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FERNLEY — A mortgage lender, casino owner, concrete construction business owner and a mechanical engineer were chosen to serve as “at-large members” of the City of Fernley’s Capital Improvement Committee (CIC).

The Fernley City Council voted at its meeting last Wednesday to approve Tica Looper, Curtis Loper, Ray Lowrey and Michael Vegas to join Fernley Planning Commissioners Bill Clegg, Bert McCoy and Bob Smith on the CIC.

The first meeting of the CIC will be held on Feb. 22.

At its Dec. 7, 2005 meeting, the Council voted to direct Community Development Director Pete Wysocki to establish a seven-person committee, of which three would be members of the Fernley Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission selected its three members at its Dec. 11 meeting.

The committee will work to develop the City’s transportation Capital Improvement Plan a road impact fee.

Wysocki noted seven individuals submitted letters of interest to serve on the committee. Mayor David Stix Jr. recommended the selection of the at-large members.

Wysocki wrote in his staff report, “Pursuant to NRS 278B, the committee must consist

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members, of which one must represent development, construction or real estate industries. Loper wrote in her letter, "I have lived in the city of Fernley since 1998 and I am very proud about our city and its growth from the standpoint of being a homeowner and professor at the 1st National Bank of Nevada as a mortgage lender and have been in banking for the past 15 years. She added she works with new homebuilders in Fernley and the Reno/Sparks area providing financing.

New to Fernley is Loper, who is the owner of Chukars Sports Casino. He wrote in his letter of interest, "I would like the opportunity to be involved in helping to improve the quality of life in the city of Fernley."

He continued, "My previous experience in developing properties has taught me that there are numerous issues surrounding any project undertaken by the City. I would welcome the opportunity to be mindful of details and stay on top of the latest issues and concerns of the citizens of Fernley."

Lowrey, Nevada born and raised Lowrey represents the construction industry. He wrote in his letter of interest, "I have worked in the construction industry since I was 12 years old and now own a business, which is Fernley Custom Concrete. My wife, Tasha, and our four children, Frankie, Annie and Allie, have always been and are currently active in most all aspects of our community. Lowrey has been involved in the Fernley Builders Association, Fernley Foundation, Fernley School Boosters, Fernley Youth Football League, Desert Valley Softball Association, Fernley Rodeo and more.

He also noted he is willing to make the time to "make a difference by serving on this committee. A desire to help assist in the city through its "period of rapid growth" is what motivated him. He wrote in his letter of interest, "I have a professional Mechanical Engineering License with the State of Nevada as the Engineering Manager. Throughout my career, I have been involved in the planning and execution of several million dollar capital projects."

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