

**NORTH LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL
NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES**

May 25, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Gregory Rose
Assistant City Manager Dan Tarwater
City Clerk Karen L. Storms
Parks & Recreation Director Michael Henley
Finance Director Phil Stoeckinger
Strategic Planning Director Eric Dabney
Public Works Director Jim Bell
Fire Chief Jim Stubler
Police Chief Mark Paresi
Assistant to the City Manager Brenda Johnson
Planning and Zoning Director Jory Stewart
Utilities Director David Bereskin
Judge Warren Van Landschoot
Assistant Police Chief Joe Forti
Court Administrator Debbie Miller
Chief Deputy City Attorney Leslie Nielsen
Senior Deputy City Attorney James Lewis
Special Projects Analyst Kimberly McDonald
Utility Engineer Manager Robert McLaughlin
Principal Planner Misty Haehn
Planner Robert Eastman

VERIFICATION: Karen L. Storms CMC, City Clerk

BUSINESS:

1. Community Update Topics:

- Code Enforcement
- Community Policing
- Parks & Recreation
- Planning & Zoning
- Public Works

Parks and Recreation Director Michael Henley spoke about a few of the projects that would begin with the adoption of the 2004-2005 budget. Council had approved 13 projects for the upcoming fiscal year totaling approximately \$8.5 million. Director Henley stated 50 acres of new parks would be constructed and regional trails which would link the City with the surrounding communities. A feasibility study would be conducted for the development of a senior, multi-generational center and City Manager Rose had requested a study completed for the development of a teen center. The City was working with the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) to complete multiple turf conversion projects.

Director Henley stated the Parks and Recreation Department had received over 700,000 visits to its centers and programs. He expected the number to increase as the population of the City increased. Between the Bruce Street Recreation Center and the Silver Mesa Recreation Center the City would offer 112 classes being conducted over two sessions for the upcoming summer. The City operated four swimming pools throughout the City. Movies and concert series would be held over the summer, also. The 5th Annual Independence Day Jubilee would be held July 3rd at Seastrand Park and would begin at 5:30 p.m. and last till 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Montandon entered Council Chambers at 6:10 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Director Jory Stewart introduced Principal Planner Misty Haehn and Planner Robert Eastman.

Principal Planner Haehn stated the City, in the year 1946, was 2.5 square miles and the City had grown to 81 square miles. Approximately 1,000 people per month moved to the City. The Planning and Zoning Department was developing a 16 mile trail system which would begin at the Beltway and would connect Aliante to existing areas. The trail system would be a regional project and the project would be paid for by the proceeds of selling Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.

Planner Robert Eastman stated Council had passed and adopted a number of ordinances administered by the Planning and Zoning Department which would effect the City's residents. Planner Eastman stated a garage conversion ordinance had been created for homeowners living in the Ranch Estates areas and a tavern ordinance which would affect distances between taverns, churches, schools, parks and child care facilities.

Public Works Director Jim Bell stated a great deal of development had occurred on Craig Road which resulted in it's widening. Director Bell stated the road separation project at Craig Road was underway. Lamb Boulevard would be extended and an interchange would be built near the Las Vegas Motor Speedway (LVMS). A project would be designed and implemented for Ann Road.

Public Works Assistant Director Robert Harary stated two parks with multiple amenities would be constructed during the upcoming fiscal year.

Police Chief Mark Paresi introduced Assistant Chief Joe Forti. Police Chief Paresi stated crime in the City had decreased. The Police Department had worked with additional City agencies and held "clean-ups" in high crime areas. Additional clean-ups would occur in the future.

Chief Paresi stated a new police facility was under construction at Washburn Road and Allen Lane. The facility would be considered a community policing facility which meant the facility would be open to the public. It could be used for community meetings and also provide sanctuary during an emergency.

Acting Community Development Director Kenny Young stated his department consisted of the Redevelopment Agency/Neighborhood Services, Code Enforcement, and Economic Development. The Community Development Department would be responsible to develop and maintain the mature areas of the City, enforce the municipal code for the upkeep of homes and businesses and encourage the development of new homes, businesses and industries within the City.

An ordinance had been written which regulated garage sales. Residents who would like to conduct a garage sale must obtain a permit. The permits were free and could be obtained through the Code Enforcement Office or online on the City's homepage. Garage sale signs could also be displayed but only on private property with the homeowner's permission. Signs could not be displayed on light poles, trees or street signs and boxes were not allowed to be anchored for the advertisement of garage sales on medians. All signs must be removed at the end of the sale.

PUBLIC FORUM

Deborah Lewis, 4010 Hemp Hill Street, North Las Vegas, spoke of overcrowding within the school system and high density growth within the City.

Gail Tominac, 533 Craig Creek, North Las Vegas, spoke regarding her recent experience with the Police Department's non-emergency, 311, and the amount of time it took to reach an operator.

David Eising, 3210 Panamint, North Las Vegas, complained about the condition of his neighbor's yard and home and questioned what procedure could be followed to improve the situation.

Harvey Ferber, 1504 Lazy Hill Ranch Way, North Las Vegas, spoke about notification of Planning Commission Meetings and planning and zoning issues with regards to the locations of storage facilities and taverns.

Bob Borgersen, 4751 Possum Berry, North Las Vegas, did not agree with the time allotted persons to speak during the Public Forum. He stated he disagreed with the premise of the proposed rental housing ordinance. He asked for verification if the meeting space provided within the new Police Department sub station would be free and what the status of the Citizen Review Board was.

Eddie Schmitz, 27 Pinnacle Hill Court, North Las Vegas, complemented Staff and the Planning Commission for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

MOTION: Mayor Montandon

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED: August 4, 2004

/s/ Mayor Michael L. Montandon
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Attest:

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