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MINUTES

**LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD**

**April 30, 2013  
1:30 P.M.**

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101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**        **James Vincent, Chair  
Fred Doten, Vice-Chair  
Roger Burtraw  
Candice FitzGerald**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**        **None**  
**OTHERS PRESENT:**        **25 Guests Signed In**

**1.        CALL TO ORDER**

Please *turn off* all cell phones, pagers & other electronic devices.

Please take all private conversations outside the room.

- A.**        Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B.**        Invocation led by the **Pastor Doug Westly** and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Roger Burtraw**
- C.**        Items on the agenda may be taken out of order.
- D.**        The Laughlin Town Advisory Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.
- E.**        The Laughlin Town Advisory Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **Approval of the April 30, 2013 Agenda.**

**For Possible Action**

**Fred Doten** moved **Roger Burtraw** seconded to approve as presented the April 30, 2013, Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

3. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on *this* agenda. If you wish to speak to the Board about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please step up to the speaker’s podium, clearly state your name and address and *spell* your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair, or the Board by majority vote. The Board retains the discretion to take additional public comments during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Sessions. In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any matter before the Board for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the Board.

4. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. To discuss, support and request that the Board of County Commissioners take whatever action it deems to be appropriate to secure the final design and construction of the second Colorado River Bridge between Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona.

**For Possible Action**

**Jackie Brady** announced that the Clark County Public Works Director and the Engineer that has worked on the bridge are here to provide information and update the process of the second bridge.

**Denis Cederburg**, Clark County PW Director provided the status of the second bridge. We are basically acquiring the funds for a two lane bridge; the bridge would be built in phases. There is approximately \$18 million available and the lowest estimate for this bridge is \$23 million. There is not a final design yet and the desire is for Clark County to provide the funding for the final design. The project would have to be fully funded before the project can move forward.

**James Vincent** asked if NDOT was holding the \$18 million from the federal funds that have been allocated for the second bridge.

**Denis Cederburg** said any federal funds would go through State and we would have to spend the money and seek reimbursement and we would have to be fully funded before we can seek reimbursement.

**Roger Burtraw** asked if the \$23 million was actual or an estimate cost and **Denis Cederburg** replied it was an estimate.

**Fred Doten** asked when was the estimate made; Joe said he did that estimate about a month ago.

**Jim Maniaci**, Laughlin, NV asked about the Fort Mohave fund for funding the bridge and according to **James Vincent** the Fort Mohave fund is for the Fort Mohave valley.

**Jim Maniaci** also asked if the \$23 million included the connecting roadways from Bullhead City, AZ and Laughlin, NV. Joe answered that looking at the Bullhead City side; Bullhead City is funding AZ side.

**Toby Cotter**, Bullhead City, City Manager provided additional information and said the City would have to be prepared for the improvements and we are ready to go. We are certainly in favor of the phased approach and we are applying for grants for additional funding plus local funding.

**Bullhead City community** has been ready for the construction of the second bridge for a long time.

**Bruce Clark** Laughlin, NV stated we have waited long enough for the second bridge and we need to move forward and everyone needs to keep working on it.

We need this bridge for the future of both communities.

**Steve Collins** Laughlin, NV stated he felt a better location for the second bridge could be chosen.

**James Vincent** stated the second bridge is a safety issue. Vehicle crashes interfere with traffic flow across the bridge and often results in closures and lengthy delays. Emergency medical, fire and other services are compromised and public safety is affected when the existing bridge is blocked due to accidents, stalled vehicles or traffic jams.

**James Vincent** ask the Laughlin Town Advisory Board to support a motion to recommend the Board of County Commissioners to take whatever action it deems appropriate to secure the final design and construction of the second bridge and that includes using the Fort Mohave funds which is there to develop the Fort Mohave valley and the construction of this bridge would meet those requirements.

**Jackie Brady**, Town Manager suggest using the wording “whatever additional funds that would be available”

**Jackie Brady** also suggested to include phase one of the construction using the Fort Mohave funds and any additional sources of funding for the final phase.

**Jackie Brady** also asked to be clear on the motion and asked **James Vincent** to repeat the motion requested.

**James Vincent** moved to support and request that the Board of County Commissioners take whatever action it deems appropriate to secure the final design and construction of the second Colorado River Bridge between Bullhead City, AZ and Laughlin, NV, by any means up to and including using the Fort Mohave funds available for phase one to develop the Fort Mohave Valley on the Laughlin side and any additional sources of funding available for programming the final phase to construct this bridge. Action to be taken immediately.

**Fred Doten** seconded the motion to approve a letter requesting the support from the Board of County commissioners to move forward with the construction of the Laughlin, Bullhead City Bridge.

Upon a voice vote motion carried 4-0

**B.** Discuss writing a letter regarding the proposed **Assembly Bill 166** (Revises requirements for the registration of a vehicle that is driven in Nevada by a nonresident who commutes to work on a regular basis in Nevada.) And proposed **Assembly Bill 167** (Revises requirements for the registration of certain vehicles that are driven in Nevada and owned by a nonresident business.)

**For Possible**

**Action**

**James Vincent** asked for public comments from the public regarding the AB Bills 166-167.

**Tami Dials** Bullhead City, AZ stated she felt really offended that Nevada is saying that we don't contribute to Nevada and we take our paychecks home. Tami Dials said she spends a lot of money in Nevada for entertainment, dining out with family & friends and shopping at the mall in Laughlin and the malls and stores in Henderson, NV. **Tami Dials** also stated there are not enough people in Laughlin to provide employer's with an adequate workforce, and have to use people from Bullhead City, otherwise there would not be Casinos in Laughlin. Another concern is employees being able to pay the additional fees on top of the fees that are already paid to Nevada for gaming and work cards. This would be a big impact for a lot of people. There is not any representation for Arizona residents so they don't have a voice regarding these Bills.

**Bruce Clark**, Laughlin, NV I have not spoken to one person who is in favor of these fees and this was tried once before and it didn't pass then and it would be ludicrous if it was to be passed now. **Bruce Clark** also made the point that it would be difficult to enforce. He is in favor of the board writing a letter to the legislator opposing these Bills.

**James Vincent** stated he wanted to be clear this is a Nevada State Legislative bill that comes from the Department of Transportation. Where it originated from no one has been able to answer that question.

**Ryan Walker** Edgewater Casino, these bills came to our attention a while back, and regardless of our opposition these bills are being pushed through. Ryan Walker stated 80% of the employees are from Arizona that would be approximately 900 employees. The Laughlin Casinos do a lot of their business with Arizona and this would cause these businesses to either terminate their business with the casinos or raise their prices. He stated he is also in favor of a letter sent opposing these two Bills.

**Herm Walker**, Laughlin, NV agrees with everything that is being said. This is a discriminatory piece of legislation and this will cause Laughlin to not have a level field when competing with the Indian Casinos. If these fees are adopted they will not be enforceable on the Indian reservations. This will adversely affect the income of the Laughlin casinos. He also agrees with sending a resolution to the State Legislature.

**James Vincent and Jackie Brady** commented the bills are still at the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and no action has been taken yet.

**Sam Medrano**, member of the Bullhead City Council, Stated at the next City Council meeting we will be addressing this same issue. **Sam Medrano** stated the Nevada State Assembly figured out a way to tax people without the ability to say yes or no and don't have the ability to vote for them.

He also went on to say how a group of legislators who are nine hours away from us can determine how Laughlin and Bullhead City should be interacting with one another, when we have been interacting and working with one another for over forty years.

I think our attention should be directed to the State Senate and would stand a better chance of killing this bill. I fully support the opposition of these bills. This will negatively impact Bullhead City and Laughlin if passed.

**Hildy Anguis** Mohave County Board Supervisor, District 2 which represents Bullhead City. Would like to advise at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting she is introducing a Resolution opposing AB 166 & 167 saying that Mohave County is adamantly against these bills.

**Hildy Anguis** went on to say that over the decades there has been a positive and productive synergy.

These bills would detract from the positive working relationship between these two Counties and other border communities.

This is an unwanted financial burden.

**Sean Hammond** Aquarius Hotel & Casino stated that the Hotel has about 83% of their workforce that resides in Arizona and we needs the 900 plus employees everyday that reside in Arizona to help run the property. This is an unfair tax and we don't need a bill like this to drive up issues between Bullhead City & Laughlin. .

**James Vincent** read a letter from a citizen opposing AB bills 166 & 167

#### **10 minute recess**

**James Vincent** has several resolutions and ideas for the resolution and will read down the list and the Board will agree or disagree on each statement.

**James Vincent** made a motion to adopt the resolution discussed and to have staff send the approved resolution and a letter to the Nevada Assembly Ways & Means committee, Nevada Senate Department of Transportation, Nevada Senate Finance Committee, and Governor Sandoval opposing Assembly Bills 166 & 167 **Candice FitzGerald** seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0

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6. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than May 2, 2013

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**James Vincent** adjourned the meeting at 4.41pm

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*These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 30, 2013 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting.*