

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

October 1, 2008

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CALL TO ORDER

4:33 PM, Council Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada

WELCOME

Mayor Michael L. Montandon

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Gregory E. Rose
Assistant City Manager Maryann Ustick
City Attorney Carie Torrence
City Clerk Karen L. Storms
Finance Director Phil Stoeckinger
Fire Chief Al Gillespie
General Services and Communications Director Brenda Fischer
Information Technology Director Steve Chapin
Public Works Director Dr. Qiong Liu
Assistant to the City Manager Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth
Municipal Court Administrator Debbie Miller
Assistant City Clerk Anita Sheldon

VERIFICATION

Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk

BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR DIRECTION REGARDING SELECTION OF THE BUILDING DESIGN FOR THE NEW CITY HALL AND CIVIC PLAZA.

City Manager Gregory Rose stated several designs for a new City Hall building and Civic Plaza were presented to Council previously, and Council had directed Staff to focus on a high rise design.

Councilman Eliason arrived at 4:34 P.M.

Principal Engineer Tom Brady introduced Mike Winters of Fentress Architects. Mr. Winters explained the preliminary designs were revised to include features discussed at the initial presentation. The original building placement was moved so it was adjacent to Las Vegas Boulevard. The civic park space was moved to a more protected, user-friendly location on the south portion of the property. A shaded walkway down the center of the property connected the parking lot to the main entrance. The park continued north along the left side of the walkway, where there was additional parking, including handicapped parking. The configuration worked well with the City's offices on McDaniel Street, and the buildings and park space could be linked by walkways and parking.

The façade of the new City Hall building was now curved, both on the side facing Las Vegas Boulevard and the south side, facing the park. Organic colors had been added.

Mayor Montandon asked how the design affected Hamilton Street. Public Works Director Dr. Qiong Liu stated the street was sold to the City as part of the property, and the Silver Nugget Casino did not need the street.

Councilwoman Buck stated she liked the new design and thanked Mr. Winters for incorporating the elements Council had requested into the design. She thought it served the needs of the City and its residents. Mayor Montandon agreed.

Public Works Director Liu noted the current design for Council Chambers accommodated 300 guests, which should be adequate most of the time. It could be revised to have 400 seats at an additional cost of \$800,000.00, as the City continued to grow and the new City Hall was expected to be used for more than 20 years. Mayor Montandon felt 300 seats were sufficient for the vast majority of meetings. Councilwoman Smith asked whether the City Hall building had the capability to broadcast meetings on television or the internet. She felt it was more cost effective to plan for the possibility during the construction phase instead of adding the components later. City Manager Rose said the options for additional seating and public broadcasting could be considered if the project costs were under budget. Principal Engineer Brady

explained the wiring was incorporated in the plans, and the City's Communications Department had a television studio component which was being incorporated into the new City Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson asked if additional floors could be added on top of the planned nine stories in the future, if necessary. Although Mr. Winters stated it was not possible, Public Works Director Liu pointed out there was enough land and parking so that additional buildings could be added later.

Dean Leavitt, 918 Dawn Valley Drive, North Las Vegas asked if there were plans for any of the space in the building to be used to generate income to offset the cost of the project. Mr. Winters stated approximately 3,000 square feet were scheduled for retail space. Mr. Leavitt felt more space should be used for commercial use. Mayor Montandon said the matter would continue to be assessed, but there was no desire to compete with neighborhood businesses. It was a City Hall building, and any stores were to suit the needs of the people using the building.

City Manager Rose stated work would continue with the new design. He pointed out the plans were preliminary, based on a pre-bid budget of \$135 million, and the true cost would not be known until the bids were received. The priority for the building was to accommodate as many of the City's offices as possible, and some of the pre-bid components, such as an exercise facility, might have to be deleted based on the bids that were received. Councilwoman Smith suggested the building might be built in phases, with all the priorities included in the first phase, and possibly other components could be added later.

ACTION: PRESENTATION GIVEN

2. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM.

Assistant to the City Manager Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth explained Council had passed a joint resolution to form the Southern Nevada Recycling Advisory Committee in 2005. The committee researched the opportunities and challenges of recycling and submitted recommendations to the Clark County Board of Commissioners in 2007 regarding how to improve recycling and promote the usage of recycling in Southern Nevada. The Board accepted the recommendations and as a result, test pilot programs were created in Southern Nevada. Several North Las Vegas citizens had expressed an interest in implementing a recycling program in the City. Assistant Bailey-Hedgepeth displayed photos of household trash that was predominantly made up of recycling and very little trash. She displayed photos of trash that had blown away from receptacles.

Residents who participated in the recycling program were given two 96-gallon wheeled receptacles at no cost. Assistant Bailey-Hedgepeth showed pictures of a neighborhood

before and after the pilot program. After the program was instituted, litter in the neighborhood was significantly decreased. The City of North Las Vegas would be the second city in Clark County to adopt a recycling program.

Bob Coyle, Area President, Republic Services of Southern Nevada, stated the recycling pilot program was instituted for approximately 1,200 homes on Nellis Air Force Base in January 2008. Within one month, recycling increased from 4% to over 25%. The program was launched in the spring for approximately 2,500 homes in Rhodes Ranch. Half the homes had recycling picked up every week, the other half had pick-up every two weeks. Recycling rates rose from 4% to over 25%.

Mr. Coyle stated Republic Services was committed to community outreach. They sought out and collaborated with interested homeowners and neighborhood associations. They made presentations and provided the trash receptacles at no charge. They planned to expand the recycling program to include a larger assortment of items. A dedicated hot-line for customer service was also provided.

Mayor Montandon and Councilwoman Smith expressed enthusiasm about the program. Mr. Coyle noted an accounting firm selected by Clark County was hired to determine whether prices for trash pick-up would go up, down or remain the same with the addition of the recycling program. Councilman Eliason wanted to make sure neighborhoods without associations were included and notified about the possibility of participating in a recycling program. Mr. Coyle replied Republic Services would make sure all neighborhoods were informed about the recycling program. Assistant Bailey-Hedgepeth offered to make the presentation at the Councilmembers' Town Hall meetings. Mr. Coyle mentioned the trash receptacles had attached lids, which significantly decreased the amount of debris that blew away and created litter in the neighborhoods, and significantly decreased the amount of trash picked up by street sweepers.

Councilwoman Buck stated she only needed trash pick-up once a week instead of twice when she switched to the larger, 96-gallon receptacles. Mr. Coyle stated that was one of the aspects that was tracked through the pilot program. Mr. Coyle also mentioned residents had the option to keep their old trash receptacles for personal use, or Republic Services picked them up at no charge.

ACTION: STAFF DIRECTED TO MOVE FORWARD

MOTION: Mayor Montandon

SECOND: Councilwoman Smith

**AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Councilmembers
Smith, Buck and Eliason**

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:08 P.M.

MOTION: Mayor Montandon

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED: November 5, 2008

/s/ Michael L. Montandon
Mayor Michael L. Montandon

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen L. Storms
Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk