



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 43.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 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

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:

Submitted after meeting - hardcopy of PowerPoint presentation by City Manager Selby and copy of written comments of Tom McGowan

Minutes:

No motion required. A report was given.

CITY MANAGER SELBY gave an overview on a number of items of interest for the Council, including a recent trip to New York where the Mayor and City staff met with various investment houses to promote Las Vegas. The meetings raised optimistic expectations and resulted in leaving some true believers. The nurses strike has been resolved temporarily due to the intervention of the Mayor and other officials.

Circle Park was discussed due to the temporary park closing because of crime and a recent murder in the park. Efforts are being made to find a way to address the problems and then reopen the park. COUNCILMAN REESE thanked the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) and the City Marshals for their quick response. It is unfortunate when a neighborhood is afraid to use its neighborhood park. CITY MANAGER SELBY added that there has been a lot of neighborhood support for the City's action.

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A PowerPoint presentation was given on programs and expenditures on homelessness and efforts to prevent homelessness. Although the issue falls under the County, the City has spent \$17 million since 1999 on homeless shelter/care and to prevent people from becoming homeless. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN suggested including the issue in the Strategic Planning Workshop and asking the State for help with additional funding. The homeless community consists of several groups and perhaps one group, such as the mentally ill, could be the immediate focus. CITY MANAGER SELBY agreed to include the issue in the Workshop. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL advised that the State Legislature set aside \$4 million in conjunction with the County and various private coalitions to address homelessness. The funding provides a test case on the support network before going back to the Legislature. The latest report had very high returns and will be provided to the Council. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY added that the last Homeless StandDown was the most successful because of the efforts and funding described.

CITY MANAGER SELBY and CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC reported the status of the ban on smoking and the impact of City licensing. The matter is in litigation. Citations may be issued only by police and the Clark County Health District. MAYOR GOODMAN directed a future agenda item come forward so that the Council can establish necessary policies.

CITY MANAGER SELBY also reported on the FAA right-turn and the Council's past resolution in opposition. Safety concerns exist because the new flight path travels over City population roughly three times the County population without the right-turn path. It also creates a disproportionate impact on minority communities, as well as possible conflicts with the North Las Vegas and Nellis Air Force Base flights. Staff intends to bring forward a future agenda item, pending the January 11th deadline for filing of litigation. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON advised that the consulting attorney retained by the City was very encouraging and recommending filing litigation. He added that the citizens at his Town Hall supported litigation and any associated costs. This is a matter of public safety and quality of life for many, many City residents and not just those of Ward 2. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stressed that the accidents at the North Las Vegas Airport have not been in an affluent area.

In response to a concern raised by COUNCILMAN WEEKLY with ice cream vendors selling toy guns, CITY MANAGER SELBY explained that Business Services has conducted 59 inspections, issued 6 citations and 29 notices of violation, but 41% of vendors apparently got the message and there were no toy guns or drug paraphernalia found. Staff will remain vigilant.

Lastly, this Sunday is the Las Vegas Marathon, which has become something of a national event and adds to the menu of national sporting events being hosted in the Las Vegas area.