



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 10.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2006

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNITY INTERFAITH COUNCIL

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at the City Council Meeting. Copy of the Proclamation presented to the Community Interfaith Council

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN recognized the Community Interfaith Council, a local group comprised of different faith based organizations. The council's goal is to expand the type of social services that are offered in the community. There will be a prayer session on Saturday in the rotunda at City Hall. The organization will provide programs and assistance that serve the poor, renew families and rebuild neighborhoods. By partnering with the City, these groups will identify ways for utilizing community resources in a more effective manner and increase networking opportunities to better combat problems like drug addiction and homelessness.

TROY MARTINEZ accepted the proclamation and asked for members of the Community Interfaith Council to stand and be recognized. He stated that it was a pleasure to see the Native American community present and acknowledged that everybody is God's child. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for partnering with them.

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION: CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITIZENS ACADEMY GRADUATION:

MAYOR GOODMAN indicated that the Citizens Academy is a program started by CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY and it is in its third year. COUNCILMAN ROSS recognized everyone that participated in this year's academy. He enrolled in the academy as well and felt it helped him understand how the City functions and observed the quality of the City's staff. Seventy-four citizens have graduated so far in the last three years. The academy is a challenging program as it consists of thirty-four hours of classes, ten different workshops and ride alongs with City Marshals, Code Enforcement and Metro. The graduates are community leaders that will go on to become very active serving on the many boards and commissions and volunteering in special events. He congratulated all the academy graduates.

CITY MANAGER SELBY gave an overview of the academy and why it was created. The academy shares with 25 citizens the inner workings of the city. He asked that they be ambassadors and share what they have learned during their experience.

MS. PAPPAS thanked CITY MANAGER SELBY for having the vision to create the academy and thanked the entire City staff for sharing their experiences. She thanked CHRIS KNIGHT, Director of Administrative Services, and MAGGIE PLASTER for facilitating this program and for their support.

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MS. PAPPAS stated that her classmates felt that the program was insightful, empowering, informative, phenomenal, beneficial, inspiring and educational. They all came hoping to meet key members of the City government and that meeting them might evolve into a professionally and advantageous relationship, as well as volunteering opportunities. They have learned so much about the City and how it is leading the way with innovative forward-thinking programs. It is a privilege and duty to be part of an educated and involved electorate. They have learned that even the smallest contribution can return huge rewards. They are richer for the people they have met and richer for this experience.

MAYOR GOODMAN invited all the graduates to come up and state their names.

