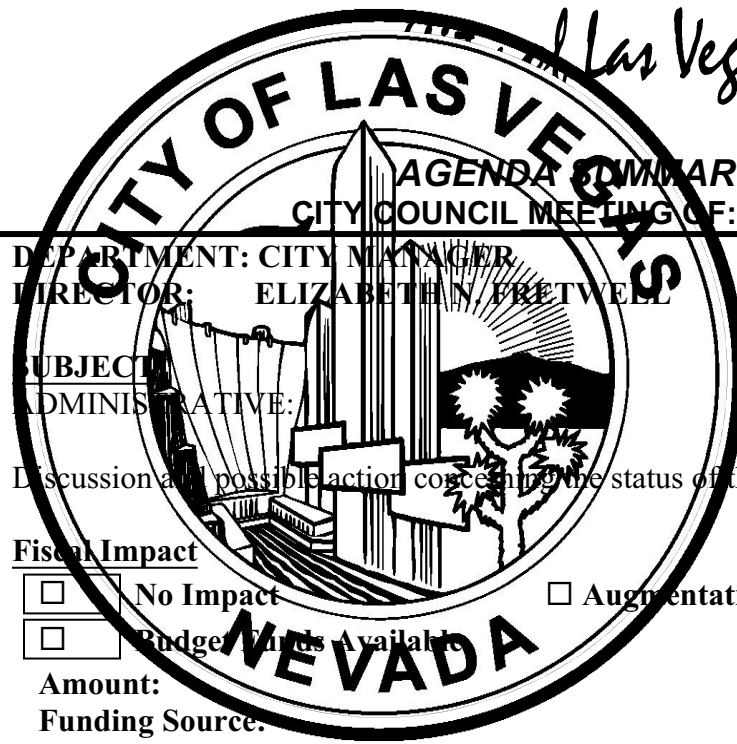




Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 53.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Discussion and possible action concerning the status of the 2009 legislative issues - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Staff will report on pending legislation of the 2009 Nevada State Legislature.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the report and direct staff if necessary.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Motion made by GARY REESE to Accept the report

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

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

Minutes:

CHRIS KNIGHT, Director of the Building and Safety Department, noted the deadlines for bills for the 2009 Legislative session. March 9th is the deadline for bill drafting and March 16th is the deadline for bill introduction by the legislators. March 16th is the deadline for bill drafting and March 23rd is the deadline for bill introduction by the committees. After March 23rd, staff will know for certain the bills that will be addressed this session, as April 10th is the deadline for bill passage out of their committees.

Regarding the Citys bills, MR. KNIGHT noted that Assembly Bill (AB) 44, which would allow the City to have a Stabilization Fund, had been heard before the Assembly Government Affairs Committee, but no action was taken. Testimony was given and the bill had received support from the Nevada Taxpayers Association and the City of Sparks. AB 48, which would allow the

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City to settle construction contract disputes through processes other than arbitration, was heard and had the support of the City of North Las Vegas, Clark County and Boulder City. While there had been some opposition, the City's lobbying team was continuing to work to address the opposition's concerns. AB 94, which would extend the deadline for the Tourism Improvement District, had not yet been heard and staff was working to schedule its hearing.

Regarding Senate Bill (SB) 144, MR. KNIGHT stated that CHIEF GREG GAMMON, Director of the Fire and Safety Department, was working with SHERIFF DOUG GILLESPIE, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro), on a compromise version. No action had been taken on AB 130, which would impact the City's role on the Metro Fiscal Affairs Committee, and staff was continuing to work with the bill's sponsors to address the City's concerns. MR. KNIGHT noted that the City supports SB 15, which would require the City's cooperation with the establishment of a fixed guideway system that would run through the City of Henderson, Clark County, the City and the City of North Las Vegas. Staff will continue to work on funding sources and implementation as well as monitor the bills that would affect the City's municipal elections.

