

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JUNE 4, 2008

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR EARNING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION 2008 PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Minutes:

No motion required. A presentation was made.

A videotape was shown of the station, but a copy was not submitted.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON announced that this special presentation recognizes the hard work of City staff and iconic Fire Station No. 47, which was recently named 2008 Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association (APWA). Station 47 opened in 2007 in Ward 2 and was constructed with the assistance of the Howard Hughes Corporation.

As videotape was played, COUNCILMAN WOLFSON stated that Station 47 has already reduced response time in the far west area of the City. This is an excellent example of public/private partnerships.

LES HINLEY and MICHAEL HANLEY, of the APWA, JORGE CERVANTES, Director of Public Works, GREG GAMMON, Chief of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, and JULIE CLEAVER, Vice President of the Howard Hughes Corporation, joined COUNCILMAN WOLFSON at his request, and the Councilman then thanked and acknowledged the Architectural Services Division staff members that were involved in this project.

MR. HINLEY explained that each year the Nevada Chapter of APWA recognizes outstanding projects in several categories. Fire Station 47, which faced fierce competition, was selected earlier this year as the State's Structural Project of the Year under \$5 million. To recognize and commemorate this achievement, MR. HINLEY presented plaques to CHIEF GAMMON and MR. CERVANTES, and then congratulated the City on its achievement.

At the request of COUNCILMAN WOLFSON, CHIEF GAMMON explained that response times are one of the most important barometers in fire service to determine where fire stations will be placed, in order to be able to arrive at an emergency scene expeditiously. The public and he expect this of his firefighters, as every minute counts in an emergency. He was very grateful for such a beautiful fire station, which has helped nearby stations reduce response times by almost two minutes.