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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2006

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: DOUGLAS A. SELBY

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT
RESOLUTIONS:

R-57-2006 - Director and possible action regarding a Resolution on climate protection consistent with the agreement passed unanimously by the U.S. Conference of Mayors in 2005, calling for cities, communities and the federal government to take actions to reduce global warming pollution and to highlight the actions currently undertaken by the city of Las Vegas to reduce global warming pollution. All Wards

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

Amount:

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Conference of Mayors has adopted a Climate Protection Agreement calling for cities, communities and the federal government to take actions to reduce global warming pollution. The agreement recognizes the broad agreement among the worldwide scientific community that increasing emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases released to the atmosphere are affecting the earth's climate; provides direction for addressing these problems on the local level; and encourages other local governments to do the same.

Consistent with the City's strategic priority to create, integrate and manage orderly and sustainable development and growth of our community, the Resolution calls upon the City to continue and expand programs to reduce global warming pollution such as the use of alternative fuel vehicles, the development of parks, trails and open space, the construction of LEED certified public buildings and the development of private green building incentive programs, and the continued development and promotion of mass transit opportunities to our citizens and guests.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Resolution No. R-57-2006
2. Submitted after meeting - Hard copy of PowerPoint presentation by Ted Olivas and Michael Pravica

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Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve the Resolution

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

LOIS TARKANIAN, LAWRENCE WEEKLY, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN indicated that this is a matter of grave concern to the Nation's Mayors.

TED OLIVAS, Government Relations Manager, gave a short background presentation on what led up to this resolution before the Council. He introduced DR. MICHAEL PRAVICA, Assistant Professor of the University of Las Vegas Nevada, Department of Physics.

DR. MICHAEL PRAVICA, 1471 Lodge Pole Drive, Henderson, Nevada. He gave a powerpoint presentation on global warming.

MR. OLIVAS added that many of the issues presented by DR. PRAVICA are issues that have to start at the grass roots level to succeed. MAYOR GOODMAN replied that the City Council prides itself on trying to address issues that may come into being much later in the future. This is a good first step. He hopes that trees will be planted in an effort to making some difference.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. She discussed with DR. PRAVICA that Brazil is no longer dependent upon gasoline, but uses ethanol. DR. PRAVICA pointed out that the use of ethanol is a positive step.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY thanked DR. PRAVICA for the presentation and added that what makes this issue controversial is that political scientists are going around the country sharing their sides of the story. He noted he watched a program on the Discovery Channel that addressed global warming. DR. PRAVICA stated that this issue is a concern and that the public needs to be educated, but scientists need to help.

MAYOR GOODMAN stated that the City should explore whether or not to impose requirements of Lied Certification (green building).