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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE SELECTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

Minutes

DEANN WIESNER, victim of abuse and domestic violence, described the assistance sought from the Council, who did nothing. The City Attorneys office committed malfeasance, which was then partially corrected. However, the death of abused children grew by 200% and has now increased to 230%. The Council continues to do nothing. There are four pending independent investigations regarding the policies and procedures that contribute to those deaths. There have been six Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal rulings overturning other court rulings and police decisions. The City has been placed on notice.

JOHNNY VENTURA appeared to complain about the street numbering and cited LVMC 19.93 requiring street numbering to be clearly identifiable from the street and private drive. He encouraged the Council act to require people to number their homes and businesses.

TODD FARLOW, 240 N. 19th Street, concurred with the comments by MR. VENTURA. He encouraged allowing the Strip mobile to return to operation. MAYOR PRO TEM REESE responded that that was a County issue.

BRUCE SNYDER, Counsel for the Las Vegas City Employees Association (CEA), advised the Council that the CEA was the first union last year to step up to the plate. Since that time there have been several layoffs, including those proposed for tomorrow. Much of the reporting today has been accurate, but there is still a feeling that the contributions are disproportionate. There is a membership meeting scheduled for 12/9/2009 from 4-7 pm regarding the budget shortfall and staff suggestions. The survey also reflected that the community would support increases in revenue rather than cuts in services. The chart regarding public sector employees was valley-wide, but the City ratio has actually dropped. The ratio is skewed by the number of School District employees, which is the largest public employee pool. Las Vegas has a strong union presence in both the public and private sector. Ultimately, management has discretion over the service offered and the number of employees. He would hope common ground can be identified allowing everyone to work together. Perhaps there are things that can be offered to staff as an offset of other issues. He responded to the new employee comment and recommended that the concept be applied to the executive and appointive employees first.