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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 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 that the item be stricken.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report only, no action required

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Minutes:

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ORLANDO SANCHEZ presented Emerging Issues on behalf of CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY. He indicated that the Department of Energy (DOE) scheduled an important public hearing on Monday, December 3, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Cashman Field for the public to comment on Yucca Mountain issues. The public can also provide written comments by January 10, 2008 through email. He encouraged all citizens to show their interest in this subject.

MAYOR GOODMAN emphasized the importance to speak in opposition to Yucca Mountain; he and COUNCILMAN REESE will be speaking in opposition on behalf of the City of Las Vegas. It is important that the citizens also speak in opposition.

COUNCILMAN REESE supported the Mayor's comments and pointed out that the danger is not only storage, but also the transport of the material through various cities. He encouraged viewers to speak out.

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COUNCILMAN ROSS stated that DOE has been accused of making it difficult for citizens to make comment; the City is making that process easier. DOE needs to hear input from the residents and the entire community.

MAYOR GOODMAN remarked that this is not only a problem for Las Vegas, but the nation. Very few fire departments and first responders are trained to deal with a hazardous spill. COUNCILMAN ROSS added that 16,000 shipments of nuclear waste will be transported through 43 states before it reaches the repository.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER SANCHEZ gave an update of the economic picture, and noted that things are mostly unchanged. The City is seeing a negative growth in revenues and the State is faced with a similar situation. The news from the State Department of Taxation is not anticipated to be good. He reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed for Thanksgiving and Family Day.

