

ADDENDUM

Item # 62.(A) • TOM MCGOWAN; LAS VEGAS RESIDENT. ~ THE VERBIAGE TEXT OF THE SUBJECT AGENDA ITEM IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF APPARENTLY INTENTIONAL OBFUSCATION, PURSUANT TO THE SHIFTING OF THE BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY AWAY FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ONTO ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE. HOWEVER, IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE: ~

1. THE SUBJECT ISSUE FIRST AROSE DURING A PREVIOUS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION;
2. THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAW GOVERNING OPEN PUBLIC DISCLOSURE APPLIES TO ELECTED AND APPOINTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, BUT NOT TO UNELECTED MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND/OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR;
3. POST-FACTO VOLUNTARY REVERSAL OF AN ACT WHICH GIVES RISE TO THE APPEARANCE OF POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, IN THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION, DOES NOT CURE THE FACT THAT THE QUESTIONABLE ACT INITIALLY OCCURED; AND; NOTWITHSTANDING REVERSAL OF THE ACT:—
4. THE ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE OF CULPABILITY OF WRONGDOING. DOES NOT CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE OF THE ABSENCE OF WRONGDOING, AND/OR OF CULPABILITY FOR IT.

THE FUNDAMENTAL CRUX ISSUE QUESTION IS: ~ 'WHERE DOES THE BUCK STOP?', AND IT INVOLVES THE INDIVIDUAL ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL AS TACIT OFFICIAL COMPLICITY. AND THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS IRREFUTABLY SELF-EVIDENT: ~

* SIMPLY 'FOLLOW THE MONEY' TO ITS SOURCE OF OFFICIAL ORIGIN - ~ (WHICH MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN ITS EVENTUAL DESTINATION, IN ONE FORM OF BENEFIT OR ANOTHER).

THE POINTED REFERENCE TO 'DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A RESPONSE TO THE CITY COUNCIL' IS A THINLY-VEILED EXAMPLE OF THE CLASSIC POLICY OF 'OMERTA' AND THE 'LADDERING' OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND CAUSES CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE EXHIBIT OF ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY AND THE ALTERNATIVE OF EXPEDIENT SELF-SACRIFICE, IN THE INTEREST OF CAREER-PERPETUATION.

Submitted at City Council

THANK YOU.

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