

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:06 P.M.

MOTION: Councilwoman Smith

SECOND: Mayor Montandon

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED: June 7, 2006

Mayor Michael L. Montandon

ATTEST:

Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk