

Subject: Letter From FONVCA

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Mayor & Council:

At the February 16, 2006 meeting of the *Federation of NV Community Associations* (FONVCA) a discussion ensued on the issue of the appropriateness of Council tabling a motion that waived a Public Hearing without prior indication that such an option was being proposed (or even available).

Since some members of the public may have expected:

- a) that a Public Hearing could not be waived for the item, or;
- b) that a Public Hearing, allowing for a more open debate of the item, was going to take place and therefore did not speak to the matter when it was first tabled.

FONVCA members therefore concluded, and unanimously passed a motion, that in order to allow for proper participation by members of the public on issues that come before Council, that Council consider adopting the following policy statement:

“That prior notice be given to the public when Council intends to waive a Public Hearing so as to allow the public to have input on the appropriateness and/or validity of such a motion”

Yours truly,
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