



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 48.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 9, 2008

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: DOUGLAS A. SELBY

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Discussion and possible action regarding the ratification of Greg Gammon as Director of Fire and Rescue (\$209,916.00 Salary + Benefits - General Fund)

Fiscal Impact

No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$209,916.00

Funding Source: General Fund

Dept./Division: Fire and Rescue

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Greg Gammon will succeed David L. Washington, who retired October 1, 2007. Mr. Gammon is a 23-year veteran of the Department. He has worked his way through the ranks as a firefighter, paramedic, captain, battalion chief, fire marshal, deputy chief of Support Services, deputy chief of Operations and was named senior deputy chief in December of 2006. He was appointed by the governor to serve as the city of Las Vegas representative on the state Homeland Security Commission. Mr. Gammon will manage all Fire and Rescue Department services and activities including fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous materials, emergency medical services and 9-1-1 fire services; recommend and administer policies and procedures.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and ratify the appointment of Greg Gammon to the position of Director of Fire and Rescue

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve as recommended

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

Before pulling this matter forward, MAYOR GOODMAN requested a round of applause for the men and women in the audience of the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department.

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DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL expressed regret on behalf of CITY MANAGER SELBY, who was out of the country, for not being present for this matter. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL then announced that it was through a national search for the best leader for the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department the City found the best leader within the Department. GREG GAMMON has over 23 years of experience with Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, and was promoted to Senior Deputy Fire Chief. She thanked Human Resources for its assistance in the recruiting process, as well as DEPUTY CHIEF MIKE MYERS for serving as Acting Chief during the search. She urged the Council's ratification of the City Manager's appointment, which she fully endorsed.

COUNCILMAN REESE took great pleasure in supporting this appointment, noting DEPUTY CHIEF GAMMON's visibility and the importance of promoting from within the Department, which gives other firefighters something to aspire to.

Newly appointed CHIEF GAMMON said it was a privilege and an honor to accept the position, and that words could not express his gratitude. He grew up in the Department, as his father served in the Department for 31 years. In 1984, he became a firefighter and was fortunate to work with his father, who by then had moved up the ranks to Deputy Chief of Operations. As Chief, he looks forward to leading the more than 700 dedicated men and women of the Department and proud to be a part of the future goals of the City. He thanked his parents, wife and children for their support.

COUNCILMEMBERS BARLOW, TARKANIAN and BROWN also congratulated CHIEF GAMMON on his selection. COUNCILMAN BARLOW expressed confidence in CHIEF GAMMON's ability to lead and to ensure fairness amongst all the men and women of the Department. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN added that she was very impressed with the Chief's ability to communicate and his performance.

MAYOR GOODMAN administered the Oath of Office to CHIEF GREG GAMMON, who was then joined by his parents, RICHARD and BETTY. His father pinned CHIEF GAMMON with his new badge.

RECESS: 9:51-9:53 a.m.