



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 6, 2008

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DIRECTOR: TED J. OLIVAS

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Discussion and possible action on the proposed legislative package that will be submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau on behalf of the City of Las Vegas for the 2009 Legislative Session - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 218.2413, the city council of a city whose population is 100,000 or more shall not request the preparation of more than three legislative measures.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the proposed legislative package and direct the City Manager to submit the Bill Draft Requests to the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Submitted at Meeting - Proposed Legislative Package

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve

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:

TED OLIVAS, Director of Government & Community Affairs, showed a PowerPoint Presentation relative to the package that will be submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau on behalf of the City. Mostly due to the economic status, he believes that the 2009 Legislative Session will be quite controversial. There are already 259 bill drafts submitted despite the limitations that have been imposed on individual entities. He explained that there are three Bill Drafts being submitted by the City.

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MR. OLIVAS stated that each of the City departments was asked for its input for potential Bill Draft Requests (BDRs). He was grateful for the involvement of the City Managers Office and from the department directors. MR. OLIVAS read each of the BDRs and explained the details of each request.

With regard to arbitration and in an effort to save tax payer dollars, COUNCILMAN ROSS asked whether there would be an opportunity to go directly to Court without arbitration. MR. OLIVAS commented that he believe there is an opportunity. Mainly because arbitration is a very tenuous process. There would certainly be a savings in certain situations by going directly to a jury. He also stated that it would be at the City's discretion to decide whether to go to arbitration or to Court.

MR. OLIVAS noted that he has not given up on Bill 234 which would require projects in redevelopment areas to pay prevailing wages and follow City's requirements. He requested approval of the package.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW recalled that at one time COUNCILMAN WEEKLY had been receiving weekly status reports. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER RUSSELL FRETWELL replied that informal weekly reports were provided to individual Council members.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON agreed with COUNCILMAN BARLOW'S comments, and had a recollection of receiving reports by email during the actual Legislative Session. He noted that those reports were very helpful.

Regarding BDR 1, COUNCILMAN WOLFSON recalled one arbitration that was very costly and time consuming. He asked CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC whether the Bill Draft should be proposed. CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC expressed his support and explained that any time money can be saved, it has a beneficial impact on the taxpayers. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON also questioned whether other municipalities are in agreement, and if so, if it would be advantageous to have them join the City in its efforts. MR. OLIVAS agreed and mentioned that there needs to be continued discussions with the other jurisdictions and that that process is currently in the works.