



*Las Vegas*

Agenda Item No.: 46.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2008**

**DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER  
DIRECTOR: DOUGLAS A. SELBY**

Consent  Discussion

**SUBJECT  
ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Discussion and possible action on the ratification of Christopher Knight as Director of Building and Safety (\$154,859 annual salary plus benefits Building and Safety Enterprise Fund)

**Fiscal Impact**

- No Impact  Augmentation Required
- Budget Funds Available

**Amount:** \$154,859

**Funding Source:** Building and Safety Enterprise Fund

**Dept./Division:** Building and Safety

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Christopher Knight began his career with the City of Las Vegas in 1998 as a Manager for Planning and Development. In 2001, Mr. Knight advanced as the Deputy Planning & Development Director and in 2003 he was promoted to the Director of the Office of Administrative Services. With the retirement of the Director of Building and Safety, Mr. Knight was promoted to the Interim Director of Building and Safety. Before his employment with the City, Christopher Knight was the Executive Director of Planning for the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin and holds a degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington. Mr. Knight passed the Certified Building Official exam and meets qualifications to be the City of Las Vegas Building Official.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve and ratify the appointment of Christopher Knight to the position of Director of Building and Safety

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

None

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve Christopher Knight as Director of Building and Safety

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

LARRY BROWN, RICKI Y. BARLOW, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-LOIS TARKANIAN)

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Minutes:

CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY stated that CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT has been acting as the Interim Director of the Building and Safety, pending his certification of building credentials. He noted MR. KNIGHT has obtained his certification and recommended approval of his ratification as Director of Building and Safety.

COUNCILMAN REESE complimented MR. KNIGHT'S work as Interim Director, noting that the Building and Safety Department has suffered the most due to the slowdown in construction. He stated that as Director, MR. KNIGHT will continue to bring the department in line with the City's and its constituents needs.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON observed that MR. KNIGHT has exhibited his commitment to serving the City's constituents and caring for City employees. He acknowledged that this department has been hit the hardest by the recession and that MR. KNIGHT is facing a challenging situation, but expressed his confidence that MR. KNIGHT is right for the job.

MR. KNIGHT stated that his role and the role of the Building and Safety Department is to facilitate and not regulate development. He commended the staff for their dedication and hard work, stressing that this department promotes safety through ensuring that homes and buildings are safe. He thanked the Council for considering him for the position and CITY MANAGER SELBY and his staff for their faith and confidence. He thanked his wife and expressed his appreciation of her support.

