

Guide to the Las Vegas City Commission Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Las Vegas City Commission
Title:	Las Vegas City Commission Records
ID:	MS-00237
Date [inclusive]:	1911-1960
Physical Description:	14.61 Cubic Feet (18 Oversize Volumes, 1 box)
Physical Description:	2.11 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Las Vegas City Commission Records (1911-1960) is comprised of bound and unbound materials from the original Las Vegas City Commission. Twelve of the bound volumes are minutes that served as the official record of the proceedings of all Las Vegas City Commission meetings from 1911-1960. There are also three volumes of City of Las Vegas ordinances dating from 1911 to 1958, one volume of legal documents from 1944-1945 and two large volumes containing an alphabetical subject index to the topics covered in the minutes. Unbound materials cover the period 1921 to 1946 and include minutes, resolutions, ordinances, correspondence, financial records, proclamations and other documents related to city business. They provide a valuable historical record of a wide variety of business and community activities in Las Vegas in the first fifty years of its incorporation.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The city of Las Vegas was founded on May 15, 1905 and incorporated on March 16, 1911. The municipal government of Las Vegas functioned in a commission form of government with four commissioners overseeing specific departments: finance; streets; water, sewer, and light; and police and fire. In January 1944 the municipal government of Las Vegas changed to a council-manager form of government. Las

Vegans elected a City Council that consisted of a mayor and four councilmen. In 1973 Las Vegas adopted an amendment to the city charter that divided the city into four wards. In 1999 the Las Vegas City Council added an additional two wards bringing the total to six.

Source: "City Government Overview." City of Las Vegas. Accessed July 18, 2014. http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Government/city_govt.htm

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Arrangement

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Access Note

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Aquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1980 and 1985 by Guy Rocha; accession numbers 1980-188 and 1985-088.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Su Kim Chung in 2012. In 2014, as part of the legacy finding aid conversion project, Christina Molina revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2018, as a part of an archival backlog elimination project, Gayle O'Hara rehoused part of the collection and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Names and Subjects

- Local elections -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- 20th century
- Ordinance
- Politics and government -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- 20th century
- Municipal courts
- Finance, public -- Nevada

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Minutes, 1911 June 22-1922 February 07 (view online)	volume 01
Minutes, 1922 March 01-1929 May 10 (view online)	volume 02
Minutes, 1929 May 14-1937 February 11 (view online)	volume 03
Minutes, 1937 February 17-1942 August 04 (view online)	volume 04
Minutes, 1942 August 11-1946 December 30 (view online)	

	volume 05
Minutes, 1947 January 07-1949 October 26 (view online)	volume 06
Minutes, 1949 November 07-1952 May 21 (view online)	volume 07
Minutes, 1952 May 26-1954 February 17 (view online)	volume 08
Minutes, 1954 February 17-1955 September 21 (view online)	volume 09
Minutes, 1955 September 21-1957 November 20 (view online)	volume 10
Minutes, 1957 November 20-1959 December 02 (view online)	volume 11
Minutes, 1959 December 08-1960 February 17 (view online)	volume 12
City Ordinances, 1911 July 18-1933 March 31 (view online)	volume 01
City Ordinances, 1933 March 31-1950 October 25 (view online)	volume 02
City Ordinances, 1950 November 22-1958 August 06 (view online)	volume 03
Legal Documents, 1944 February 29-1945 February 21 (view online)	volume 01
Index to minutes, 1911-1960 (view online)	volume 01
Index to minutes, 1911-1960 (view online)	volume 02
Minutes of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1940 June 17	box 01
Call for Special Meetings, 1929 July-November, 1940 April-December	box 01
Lease between city of Las Vegas and Las Vegas Post No. 8, 1935 September 12	box 01
Survey of the overhead line of the Southern Nevada Power Company, 1939 September	box 01
Letters to the Board of City Commissioners, 1933 March 01, 1941 January 23	box 01
LeRoy Whipple Duly sworn in, 1941 March 17	box 01
Petition for Ordinance No. 255, 1940 September 04	box 01
Resolutions, 1935-1940	box 01
Minutes of Board of Trustees of Las Vegas City Cemetery, undated	box 01
Affidavit of Publication, 1940 March-April	box 01

Proclamation, 1930 April 13	box 01
Las Vegas Department of Recreation, undated	box 01
Receipt of all sources, 1927	box 01
Assembly Bill No. 190, 1935 March 01	box 01
Senate Bill No. 2, 1939 January 04	box 01
Affidavit of Publication: Dick Lochrie, 1936 September	box 01
Estimated receipts and expenditures of the City of Las Vegas, 1935 December 31	box 01
Las Vegas City budget for the year, 1926	box 01
Notice of intention to vote on a resolution to secure an emergency loan, undated	box 01
Budget of street department, City of Las Vegas, 1928	box 01
Report of fire and life hazards in new high school plans, undated	box 01
Report on propose drainage channel for the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1932	box 01
Deed from Las Vegas land and water company to the city of Las Vegas, 1934 December 19	box 01
Petition for building restriction, undated	box 01
Resolution: new gambling licenses be granted until further order of the Board, 1931 April 09	box 01
Election Proclamation, 1921 March 02	box 01
Ordinance to amend section I, as Amended, of Ordinance number 168, undated	box 01
Resolution, 1939 August 19	box 01
"Origin and Growth of City Library", 1946	box 01
Resolution permitting Las Vegas taverns to have music and chairs in their place of business with some restrictions, undated	box 01
Indenture between Las Vegas Land and Water Company and the City of Las Vegas, 1934 December 19	box 01
Resolution, 1935 September 12	box 01
Certified Copy of Proceedings by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, for an emergency loan by said City of Las Vegas, undated	box 01
Resolution #8 "War Memorial Building", undated	box 01
Indenture between Las Vegas Land and Water Company and City of Las Vegas, 1939 May 31	box 01
Report of Finance Commissioner, 1940 August 05	box 01
Western Union Telegram for Key Pittman, undated	box 01
Resolution Ordering General City Election, 1941	box 01

