

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 7, 2007

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 7, 2007

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted after meeting: copy of written comments by Tom McGowan

Minutes:

TOM MCGOWAN, Las Vegas resident and candidate for City of Las Vegas Mayor, announced that he will not accept or solicit campaign contributions, because he believes that the people should elect him without him needing to take preference. He will represent all City residents and solve all of the City's problems within four years. He mentioned he submitted his written comments, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes.

AL HESSEN, retired Navy veteran and resident, said that he has previously criticized the City for not providing affordable, decent housing to people with limited income. Where there is a will there is a way, and, if this Council really wanted to, it would find a way. A recent article discussed the deplorable conditions at the Desert Breeze Apartment Complex, and it stated the City only has two inspectors for 52,000 rental apartments. This speaks volumes as to the apathy and lack of leadership of the Mayor. The City should be taking the lead in providing affordable housing, not the non-profits. He advised MEMBER WEEKLY that while he may have compassion for the homeless and less fortunate CHAIRMAN GOODMAN does not.

VINCENT JAMES WALTER WATLEY, IV, alleged that he is the owner of the White House and the author of the constitution that validates the jurisdictions of all the agencies. He requested police cooperation and respect in enforcing his constitution.

ANTHONY SNOWDEN asked if the City will comply with all the employment requirements of the project under Item 38 of the 2/7/2007 City Council agenda. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SELBY indicated that the City will comply with all Federal requirements.

MR. SNOWDEN then requested the status of the City's efforts in bringing a major grocery store to West Las Vegas, as he has heard that the City intends to move Mario's Market into the area. SCOTT ADAMS, Director of the Office of Business Development, indicated that his office has not received any word from DLC Urban Core. MEMBER WEEKLY rejoined that the agreement is null and void due to lack of response by DLC Urban Core, who was given an extension of time

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 7, 2007

in order to negotiate with Food-4 Less. The City will have to commence new negotiations.

BEATRICE TURNER said that the West Las Vegas community needs a grocery store, and it is tired of waiting. She commended MEMBER TARKANIAN for working alone. With the appointment of COUNCILMAN WEEKLY to the County Commission, she would prefer the Council seat for Ward 5 to remain vacant rather than to have the seat filled by someone selected by the Mayor.

AL GALLEGO, Las Vegas citizen, commented that he has been arrested several times for protecting his neighborhood. He then complained about his neighbor's excessive cigar smoking. The smoke is permeating the entire neighborhood. He tried to get the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take care of the problem, but had no success. He asked for the City's assistance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk
February 22, 2007

Beverly K. Bridges, Acting Secretary

