

City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item #



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DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER

DIRECTOR: DOUGLAS SELBY

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Report from the City Manager on Emerging Issues

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City Manager (CM) Report will be a vehicle for the City Manager to update the Council on emerging issues that may have an impact on the City of Las Vegas. The CM Report will be a recurring item for every Council meeting. If there are no items for the particular meeting, the City Manager will recommend that the item be stricken.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report only, no action required

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Minutes:

No motion required. A report was given.

Videotape was shown but not submitted.

At the request of CITY MANAGER SELBY, CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC provided the Council with an update on the FAA right-hand turn. The City's attempt to achieve a stay on the implementation of the right-hand turn before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals was unsuccessful. A schedule has been set up for the lawsuit, with final briefs scheduled for the middle of July. The right-hand turn was supposed to take effect 3/20/2007 at 9:00 a.m.

MAYOR GOODMAN said his office was advised that complaints could have an impact on the ultimate decision. Therefore, he asked that noise complaints be provided to the Clark County

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Department of Aviation at 261-3694 and the FAA Noise Complaint Hotline at 310-725-3638.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON encouraged his constituents to keep sending his office emails regarding this issue; he reads all of them. And he is sensitive to both sides, because many people are concerned about the cost. Also, he pointed out that the hotline number is to a voice-mail recording, which has been frustrating to the constituents. He asked CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC to follow up and find out if the only way to document complaints is through voice mail, a method in which he does not have confidence.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN expressed her concern about the safety issues caused by existing overcrowding in airspace, and she does not want the FAA to attribute any noise to current flight traffic and claim that it is unrelated to the right-hand turn. The fact of the matter is that the right-hand turn poses increased safety issues.

MAYOR GOODMAN said he would like the attorney representing the City on the FAA right-hand turn to come back and advise the Council regarding the City's chances of success in the lawsuit. CITY MANAGER SELBY assured the Mayor that the attorney would be placed on the next Council agenda.

CITY MANAGER SELBY then reported on some of the ongoing events throughout the City. The Post Modern is wrapped in white canvas as part of its restoration process and its conversion to a museum. Preparations for the Vegas Grand Prix continue, and he has videotape, copies of which were not submitted, shown of commercials being aired promoting the Vegas Grand Prix.

CITY MANAGER SELBY then invited MR. FREUDENBERG, President of the Vegas Grand Prix, to come forward and speak about the Vegas Grand Prix. MR. FREUDENBERG noted that over 150 students from UNLV have volunteered for the event. He then detailed the activities that will take place during this event, which will open with a gala benefit for Keep Memory Alive, hosted by John Bon Jovi and Friends and Jay Leno, on Thursday night and close on Sunday with an Easter egg hunt, an Easter brunch at Jillian's of Las Vegas and a poker tournament at Binion's Hotel, with proceeds to various local charities.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked what could be done to further promote the event. MR. FREUDENBERG replied that a lot has already been done, and what has been done has increased ticket sales over the last two weeks. MAYOR GOODMAN offered his assistance, noting that he wants this to be a big event.