

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

May 27, 2008

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**CALL TO ORDER**

4:03 P.M., Council Chambers, 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  
Councilwoman Shari Buck  
Councilman Robert L. Eliason

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager Gregory E. Rose  
Assistant City Manager Sam Chambers  
Assistant City Manager Maryann Ustick  
City Attorney Carie Torrence  
City Clerk Karen L. Storms  
Communications Director Brenda Fischer  
Finance Director Phil Stoeckinger  
Fire Chief Al Gillespie  
General Services Director Eric Dabney  
Human Resources Director Joyce Lira  
Library Director Kathy Pennell  
Municipal Court Judge Warren VanLandschoot  
Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley  
Acting Planning and Zoning Director Frank Fiori  
Police Chief Joseph Forti  
Senior Assistant to the City Manager Kenny Young  
Finance Manager Kay Godbey  
Planning and Zoning Manager Marc Jordan  
Redevelopment Manager Larry Bender  
Deputy Police Chief Tony Scott  
Municipal Court Administrator Debbie Miller  
Assistant City Clerk Anita Sheldon

**WELCOME**

Mayor Montandon

**VERIFICATION**

Karen L. Storms, CMC  
City Clerk

**BUSINESS**

1. **CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING, PURSUANT TO NRS 354.596, ON THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS TENTATIVE BUDGET, THE NORTH LAS VEGAS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TENTATIVE BUDGET, AND THE NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009.**

Mayor Montandon explained the meeting was reconvened from a meeting one week earlier. Mayor Montandon opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager Gregory Rose stated he had presented the tentative budget at the last meeting and had briefed Councilwoman Buck, who had been absent. Councilwoman Buck asked about increases in Operating and Capital expenses. City Manager Rose explained the Operating side of the budget was primarily the General Fund. The Capital was increased by approximately 43% while the Operating increased approximately 5%. Population currently increased by approximately 6%.

Mayor Montandon clarified the Capital Improvements were mostly for intergovernmental improvements involving the Regional Flood Control District, the Regional Transportation Authority, as well as the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, construction of a new City Hall, and Parks Department improvements.

Councilwoman Smith stated she was glad the details were noted, as it informed citizens their tax money was spent on services for them, and not kept in reserve. She listed some of the projects underway, including a new Library, a Multi-Generation Center, road improvements, construction and maintenance of new and existing parks, all of which required the addition of more employees. She stated when public safety officers were added, the support system needed to be enhanced. The City should not just hire officers and not hire related support staff.

**Bob Borgersen, 7617 Island Rail Drive, North Las Vegas** asked why the tentative budget was 18.7% higher when the City's growth rate was 6%. Mayor Montandon responded most of the increase was in the Capital Improvements. The City had experienced tremendous growth in prior years, and many of the Capital Improvement projects took several years to come to fruition. Many of them were at a point where they were affecting the budget now.

Mr. Borgersen questioned why the City had been approving apartments when he felt apartments actually cost the City money rather than increased revenues. He mentioned the recent increases in water and sewer fees. He thought the intent was to transfer large sums of money out of the water fund, so he did not understand why water fees were raised if they weren't needed. Mayor Montandon explained there was a calculated formula for the use of water funds. Water fund money was in the category of payment in lieu of taxes. If revenues were eliminated from the water fund, they would have to be replaced from another source. Mr. Borgersen wondered if the City could cut costs rather than increase costs. Mayor Montandon replied the City had carried out many significant cuts.

City Manager Rose clarified North Las Vegas had the lowest water fees in the area, because the City controlled the water fees. However, the City had the highest sewer fees because those fees were beyond the City's control, which was why the City was building its own wastewater treatment facility. City Manager Rose reminded Council five positions were deleted in the tentative budget as it was determined they would not be filled in the next fiscal year. City Manager Rose stated a total of 212 positions were requested by various departments. All of them were needed, but the City could not afford all. The tentative budget included 70.5 additional positions which were needed and the City could afford.

Mayor Montandon closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

**2. ADOPT THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS TENTATIVE BUDGET, THE NORTH LAS VEGAS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TENTATIVE BUDGET, AND THE NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT TENTATIVE BUDGET EITHER AS PRESENTED OR WITH MODIFICATION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 - 2009.**

ACTION: BUDGET ADOPTED

MOTION: Councilwoman Smith

SECOND: Councilwoman Buck

AYES: Mayor Montandon, Councilmembers Smith and Buck

NAYS: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Councilman Eliason

ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Rose commended Staff's hard work creating the budget, which took eight months. In particular, City Manager Rose recognized Finance Director Phil Stoeckinger and Budget Manager Tom Baker.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public participation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

ACTION: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:16 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: August 6, 2008**

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

**ATTEST:**

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