



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: OCTOBER 3, 2007

SUBJECT:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MATTER SELECTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL 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 DURATION OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting: Various articles and correspondence by Chris Christoff and written comments by Tom McGowan

Minutes:

WADE WEIST, Las Vegas resident, referred to Items 79-81 and pointed out that eventually the street would need to be widened and a traffic signal installed. He suggested that abeyance requests be received 48 hours prior to the meeting so that people who want to speak at the meeting would be advised prior to the meeting. If items are abeyed more than three times, they should be removed from the calendar. This would save the City Council time and the taxpayers' money. He indicated that residents on Craig Road and Thom Boulevard were led to believe they could rezone to commercial because it has been done across the street.

MIKE MALONE, Las Vegas resident, acknowledged that decisions are difficult and the Council has to do what they think is best. He spent many years in the legislature making decisions. Regarding Items 79-81, he stated that MS. McDONALD bought the property and that she will make a good profit rezoning to commercial. He referred to a property at 5000 West Gilmore Avenue that was rezoned and one week later, a for sale sign was installed. To date, the sign is still up, and that property owner appeared before the City Council and lied, and then flipped the property. He is concerned that MS. McDONALD will do the same. The City Council should be cautious. MAYOR GOODMAN stated he does not want to place people under oath but he tries to rely on their good faith.

CHUCK LOMBARDO, retired Senior Master Sergeant, US Air Force, stated he is trying to get a lounge at McCarran Airport to be used by American troops returning home or passing through the airport. He diligently is trying to get the United Service Organization (USO) in Las Vegas, but they have refused. There are over 50,000 military personnel coming into McCarran Airport. Realizing the airport is not under the City Council's jurisdiction, he asked for the Council to support a lounge at the airport. MAYOR GOODMAN replied he received a letter from the USO asking him to find a space because McCarran Airport would not find them a space. MR. LOMBARDO responded he was not made aware of that.

CHRIS CHRISTOFF submitted a document regarding the military getting assistance for lounges for military personnel. He gave information on what he has found out and what the solution

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could be, especially with many supporters. It seems that the Council has to pick up the pieces, but it is everyone's responsibility to put together a program. The military give their lives for all and this would be a way to thank them. He recommended the Neonopolis, as it is a focal point of downtown.

RASHAN JOSHUA COLLINS stated that the promotion of sin continues in Las Vegas and that it leads to death and hell. Children and the poor are being abused. The police department does not respect the rights of the people. NRS 201 deals with good morals and public decency laws. Individuals are getting hammered for little offenses while the nation's morality is being destroyed. He encouraged all to seek the Lord and His society.

DOROTHY BARNES once again referred to ongoing issues with Nellis Air Force Base, things happening to her family and those who continue to use her name and social security number illegally.

FRANK BARBIE, President of Southern Nevada Chapter 555th Paratrooper Association, the world's first black paratroopers unit, commented on the military serving in a war that should not have started. He is a 30-year Purple Heart veteran. No one asked if there were weapons of mass destruction. How were they going to be delivered? Soldiers are being killed over money. He would like the country to support the troops. MAYOR ROBERTO GOZMAN asked MR. BARBIE for his help with the Veterans Day parade coming up in November. He would like to have many veterans in attendance as possible who can be honored. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN remarked that a special broadcast on the war and individuals fighting the war was aired by PBS. MR. BARBIE pointed out that people do not understand what war is about; it is about killing people. During the D-day invasion, many people were killed and he does not want to see any more young soldiers killed for nothing.

KEVIN CARONE spoke on high-rise developments in his neighborhood. He commented on the Mayor's persistence for the development of the 61 acres, the rebirth of Fremont Street and Union Park. He requested a photo with the Mayor.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, submitted his written comments on several issues. He asked if the Council took the bus in the morning. He pointed out that if the Council wants a salary increase and vehicle allowance, they should first explain what it is they do. Public mass transit in Las Vegas is a disgrace, and the cause is due to lack of diligent oversight at the Regional Transportation Commission and the City Council. He showed photos and talked about graffiti at the Downtown Transportation Center. He also commented on the southwest extension of the City ride bus.

TEDDY RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, commented on international and global television, the coroner's inquest and Metro. He thanked DAWN GIBBONS. He spoke on having no more coal fire plants, the Phillies, the war and bringing the troops home.

ASSEMBLYMAN BOB BEERS stated having the USO in Las Vegas is a marvelous idea. The amount of goodwill generated for the city and the businesses that take a hand in creating some

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type of USO style-environment for the US airmen is valuable. The reason the USO is not interested in putting a facility here is due to their perception of the Las Vegas personality. They would not advertise it but that is the truth. He believes it is a load of fertilizer, as he has not seen too much that this city cannot do where other municipalities have failed. This needs to be done, and he would love to see something start prior to Veterans Day. He offered his assistance and full support.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

