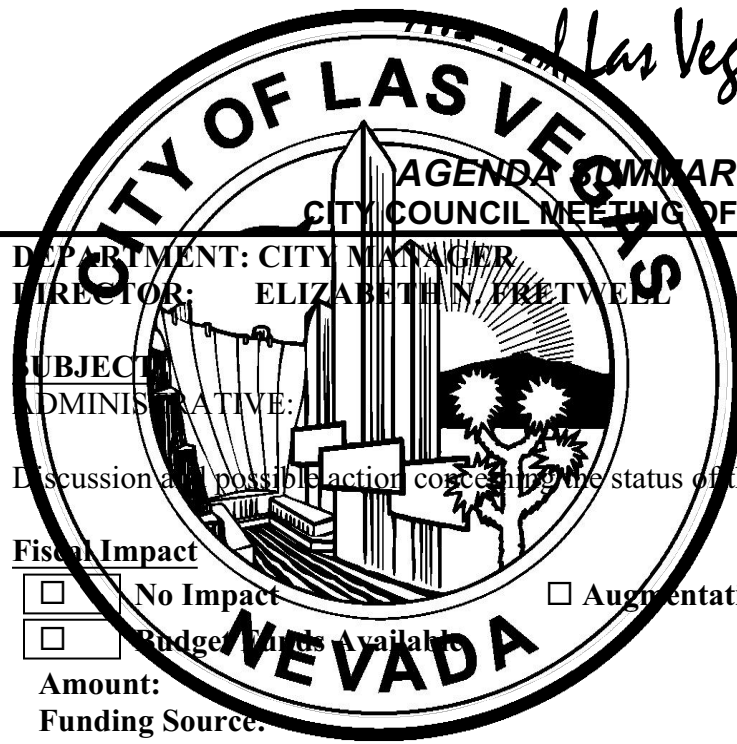




Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 37.

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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: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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

Minutes:

TOM PERRIGO, Deputy Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief update on the 2009 Nevada State Legislative Session. Regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 44, City staff was working with CHAIRWOMAN KIRKPATRICK, Assembly Government Affairs Committee, regarding the Revenue Stabilization Fund. AB 48, which would allow the City to settle construction contract disputes through processes other than arbitration, had passed out of committee. AB 94, which would eliminate the sunset date for the Tourism Improvement District, has not had any movement.

MR. PERRIGO stated that CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC had testified in opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 224 because the proposed legislation would not allow public boards to take action by a vote of less than the majority of the members. AB 442 would prohibit government

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agencies from spending money on lobbying activities. AB 397 authorizes redevelopment agencies to spend money on schools within their areas. AB 458, the redevelopment agency bill sponsored by ASSEMBLY SPEAKER BARBARA BUCKLEY, is scheduled for a hearing before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee on Friday, April 3, 2009, at 8 o'clock. STEVE VAN GORP, Deputy Director of the Office of Business Development, has been in Carson City, working on that bill.

SB 294, the Consolidated Tax bill, would affect the allocation of local government tax distributions and is being followed closely by staff as it could cost the City up to \$500,000 a year. The bill's sponsor, SENATOR JOHN LEE, has asked the Senate's Taxation Committee to refer the bill to the Senate Legislative Operations and Elections Committee, where he can ask for an interim study.

MR. PERRIGO noted that the Legislative Session is in full swing and City staff continues to review and analyze activity on all pending bills. Staff has also given testimony and worked with the committees on various legislation. He stated that the City is well-represented and staff is working very hard to help the legislators understand the City's position and interests.

CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL stated she would be meeting with the Council and the City's Bond Counsel to discuss the City's approach to AB 458.

MR. PERRIGO reported that COUNCILMAN REESE had testified on AB 256, which would revise the dates for municipal elections.

