MINUTES CITY OF FALLON 55 West Williams Ave Fallon, Nevada August 2, 2022

The Honorable City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

Present:

Mayor Ken Tedford
Councilman James Richardson
Councilwoman Karla Kent
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson
City Attorney Mike Mackedon
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga
Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe
City Clerk-Treasurer Sean Richardson
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Public Works Ryan Swirczek
Public Works Adrian Noriega
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee
Deputy City Michael O'Neill
City Engineer Derek Zimney

Absent:

Councilwoman Kelly Frost

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

Mayor Tedford stated he wants the record to reflect that Councilwoman Frost was not present for this Council meeting.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated good morning. What a day to be alive. I was going to read Proverbs 29, and certain verses in there that talk about when evil people rule, people rule and when God's people rule, people rejoice. Isn't that something? Looking at the world today of what's going around, it's crazy, it's insane. And how does it reflect here in the state of Fallon, Nevada? It is amazing. I just want to give you a little sea story of back in the late 90's. I was on the USS (inaudible) LLJ-5, the (inaudible) got kicked out of Iraq, and so we were told to leave early. Descend and project power over there in the Persian Gulf. It's a very stressful time, and we were saying we are gonna' man up, we're gonna' load our planes up and the Marines and everything were gonna', gonna' take action and actually do something for once instead of just sitting in the ocean and floatin' around and doing nothin', we weren't there for anything. For the...for the environment as you left San Diego, we went to Hawaii and then we went to Thailand, and then it's battle group when ahead of us, we were going to get done early because we were hoping we we're going to be doing something and that crew became so stressful, there was a lot of accidents Mr. Mayor on that ship. People were in a hurry, and they were dedicated to this nation to defend it from foreign and domestic. A lot of people got hurt and the commanding officer said enough is enough and ordered for a safety stand down and they had to shut off the news, CNN because it was broadcasting such propaganda, and things had to calm down. As we got to the Persian Gulf, and we got this extreme vermouth under pressure from the Iranians. Everything has gotta' calm down. There were other times back in the 80's the USS Stark got hit from the US Iraqi. And our ship, someone worked at the printshop, and we had to take care of the memorial, the funeral of what happened on the USS Stark. President Ronald Reagan came in. There is so much at times, that we feel the stress of what is going on around the world and how it can affect us. Affect us truly. What we are seeing in our world today is so much stress and it develops crisis and what it does psychologically to us. In closing, that believing and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ can bring you peace, and joy, and rest because of the fruit of the Spirit. So, I hope the development of our federal government can look ahead and prepare for what we are about to face because the Bible talks about the beast system, the mark of the beast and we're comin' closer to it. So, I hope that they make justful decisions, how to keep people at peace, instead of worrying about the structure of the City. Thank you.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any other public comments. No further comments were noted.

Approval of Warrants

- A) Accounts Payable
- B) Payroll
- C) Customer Deposit

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible approval and adoption of Resolution 22-08: A resolution of the City Council of Fallon, Nevada providing for the transfer of the City's 2022 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to the Nevada Rural Housing authority; and other matters related thereto.

Diane Arviso the Director of homeownership programs with Nevada Rural Housing Authority ("NRHA") greeted the Council. It is always my extreme pleasure to come here every year to meet with you to give you an update on what our home-at-last homeownership programs are doing, answer any questions that you may have, and of course continue to ask for your support in transferring any unused private activity bond cap to Nevada Rural Housing Authority in support of our homeownership programs that serve rural Nevada exclusively. As a background for anyone that isn't familiar or loves to get a refresher, we all love refreshers, right? In 2006, NRHA launched the home-at-last homeownership program to allow affordable housing. What is affordable? Affordable means basically what is affordable to the family or the homebuyer that is purchasing the home, right? Everyone needs a home within their budget. We serve low- and moderateincome homebuyers with the program and we do that by providing down payment assistance towards the purchase of a mortgage, or a home. We provide that first mortgage, along with the down payment assistance at an affordable interest rate. We also provide mortgage tax credits, which always kind of makes people's heads spin because there is a lot of mystery of what that actually looks like. I can share with you today the impact of the mortgage tax credit program, it is profound. Especially, when we are facing inflation at skyrocketing, record levels, and how that also opens the door to homeownership for renters who pay their bills, are responsible, have stable income, and deserve an opportunity to buy a home, but down payment is their barrier, and long-term affordability is a factor. So, I will share with you since 2006 the NRHA homeownership program has received transfers from the City of Fallon totaling about 4.9 million, that's not dollars but that's bond cap authority, and that's been since 2006. First, I have to thank you for your years of support there. Since that time, we've helped 177 homebuyers within the City limits of Fallon. There is an additional number I can share with you in the unincorporated area, but that is specific to the City limits. That's providing 31.3 million in affordable mortgages to these homebuyers, over 1 million dollars in down payment assistance has been provided to these families, and approximately \$320,000 in estimated federal tax savings through the mortgage credit certificate program which of course is money that they reinvest when they shop locally. 16 years after launching the home-at-last program, in rural Nevada alone, we've provided 2.2 billion in affordable mortgages, about 63 million in down payment assistance, and helped over10,000 families achieve affordable home ownership under the program. The estimated federal tax savings generated through the mortgage credit certificate is about 37 million dollars. Nevada Rural Housing Authority is asking for your continued support this year. We would continue to use that for home ownership programs. Specifically, the mortgage tax credit program. To give you an idea of the impact that the mortgage certificate program provides, I would like to help you visualize a \$345,000 mortgage at a 5.5% interest, which is typical for right now, that would generate in just the first year, almost \$3,800 in tax savings to that family. That is a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit that is returned to that borrower. It is specific to first time homebuyers and qualified veterans are exempt from the first-time homebuyer rule, which is very important here in Fallon. That savings equates to \$314.00 a month. That \$314.00 a month is considered additional qualifying income to help buyers qualify, to help a family afford the right home for their family, and they get that tax credit for the life of the loan. So, it helps them qualify, lowers debt to income ratios, if they are carrying student loan debt, that's especially helpful, and it helps them for every year for the life of the loan. NRHA's jurisdiction is to serve areas with populations under 150,000. So, of course, that is Fallon. Your transfer of private activity bond cap that is not being used for

another project would stay in rural Nevada, and that is very important to us, since that is the area that we serve. I am happy to answer any questions that you might have. I know that you all have been very familiar and supportive of the homeownership programs. They are promoted locally on your local radio stations, and I want to thank you for all the support you've thrown behind the programs and the organization over these years.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any questions from Council.

Diane Arviso asked if she could add something for the benefit of the public. The private activity bond cap is not a dollar item on your budget. The transfer of this is not a financial impact directly to the City of Fallon. In the unused cap, that is not used for another project and would revert to the State of Nevada on September 1st, in which case it would be used in probably an urban area like Las Vegas and Reno, which is where the demand is for the use of private activity bonds. If you had a competing project like a multi-family housing project, for example. I wouldn't be here today other than to give you an update on the program report. I would never want to come in and ask for a transfer if you had another project. So, it is specific to any unused cap, that we want to transfer because we can pool that cap with other city and counties that aren't using it and that is what makes a very robust program. I just wanted to provide a little insight on that.

Mayor Tedford thanked Diane and asked if there were any questions and public comment.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to approve and adopt Resolution 22-08: A resolution of the City Council of Fallon, Nevada providing for the transfer of the City's 2022 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to the Nevada Rural Housing authority; and other matters related thereto, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Public hearing for Bill No 788: An Ordinance amending the City of Fallon Municipal Code, Title Five "Business Licenses and Regulations," to add Chapter 5.56 entitled "Shopping Carts" which provides for the regulation of shopping carts within the City of Fallon; declares the presence of shopping carts public nuisances in certain situations; requires businesses that provide shopping carts to create a shopping cart retrieval procedure; provides for the retrieval and impounding by the City or its agents of shopping carts in certain situations.

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe stated that Bill No 788 was introduced to the City Council's properly noticed special meeting on June 29, 2022. Notice of the Deposit of copies of the proposed Ordinance and the public meeting hearing date was duly published in the Lahontan Valley News on July 21, 2022. The proposed Ordinance, as introduced, and proof of the statement of publication of the notice and deposit copies and public hearing to adopt Bill No 788 have been included in the agenda packet. This agenda item represents the public's opportunity to comment on the proposed Ordinance, and to present relevant information and materials to the Council.

Mayor Tedford asked if Deputy City Attorney could go over the Ordinance.

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe confirmed. The Ordinance, as proposed, provides, and addresses the issues the City has been facing with shopping carts accumulating in public and private property throughout the City. It does this through a number of mechanisms. The first would be to create clear definitions for the regulation of these items in the community. Section .020 declares the presence of shopping carts on

public and private property a nuisance, which means that they cause certain life, health, and safety issues for the population of the City. Section .030 requires shopping cart owners to implement a management plan and a retrieval plan, that they would also present to the City. Section B of that, defines the measures to retrieve shopping carts from public and private property, that are going to be required of shopping cart owners. Section .040 provides for the retrieval and impoundment of shopping carts found off premises by the City. Section .050 deals with the disposal of abandoned shopping carts, permitting the City to dispose of shopping carts that have been abandoned and collected by the City, and not retrieved by their owners.

Mayor Tedford asked Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe if he could inform, for the record, that the City looked at several cities' shopping cart policies. Some were more stringent, some were less stringent; we used Clark County, Las Vegas, N Las Vegas, City of Reno, Sparks, and Watsonville, California.

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe also stated that the City reviewed Texas municipalities as well. We were just looking for the variety of different ways that municipalities have attempted to regulate and deal with the problem of shopping carts being taken off premises and accumulating in these public places and becoming nuisances by being left in streets and causing cars to be damaged as a result. We went through a very lengthy review process of other nearby municipalities as well as farther a field to see what type of regulatory actions have been taken. This is an attempt to balance the burden that the City has mostly exclusively born, for the last number of years, and try to balance that burden with the owners of the shopping carts as well. I will note, this action was brought, after numerous attempts by City staff, to try and rectify this issue without creating an ordinance. When I suggested an ordinance 6 months ago, I was told that this is not the route that we want to take. I know this was not the route that we want to take because we want to be seen as a business-friendly community. However, it is also imperative that we address the issue for the citizens, and the fact that these carts have been taken off premises does create burdens on those businesses as well. This is an attempt to address in a multi-faceted way, the problem of these shopping carts being take off premises and create something that is fair and clear so the businesses know what to expect so we can assist them in maintaining their property.

Mayor Tedford thanked Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe. I think that sums it up in a nutshell. We have been going through this for quite a while and trying to get cooperation from some individual businesses to police themselves. Not every business that has a shopping cart doesn't oblige and get their shopping carts on their own. It is just a few, but the few are creating quite a problem for us with their shopping carts leaving their premises. We haven't been able to get them to work with us. This has been a process for several months, trying to go through other cities' ordinances to see what a fair and workable solution would be. We don't usually bring many ordinances to the table because we are friendly to the public and businesses. This is one that I think is necessary. It does allow for the businesses to have a plan for their carts to present to City staff, that will prevent from leaving their premises, so we don't have to have them picked up and have them pay a fee to have them retrieved or for us to dispose of them. There are five plans that are permitted by this Ordinance that are numerated in the ordinance. Are there any questions from the Council?

Councilwoman Kent stated that it is amazing how many carts that leave the premises of businesses. I do believe that the City has done all that they can to cooperate and be business-friendly. I see there is no other way than this Ordinance.

Councilman Richardson asked if we have received any plans from any businesses. Mayor Tedford stated we have not.

Councilman Richardson asked if they are aware of the Ordinance, or was it just published for them to find out on their own?

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe said that the Ordinance was published but also wanted to point out that he and Chief of Staff Bob Erickson had a meeting with, at least one manager of a local store and informed them of our intention to pass this if we didn't see an increase of cooperation of some kind. That store manager was appreciative, in some ways, of this. They felt this would give them some leverage with their corporate offices to address the issue.

Mayor Tedford stated that the other business we have a particular problem with, Bob could probably answer this. I think he and Kris met with them and their response was even with the picking up of the carts, was that they would get back to us, but never really got back to us. Would that be a fair statement?

Chief of Staff Bob Erickson confirmed. The volume of the carts basically, come from two places: Walmart and Safeway. Kris and I met with the local management on numerous occasions. They basically both said that they don't have any authority, locally, to address this issue and would communicate the situation with their regional management. Eventually, Safeway's regional management authorized them to come and retrieve the carts. They sent a contractor out of San Francisco to retrieve approximately 68 carts we had in storage. That occurred about 1 month ago. Walmart still hasn't responded on a corporate level to their local management, but we did receive a call from their assistant manager there about a week ago and he wanted to know how many Walmart customers carts we had in the yard. We conveyed that information to him, and he indicated that they would be probably retrieving them, but they haven't yet. Both stores have said that they have a program in place at the corporate level to retrieve carts. Both of those programs the contractor comes out of California. According to the Walmart management, they require a large volume of carts before they will make the expenditure to travel from San Francisco, to Fallon, Nevada to search out carts and try and retrieve and return to them to the corporation. Safeway has contractors, one from Reno and another one from California that are supposed to come out and look for carts and retrieve them. In either case that doesn't happen. The local management makes the calls and asks them to come and there is just no response. That was one of the things that forced us to look for another solution to this decades old problem. Right now, as of a couple of days ago, we had 252 Walmart carts in storage, since Safeway retrieved their carts, we have two different Safeway carts since they have updated their carts. What we call the newer black carts, they retrieved 68 of those, and we've accumulated 34 more since that retrieval. In addition, we have what we call the old brown carts, and we have 22 in stock now. That has been in the course of about 1 month. The other carts we have are Walgreens-3, Louies-3, The Dollar Tree-15, Harbor Freight-2, and CVS-1. So, the bulk of the issue is with major retailers in the community.

Mayor Tedford stated that we don't have the space to keep all of these carts.

Councilwoman Kent asked if the Safeway older carts were left because they don't want them back, leaving for us to dispose?

Chief of Staff Bob Erickson stated that when they came to retrieve them, they opted to just retrieve the black ones. They said they weren't picking up the other carts.

Councilman Richardson asked if this was a decision made at a local manager level, verses on a corporate or regional level.

Chief of Staff Bob Erickson stated that all of the decisions are made on a corporate level according to the local management. They will tell you; they don't have the authority to authorize the \$10 retrieval fee, or authorize that expenditure, that has to come from corporate. We get referred to different department. Safeway has a department in Reno that is primarily in charge of refurbishing carts. They also addressed the issue of these carts. That is where the decision was delegated to. They basically, have a fair amount of authority in that department. I guess you would have to call it a bureaucracy, and you have to mull your way through it.

Councilman Richardson stated that he is surprised that they don't have a representative here today to give us feedback or make comments of how this may impact them. Or, if they have any ideas for a solution because we obviously want to work together with businesses. This has almost been a one-way street, that we are going to come up with this Ordinance and we are only going to hold the carts for 30-days. It is going to have an impact on them, and I hope they have a plan.

Chief of Staff Bob Erickson stated that has been conveyed to them for the last 10 months, that I know about, directly and quite regularly. The road of communication throughout the organization gets lost somewhere.

Mayor Tedford stated that we were told Walmart just orders new carts, that is why their number gets so high.

Councilman Richardson stated that it doesn't make business sense, but that we will see.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated that he is one of the constituents that went to the Police and talked about the shopping carts. When I walk my dog and they are everywhere. Basically, at the low-income housing, multi-family complexes. Now I see mainly Safeway and Walmart, but then there is CVS, The Dollar Store, and so forth. What I am reflecting is Exodus 20 where it says, thou shall not steal. The morality of this City allowing and not bringing any justice to...to get people to encourage them to stop taking the shopping carts off of the premises because it is being an inconvenience. I..I want to make a suggestion and get to the low-income rural housing and development. Make a rule to the uh, low-income people, ya' know, they make decisions on their property, is to put in there, it's...do not take things that are not yours. Ya' know they want to protect their property and all their different circumstances, but this tell ya', this uh...this was getting outta' hand. Ridiculous. Thou shall not steal. Now, how is the City going to develop a morality to be honest and truthful? Would you rather buy cigarettes and liquor, instead of buying, what... a \$49.00, well, it is probably a lot more now, wagon you can fold up, if you live upstairs, then you carry it up stairs. Instead of taking something that causes corporation budgets to go up and they have to spread it out somewhere. Now, getting into corporations, Mr. Mayor, and recently there in Sparks, I can't remember the street name, but it is off of 395 heading North. Ya' know hit the spaghetti bowl and make a right, they have a system there, now, at least when I was there, you could bring it...don't cross this line. The wheels lock up. There is, there is things that can happen. Things to prevent the stealing. And in closing, helping to stop the thievery, helping them to stop it. So, it's just...it's just some suggestions there and so...thou shall not steal. Thank you.

Mayor Tedford stated that one of the methods in the Ordinance is that lock up system. 5.56.030 subsection A, wheel locking mechanism installed on all shopping carts used in conjunction with an electronic barrier along the perimeter of the premises, which

is activated when a shopping cart crosses an electronic barrier. That is one of their options, out of the 5 options to stop them leaving the property. James said it right, if they don't implement one of these 5 options to keep these shopping carts on their property in 30-days, we are taking them to the landfill. These are expensive carts. The reason why we have struggled with this for a few months now, putting this in place, is I own a business, Karla owns a business, and James is the one that made the comment it doesn't make business sense. I wouldn't lose a cart at any time, we would go find them at the end of the day if the cart didn't go back. These are expensive. We own little businesses, compared to these organizations. To hear the comment that the reason why we have 268 of Walmart's carts is because they just go buy more carts, and to hear the story that Safeway was out of carts on a weekend because we had them all, it is unbelievable that you would put your customers through that. We can't answer some of these questions for these companies, but we do know that, besides them being aesthetically unpleasing to many of our citizens, our street sweeper can't sweep, people with wheelchairs and on walkers can't walk through the sidewalks, and people like yourself can't walk their dog on a leash because they are getting caught up on shopping carts on the sidewalks. We just have to figure out how to stop this. We first started with our crews picking them up, and that wasn't working. Now, we have a service we are paying for to pick them up and charging them when they are retrieved. We tried many things. We had the Boy Scouts delivering to them at one time. This is where we are headed and I think this is the thing we see many cities doing, so it isn't just happening in Fallon, Nevada. The businesses themselves don't want to seem to press charges on the people that are taking them. It is a frustrating process. Although, they certainly want us to press charges on shoplifters on crimes that are a lot less in value, I think even those in the Municipal Court would testify, than the price of that. We are constantly in there for, what I call, very insignificant crimes for shoplifting, for crimes that are a lot less costly than a shopping cart, which we are never in there for. I think we will move on if there are no further comments.

No further comments were noted.

Consideration and possible adoption of Bill No 788: An Ordinance amending the City of Fallon Municipal Code, Title Five "Business Licenses and Regulations," to add Chapter 5.56 entitled "Shopping Carts" which provides for the regulation of shopping carts within the City of Fallon; declares the presence of shopping carts public nuisances in certain situations; requires businesses that provide shopping carts to create a shopping cart retrieval procedure; provides for the retrieval and impounding by the City or its agents of shopping carts in certain situations.

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe stated that the Council can choose to adopt the bill as presented, amend it, or not adopt it. It is completely in the prerogative of this Council to determine how to proceed with this Ordinance as presented.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any comments or questions from the public or Council.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to adopt of Bill No 788: An Ordinance amending the City of Fallon Municipal Code, Title Five "Business Licenses and Regulations," to add Chapter 5.56 entitled "Shopping Carts" which provides for the regulation of shopping carts within the City of Fallon; declares the presence of shopping carts public nuisances in certain situations; requires businesses that provide shopping carts to create a shopping cart

retrieval procedure; provides for the retrieval and impounding by the City or its agents of shopping carts in certain situations, seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Public meeting for discussion of possible state Community Development Block Grant Applications for fiscal year 2023-2024

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that the purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the CDBG program, past projects that have been funded in the City of Fallon, how to apply, eligibility requirements, how and where funds can be used, and to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities the City of Fallon should apply for under the State CDBG program. A second public hearing will be held on September 6, 2022, in order to discuss proposed projects submitted to date. A final hearing will be held prior to February 18, 2023, to discuss, approve and rank applications prior to submittal to the State. We have been on a bit of a hot streak with CDBG, and we would love to keep that momentum. We haven't proposed any projects yet. The first one, just for discussion, we are required to have 3 postings and I am more than happy to answer any questions or get to the bottom of any eligible activities that anyone may want to propose.

Councilman Richardson asked if we received any other requests from CDBG grants from outside entities.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated he has not received any outside requests.

Mayor Tedford stated that we have done pretty well with trying to find a street project that works. So, perhaps that is where we shall head. We did Front Street, then we did N Broadway and N Sherman, and now we are doing Court Street. We are in the design phase of finishing all of those. We need to get a shovel in the ground on all of those. Perhaps you could find one of those that will work Derek.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that he will make a list.

Mayor Tedford stated that he hopes he already has a list, we just need to prioritize it. I would like to find something that don't affect our citizens as closely as those do. Any public comments?

No further comments were noted.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated wow. The love of God gives me the strength to put up with the political philosophies that we are experiencing today. But it also effects my decision making in my personal life when I deal with finances. If I am doing what our government is doing today, I would go broke. There would be so much debt above my head I wouldn't even get out of it enough to claim bankruptcy, and I don't want to do that. And I wonder about the City when you continue to strive forward to spend money that the federal government doesn't have and to give it to the states and then put a program. What's going to stop? We...we're gonna' catch up and have a balance of ourselves to stay within a

budget? Stay within a budget. But now we have to rely on outside sources. That's...huh but look where we are today. So, what I encourage is to really think on the Godly factors. Ya'...ya' know I...I read the II Timothy chapter 6, about the rich man and the money that is evil, to all kinds of evil. And we are still going through the process of continuing to do the same thing, over and over again. Oh, because oh it's free money, it's not. Ya' know you're going to go through a lot of paperwork and codes and stuff with restrictions. It's getting ridiculous. How...we...is the City gonna' survive if we keep cooperating with the state government that doesn't give a hoot about morality in this state, doesn't care. Ya' know I am going to encourage you that believing and trusting the Lord Jesus Christ bring you in a mindset of being fiscal responsible. Thank you.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further comments. No further comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports. No reports were noted.

Executive Session

Mayor Tedford tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest:

Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer