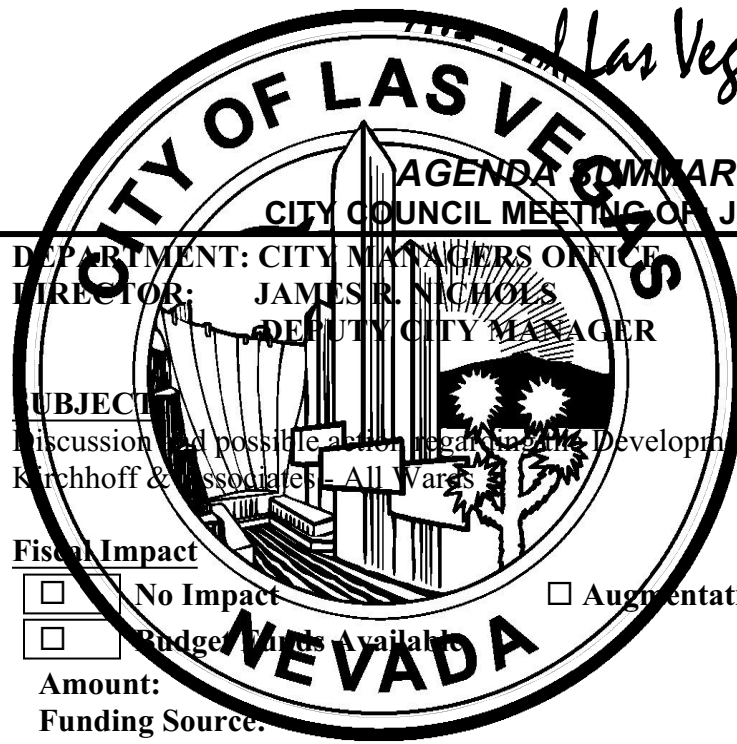




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DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
DIRECTOR: JAMES R. NICHOLS
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
Discussion and possible action regarding the Development Review Process Report provided by Kirchhoff & Associates - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Las Vegas contracted with Kirchhoff & Associates to provide an exhaustive review of the enterprise-wide development review process and procedures used in Building & Safety, Fire & Rescue, Neighborhood Services, Planning & Development and Public Works in order to identify areas in which the process can be streamlined and efficiency and customer service enhanced.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. The Development Review Process Report
2. Submitted at Meeting PowerPoint Presentation by Staff

Motion made by STEVE WOLFSON to Accept the report

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

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

Minutes:

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JIM NICHOLS opened by explaining that Kirchhoff & Associates was contracted to conduct a study to look at how to improve the efficiency of the development review process (DRP), which is the system the City uses for private development projects that come into the City, from the point of project proposal to completion and building occupancy. This study was long overdue, but there was little time to review the process during the past two decades of rapid growth. When CHRIS KNIGHT was appointed Director of Building and Safety,

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he opted to look at how to improve efficiencies in his department, and it was then decided to review the entire system and include other departments involved in the DRP. He narrated a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is made part of the minutes, and summarized the slides regarding Study Methodologies, Assessment, Findings Summary, Core Problems Identified, Goals, What Can the Mayor and City Council Do and Next Steps.

COUNCILMEMBERS ROSS, BARLOW, TARRARIAN and WOLFSON commended MR. KNIGHT on doing a fabulous job for the City as director of Building and Safety and on having the foresight to take advantage of the slow economy to do what is necessary to improve the system and make it congruent in order to be prepared for the future. The Councilmembers also expressed appreciation to CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FREYVELT, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER NICHOLS and Kirchhoff & Associates.

JIM STROH, Chairman of the American Institute of Architects Code Committee, mentioned that his Committee offered a document that was appended to the study, supported the recommendations made and requested immediate implementation.

After the vote, MR. KNIGHT, speaking on behalf of all the individuals involved in the DRP, stated the study was long overdue and the purpose was to facilitate doing business with the City.

