



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 47.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 19, 2006

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER OFFICE
DIRECTOR: TED OLIVAS

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Discussion and possible action on the proposed legislative package that will be submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) on behalf of the City of Las Vegas for the 2007 Legislative Session - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

Amount:

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 218.2413, the city council of a city whose population is 100,000 or more shall not request the preparation of more than four legislative measures.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the proposed legislative package and direct the City Manager to submit the Bill Draft Requests (BDR) to the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Submitted at meeting 2007 Legislative Session PowerPoint

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve the submission of four Bill Draft Requests, excluding the Interlocal Contract Threshold request

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

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

Minutes:

TED OLIVAS, Director, Government and Community Affairs, gave an overview of ongoing preparations for the upcoming legislative session, and then went over the Proposed Legislative Package, a copy of which is included in the minutes, consisting of five Bill Draft Requests for submission to the Legislature.

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Regarding the State Homeland Security Commission, MAYOR GOODMAN questioned why the City does not have a voting member, which is unacceptable to him. Having an attending member to observe the meetings does not equal representation. MR. OLIVAS explained that the Statute allows a total of 14 members, with seven of them being voting members. The thought process was that the City needed representation during closed sessions, which is not currently permitted.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY pointed out that he was appointed as a voting member of the Homeland Security Commission, but he stepped down in order to allow a person from Fire and Rescue to sit on the board to ensure that the City's concerns were addressed. But he does not understand how the voting status was taken away. MR. OLIVAS indicated that, at the last legislative session, SPEAKER PERKINS introduced a bill that reduced the number of representatives on the Commission and it passed. MAYOR GOODMAN felt it of high import for the City to have voting ability.

At the request of COUNCILMAN ROSS, MR. OLIVAS outlined the current membership of the Homeland Security Commission. The seven voting representatives include the sheriff of each county with a population of 100,000 or more, the Chief of the County Fire Department, the lead State FBI agent, an office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and a member of the medical community.

COUNCILMAN REESE questioned the reason for the split. MR. OLIVAS said that initially all the members could vote, but he was not given a clear reason as to the rational behind the changes. DR. DALE CARRISON is in support of adding a representative of the City to the membership, and perhaps as a voting member. MAYOR GOODMAN opined that the division in the membership does not make any sense.

COUNCILMAN ROSS did not understand how the City could be excluded when, as the largest City in the State of Nevada, it is a prime target. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL stated that staff will put forth all its efforts to try and effect a change, if the Council desires. Everyone she has spoken with is in support of adding the City to the membership. She agreed that the City has to be privy to any information regarding security vulnerability. MAYOR GOODMAN stressed that the entire Council wants representation on the board.

As part of the Charter Changes bill draft request, MR. OLIVAS stated that staff would like to pursue: 1) the creation of a community-based commission to review the salaries and duties of the Council and assess an adequate salary range; 2) possible changes to the selection process of chief judges, who are currently selected by seniority; and 3) making the Recommending Committee optional, so that the Council could have discretion as to whether it is necessary.

Lastly, MR. OLIVAS advised the Council that the City only has the authority to go forward with four bill draft requests. MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed with MR. OLIVAS that he felt the City could definitely find a sponsor for the City's fifth bill draft request, MR. OLIVAS recommended

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that be the interlocal contract threshold request. COUNCILMAN REESE asked why a decision had to be made so far in advance. MR. OLIVAS replied that the City's deadline to submit requests is September 1, 2006. He felt confident that the City could find a sponsor for any requests after that deadline. But the least important request to the City is the interlocal contract threshold item, which could possibly be sponsored by the Nevada League of Cities.