

Carolyn G. Goodman, Mayor (At-Large)  
Stavros S. Anthony, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 4)  
Brian Knudsen (Ward 1)  
Victoria Seaman (Ward 2)  
Olivia Diaz (Ward 3)  
Cedric Crear (Ward 5)  
Michele Fiore (Ward 6)



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## City Council Agenda

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**October 19, 2022**  
**9:00 AM**

6. Public comment during this portion of the Agenda must be limited to matters on the Agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come to the podium and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

### Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN advised that all public comments would be limited to one minute due to the length of the agenda. She clarified with GINA GREISEN, Nevada Voters for Animals, that members could provide their name for the record and give their one minute to someone needing additional time.

Referencing Item 10, MARK CURLEY explained that the City lost three court litigations, and he believed residents were going elsewhere for housing.

TERA ANDERSON said that the City has a fiduciary responsibility to land owners to resolve the Badlands issue, and she expressed opposition to Item 10.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to Item 55 regarding The Animal Foundation (TAF): PATRICIA REID, JOHN BRASSNER, BRYCE HENDERSON, GEORGE GILBERT, CHRIS RAMIREZ, DAVE SCHWEIGER, MONICA FLORES, KEITH WILLIAMS, KATHY DELLINGER, STEVEN COLLIER, MISTY ROSE FISHER, KATHLEEN STILLINGS, AMANDA GIBSON, KAYDEN REICHENBACH, MELANIE SHAYNE, AMY HELT, and LISA MAYO-DERISO. They cited concerns regarding TAF's financial situation, mismanagement, how animals are handled, euthanasia, and the need for the City to take over animal sheltering services.

BRANDY GLASGOW said that the Humane Society released a 200-page report on TAF in 2007 that cited a complete failure of animal care and safety, and she advised that an additional report was released in July 2022. She listed several issues from both reports that included: 18,000 animals being euthanized in one year, significant deficiencies in disease control, lack of appropriate vaccinations and supplies, inadequate staffing, violations of FDA protocols regarding drugs, and lack of accurate recordkeeping. MS. GLASGOW said the former CEO's (Chief Executive Officer) salary had grown from \$100,000 to \$230,000 over 15 years, noting that TAF staff currently make between \$12 to \$13 per hour and the national average is \$15 to \$17 per hour. She did not believe TAF was qualified to fulfill their shelter contract with the City, and she asked that the Animal Advisory Committee be reestablished so decisions could be made with advisement from professionals in the animal industry.

JAMES PUMPHREY advised that he collaborated with UC (University of California) Davis as an independent assessor of TAF's practices in December 2021, and they provided recommendations and best practices that were not implemented. He later learned that staff had been prepped to only share positive attributes during the assessment, and he said TAF's CEO asked him to alter the assessment. He noted that shelter assessments and recommendations were made in 2007, 2014, 2016, and 2021, and he expressed concern that TAF was focused on PR (public relations) instead of implementing solutions. MR. PUMPHREY believed shelter workers should be

able to unionize and be treated with respect and dignity. He opined that institutional neglect was the cause for issues with crowding and the lack of appropriate levels of care, and he asked that mercy and compassion be considered when offering solutions.

MS. GREISEN thanked COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN for placing Item 10 on the agenda, and she expressed concern regarding TAF's response to the Councilwoman visiting the shelter. She displayed the 2007 HSUS (The Humane Society of the United States) report, which was not submitted for the record, and noted it was written by UC Davis. She became an advocate in 2005 after experiencing issues with TAF, and she came before the Council on September 21, 2005 to ask them to review conditions at TAF. MS. GREISEN said that TAF declared an emergency and shut down the shelter two years later. She believed the TAF Board of Directors needed to be open to the public for transparency, and that their animals need to be taken care of outside of business hours.

LORI HERRON, Executive Director of Nevada SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), advised that they intake and re-home over 2,500 animals per year. They provide free dog and cat food to pet owners in financial need without funding from the City. She explained that Nevada SPCA resolved issues they experienced three years ago by being transparent to the public, and fundraising for and building a new animal shelter to replace their unsafe shelter. She noted that Nevada SPCA is one of TAF's largest transfer partners, and she asked that they be more transparent regarding illness outbreaks. MS. HERRON said Nevada SPCA took in dogs from Clark County Animal Control when TAF closed down. She reported that TAF's CEO previously served on Nevada SPCA's Board of Directors, and expressed concern that she did not have in-shelter experience.

DAVID CROTEAU and JUDY HEATH spoke in opposition to Item 77. MR. CROTEAU expressed concern regarding transient individuals doing drugs and stealing vegetables from his property, and he thought the applicant's property should be condemned. MS. HEATH believed the church intended to do homeless projects, and she advised that there was a homeless problem in the neighborhood. MAYOR GOODMAN asked them both to speak with staff.

REBECCA BURTON expressed opposition to Item 85 and submitted photos for the record to show lack of available parking.

JOSEPH THOMAS, SHANE PERIN, DUSTIN DINGMAN, and KEVIN O'DONNELL (phonetic) expressed support for Item 87. MR. DINGMAN believed the development would provide safe and affordable housing for the Medical District, and he expressed concern regarding crime and the high cost of housing in the area. MR. O'DONNELL said the developer works with the community and is a premier residential developer in Chicago.

DR. JASON WASDEN said MR. MUNFORD was a great friend and mentor, and he expressed support regarding the street name change on Item 89.

DEBORAH EVANS, Vice President of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation and President of Juneteenth Nevada, noted ASSEMBLYMAN MUNFORD'S efforts in getting Juneteenth recognized as a national and state holiday, and she expressed support for Item 89.