



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 5.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING OF: AUGUST 27, 2007

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

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting - written comments by Tom McGowan

Minutes:

TOM MCGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, pointed out the City Council work for the public and reminded them of their responsibilities to develop a viable community.

TODD FARLOW, 240 North 19th Street, made several suggestions, including better building placement to take advantage of solar energy options, trees that form canopies, better designed bus shelters and improved funding for horticulture outreach programs.

STEVE RYPKA, President of the American Solar Energy Society for Southern Nevada, thanked the City Council and Planning Commission for having this meeting and suggested that a less formal meeting include the City of Henderson in the future. He emphasized that sustainability is an important priority and noted the City has unique opportunities to set the example for other jurisdictions. He expressed concern with current water policies and suggested different methods for improving the City's water efficiency. He suggested that the food production in Las Vegas be researched and explored and recommended several ways to increase the City's energy efficiency.

CHRIS EDWARDS, 7A McCarran Boulevard, stated his wife, who serves in the military, would be returning to Iraq soon and emphasized that more is at stake than the environment and future. He encouraged the City to lead the State and the country to safer energy choices and a more secure America.