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City Council Agenda

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February 7, 2024
9:00 AM

53. Citizens Participation: Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council. No subject may be acted upon by the City Council unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come to the podium and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:

ROBERT HIXON stated he is an Ex-Ranger Tent Commander and is creating an organization called Military Vets for Pets. He shared that his dog was recently turned away from the Animal Foundation after someone stole him from his back yard. He provided the Councilmembers with a letter, which was submitted for the record and attached as backup, that explained the policies of the Animal Foundation that turns away thousands of pets every year. MR. HIXON asked the Council to consider the numbers and take action on this issue.

DANIEL BRAISTED apologized for getting upset with City staff when he called regarding the parking garage being full. He expressed frustration with the lack of signage informing others that there were no available parking spots. He suggested removing the reserved parking spots to allow citizens to easily attend meetings. He mentioned that he was disappointed to see that there was not a lot of City employees at the Becker Expo Center for the 3D printers. He encouraged the Councilmembers to send staff to learn more about 3D printers. MR. BRAISTED encouraged the City to put signs up around City Hall to tell high school students of the available part-time and seasonal jobs.



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DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

DIRECTOR: LuAnn Holmes

SUBJECT:

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BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Submitted after Final Agenda - Ceasefire Request E-mails
2. Submitted at Meeting - The Animal Foundation Concern Letter by Robert Nixon

From: Bryan W <bryan_wong@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 3, 2024 12:25 PM
To: LuAnn D. Holmes <ldholmes@LasVegasNevada.GOV>
Subject: Public comment for Feb 5th city council meeting

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Dear Las Vegas City Councilmembers,

I am a Las Vegas resident. I am extremely horrified and heartbroken by the ongoing genocide and collective punishment being waged on Gazans by the Israeli government. We are witnessing countless atrocities in real time. It is not "self defense" to stop all food, fuel, water, electricity, medical supplies, and other humanitarian assistance from entering Gaza. It is not "self defense" to target hospitals, mosques, churches, journalists, medical workers, children, schools, or refugee camps. It is not "self defense" to displace 2 million people in a small, densely populated area and attack "safe zones" you instruct Gazans to flee to. More than 27,000 civilians have been killed and 66,000 wounded by Israel's offensive against Hamas in Gaza, with 70% of victims being women and children. This does not include the thousands unaccounted for underneath the rubble throughout Gaza. Children, women, and men are being operated on or having limbs amputated with no anesthesia.

I am appalled that our own government leader will not call for a ceasefire. How can Americans even claim to be the moral authority in the world when we are rubber stamping this genocide of the Palestinian people with unwavering support from our government? We continue to send military aid and weapons to Israel, who already has the most powerful army in the Middle East. I urge you to follow the footsteps of 48 cities across the U.S., including Chicago, Atlanta, Seattle, San Francisco, and Oakland amongst others, to pass a resolution calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, to allow humanitarian aide to enter the borders of Gaza unrestricted, and to call for an end to the blockade on Gaza and occupation of Palestine territories.

Respectfully,
Bryan Wong

From: Daniel Lide <dlidedaniel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 10:29 PM
To: LuAnn D. Holmes <ldholmes@LasVegasNevada.GOV>
Subject: Public Comment for Feb 5th City Council Meeting

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Hi my name is Daniel lide. I live in Summerlin, Nevada. Ward 2.

I would like the following to be my public comment:

"Dear Las Vegas City Council,

My name is Daniel Lide and I am a native Nevadan and a medical student at UNLV school of Medicine.

I recently had my first child, a boy.

Over the last few months I've been experiencing the most beautiful parts of human experience while also peering into its darkest recesses.

I see my beautiful Hudson developing a coo and a smile and in the next moment I see an infant just like mine being pulled out of rubble.

I won't let him sense the distracted sadness in my heart.

Sometimes I wonder if I should simply stop looking.

But our bombs falling on little girls and their families aren't making Hudson any safer.

Where would my thoughts turn if someone bombed my house and killed him or my beautiful wife?

If Hudson was whimpering in need as his mother was starved?

If I had to watch him lose weight, muscle tone, and finally stop moving?

I won't look away.

I don't want my boy to inherit a world where human decency has been extinguished.

Please call for a ceasefire & urgent humanitarian aid to stop destroying our own humanity.

Thank you,

Daniel Lide"

From: [Jacquie Miller](#)
To: [City Clerk, Deputies](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment for Feb 5 city council meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:34:43 AM

Please attach to today's Council meeting. Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: LuAnn D. Holmes <ldholmes@LasVegasNevada.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:30 AM
To: Jacquie Miller <jmiller@LasVegasNevada.GOV>
Subject: FW: Public Comment for Feb 5 city council meeting

-----Original Message-----

From: monooreo <mgomez103001@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:43 AM
To: LuAnn D. Holmes <ldholmes@LasVegasNevada.GOV>
Subject: Public Comment for Feb 5 city council meeting

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Hello my name is Antonio Gomez.

I am a resident of Las Vegas and a local artist. It has been a great disappointment these past 4 months to see how the United States has treated an active genocide occurring. I am disgusted at the downright dismissal of Palestinians and Palestinian Americans. The racism this country exudes knows no bounds. Might I remind everyone that our lives, our technology, our “comfort,” relies on the destruction and siphoning of resources from what we would call “third-world countries.” Experiencing the recorded trauma and tragedy that Palestinians are suffering really opened me up to the world and now I see the shame of being an American. 122 days of complete genocide that Israel is committing and that we the people are funding with our taxes, it should shake every one of us to the core. All I am asking is the bare minimum of city council members to have a hint of humanity and urge for a ceasefire resolution.

There is no “if,” “and,” or “buts” about this issue. Human beings are being slaughtered by the hands of an imperialist, racist state. I would like to leave off with, this is only the first step towards a peaceful world. There is not much more to say as the information is freely available, even though it is hidden, it’s still available and after 4 months of ignorance take a step forward with all of us to do what’s right.

From: [Jacquie Miller](#)
To: [City Clerk, Deputies](#)
Subject: FW: Public comment for Feb 5 city council meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 10:25:28 AM

Please attach to today's City Council meeting. Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Tessa Elizabeth <theresatp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 7:05 PM
To: LuAnn D. Holmes <ldholmes@LasVegasNevada.GOV>
Subject: Public comment for Feb 5 city council meeting

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Hello,

I am a Las Vegas resident (enterprise area). I am calling on our representatives here in Las Vegas and the entire state to support, make a statement, pass a resolution that the good people of this city and beyond in this state do not support such violence and murder of innocent people that we do call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you.

Date: February 7., 2023

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To: Las Vegas City Council Members

From: Robert Hixon, *MD Business*

Re: Animal Foundation Policies, Best Practices and Funding

It is my opinion that there needs to be policy changes and greater funding so that a lack of resources is not the reason pets are not reunited with their owners. I would have my pet today had the Animal Foundation not turned him away.

My dog's new harness was defective and he wiggled out of it on the evening of December 12, 2023 after rubbing against some bushes. He was immediately found and was taken to the Animal Foundation the next day by two non-English speaking gentlemen who were trying to be good Samaritans.

Known in the community as an Animal Activist, [REDACTED] was at the Animal Foundation on the evening of December 13 at the same time these two gentlemen were trying to turn our dog in. There did not appear to be any other reason *the activist* [REDACTED] was there other than taking pictures of our dog in the lobby and other dogs in the adoption area. She made observations about our dog right down to his toe nails and posted it on Facebook. This seemed strange to me. She also was able to observe the difficulty and confusion the two gentlemen were having navigating the process.

activist The Animal Foundation turned these two good Samaritans and our dog away because they did not have an appointment. As they were turned away, [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] wrote on Facebook that she advised them to not let the dog go or it will get hit by a car – or to take the dog to a vet to get scanned for a microchip. In a later, and separate post on social media, she wrote that she does not speak Spanish, so how was she able to advise the two gentlemen who did not speak English?

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By: Robert Hixon

We feel, as an animal advocate she could have done more than just post pictures to Facebook. At a minimum she herself could have taken our dog to an afterhours vet to scan his chip just as she had advised the two gentlemen to do – especially witnessing they were having a hard time knowing what to do.

An animal with a microchip should not have to experience a long wait time and should not require an appointment – especially when it is an individual who is just trying to do the right thing by turning in someone else's pet. If the Animal Foundation had simply taken 5 minutes to scan his chip, I would have been there to pick up my dog within the hour. This does not require any resources used, but is a simple change of policy. Because they turned my dog away, he is potentially now lost forever which is heart wrenching as this was all avoidable. This is a socially irresponsible policy.

As the two gentlemen who brought my dog in were turned away, they walked out to the parking lot and someone called out our dog's name. (His name had been seen on social media from a Paw Boost ad that reported him lost). The two guys assumed he was the owner and happily passed our dog off. Naturally, they would do this as it is not their dog nor their problem.

It is our opinion, although only a theory, that the possibility exists that a dog theft ring is hiding in plain site at the Animal Foundation. Although it is only a theory, we feel it has merit to explain why our dog, and many other pets have been stolen from the Animal Foundation's parking lot.

Although ~~██████████~~ *this activist* appears to be very active in the community advocating for animals, we feel there is a possibility that her unexplained presence at the Animal Foundation that evening could be linked to a possible theft ring. It is a possibility that someone on the inside was working to tip off the guy laying in wait in the parking lot.

I respectfully request that a review is made of the Animal Foundation's policies and to incorporate best practices so that these type of scenarios can be avoided in the future. Turning an animal away because they don't have an appointment is not a best practice. R

Please be a voice for these pets and ensure that getting them reunited with their rightful owners is a top priority. Proper funding and having enough resources & staff available is the only way to make this happen.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

200 Pets week
x 52

10,000 pets
next year