



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 47.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2007

DEPARTMENT: GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR: TED J. OLIVAS

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Discussion and possible action on the 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Each year the City Manager's Office develops a Federal Legislative Agenda based on meetings with the Mayor, Council members, and each City department. The Agenda includes the City's appropriation priorities, legislative priority issues, legislative and regulatory issues, grant priorities, and grant opportunities. This document is used to guide federal lobbying efforts by the City and its federal lobbying firm, Ball Janik, LLP. Staff will provide an outline of the 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda and direct staff accordingly.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting City of Las Vegas 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda by staff

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve to Accept the report

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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

Minutes:

TED OLIVAS, Director of Government and Community Affairs, referred to the submitted 2007 Legislative Agenda, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes, and gave a brief overview. He pointed out that the document does not include a section on public lands, as it has previously; it will be forthcoming on a future agenda. Also, the 2007 Legislative Agenda will be used by Ball Janik to lobby on the City's behalf. A total of \$21,450,000 is being requested in

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appropriations; \$15 million for Phase I of the Regional Public Safety Complex, \$1 million for the Post Office Museum, \$3 million for the partial funding of the environmental assessment of the Mountain Edge Parkway, \$1.5 million for the development and enhancement of a sustainability program, \$450,000 for the Batteries Included Initiative program and \$500,000 for the EVOLVE program.

The Federal Issues section of the Legislative Agenda identifies the City's position on various topics, including telecommunications, Urban Area Security Initiative, eminent domain, affordable housing, homelessness, homeland security, I-15 and Yucca Mountain.

MR. OLIVAS advised that, if approved today, this plan will be presented during the U.S. Conference of Mayors winter meetings to brief federal delegates along with Ball Janik, later in January. During these meetings, it might be appropriate to include some of the economic indicators provided by SCOTT ADAMS, Director of the Office of Business Development, during his presentation under Item 46 of this meeting.

MAYOR GOODMAN noted that the second floor bridge of City Hall has a wonderful display of what is being contemplated for the Post Office Museum. The monies being sought under this Legislative Plan for the museum will be earmarked for the purchase of exhibits, which will be handled by the curator of the museum in Cincinnati, Ohio, DENISE BERRY, who is known for creating excitement.

