



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 59.

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

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
DIRECTOR: STEPHEN HARSIN

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and possible action on the City of Las Vegas 2008-2009 Action Plan for the
submittal to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - All Wards

Fiscal Impact:

No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available

Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

In order to receive federal and state funds for housing, homeless, and community development activities, the City of Las Vegas must submit an Action Plan to HUD no later than May 15, 2008. The Action Plan outlines activities that will be undertaken by the City of Las Vegas for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Funding sources include ADDI, CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA funds from HUD; and LIHTF and HOME funds from the State of Nevada.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve, adopt, and authorize submittal of the City of Las Vegas 2008-2009 Action Plan to HUD, including consideration of public comment as required by HUD.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. 2008-2009 Action Plan
3. Submitted after meeting Proposal for Container Housing Units by Ivo Plecko

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve and accept the report

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:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

STEPHEN HARSIN, Director of Neighborhood Services, paraphrased the information under the Purpose/Background section.

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TIM WHITWRIGHT, Manager of Neighborhood Development, explained that the process begins with the submittal of applications, which are then reviewed by the members of the Community Development Recommending Board, and their recommendations are presented to the Council for consideration and approval. Surveys were sent out at the beginning of the process in July 2007, and 360 responses were received out of 1500 mailed. The opportunity for input on the Action Plan, which is available for review in Neighborhood Services, will continue through April 28, 2008. He requested approval of the Plan in order for the City to receive federal grants to be used toward projects.

ANTHONY HODGES, 127 Sir David Way, said that the recession will increase homelessness. He urged the Council to be prudent with the grants and to eliminate any bureaucracies.

MAYOR GOODMAN commented that something never seen before is occurring in the Las Vegas community. In addition to the moderate low-income group, there is a new working-poor group of people in the community that live in affluent areas that are being taxed with the foreclosure and sub-prime issues as well as with escalating gasoline and food prices. These people are calling upon some of the 501-C groups to start food baskets. If this continues, the Action Plan might have to be amended to be able to assist these people.

COUNCILMAN BROWN directed LMP HARSIN to work with the City Manager's Office and report back to him on how Redevelopment Agency set-aside monies are used for housing assistance.

IVO PLECKO appeared with MARK MARTIN and said that they are working together on a program called Mobile Mini to help the homeless. He offered to make a presentation to the Council on his program. MAYOR GOODMAN said such a presentation should be made to the Community Development Recommending Board. MR. HARSIN stated he would be happy to coordinate it.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.