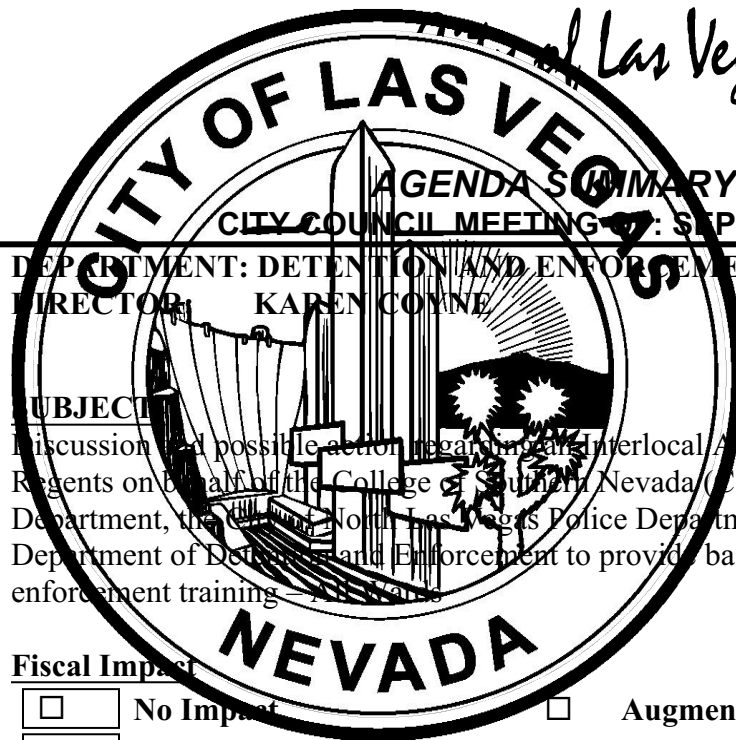




City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: **42.**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING #7: SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

DEPARTMENT: DETENTION AND ENFORCEMENT
DIRECTOR: KAREN CONNE

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action regarding an Interlocal Agreement between the Board of Regents on behalf of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN), the City of Henderson Police Department, the City of North Las Vegas Police Department and the City of Las Vegas Department of Detention and Enforcement to provide basic level category I, II and III law enforcement training – *with video*

Fiscal Impact:

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This interlocal agreement will add the City of Las Vegas Department of Detention and Enforcement as a voting member of the Executive Committee to provide basic category I, II and III POST certified law enforcement training.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Interlocal 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)

NOTE: COUNCILMAN ANTHONY disclosed that he was an elected member of the Board of Regents between 2002 and 2009. He did not vote on the original agreement to create the Southern Desert Region Police Academy, but in 2006, he voted in support of expanding the facility. He confirmed with the City Attorney that this item has never been considered by the Board of Regents. With this disclosure, he does not have a conflict of interest and will vote on the item.

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Minutes:

CHIEF KAREN COYNE, Detention and Enforcement, explained that the original agreement was executed in 2006 between the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and the cities of Henderson and North Las Vegas (NLV) to provide academy instruction. The proposed agreement would add the City of Las Vegas Department of Detention and Enforcement as a voting member of the Executive Committee (Committee).

CHIEF COYNE pointed out that the City of Las Vegas has hosted the Category 1, 2 and 3 training for 25 of the 28 years the Committee has been in existence. The training program has been successful for years. However, with the increased demand for training new employees while maintaining the in-service annual training of department members, the City recognized it was not economically feasible to continue hosting such training. As a result, the aforementioned partners established a different academy, the Southern Desert Regional Academy, in which the City is now a customer. After several meetings with the other participants, it was recommended that the City become more active by integrating the Corrections portion of the instruction. This offer could come at a better time, given the current budget cuts and efforts being made to maintain a high level training. While the agreement does not constitute a huge savings, it is anticipated that it will not cost any agency a huge sum of money to participate. This agreement will standardize the level of training that the officers in the Valley will receive and will enhance camaraderie. In addition, recruitment opportunities will be available for students who are actively enrolled at CSN.

CHIEF COYNE invited representatives from the Committee: CHIEF JUTTA CHAMBERS, Henderson Police Department, CHIEF JOSEPH ARPEL, NLV Police Department and DR. HYLA WINTERS, CSN to the podium. The Chiefs asked for the Councils support in having the Citys Detention and Enforcement Division integrated into this partnership, as they all expressed how proud they were of the partnership between the agencies and their excitement about this new endeavor and the direction the academy is headed in. DR. WINTERS believed the partnership would add an increased level of credibility to what is already being done, as it supports one of Southern Nevadas mission as being a provider of an educated workforce for Southern Nevadans. CHIEF FORTI complimented the City on having done a wonderful job as a previous host.

CHIEF COYNE added that all of the graduates will exit the academy with college credentials, those that are desired for successive leadership opportunities.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY commended CHIEF COYNE for taking the lead and seeing what can be done in these challenging economical times to save the City monies and consolidated services while working with other entities. He challenged every employee and other agencies to review what is being done and what opportunities are available for consolidation and saving monies.

Regarding possible credits, CHIEF COYNE informed COUNCILMAN BARLOW that a Category 1 Police Officer (PO) can earn up to 33 credits, which is approximately 50 percent

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of what is needed for an Associates Degree. CSN is currently reviewing the curriculum for a Corrections Officer, but the possible number of credits one can earn may be slightly lower than a PO. Although a degree is only desired at time of application, it is anticipated to be a requirement in the future, given the number of individuals overseen, the large budgets and the huge responsibility to the elected officials and citizens. In addition, it allows for a larger pool of applicants with a wider range of experience.

COUNCILMEN BARLOW and REESE thanked the agencies for their partnership, and COUNCILMAN REESE agreed with COUNCILMAN ANTHONY that consolidation is critical at this time.

