



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 18, 2007

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH FRETWELL,
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

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:

Submitted at meeting 4/18/2007 Legislative Report by staff and email from Judge Cedric Kerns by Mayor Goodman

to Accept the report

Passed For: 0; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0
None; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

CHRIS KNIGHT, Director of Administrative Services, used a Legislative Report, a copy of which he submitted and is made a part of the minutes, to give the Council an update of the status of the various Senate and Assembly Bills. He noted that Friday, April 13, 2007, was the deadline for all bills to make it out of the Committee of the First House. Any bill that did not make it out is essentially dead, but that does not mean it could not be resuscitated. Bills that are of interest to the City that made it out of Committee April 13, 2007, are as follows: SB 198 (encompasses language originally contained in AB 512), SB 90, SB 234, SB 13 and AB 514, AB 138, AB 462.

Regarding AB 514, MR. KNIGHT commented that many of the City-requested provisions remained in the bill; however, some were changed and a new provision was added. The only

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change relative to the salary commission is that the members would be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader. The functional authority provision was omitted. The provision regarding the ability to make the Recommending Committee enabling remained, with a requirement that the Recommending Committee must meet once each quarter.

The only issue of concern remaining in AB 514, and on which staff is requesting direction from the Council, is the highly discussed provision to allow the selection of a chief judge on an annual basis. By election, this provision was left out of the final draft to be considered by the Committee. There was a proposal agreed to by all City of Las Vegas Municipal Court Judges that allowed for rotation of the judges on a two-year basis. That amendment was rejected by ASSEMBLYWOMAN KIRKPATRICK, who sponsored the bill. MAYOR GOODMAN directed MR. KNIGHT to pursue the two-year rotation, as there is unanimity amongst the judges on that provision. COUNCILMAN REESE concurred. MAYOR GOODMAN then submitted a letter, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes, from JUDGE CEDRIC KERNS expressing support of the two-year rotation.

At the request of COUNCILMAN ROSS, MR. KNIGHT advised that SB 234 does not include the elimination of prevailing wages for projects in the development area.

MR. KNIGHT continued with some other bills that have passed out of Committee but are being closely monitored by staff due to concerns. SB 125 - an amendment expanded the two-day requirement to five days, but City Attorney staff still has concerns with the definition of a public record. SB 450 - staff has concerns with the control of the City's right-of-way being given to a regional commission headed by State Department of Transportation. AB 138 - the amendment is not believed to be detrimental to the City, but staff has yet to pursue it. AB 462 - the bill was intended to correct AB 312, which required a bid process for disposal of municipal property. AB 462 was amended to allow a public hearing in lieu of a second appraisal, but it still requires a bidding process; staff will continue to work on it. AB 605 - the initial prohibition of campaign activity in government buildings by elected officials has been taken out. The bill was rewritten to allow individuals running for office to set up a legal defense fund. AB 79 - new bill that would accomplish the goals of original AB 605, to prohibit the use of government property by elected officials for campaign purposes.

MR. KNIGHT remarked that Page 3 of the Legislative Report includes the bills that have not made it out of Committee. It includes AB 438 (regarding billboards), which was not heard due to the efforts of the Council. SB 13 and SB 153 - staff strongly believes the language of these bills will be included in other bills. Staff will monitor.

COUNCILMAN REESE asked MR. KNIGHT to closely monitor AB 438, as he has heard that the language of AB 438 might be included in another bill. MR. KNIGHT assured the Council that staff is monitoring all bills that could possibly include similar language. He will be meeting with the industry. MAYOR GOODMAN said that he promised MR. ATKINSON that the City would work in good faith with the industry.

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Regarding SB 153, MAYOR GOODMAN indicated that he gave CITY MANAGER SELBY a very clear idea of the Council's position on it. He also intends to contact MAYOR MONTANDON. COUNCILMAN ROSS asked MR. KNIGHT to inform SENATOR LEE of the City's position.

