



Las Vegas

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2006**

**DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: DOUGLAS A. SELBY**

Consent Discussion

**SUBJECT
ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Discussion and possible action on a presentation and Final Report from CSL Consultants and the Special Events Center Task Force for the possible development of a new special events center in Southern Nevada - Board

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

**Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:**

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

In May 2006 the City Council approved a joint resolution with the Clark County Board of Commissioners and created the Special Events Center Task Force which was charged with working with a consultant in order to look at a variety of issues relating to the possible development of a new events center in Southern Nevada. CSL consultants performed the necessary research and analysis required for the Task Force to accomplish its mission.

The Task Force and CSL consulting have been meeting for approximately 4 months to review and discuss information on a variety of topics including: the feasibility of the immediate and long term use of the Thomas & Mack, potential revenues and the costs of developing a new events center, site and location criteria for a new events center and possible funding options. CSL has issued a final report on the topics discussed and the Task Force has approved it. Additionally, the Task Force members have developed a list of issues to consider in the development of a special events center as well as recommended future steps.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the presentation from the Task Force and CSL, accept the final report and provide direction to staff as necessary.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Las Vegas Events Center Final Report Executive Summary
2. Submitted after meeting - hardcopy of PowerPoint presentation by Bill Rhoda, CSL International and copy of written comments of Tom McGowan

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Motion made by GARY REESE to Accept the report with direction to CITY MANAGER SELBY to meet with the Clark County Manager and CSL Consultants to hone down the various sites, to begin discussions on potential funding and to come back to the Council with a recommendation within the next 60 days

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2
LAWRENCE WEEKLY, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-LARRY BROWN, STEVEN D. ROSS)

Minutes:

PAT CHRISTENSEN, President of Las Vegas Events, gave an overview of the Task Force Committee and its study of a Special Events Center, for which the City and County hired CSL as a consultant. He introduced the President to make the presentation.

BILL RHODA reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation summarizing the consultants involved, the issues researched, economic impact, potential locations for a new facility and limitations of existing facilities. The PowerPoint is made a part of the final minutes.

COUNCILMAN REESE confirmed with MR. RHODA that the project should go forward even without a professional sports team. MR. RHODA added that a professional sports team only changes the funding. Without a new facility, the community is in danger of losing some of the events it currently hosts which will result in a significant economic hit. The Task Force recommendations do not include financing.

COUNCILMAN REESE stressed that a site or site options should be identified even before discussing financing, given the impact of access. MAYOR GOODMAN agreed with COUNCILMAN REESE that the facility is important and loss of a downtown arena had a negative impact on downtown redevelopment efforts. MAYOR GOODMAN emphasized that a professional sports team would add to community cohesiveness.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON stated that the City of Las Vegas should take the lead on this issue, as there is a need, and it should move forward.

MAYOR GOODMAN gave his thoughts about the vision of the city as a world-class city, which requires world-class venues.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY questioned where the Committee will go and how more of the community can be involved. CITY MANAGER SELBY responded that the Committee has completed its task and staff will continue to try to engage the public. MAYOR GOODMAN stressed that public hearings will be held before taxpayer money is expended.