

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

November 7, 2007

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CALL TO ORDER

4:31 P.M., Council Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

Mayor Michael L. Montandon

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Gregory Rose
Assistant City Manager Maryann Ustick
City Attorney Carie Torrence
City Clerk Karen L. Storms
Communications Director Brenda Fischer
Human Resources Director Joyce Lira
Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley
Planning and Zoning Director Jory Stewart
Parks Landscape Architect John Jones
Planning and Zoning Manager Marc Jordan
Acting Police Chief Joseph Chronister
Assistant Police Chief Joseph Forti
Assistant City Clerk Anita Sheldon

WELCOME

Mayor Pro Tempore William E. Robinson

VERIFICATION

Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk

BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING A VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT THROUGH HYATT LEGALS PLAN.

Human Resources Director Joyce Lira explained the voluntary employee benefit plan through Hyatt provided representation for employees and their families for legal consultations at scheduled rates for numerous issues with the employees' choice of attorneys. There were exclusions to the services that were covered. There was no cost to the City. The plan cost employees \$16.50 per month via payroll deduction and would be available on January 1, 2008. Membership in the plan required a one-year commitment.

Councilwoman Smith supported the addition of the plan.

ACTION: APPROVED; STAFF DIRECTED TO ADVISE COUNCIL OF NEW PROGRAMS

MOTION: Councilwoman Smith

SECOND: Councilwoman Buck

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Councilmembers Smith and Buck

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Montandon

ABSTAIN: Councilman Eliason

2. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PRIVATE PARK DEVELOPMENT & DEDICATION POLICY.

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley stated his presentation was developed with input from staff from Parks and Recreation, Code Enforcement, Finance, Planning and Zoning and the City Attorney's Office. It addressed the subject of assessment of maintenance fees of open spaces within communities, because the City had been asked to accept dedication of some private community parks. Based on zoning and amenities according to the 2004 Park Design Standards, developers constructed parks and facilities

within communities. Ownership was transferred to a Homeowners' Association (HOA), a property management company or landlord, or to the City. Staff evaluated maintenance costs versus recreational value. The City's cost of maintaining parks had decreased to \$18,000 per acre, due to increased efficiency.

Councilman Eliason entered Chambers at 4:39 P.M.

The current standard for planning new public parks was a minimum of ten acres, which was consistent with the standards of surrounding locales. The parks within HOAs were generally less than five acres with a quarter mile of trails, and were designed for the immediate residents, not the community at large. Community parks typically had up to three miles of trails, large scale facilities, sports facilities, public restrooms and off-street parking. Public parks dedicated to the larger community had to meet the City's park standards. The City would have to renovate any HOA parks it took over at a cost of approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 per acre. Staff recommended the City maintain the current policy not to accept dedication of community parks of less than ten acres, and to assess the HOAs the costs of maintenance, renovations and repairs when it did agree to maintain parks.

Councilwoman Buck mentioned a case where the HOA cost for park maintenance was high. She thought some of the costs were a result of substandard equipment and suggested the development standards for private community parks be regulated by the City, to help keep residents' costs down and decrease the requests for the City to maintain the parks. Park Planner Michelle Menart stated the subject could be included within the current private park development standards and inspection evaluation. Councilwoman Smith agreed and thought fewer amenities of better quality might be more beneficial to residents.

ACTION: PRESENTATION MADE

PUBLIC FORUM

Dean Leavitt, 918 Dawn Valley Drive, North Las Vegas commended the Parks and Recreation Department on Sandstone Park and the City's park amenities.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:56 P.M.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson
SECOND: Councilmember Smith
AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Councilmembers Smith, Buck and Eliason
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Montandon
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED: December 5, 2007

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

ATTEST:

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