

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 16, 2008**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
REMEMBRANCE OF ISRAEL "CACHAO" LÓPEZ

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting Copy of Proclamation for Israel Lopez Cachao Day

Minutes:

No motion required. A presentation was made.

COUNCILMAN ROSS called forward OTTO MERIDA, with the Latin Chamber of Commerce, to pay tribute to ISRAEL "CACHAO" LOPEZ, who was a Cuban musician that created the Mambo rhythm and pioneered Salsa music. CACHAO recently died at the ripe age of 89, but he was still performing and was credited for influencing American Jazz, Funk, Soul and Rhythm and Blues. He performed with some of Cuba's and the world's most popular orchestras, including the Philadelphia Philharmonic, the London Symphony Orchestra and the New York Metropolitan Opera. He performed with many great musicians and in nightclubs in Las Vegas when he resided in Las Vegas during the 1950's. In recognition of CACHAO'S contributions and accomplishments, COUNCILMAN ROSS declared April 16, 2008, as Israel López "Cachao" Day.

MR. MERIDA called forward some of the individuals that knew him through work or on a personal level. He said that many people think that PIKE PRADO created Mambo, but it was actually CACHAO. MR. MERIDA thanked the Council for celebrating CACHAO'S music legacy.

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAYOR GOODMAN explained that COUNCILMEN BROWN and ROSS were wearing kilts in anticipation of the Scottish Fling, which would take place at Floyd Lamb Park on April 19, 2008, at noon, to celebrate National Tartan Day.

COUNCILMAN ROSS introduced CHIP MAXFIELD, Clark County Commissioner, and announced that, in conjunction with Cox Communications, COMMISSIONER MAXFIELD, MAYOR GOODMAN, COUNCILMAN BROWN and he got together and started the Feel Great in '08 Campaign to promote good health. As part of the Campaign, the four of them are in a weight-loss competition. Therefore, COMMISSIONER MAXFIELD was weighed, and he weighed in at 184 lbs. He indicated that he weighed in at 198 when the competition started. COMMISSIONER MAXFIELD said the Campaign is a great way to get the community to participate in good health habits.