



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 83.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2007

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR: CHARLIE KAJKOWSKI

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT: Public hearing on local improvement district for Special Improvement District No. 1506 - Fremont Street Pedestrian Improvements (Las Vegas Boulevard to 8th Street) (\$1,970,000 - Capital Projects Fund/Special Assessments - Ward 5) (Weekly)

Fiscal Impact

No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available Dept. Division: Public Works/SID

Amount: \$1,970,000

Funding Source: Capital Projects Fund/Special Assessments

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Public hearing on the Final Assessment Roll for the construction of pedestrian enhancements which include sidewalk bulb-outs, mid-block pedestrian crossings with landscaping and decorative and directional signage, gateway arches, removal and installation of new curb, gutter, sidewalk, streetlights and related traffic signalization and drainage improvements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Public Hearing only; no action required.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Public hearing notice
2. Submitted after final agenda - Protest letter by John Kitchen

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

CHARLIE KAJKOWSKI, Director of Public Works Department, explained that this is the second and final public hearing. The assessment district is for \$1,970,000. The total project cost is \$5,506,000.

JOHN KITCHEN, 515 Fremont Street, appeared in opposition of this improvement district. He should not be held financially responsible for improvements that he feels will not improve his property, but rather destroy it. Before the improvements take place, he would like assurance that before the downtown business fails, the streets will be restored and meters will be reinstalled to make it a viable business district. He is to acquire legal counsel to pursue this matter further.

FRANK ELAM, 115 North 7th Street, President of the business owners association, KEVIN KELLY, 115 North Las Vegas Boulevard, Vice President Board of Directors, Streamline, JUSTIN MARTINEZ, 709 and 731 Fremont Street, and MIKE NOLAN, General Manager, El

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Cortez, 600 East Fremont Street, all appeared in support of the project.

MAYOR GOODMAN pointed out that the project will be monumentally good to what the City is trying to accomplish in the redevelopment area. It will create a three-block area that will pull the Fremont Street Experience and its casinos past the Neonopolis center into an area that will be full of vitality, life and entertainment all the way down to the El Cortez. The Streamline project will be beneficial as well and its residents will be able to enjoy an urban experience. It is a great partnership between the community and the City of Las Vegas where security and maintenance will be provided by the people who will be owning property in that area. He believes the project will not fail and that it will be a great success.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY expressed his appreciation to staff and the association for their support of this project to bring in a new downtown. He hopes that MR. KITCHEN will get something positive from this project.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

