



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 57.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: DOUGLAS A. SELBY

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:
Report from the City Manager on Emerging Issues

Fiscal Impact

No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available

Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City Manager (CM) Report will be a vehicle for the City Manager to update the Council on emerging issues that may have an impact on the City of Las Vegas. The CM Report will be a recurring item for every Council meeting. If there are no items for the particular meeting, the City Manager will recommend the item be stricken.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report only, no action required

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Minutes:

No motion required.

CITY MANAGER SELBY said he had nothing to report.

COUNCILMAN REESE questioned the status of recruiting for a new fire chief. CITY MANAGER SELBY indicated that the four-week process is in the third week. He anticipates making a recommendation in January. MIKE MEYERS is acting in the interim.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW wondered why the City does not have a contract with the Animal Lied Foundation. CITY MANAGER SELBY indicated that the contract lapsed in 2005, and the City is proceeding on a month-to-month basis under the terms of the original contract. There were many issues to be addressed, as a result of the findings of the Humane Society. Staff would like to memorialize those into a new contract, in conjunction with the Animal Lied Foundation. However, the Animal Lied Foundation is asking for a higher compensation rate for the requested standard of care. Staff is in the process of negotiations, as well as working with other local

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jurisdictions on a uniform agreement, which should be presented to the Council by the end of this year. In answer to COUNCILMAN BARLOW'S question about the City running its own facility, CITY MANAGER SELBY answered that a thorough assessment has not been conducted, and that it is anticipated that the cost of running it would be astronomical. The City running its own animal facility would be the worse-case scenario.

MAYOR GOODMAN noted that KAREN COYNE, Director of Detention and Enforcement, was conducting an investigation regarding the Humane Society's visit to the animal shelter. Her recommendations will be forthcoming.

COUNCILMAN REESE stressed that it would benefit the Council to adopt enforceable ordinances requiring spaying/neutering of all animals, because there is a big problem with over population of animals. COUNCILMAN ROSS added that the issue is regional; the City is not the only entity suffering in this challenge.

COUNCILMAN REESE encouraged everyone to take advantage of the historic tour being offered by Lincoln County on October 29, 2007. Anyone interested could contact his office for more information.

