



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 102.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2008**

**SUBJECT:**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE DISCUSSED UNLESS IT IS A SUBJECT ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE DURATION OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

**Minutes:**

ANTHONY HODGES, 127 Sir Francis Way, referred to Presidential candidate JOHN McCAIN'S choice of SARAH PALIN as Vice Presidential candidate, after Presidential candidate BARAK OBAMA dropped Presidential candidate HILLARY CLINTON. MR. HODGES made the suggestion that McCAIN had to pick a woman. He wished the Council all the best, and he will be back to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary. He requested a proclamation to celebrate this occasion.

DOROTHY BARNES, Las Vegas resident, expressed concern about her name being associated with different programs, and that she is still having problems with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police (Metro). She was glad to get her wallet back. She wished that all people would cooperate with law enforcement because Metro is not aware of what goes on, especially with her. People are still taking advantage of her.

RICHARD BROKER, Las Vegas resident, stated that he has been trying to bring to the Mayors attention an issue where people have been allowed to tap into the communication systems. This is a problem, and such actions have been prohibited since the 1950's, but people act like nothing is happening.

He added that his father was involved in the development of satellite communications systems. His brother is a marine and has recordings of conversations against human rights. Violators should be investigated because this is federally illegal. He warned the Council that their conversations are being recorded from an office not far from here. Police officers are trying to make him look like he is unaware of what is going on, but people are being injured by this system.

DANIEL SAPIEN, 3501 South Maryland Pkwy, indicated that he had asked to use an empty lot for a 501-C3 public charity. He was referred to Neighborhood Services, which in turn referred him to COUNCILMAN BARLOWS office, but was told he does not qualify because it is a fly-by-night operation with unclear officers or trustees. He was not allowed to ask for the use of any land for three years. He asked if this determination is city-wide or if is he allowed to ask for a different site in a different ward. MAYOR GOODMAN replied that he could certainly speak to any of the Councilmembers and suggested that he submit something in writing.

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JOE MAVIGLIA, 4487 East Lake Mead, Space 30, spoke about the graffiti problem and how he became a victim of graffiti. He called the police, who informed him that taggers identify themselves with their own logo. He found out that North Las Vegas is taking action regarding graffiti, and together with COUNCILMAN BARLOWS efforts, much could be done to slow this problem down. The newspapers are willing to write extensive articles regarding taggers. He found out that in the State of Nevada graffiti is a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony. The felony has to exceed \$5,000 in damages. The State of Arizona has a statute that makes it a felony after \$250 worth in damages. He spoke with a person involved with the local graffiti task force who said that taggers can be identified. He suggested that the legislature adopt Arizonas criteria on the \$250 felony. Possibly, with Councils legislative efforts, the law can be changed to make it a felony after \$250 damage. It is unfortunate to have a felony imposed on a youngster, because it will stay in his or her record for life, but the laws need to be changed. Parents should be held responsible for their childrens actions. Sadly, there is a lack of exposure when it comes to graffiti. He is making a portfolio on this effort, because taggers are causing damages of up to \$30 million a year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 a.m.

