

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2006-50 Establishes a regional sewer connection charge as a means of funding the City's share of an alternate conveyance system to be built and operated by the regional Clean Water Coalition. Proposed by: Mark R. Vinca, Director of Finance and Business Services

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

Amount:

Funding source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City is a wastewater agency member of the Clean Water Coalition (CWC), a joint powers agency established through an interlocal agreement among Clark County, Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, and the Clark County Water Reclamation District. The CWC is the constructor and operator of the regional Systems Conveyance and Operations Program, a conveyance system intended to assure a certain water quality level for the Las Vegas Wash and Lake Mead. The interlocal agreement authorizes CWC to assess its member agencies based on a regional connection charge schedule. This bill will pass the regional charge through to wastewater system users.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2006-50
2. Business Impact Statement

Motion made by STEVEN D. ROSS to Approve as a Do Pass with a First Amendment

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

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MARK VINCENT, Director, Finance and Business Services, summarized the information under the Purpose/Background section. The fee will start at \$400 per residential unit, which the City feels is a good compromise to the initially proposed \$800 charge.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED clarified that the bill as drafted reflects the \$800 charge; therefore, a Proposed First Amendment was submitted that includes the reduced rate of \$400. On July 1, 2007, it will revert back to the original schedule of \$812. MR. VINCENT added that the rate, in the Proposed First Amendment, is scheduled to increase every six months July 1, 2007 through January 1, 2009, at which time a reassessment will have to be made. The current capacity of the pipeline is at 40 percent, so it has been stated that existing ratepayers should pay for 40 percent of the pipeline and that new connection charges should pay for the other two-thirds. Future ordinances will be forthcoming to adjust the surcharge, probably an increase of about four or five dollars per ratepayer.

No one appeared in opposition.

COUNCILWOMAN BERKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

