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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
RESOLUTIONS:

R-50-2008 - discussion and possible action regarding Resolution Adopting a Sustainability Energy Strategy for the City of Las Vegas All Wards

Fiscal Impact

- No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available

Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This Resolution will adopt a Sustainability Energy Strategy for the City. Adoption of this document is consistent with the City Council's Strategic Priorities regarding sustainability, as well as previous resolutions, policies and initiatives relating to sustainability that have been adopted by the Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve this Resolution and authorize its execution on behalf of the City.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Resolution No. R-50-2008
2. Submitted at Meeting Letters from Nevada Development Authority and ICLEI by Staff

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:

TOM PERRIGO, Deputy Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief overview of the resolution relative to energy strategies. The resolution adopts an energy strategy, takes action consistent with the Climate Protection Resolution policy and requires that any decisions on future programs take into consideration the life cycle, costs and benefits to the environment, the community and the economy. There are several components: a) City operations, b) City codes

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and regulations specifically dealing with the energy code, c) review and further support the Green building program, d) finding ways for the community to invest in solar rooftops/water conservation and e) participating in energy conservation programs with other agencies.

MAYOR GOODMAN commented that some citizens may not realize now the efforts and the important message behind sustainability but will in the future. He thanked MR. PERRIGO and the Council for all the efforts made with this initiative. COUNCILMAN ROSS also paid recognition to the private sector and industry leaders who have been involved in this ongoing process. Before submitting, MR. PERRIGO read two letters of support from the Nevada Development Authority and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives.

TODD FARLOW, 240 North 19th Street; DANNY THOMPSON, Nevada State AFL-CIO; TOM PIECHOTA, Director of Sustainability and Multidisciplinary Research, UNLV; GWEN MIGITA, Corporate Social Responsibility, Harrah's Entertainment; CHRIS BROOKS, Bombard Electric; LYDIA BALL, Sierra Club; SCOTT RUTLEDGE, Nevada Conservation League; PAMELA VILKIN, Sustainable Development for NAEOP; GLENN TROWBRIDGE, Planning Commissioner, all expressed support of the resolution and commended the City's efforts in sustainability. This resolution will put forth a clear vision of the state of Nevada will be revitalized and many jobs will stem from these efforts. MR. THOMPSON recognized the IBEW 357 union and a provision in the law that now requires installers be hired to install photovoltaic systems. MS. BALL quoted several surveys that have been done recently. MR. RUTLEDGE informed the Council that there will be upcoming legislation regarding third parties leasing solar panels. MR. TROWBRIDGE added that these efforts will further reduce dependence of foreign oil.

MR. PERRIGO clarified that this strategy sets targets for the building code. Staff is working with the industry and the International Code Council. MAYOR GOODMAN was well pleased with the community buy-in, as he realizes there are many involved relative to the public and private sector. MAYOR GOODMAN asked MR. PERRIGO to draft this resolution. The message needs to spread throughout the valley. He also suggested those individuals/companies that have access to publications spread the word about the resolution.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, showed his proposed rendering, America the Beautiful, which he believed depicts sustainable energy.

COUNCILMAN BROWN commented on the culmination of what has been going on for years by way of other companies and individuals. Decisions were made back then by leadership and staff that is now allowing the recognition to come forward. MR. PERRIGO agreed.