



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 49.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 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

Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:

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 reported that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved the "right-hand turn" and will become effective March 15, 2006. The City has strongly opposed this turn because of safety, which still remains an issue. Staff will be presenting an item for the Council's consideration at the next Council meeting which will allow the City to seek a legal remedy through the Ninth District Circuit Court of Appeals.

MAYOR GOODMAN expressed concern about the FAA approving the new flight pattern, noting that the noise nuisance and the affect on quality of life pale in comparison to the safety issues that remain unresolved. He expressed strong support of pursuing a lawsuit, explaining that the members of the Council, as elected officials, have the responsibility to move forward with litigation and to do everything possible for the safety of the constituents. He directed CITY MANAGER SELBY to explore the remaining issue of safety. COUNCILMAN REESE interjected and agreed that the City has a responsibility to ensure public safety, particularly after

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having hired a consultant whose research validates that there are safety issues.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON concurred with the comments of MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCILMAN REESE. However, given that litigation carries a significant price, he asked CITY MANAGER SELBY to brief the individual Councilmembers so that they can receive all the information, including the litigating attorney's degree of success, prior to the next Council meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN asked CITY MANAGER SELBY if the FAA addressed the City's safety issues in its report, including Nellis Air Force Base, North Las Vegas Airport and helicopter traffic. CITY MANAGER SELBY answered that he did not have the opportunity to review the entire FAA report; however, the City's independent consultant felt that the FAA did not address it properly in the Environmental Impact Statement. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN requested a copy of the safety factors and asked if the City could enlarge its response. CITY MANAGER SELBY deferred to CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC, who opined that the City would be limited to the issues already raised on the public record; information could be added to issues already preserved. He assured COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN that he would pass her concern to the independent consultant.

CITY MANAGER SELBY continued his report on Emerging Issues: The cooler weather raises concerns about the homeless population. The City has worked closely with the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition and the Committee on Homelessness to help the homeless. A homeless count will be conducted to prepare and match the available resources with the needs of the homeless community. Anybody interested in attending the count meetings or for more information can call 455-5188. Neighborhood and constituent meetings will be taking place in November. The City will also be involved in efforts to help the less fortunate during the upcoming Thanksgiving Day.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN complimented CITY MANAGER SELBY for his environmental efforts.