



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 7.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: AUGUST 14, 2007

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
NEW BILL

Bill No. 2007-45 Adopts the Historic Properties Preservation Plan Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan. Proposed by: Ms. Margo Wheeler, Director of Planning and Development

Fiscal Impact

- No Impact
- Budget Funds Available
- Augmentation Required

Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

In 2000 the City Council adopted the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan. That adoption incorporated the existing provisions of the 1992 General Plan relating to historic properties preservation. Since that time, the Planning and Development Department has updated those provisions, and the update has been approved by the Planning Commission and by the City Council under the General Plan Amendment process. This bill formalizes the adoption of the revised provisions and incorporates them into the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2007-45

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve as a Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0
LOIS TARKANIAN, RICKI Y. BARLOW; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, stated that this bill updates the 1992 plan, to include all the information with regard to previous actions of the Council and to bring into one document all the information that governs the City in the area of historic preservation. There are no policy changes.

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COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN asked if this bill is merely a consolidation effort, to which MS. WHEELER replied in the affirmative, adding that it includes some revisions by various departments.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, commented that the historic preservation process is specifically related to structures and architectural styles; it says nothing about the people who occupied those structures. It is one thing to approve and process a historic structure, but another to talk about the people in those structures, their significance and their monetary value. The Moulin Rouge, for example, did have monetary value. In the historic preservation process, the judgment of officials does not matter, because government is about the people, and it is the peoples' opinion that matters.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW appreciated MR. McGOWAN's comments, noting that the City of Las Vegas is taking a strong approach in looking at historic values of the people and structures, as historic preservation is a priority on the City's agenda.

TED RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, pointed out that USA Today recently announced that Las Vegas was the most visited city in America in 2006. This Plan is an excellent piece of work. The Mob Museum is going to be unique, valuable and profitable. He commended MS. WHEELER on an excellent job in putting the plan together. MS. WHEELER said that COURTNEY MOONEY, the author of the document, deserves all the credit.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

