



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 45.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MARCH 21, 2007**

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH FRETWELL

Consent  Discussion

SUBJECT:  
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Discussion and possible action concerning the status of 2007 legislative issues - All Wards

**Fiscal Impact**

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Staff will report on pending legislation of the 2007 Nevada State Legislature

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City council accept the report and direct staff, if necessary

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

None

Motion made by GARY REESE to Accept the report

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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:

CHRIS KNIGHT, Director of Administrative Services, commented that the legislature is 45 days into session and a lot of action is taking place. The City is tracking approximately 395 bills. He highlighted the bills of most concern to the City. The BDR (Bill Draft Request) on lease purchase agreements was picked up and has been heard and referred to Committee, from where staff anticipates it will pass out and move onto the floor for passage this week. SB-90 passed out of Committee with language for the City to have a position on the Homeland Security Committee. The BDR on off-site improvements is scheduled for hearing 3/28/2007 and staff is working on testimony, which might include private partners. The BDR on the \$25,000 threshold for interlocal contracts and cooperative agreements was included in SB-139, which passed out of the Senate Government Affairs Committee. Staff continues to work on language drafts for the City Charter changes.

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AB-438 (billboard bill) was heard 3/20/2007 and staff testified in opposition. AB-267, which would require the City or the County to televise the School Board and to provide facilities for the meetings, was scheduled for hearing 3/21/2007 and the director of Communications would be testifying. If the bill is approved, the cost to the City would be about \$165,000. AB-288 proposes to appropriate \$1.2 million for preservation of historic buildings in Floyd Lamb Park. AB-346 proposes to appropriate \$2.6 million for a terrorism early warning fusion center. SB-149 proposes to change the election cycle for municipalities to run concurrent with the County election cycle. Staff provided testimony in opposition and there is talk about amending the bill.

Staff continues to monitor SB-11, dealing with signs on sidewalks, SB-12, regarding a shorter response time to public records requests; SB-96, which proposes to reduce the basic government services tax, and other bills relating to eminent domain, graffiti and the telecom issue.

Senate Committee Resolution 10, which establishes an interim committee to look at the powers of cities, has been introduced. MAYOR GOODMAN asked MR. KNIGHT to find out who sponsored the resolution, so that the Council member can have contact, because the resolution will greatly affect the City.

Regarding SB-154, dealing with transfer tax, staff was successful in having Section 15 removed from the bill. This Section deals with reducing the transfer tax received by local units of government.

COUNCILMAN ROSS requested a brief synopsis of the bills and their sponsors be provided to the Council members so that they can easily review the information. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN asked that the list include the committee hearing the bill and the chair of the committee.

For the audience, COUNCILMAN WOLFSON announced that there are three staff members in Carson City monitoring the bills. MR. KNIGHT added that they are also lobbying.

