



Agenda Item No.: 43.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 19, 2009

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
Discussion and possible action regarding a renewal of the City's Franchise Agreement with Southwest Gas Corporation for natural gas transmission and distribution services - All Wards

Fiscal Impact:

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City's current franchise agreement with Southwest Gas Corporation (SWG) expires on October 21, 2009. Staff has been in discussions with SWG regarding the negotiation of a new franchise agreement that is consistent with current economic and regulatory conditions. The proposed Renewal of Franchise Agreement will extend the terms of the existing franchise agreement until December 31, 2010, enabling the City and SWG to negotiate and finalize a new franchise agreement that is mutually satisfactory to the parties and in the public interest.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Renewal of Franchise Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Renewal of Franchise Agreement

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, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

CHRISTOPHER WARE, City Attorneys Office, requested approval of the one-year extension of current franchise agreement between the Southwest Gas Corporation and the City of Las Vegas. The current agreement was approved in 1984 and the City is in current negotiations regarding the new agreement. The new agreement is expected to be presented to the Council before the requested extension expires.