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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: DOUGLAS A. SELBY

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Report from the City Manager on Emerging Issues

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

Amount:

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City Manager (CM) Report will be a vehicle for the City Manager to update the Council on emerging issues that may have an impact on the City of Las Vegas. The CM Report will be a recurring item for every Council meeting. If there are no items for the particular meeting, the City Manager will recommend that the item be stricken.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report only, no action required

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Minutes:

No motion required. A report was given.

CITY MANAGER SELBY gave a report on various events occurring throughout the City. The City kicked off the newest Citizen Academy to educate people on how the City operates. National Neighborhood Day celebration started in the City Hall Plaza, but various events will be held in the different wards. A new piece of public art by local artists will be unveiled at the Mirabelli Community Center. A lot of events will be held throughout the month in remembrance of September 11, including tolling of the bells at various fire stations. September is National Preparedness Month, and the City encourages residents to be prepared for natural and man-caused disasters. Neighborhood cleanups will continue throughout the month of September.

Regarding the Las Vegas Events Center, CITY MANAGER SELBY reported that the Task Force received an update from the consultant, who found that it would be very expensive to retrofit the Thomas & Mack Events Center, from 125 to 150 million dollars, and it would have to be closed during reconstruction. Hence, retrofitting the Thomas & Mack is not feasible. The consultant has provided information on how other cities have funded events centers and how

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they have attracted NBA and NHL teams. Because this information is being put together into a comprehensive report, the Task Force will be requesting a thirty-day extension.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY noted that staff has done a very good job of addressing his concern regarding the sale of toy guns by ice cream truck vendors. However, he would like to raise public awareness, as the problem seems to persist, according to an undercover sting that was conducted. He would like to implement "Operation Shut Them Down," and revoke the licenses of ice cream vendors selling these toys, because the days of playing cowboys and Indians are over. The toy guns are being used at schools during recess, and the teachers are having trouble discerning whether they are toys or not. He is also concerned about the harm these children are putting themselves in, as law enforcement does not ask questions anymore; they just shoot.

Hence, he would like the public to report to Business Services any ice cream truck vendors that are selling toy guns, so that this issue can be addressed more aggressively. CITY MANAGER SELBY added that the public could report any such activity to 229-6501.

BEATRICE TURNER interjected that the City also needs to address the problem with ice cream truck vendors selling "weed."