

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

June 4, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

4:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

**EXCUSED**

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  
Information Technology Director Steve Chapin  
Library Director Kathy Pennell  
Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley  
Acting Planning and Zoning Director Frank Fiori  
Police Chief Joe Forti  
Public Works Director Qiong Liu  
Assistant to the City Manager Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth  
Senior Assistant to the City Manager Kenny Young  
Court Administrator Debbie Miller  
Deputy City Clerk Marie Purcell

**VERIFICATION**

Karen L. Storms, CMC  
City Clerk

**BUSINESS:**

**1. DISCUSSION, DIRECTION AND/OR ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY07-08 AND FY08-09 WORK PLAN.**

City Manager Gregory Rose presented the Work Plan and discussed some of the present year achievements. The work plan was completed with the mission statements and priorities that the City Council developed. City Manager Rose explained that the priority of responsible fiscal management was achieved with the preparation and submission of the annual operating budget and capital improvement plan. Awards continued to be received for the operating budget and comprehensive annual financial plan. He explained items that were not included were the continuation of the 18% general fund balance and the recommendation of minimal water and wastewater increases. City Manager Rose explained that under Well-Planned Quality Growth were the advancement of the Water Reclamation Facility project, the acquisition of properties for the North 5<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor, revisions of Title 17, completed Residential Density Incentive System and the start of the annexation of Apex. Under Quality Municipal Services, City Manager Rose explained that the automated meter reading project continued to move forward, advanced the interactive voice payment options, maintained the five day work week in the Utilities Department which was important for turn-on and turn-offs of utilities and filled three key staff positions with the appointments of Kathy Pennell as Library Director, Joe Forti as Chief of Police and Dr. Qiong Liu as Public Works Director. Under Economic Development, City Manager Rose explained there were several new companies that joined the city with five business expansions for a total of 1,200 new jobs. Under Safe and Livable Communities, the Police Department created the Problem Solving Unit, established the Mobile Command Center, reduced violent crime activity and developed a crime prevention strategy. City Manager Rose explained the City had the groundbreaking for Fire Station 53, reached long-term collective bargaining agreements with the Police and Fire Departments and was in the process of negotiating the agreement with Teamsters. Under Pivotal Centers for Development and Redevelopment, City Manager Rose explained the advancement of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas North Campus, forward movement of the Downtown Master Plan, opening of the Cheyenne Point project, groundbreaking for Park Highlands and advancement of the Veterans' Hospital. Under Community Services and Cultural Amenities, City Manager Rose reported the opening of Sandstone Ridge Park, the groundbreaking of the MLK/Alexander Library, advancement of the Craig Ranch Regional Park Master Plan, advancement of the design of the New City Hall Complex and design and construction of the SkyView Multi-Generational Facility. Under Community Spirit

Relationships and Pride, City Manager Rose explained the City held the second annual Volunteer Recognition Brunch, sixth annual Tastes and Tunes Festival, second annual Balloonpalooza Festival, held Town Hall Meetings throughout the City, conducted various citizen surveys and established a Youth Council.

City Manager Rose explained that the work plan was constructed with staff and facilitator Lyle Sumek and reviewed the objectives and challenges in trying to execute the plan. The first goal dealt with Financially Sustainable City Government Providing Services of the Highest Quality and some of the objectives were the investment in the maintenance and upgrade of the City's infrastructure and facilities; and maintenance and expansion of the City's diverse revenue base. City Manager Rose explained the annexation of Apex would add a significant amount of property for industrial development. He also explained what it meant to citizens was the value for the citizens' tax dollars increased, responsive city services met residents' needs, predictability of taxes and fees in the future, and fair, equitable taxes and fees. City Manager Rose explained some of the challenges were anticipation that the legislature's approach to solving the State's budget problems was to reach out to local governments for money. The City would work with the State legislature and State delegations to find more reasonable solutions and not offload the State's problems on local jurisdictions. He explained some of the long-term challenges, which were not being recommended for the next fiscal year, were employee opposition, multiple pay and benefits plans and maintaining high quality development standards.

City Manager Rose explained that some things to look forward to in policy actions were the possibility to secure additional funds for Fund 288, which was the COPS fund, and could be used for hiring additional police with the proposed additional 1/4¢ sales tax. Policy actions to be brought forward to Council included SID policy and procedure direction, fire cost recovery plan development, recreation fees methodology and Code Enforcement re-inspection fee policy development. Some of the Management Actions that would be brought to Council included Management and Organization Succession Plan, Recruitment and Selection Process, Retirement Benefits and Utility Asset Management Program.

Another goal was the Development of Major Activity Centers which would be at the forefront with the City Hall and Command Center moving forward. City Manager Rose explained that for the citizens it meant opportunities to work from home resulting in more leisure and family time, greater convenience with easy access to retail stores, a more diverse tax base resulting in less burden on residential taxpayer and pride in North Las Vegas. He explained some of the short term challenges included the housing market, the prices of homes and number of foreclosures and in long term challenges were the unrealistic expectation of property values by private property owners. City Manager Rose explained some of the policy actions to be brought forward to Council included the completion and adoption of the Downtown Master Plan, Owner Participation Agreement with shopping center developer for Las Flores, Craig Ranch Park land acquisition for adjacent properties, annexation direction, UNLV Development Agreement and infill policy. Some of the Management Actions under this goal included federal funding for clean-up of

the future UNLV site, workforce housing strategy, Craig Ranch Park, North 5<sup>th</sup> Street project coordination, large scale development strategy process and regional economic study strategic recommendation for cluster developments. City Manager Rose explained on the horizon was the Annual Capital Improvement Program and the BLM Proposal Process.

City Manager Rose explained the third goal was Safest and Most Beautiful City in the Valley and included objectives such as the enhancement of people feeling safe and secure in their neighborhood and community. It would mean confidence in the quality of the city's emergency response for the citizens. Some of the policy actions under this goal to be brought to Council included the CPTED Adoption for all Developments, Housing Element

(Comprehensive Master Plan), Traffic Calming Policy and Housing Authority - Desert Mesa Project. Management actions included fire prevention strategy and action plan, minimum standard for multifamily housing, crime reduction strategy and action plan, neighborhood beautification special project area and fire accreditation process.

City Manager Rose explained the next goal was Upgraded City Facilities and Infrastructure and included building a sustainable City Hall complex and completion of the annual Capital Improvement Plan projects on time and within budget. What this goal meant to citizens was enhanced productivity for the city organization and better quality of city facilities for greater community pride. Policy actions to be brought to Council under this goal included City Hall project development and direction, wastewater reclamation facility, saw tooth SID policy and procedures and North 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Management Actions included the Alexander Library and Park Construction.

City Manager Rose explained that Goal #5 was the Distinctive Image and Community Identity and included development of a visual identity and brand for North Las Vegas and neighborhoods. To citizens it would mean greater community pride and all cultures feeling included and welcome. Management Actions included Update Park and Facilities Plan, Revitalization of New Residents Program, Safety Promotion - Reduced Crime Rate, WiFi in selected City buildings, enhancement of State of the City and Cultural Master Plan. Some things on the horizon included the Visitor Development Strategy and Actions and expansion of the Public Information Program.

Mayor Montandon questioned the breakdown for this year and the five-year plan. City Manager Rose explained that issues "on the horizon" were to be addressed in the next five years.

Councilwoman Buck questioned whether Chief Forti wanted to attain Police Department accreditation as they had in the past. Police Chief Forti stated that he did not feel the department needed to go back to the accreditation process.

Councilwoman Smith questioned the delay on Craig Ranch Park. Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley explained the park was currently in the design phase and at the end of the month should be in 30% plans. He explained it was moving quickly but stated it was a 135 acre site which was complicated. A contract amendment would be brought forward to Council for Moore, Iacafano & Goltsman's current agreement for design to piggyback the design for the regional play area.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson questioned the advancement of the UNLV campus and the Veteran's Hospital. He was also concerned about balancing the budget without the use of the Wastewater Fund. City Manager Rose explained the City was moving away from the use of the fund, but there was heavy reliance on these funds for the past thirty years and it would take time to move away from it completely. He felt that moving quickly would have a major impact to operations and ability to provide services to citizens. City Manager Rose explained that the City was working with UNLV on the master plan and it was near completion. The focus was to secure money to help with the clean up in the next fiscal year. The Veterans' Hospital was under construction and scheduled to open next year.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson questioned the relationship with the Chamber of Commerce and State delegation. City Manager Rose explained he met with John Wilson and there was a desire to meet with the City Council and State delegation which resulted from the efforts to move forward with the extension of the Redevelopment District.

ACTION: DISCUSSION HELD

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public participation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:02 P.M.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson

**SECOND:** Councilwoman Smith

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilman Eliason

**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