



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 50.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MARCH 3, 2010

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: BILL ARENT

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
RESOLUTIONS:

R-12-2010 Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution designating an area for evaluation to amend the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Plan within Wards 3 and 5, as provided in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 279.518 and find that the area for evaluation requires study to determine if a redevelopment project within that area is feasible and a description of the boundaries of the area designated, as provided in NRS 279.520 - Wards 3 and 5 (Reese and Barlow)

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency is beginning the process of amending, expanding, and restating its Redevelopment Plan. Pursuant to NRS 279.518, the area for evaluation may be designated by resolution of the members of the City Council. NRS 279.520 requires that the resolution designating the area for evaluation contain a finding that the area requires study to determine if a redevelopment project within that area is feasible and a description of the boundaries of the area designated. This action proposes to expand the existing plan boundary further into areas where staff observes that redevelopment could arrest blight in certain areas of east and west Las Vegas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Resolution No. R-12-2010
2. Map of Potential RDA Expansion Areas

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)

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Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN verified with BILL ARENT, Director of Business Operations, that this resolution, if approved, would only authorize the study for Wards 3 and 5 but no action is being taken as to the specific boundaries at this time. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN added that the study would entail meetings with constituents throughout the city.

MR. ARENT explained that staff is looking at areas that are experiencing stress, within both the commercial and residential neighborhoods. This resolution is the first step in this five-step process, and properties can be added or removed during this process. A flight study will be done next, in which each parcel will be evaluated for blight. Thereafter, a redevelopment plan will be written and submitted to the Planning Commission for review and then to City Council at a public hearing. Throughout this process, there will be numerous town hall meetings to discuss the proposed expansion. He welcomed the public to meet with him or any staff member to discuss the proposed expansion.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW appreciated the ongoing efforts of a potential expansion of the Redevelopment area. He looked forward to working with staff and stressed the importance of keeping the community informed. He requested staff reach out to school district representatives and state legislators and involve them in the process as well. MR. ARENT informed the Councilman that staff estimates the process to take 9-12 months and, if desired, staff can update the Council regularly at each step during the process.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY asked that the study include any possible impacts on the General Fund and on future downtown redevelopment.

COUNCILMAN REESE looked forward to working with COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN in an effort to include areas within her ward, particularly along Sahara Avenue and Decatur Boulevard. He agreed with COUNCILMAN BARLOW in including other entities who share the same concerns.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN anticipated feedback from the citizens, as she believes it is an important element in this entire process.

After the vote, MAYOR GOODMAN stated that redevelopment has been a very successful area of the City's progress, noting its impact on other major developments, such as the World Market Center and the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute. In order to have a world-class city, it has to have world-class developments like these and Las Vegas has done so, partly due to its Redevelopment Agency. He emphasized this message must be relayed to legislature, as any changes in the use of redevelopment monies will have an adverse impact on the City's vision.