

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

December 15, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: 3:35 P.M.

VERIFICATION: Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk

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
Finance Director Phil Stoeckinger
Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley
Public Works Director Jim Bell
Strategic Planning Director Eric Dabney
Utilities Director David Bereskin
Strategic Planning Analyst Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth

BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE DRAFT VISIONING 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN WITH A REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REVISION OF CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES.**

City Manager Gregory Rose introduced Carl Neu to present the draft Visioning 2025 Plan. Carl Neu stated the community had been surveyed and had given their view of a proposed strategic plan. The process had now reached a point where Council's feedback about questions or concerns was needed. Once the plan was adopted, it would alter how some of the processes worked in the organization. Reconciliation of the proposed Strategic Plan

and Council priorities may need to occur and Council should look at what it would take to make this plan happen. He encouraged Council to think of this plan as a dynamic and continuous process about how a community saw, thought about and created through decisive leadership and management commitment the future it desired. It defined the long-term “big picture” and focused the governing body on defining the results to be achieved.

Mayor Montandon asked that the term “preferred choice” in the Mission Statement be changed to either preferred or choice. He believed the term was redundant. Mr. Neu explained the process in which the groups came to a decision to use the term. Mayor Montandon stated he would prefer to have it corrected. Councilwoman Smith agreed.

Councilman Buck stated she appreciated the addition of the word “safe” as part of the goals and objectives. She believed it was an important part of her vision of the City.

Councilwoman Smith said she would prefer not to use the word “pride” as part of the vision element. She believed it sent the wrong message. Mr. Neu said that being proud of their community was an element about which the members of the Visioning Committee and the community felt very strongly. Councilwoman Smith said that “community spirit” could replace the word. Councilman Buck said she had no problem with saying she was proud to live in North Las Vegas and did not believe it had a negative connotation.

City Manager Rose asked the Council if there was a need to have a separate cultural master plan. Councilman Eliason said there had been no desire on the part of the residents to have a separate cultural aspect. City Manager Rose said he was thinking more about the arts rather than a theme for a particular area or group such as partnering with non-profit groups for theaters. If that was a priority for Council, he would begin to allocate resources. Councilwoman Smith said separating the cultural amenities from parks and recreation was a good message to send the community.

City Attorney Sean McGowan said he was uncomfortable with references to “light rail” in the document. He said light rail was a strategy, but it was still being studied. He was concerned that people might view the document as a finished product and not a vision of the future. Mayor Montandon suggested using the term mass transit system rather than light rail.

Councilman Buck said she would prefer to change the wording under a safe, livable community. Instead of saying “create a community in which all residents feel safe,” she suggested “create a community in which all residents ARE safe.” She said the goal of the Police Department, the community policing programs and having residents involved in Neighborhood Watch programs was for people to be safe. Mayor Montandon suggested both comments should be included.

Mayor Montandon said it was beneficial to see the goals outlined. He stated parks and recreation has always been a high priority with the citizens yet it had not been a large portion of the budgeted Capital Improvement Plan. This would enable the Council to prioritize more effectively. He asked City Manager Rose where this process would go next.

City Manager Rose stated he hoped the Council would decide on their priorities which would assist in the preparation of the 2005-06 annual operating budget. He said an additional work session on this project would be scheduled.

ACTION: DISCUSSION HELD

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 P.M.

ACTION: MEETING ADJOURNED

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: MARCH 2, 2005

Michael L. Montandon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk