



**CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC
PLANNING WORKSHOP**

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2007 Legislative Session Overview

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2007 Legislative Session Key Dates

- Start of Session – February 5, 2007
- Committee Passage (1st House) – April 13, 2007
- 1st House Passage – April 24, 2007
- Committee Passage (2nd House) – May 18, 2007
- 2nd House Passage – May 25, 2007
- End of Regular Session – June 4, 2007
- Total – 120 Calendar Days

2007 Legislative Session Senate Leadership

- President – Brian Krolicki
- President Pro Tempore – Mark Amodei
- Majority Floor Leader – Bill Raggio
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader – Dennis Nolen
- Minority Floor Leader – Dina Titus
- Assistant Minority Floor Leader – Bernice Mathews
- 11 Republicans / 10 Democrats

2007 Legislative Session Assembly Leadership

- Speaker – Barbara Buckley
- Speaker Pro Tempore – Bernie Anderson
- Majority Leader – John Ocegvera
- Assistant Majority Leader – Marcus Conklin
- Minority Leader – Garn Mabey
- Assistant Minority Leaders – Pete Goicoechea
Joe Hardy
Valerie Weber
- 27 Democrats / 15 Republicans

2007 Legislative Session Senate Committees

- Commerce and Labor
- Finance
- Government Affairs
- Human Resources and Education
- Judiciary

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Senate Committees (continued)

- Legislative Operations and Elections
- Natural Resources
- Taxation
- Transportation and Homeland Security

2007 Legislative Session Assembly Committees

- Commerce and Labor
- Constitutional Amendments
- Corrections, Parole and Probation
- Education
- Elections/Procedures/Ethics
- Government Affairs

2007 Legislative Session Assembly Committees (continued)

- Health and Human Services
- Judiciary
- Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining
- Taxation
- Transportation
- Ways and Means

2007 Legislative Session City of Las Vegas Bills

- BDR 488 – Lease/Purchase Agreements for Public Works
- BDR 489 – City of Las Vegas Representation on Nevada Homeland Security Commission
- BDR 490 – Off-Site Improvements within Redevelopment Area

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Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities Bills

- BDR 477 – Impact Fees
- BDR 480 – Residential Construction Tax
- BDR 481 – Effective Date of Legislation
- BDR 482 – Undergrounding of Power Lines
- BDR 483 – Fuel Tax

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Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities Bills
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- BDR 484 – Emergency Management
- BDR 485 – Interlocal Contracts/
Cooperative Agreements
- BDR 486 – Methamphetamine Abuse

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Legislative Topics

- Affordable Housing
- Elections
- Eminent Domain
- Ethics
- Franchise Fees
- Homeland Security
- Homeless
- Home Rule
- Initiative Petitions
- Public Employee Benefits Program
- Public Employee Retirement System
- Procurement
- Public Lands
- Public Records
- Taxes
- Workers Compensation

2007 Legislative Session Bills of Interest

- Total Number of Bills – 797 (as of 12/01/06)
- Eminent Domain
 - Currently 10 Bills, Various Sponsors
- Franchise Fees
 - **BDR 58-235**
 - Sponsor: Senator Townsend
 - Revises Authority to Impose Franchise and Other Similar Fees on Certain Public Utilities
- Homeland Security
 - **BDR 751**
 - Sponsor: Speaker of the Assembly
 - Appropriation for a Terror Early Warning Fusion Center in Clark County

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Bills of Interest (continued)

Home Rule

- **BDR 446**
- Sponsor: Senator Care
- Legislative Study on Powers Delegated to Counties/Cities

Procurement

- Currently 25 Bills, Various Sponsors

Taxes

- **BDR 32**
- Sponsor: Senator Beers
- Reduces Amount Of and Revises Distribution of Basic Governmental Services Tax

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Bills of Interest (continued)

Taxes (continued)

- **BDR 360**
 - Sponsor: City of North Las Vegas
 - Revises Provisions Governing Distribution of Tax Revenue to Library Districts
- **BDR 749**
 - Sponsor: Assembly Committee on Government Affairs
 - Prohibits Changes in the Consolidated Tax Distribution in Clark County for a Period of 10 Years

Airport Authority

- **BDR S-228**
 - Sponsor: Assembly Committee on Transportation
 - Creates a Regional Airport Authority in Clark County

Federal Activity

- 2007 Federal Plan
- Meeting with Mayor/Council/City Managers Office/Directors (Complete)
- Plan Update in Progress (December 2006)
- Potential Appropriations Requests
 - Regional Public Safety Complex
 - Terrorism Early Warning/Intelligence Fusion Center
 - Post Office Museum
 - Transportation Projects
 - Clean Cities Educational Outreach Program
 - Sustainability Project
- Mayor/Council Approval (January 2007)

Federal Activity (continued)

- Current Public Lands Legislation
- White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006
 - Resolution approved by Mayor/Council in Support of Bill (October 18, 2006)
 - Amends Section 7 of Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA) on Affordable Housing
 - Serves individuals/families with income not more than 120% of the Average Medium Income (AMI)

Federal Activity (continued)

- Amends Section 7 of Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA) on Affordable Housing (continued)
 - Authorizes BLM to dispose of federal land to private entities for less than fair market value for affordable housing
 - Requires successful bidder of SNPLMA land sales over 200 acres to develop at least 5% of the total housing units for affordable housing
- Nevada Cancer Institute Land Bill
 - Approximately 80 Acres, Alta Drive/Hualapai Way
 - Bill Introduced December 6, 2006
 - Senator Ensign
 - Congresswoman Berkley

Congress

- Appropriation Bills Not Completed
- Potential Change in Focus in 2007
 - Superfund Programs
 - Brownfields Programs
 - National Housing Policy
 - Emphasis on Affordable Housing Preservation and Creation
 - Water / Wastewater Infrastructure
 - Alternative Energy Incentives
 - Review Energy Policy
 - Climate Protection

State/Federal Legislative Topics

- Affordable Housing
- Eminent Domain
- Homeland Security
- Telecommunications