



CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chambers, 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
December 14, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Website - <http://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goynes-Brown called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Goynes-Brown
Mayor Pro Tempore Black
Councilman Cherchio
Councilman Barron

STAFF PRESENT

Assistant City Manager Alfredo Melesio
Assistant City Manager Sally Ihmels
City Manager Ryann Juden
Chief of Staff Rebecca Gibson
Chief Financial Officer William Harty
City Attorney Micaela Rustia Moore
Assistant City Attorney Claudia Aguayo
City Clerk Jackie Rodgers
Chief Deputy City Clerk Cherry Lawson
Community Services & Engagement Director Serafin Calvo
Deputy City Attorney II Madison Zornes-Vela
Deputy City Clerk II Daisy Rivera
Deputy City Clerk II Justine McDowell
Economic Development Specialist Terri Sheridan
Fire Chief Joseph Calhoun

Government Affairs and Economic Development Director Jared Luke
Human Resources Director Wilson Edgell
Land Development & Community Services Director Marc Jordan
Land Development & Community Services Executive Secretary Julie Shields
Public Information Liaison Cherry Bueno
Senior Executive Assistant to City Manager Oyaima Calvo
System Technician Chaz Zell

VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

City Clerk Jackie Rodgers confirmed compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - BY INVITATION

Led by **Mayor Pro Tempore Black**

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Goynes-Brown opened the Public Forum to receive public comments. No public comments were offered.

AGENDA

1. City Council Special Meeting Agenda of December 14, 2022. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

MOTION: *Mayor Pro Tempore Black moved to approve the agenda.*

ACTION: **APPROVED**

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

BUSINESS

2. Presentations of Statements of Interest by Applicants for the North Las Vegas City Council Ward 2 Vacancy. (Ward 2) (For Possible Action; Recommendation - Receive)

Mayor Goynes-Brown called each applicant in alphabetical order to come forward and provide a three (3) minute statement of interest for the Ward 2 Council vacancy.

Michele Taylor Abney stated after serving the City of Oakland, California in various positions over 31 years public service has become part of my life. My ability to serve my

new community will be an honor. I also understand the duties required of the mayor and council and the importance of those duties to the citizens and to the customers.

I moved to North Las Vegas in 2019 and purchased a home that made North Las Vegas and Nevada my new home and community. I decided on North Las Vegas because it was a smaller city and I felt that I could learn, navigate and get involved in the community and serve much faster. After serving as staff for years in the city of Oakland, I was open again to public service even in retirement.

I have attended many city council meetings, community meetings, preparing minutes for those meetings and assisted the Mayor and City Council with additional follow up with citizens and customers as needed. Of course, service at the municipal government level just makes sense. I am offering my experience and knowledge to the City of North Las Vegas. I also hope to assist with the successes that I believe are coming. I have provided professional references for your use and information.

Ruth Garcia Anderson stated she has been a resident of North Las Vegas for 10 years. She is a daughter of immigrant parents, the oldest of eight children, a wife of a business owner, and most importantly a mother of four wonderful children.

I was born in Mexico and I moved to Reno, Nevada at the age of 12. I graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a dual degree in International Business and Spanish. I want to be a part of our city council and help represent the residents in Ward 2. I want to be able to better help my community and serve them. I love working with others and love being an agent defining solutions to problems.

I'm a good listener and I have a strong work ethic. I believe I possess the qualities necessary to create positive change in my community being a team player. I have witnessed the transformation of my community in the past 10 years, and I think it is remarkable.

The work that **Mayor Goynes-Brown** and the City Council have done in our city has been amazing. I know you have worked very hard to put our city in a position where businesses are currently flourishing and families are choosing to raise their families. I believe that our diversity in North Las Vegas is one of our strengths and I'd love to be a part of the growth and development that our city is currently experiencing and help in any way I can to continue working in making our city a great and vibrant place to live.

I want to fulfill the vision of our Mayor and the Council. It would be my privilege and honor to serve as a member of our City Council of North Las Vegas.

Trisha Geran stated that she was born and raised in Las Vegas, and have made North Las Vegas my home for the past 20 plus years. I never thought of moving anywhere else even though I grew up on the historic West Side. I enjoyed the growth, the parks. I enjoy what I've seen in the past 20 years. It has doubled in population.

When I learned about this opening in the seat of Ward 2, I felt well maybe this is a chance for me to get more of an insight of how the city operates and things that happen, even though I volunteered when I was in Oakland it is a brand new park working with Mayor

Brown and Mayor Ellie U. Harris.

I enjoyed working with consortiums and helping on a political way but mostly volunteering. I thought that my experience and working with Help USA with the homeless veterans would be a benefit I can add to the council seat. I can help because we know we have a problem and growing problem in the city you know basically Vegas Valley worldwide.

My experience in civil engineering, an architect with the school districts and also with hotels. I know that any project that needs to be built or started it's not overnight there's a process and a lot of times people come to you wanting this and that but it takes a lot of red tape before anything can happen.

So, I wanted to basically be on the other side of the table to find out and help my constituents represent my community even more. So, I love the diversity, I enjoy each learning all about my... I always handle complaints. As a chairwoman of the Street Coalition which took five long years to establish and complete even though I live in North Las Vegas, I still could not passed that opportunity up because my mom and all of them fought 40 years not for that to happen.

So when you're looking at your mom and she said so I'm like I have to do this. So it is just... I thought it was time to just go in full circle to start doing what I have knowledge of to help with the city and not trying to change anything but continue the growing progress that this council has provided thus far.

Tammy Green stated I'm a native of Las Vegas. I have lived in Ward 2 for over 25 years. When I heard about this vacancy, I thought it was an excellent opportunity for me to come and serve all of my choices and decisions because I am, I have a servant's heart.

My choices and decisions are based on every job that I have taken, and every volunteer position that I have worked in has been based on me serving the community. I also was an elected official. I served in a six month appointment. I ran for election and I served two years so I have been on the inside and I know what it is to want to champion your city and for it to be better.

I know what it is to want, to know that you are included in the choices and decisions and that you are actually having a hand in this great democracy. So, I would like to be appointed to the city council seat because I am a champion of human progress, advocating healthy families and thriving communities. I think that is why we are all here. If you look at it and you narrow it down, that's what it is all about it's about a quality of life. I also believe that Ward 2 should be included, all of Ward 2 should be included.

The reason why I say that is because my parents still live in the same home that I grew up in, and I often hear them time after time and day after day complain how far out from their home that they have to drive to enjoy some of the simple pleasantries that the rest of North Las Vegas or the new North Las Vegas get to enjoy every day.

They are of retirement age, but they have chosen not to retire. I would like to see them be able to fully enjoy their communities and their neighborhoods and rave and rant about what's new going on in their communities and in their neighborhoods. So, I believe that Ward 2, all of Ward 2 should be included in the growth, revitalization, and inclusion that other parts of North Las Vegas freely partake in daily.

Ward 2 constituents need to know that their involvement and partnership is crucial for the City Council to function in a way that it was designed to. I want to partnership, I want the constituents to know that their partnership is crucial. I want to win back the trust of constituents in order to serve, represent and form, give voice to and advocate on their behalf. It is inherently important for ward two to be able to hold me and the governing body accountable. I'm here to give them the tools.

Greg Luckner stated he is applying for you appointment to the City Council for Ward 2. He started by thanking the City Council or the City of North Las Vegas staff and the City Council for considering him, and all the hard work they have done for this city and for the city Police and Fire department for the safety they provided.

I'd also like to thank **Mayor Lee** just offhand because all he has done to bring North Las Vegas to what it is today, a thriving and financially sound city. I congratulate new **Mayor Goynes-Brown**, as I'm sure she will continue the progress that's been made. As for myself, my wife and I moved to Nevada in 2004 and specifically to North Las Vegas.

Since 2005, I have been a licensed real estate agent and a member of the Nevada Realtor Association. I have seen the Las Vegas real estate market from boom to bust and back again. Although I sell throughout Clark County I love ones, I can sell homes in North Las Vegas. I enjoy being able to tell people about all that North Las Vegas has to offer and about the continued growth and stability of our city.

The new developments, the history and the affordable opportunities here are huge advantages to new residents. Since I've lived in North Las Vegas for 18 years and in Ward 2 for over five (5) years, I feel a need to give back to the community. I would love to serve on the City Council or help in any way I can. The growth that we have seen in Ward 2 including new developments, businesses, restaurants and restaurants is impressive, but we need more local businesses, more grocery stores and more local independent restaurants.

This Ward is growing with new housing and new residents all the time so we need to make sure we establish working relationships with businesses to help them grow. Being on the Council I am, also, aware that I would be voting on in proposing citywide legislation and initiatives. I feel this Council and the Mayor have been creative and harmonious and that's really helped everything run smoothly.

The types of businesses, communities and even gaming coming in the next few years is very exciting. I am a negotiator, consensus builder and problem solver by nature and trade. I want to work with the council to get things done and work with outside parties

dealing with the city to make sure we can get a win for everybody. I also have new ideas on issues that can still be addressed.

Since I'm in real estate I have ideas on development and zoning but I also have ideas on affordable housing and recreation. My wife is a teacher in the CCSD. With her help I also have ideas on education and child development. We have a number of academies and other programs in North Las Vegas we need more schools of every kind and I hope to work with the City Council to develop those as much as possible.

I could go on but as time is limited I will just say that I am a fast learner. I can get up to speed on the issues immediately. Since I'm an independent contractor, and I have flexible schedule, I will be available when needed.

Laura E. Perkins stated I was born here in North Las Vegas and a matter of fact I was born in Regal Estates right down the street from here. I lived there my entire life. During this time period, my husband and I decided to move to Las Vegas, grow in Las Vegas.

He served for 27 years as a North Las Vegas Police Department and during that 27 years, I spent time getting to know my community. We brought our young children here and they have since grown up here. I served as the Planning Commissioner for 10 years being the first African American female to do so and I was eventually an elected chair for the Planning Commission.

With that experience, I believe bringing that forward to the Council will be good and will provide a point of view that is not currently expressed. Currently, I serve as a Regent for the Nevada System Education where I am the governing body for eight institutions with a budget of \$30 BILLION, 3 billion and 700 million of that comes from the State of Nevada, so I am used to working with budgets, investments and with institutions.

Dr. Vince Richardson stated that he grew up in North Las Vegas my entire life. I went to CBT Gilbert at the time it was a sixth grade center. I graduated from Cheyenne High School.

I went and served in the military for five years, honorably. Then I came back and moved right back to North Las Vegas where I kept going with education. I graduated from the College of Southern Nevada with my first college degree, and then I graduated four more times from different universities and institutions. But with that being said the experience that I've had and my current role as administrator for the Clark County School District is that I work with large budgets.

I work with consultants, there is a lot of leadership decision making that needs to take place. With this, if allowed to serve my community, I will use those skill sets to enhance and improve my community. I'm very proud of the growth that the city has experienced and I think you all have been doing a fabulous job, let me just say that but I want to be a part of the future. I see that this is going in a great direction and if I had the opportunity I would serve my community proudly.

Billy Lamont Riley stated I would like to take this opportunity to express my continued interests in being appointed for the Office of Council Member for Ward 2 for the following reasons. I have had the opportunity to serve our great country for the majority of my adult life since joining the United States Air Force at the age of 18 years old.

During my civil service career I've had the opportunity to serve while employed with a Bureau of Reclamation in Boulder City in Hoover Dam. In April of 2019, I was offered my current position as a Safety and Occupational Health Specialist with the Department of Veterans' Affairs of Southern Nevada where I lead two teams with the purpose of identifying and resolving safety issues pertaining to staff, contractors, and critical infrastructure.

The purpose of both of my teams is to minimize any adverse conditions that may disrupt our agency's ability to provide the best health care to our nation's heroes, many of which who have given so much to our country. In my current position I've had the opportunity to make an impact of one of our community's ongoing challenges pertaining to the homeless.

I have been able to work with community stakeholders such as US Vets, Salvation Army and West Care Women shelter through the VA's Transitioning Place program better known as TIP. TIP to provide housing solutions for homeless veterans in our community. Additionally, I've served for several years as a legislative and political coordinator from my union AOGE local 1224 better known as American Federation of Government Employees.

In my position as a union official, I have had the opportunity to travel to Capitol Hill on several occasions to meet with six members, all six members of Congress and their staff representing the state of Nevada. This is to serve as an advocate on behalf of fellow veterans and federal employees.

Over the last decade, I have served as an HOA Director as one of the Commissioners for the North Vegas Planning Commission, and been proactive and reporting incidents pertaining to our community's ongoing challenge with illegal dumping. I have used and or visited second ward resources such as Craig Ranch Regional Park, North Las Vegas Airport Business Corridor and the MLK Junior Senior Center.

With that being said, I realize as to how important each of these resources are to our community. If appointed this opportunity will allow for me to continue to serve and give back to our community. Finally, I believe that my current relationships with union officials within the federal workforce, members of Congress, staffers, other elected and appointment officials in our community will allow for me to be an effective council member for all constituents of Ward 2. I would be honored to be part of this legislative body.

ACTION: RECEIVED

3. Discussion and Appointment of the Ward-2 Council Member. (Ward 2) (For Possible Action; Recommendation - Appoint)

Mayor Goynes-Brown thanked on her behalf and the behalf of each Council colleague for each of the applicant that submitted a completed application. It was a quick process but absolutely necessary that you show your willingness to serve your drive, your compassion and your willingness to be a part of the North Las Vegas City Council, and our North Las Vegas family. Some of you had some great questions and I hope we satisfied your curiosity by answering the questions that you asked us. We have to narrow this down this process down to one person and that's where the difficulty comes in because there were some great candidates that came before us.

Councilman Barron thanked all the people who came out. He is really satisfied and gratified to see the rich tapestry of the people in all their backgrounds that make up our wonderful little city.

Councilman Cherchio stated that he remember how he felt sitting on the other side of the on the other side of the dais in 2009; how nervous and uncomfortable it was to speak about yourselves and not knowing what the outcome is going to be. We have eight candidates here tonight. So I want to thank my colleagues, and of course staff for making it as simple as possible, and as above board and even handed for all of our candidates here tonight.

He, also thanked all of the candidates for stepping up and taking your time to come and be interviewed and speak with us as uncomfortable that can be sometimes you know I appreciate all of you from my heart for what you're doing and willingness to serve.

Mayor Pro Tempore Black stated he concurs with his colleagues and added that it was really fantastic to meet each of the applicants to study your submittals. The information, the service that you have given is wide and expansive not just here in our community but throughout the nation and throughout the world for some of you. He is inspired by that.

But there was one common thread even though the backgrounds were distinctly different and the experiences were vast the common thread from all the applicants is a passion and compassion for others that live in our community, for the community of North Las Vegas, for the residents of Ward 2. The unique needs that exist in our community, and ultimately the desire to serve your fellow mankind in a meaningful way.

You have already done that and the desire to continue to do that is inspiring so I just wanted to express my gratitude.

MOTION: *Mayor Goynes-Brown moved to appoint Trisha Geran as Ward 2 Council Member.*

ACTION: **MOTION FAILED**

AYES: 1 (Mayor Goynes-Brown)
NAYS: 3 (Councilman Black, Councilman Cherchio, Councilman Barron)
ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION: *Councilman Barron moved to appoint Ruth Garcia-Anderson as Ward 2 Council Member.*

ACTION: APPOINTED – RUTH GARCIA-ANDERSON

AYES: 3 (Councilman Black, Councilman Cherchio, Councilman Barron)
NAYS: 1 (Mayor Goynes-Brown)
ABSTAIN: 0

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Goynes-Brown open the Public Forum to receive public comments. No comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goynes Brown adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:33 P.M.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of the City of North Las Vegas City Council Special Meeting held on December 14, 2022. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Jackie Rodgers, City Clerk