

**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

May 18, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: 5:03 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 Attorney Sean McGowan
City Clerk Karen L. Storms
Fire Chief Al Gillespie
Parks & Recreation Director Michael Henley
Planning and Development Director Jory Stewart
Deputy City Clerk Anita Sheldon

VERIFICATION: Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk

BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PROXIMITY DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN TAVERNS AND OTHER TAVERNS, CITY PARKS, DAY CARE CENTERS, SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.**

City Manager Gregory Rose explained Council requested a Special Study Session to discuss the number of taverns within North Las Vegas, where they are located and the possible effects of changing the distance requirement between taverns to 2500 feet.

Planning and Development Director Jory Stewart pointed out the existing taverns located in the City of North Las Vegas, as well as the taverns that were approved but not yet built and the taverns under construction. She stated there were 77 licensed taverns throughout the City and presented the Council members with a list. Mayor Pro Tempore inquired as to why the Satin Saddle and the Palomino Club were not among the taverns listed. Mayor Montandon explained the two establishments were not listed because they did not have use permits.

Director Stewart made a presentation of the approved and existing "on-sale" uses at the 1500-foot radius scale. When compared to the 1500-foot radius around schools and parks, the portion of the City south of the Beltway was nearly saturated. When the radius was increased to 2500 feet, the saturation dramatically increased.

Mayor Montandon asked Director Stewart if there was a distance separation requirement for establishments that held a beer and wine license. Director Stewart replied there was no distance separation requirement for those establishments. Senior Deputy City Attorney Jim Lewis explained a business that held a beer and wine license was not eligible to secure a gaming machine license.

Councilman Buck requested a discussion be held regarding a buffer between residences and taverns. City Attorney McGowan asked what distance was requested and Councilman Buck responded the same as Henderson, which was a 500-foot separation unless the tavern contained a restaurant.

Director Stewart advised there were currently 8 supper clubs, 15 beer and wine only, 2 non-profit clubs, 13 saloons and 39 tavern/restaurants licensed in North Las Vegas.

Councilman Eliason asked if washes were included as natural barriers at the last study session. Senior Deputy City Attorney Lewis responded there were two types of waivers. One was a waiver of the proximity distance requirement between taverns if they were on opposite sides of the I-15 or the I-215 freeway. The second waiver was for 1500 to 400 feet for schools, day care centers, churches and publicly-owned parks. Washes were not included in tavern-to-tavern distance proximity waivers.

Councilwoman Smith suggested the map of existing and approved taverns be presented each time an application for a use permit was submitted. She also expressed a desire to increase the tavern-to-tavern separation distance from 1500 to 2000 feet.

ACTION: STAFF DIRECTED TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE A 500-FOOT BUFFER BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS AND SALOONS AND TO CHANGE 1500 FEET TO 2000 FEET BETWEEN TAVERNS AND OTHER TAVERNS, CITY PARKS, DAY CARE CENTERS, SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:26 P.M.

MOTION: Mayor Montandon
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson
AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members Buck
and Eliason
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED: July 6, 2005

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

ATTEST:

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