



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 83.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2006

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: M. MARCO WHEELER

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
RESOLUTIONS:

R-81-2006 - Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution adopting the city of Las Vegas Green Building Program - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Budget Funds Available

☐ Augmentation Required

Dept./Division: City Manager

Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding Source: Franchise Fees

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Green Building helps the city to achieve its strategic priorities through reducing the impact new development has on our environment. This resolution will recognize homes and residential builders that participate in the Southern Nevada Green Building Partnership, direct the city to build public buildings to Green Building standards, and to authorize the City Manager to establish a "City Green Building Fund."

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Resolution No. R-81-2006
3. Southern Nevada Green Building Partnership Guiding Principles
4. Submitted at meeting Comments by Tom McGowan

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

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

Minutes:

After having videotape shown depicting the support of the Green Building Program by the City and the representatives of the various local utilities and agencies, TOM PERRIGO, Deputy Director of Planning and Development, listed the basic three components of the Green Building Program: 1) All City buildings will achieve a LEED silver equivalent standard of development

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and design; 2) A Green Building fund, which will result from taking the incremental increase of franchise fees for energy and solid waste; and 3) Residential development, for which the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association, in partnership with the Green Building Initiative, has put together an outstanding program that will recognize developers that meet the Green Building Standards.

IRENE PORTER, Executive Director of the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association (SNHBA), and KELLY O'BRIEN, Director of Residential Programs for the Green Building Initiatives, were present. MS. PORTER commented that two years ago the SNHBA decided to research the National Green Building Initiative to determine if a similar program could be developed locally for residential construction. Hence, the Las Vegas Green Building Program was put together, but not without the assistance and partnership of people from many organizations, which she mentioned, to develop standards that have to be met for residential development. She noted there are already many builders interested in joining the program, even with its strict guidelines. MS. PORTER thanked the Council for the opportunity to work with the City, and she recognized CONNIE SUCKLING, Senior of Government Affairs of the SNHBA, who was very instrumental in putting together the Green Building Initiative.

MS. O'BRIEN thanked MS. PORTER, MS. SUCKLING, M. NIC CARUSO of the SNHBA, and the City of Las Vegas for their tireless efforts in bringing this partnership to fruition. She then stated that the people involved in the Southern Nevada Green Building Program is aware that it must continue to develop practical approaches and recognize multiple options in order to create a positive change in the green building field and to serve the broader marketplace. Consumer awareness continues to grow, which translates into increased demand. By launching the Southern Nevada Green Building Program, that demand is being answered.

MAYOR GOODMAN noted that it is wonderful to see the homebuilders embracing change.

MR. PERRIGO mentioned that a number of people that assisted on the Committee, together with the SNHBA, were in the audience. MAYOR GOODMAN applauded them and asked them to stand in recognition. He then asked MR. PERRIGO to prepare a "White Paper" for him to submit to the Conference of Mayors, because this program is at the cutting edge.

COUNCILMAN REESE and COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN expressed their support of the program.