



SUBJECT:

CITIZENS 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 VOTED 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

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting: Article by R. Joshua Collins and Support Petition, Emails and Letter for Marshall Positions Totaling 5,258 signatures by Michelle Johnson

Minutes:

R. JOSHUA COLLINS stated that if an individual could walk in to the Regional Justice Center inappropriately dressed, he should be able to walk in the area with a sign about Jesus Christ and not have it taken away. He encouraged everyone to abide by the Nevada Revised Statutes and urged the Council not to contribute to the delinquency of minors, as it leads them astray. He gave his contact information and submitted an article regarding a trial he was involved in.

MAYOR GOODMAN reiterated comments he read under Item 61.

ANTHONY HODGES told MAYOR GOODMAN to take care of his "jewel".

COLEEN RAUH, BRENT BUCY and DAVID COMPSON, Deputy City Marshalls, understood the difficult task the City has in addressing the budget shortfall but asked that they do not cut any City marshals positions. They both agreed that courtrooms and government buildings are facilities greatly needed for citizens and, unfortunately, despite the fact that they are also crime targets. Some of the services provided were mentioned, and they stressed the negative impact these cuts would have on these services and safety they provide. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL RAUH submitted a petition with other documentation supporting their request.

MAYOR GOODMAN hopes that these messages are being heard by City employees, as the desire is to keep all of the jobs but the eight percent reduction is needed in order to not let go of the 177 employees.

MICHELLE JOHNSON appeared on behalf of CHRIS COLLINS, President of the Las Vegas Police Protective Association, and asked that the City consider its proposal that was submitted to the City, which could result in a 7.5 percent decrease in the next fiscal year. A petition of 4,023 signatures was also obtained. MAYOR GOODMAN explained that if the economy does not return the way the City anticipates, then it is difficult for the City to foresee if additional job cuts will be necessary.

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DON DeHARDT expressed appreciation for the fire department and how it has saved his life and many others. Regarding foreclosed properties, he reiterated his comments made under Item 67.

TEDDY RUSSELL gave MAYOR GOODMAN two baseball caps and asked that the City's marshals not be laid off, as law enforcement and medical agencies are very much needed within communities.

TODD FARLOW pointed out that it is difficult for some citizens to be engaged with City government, as some do not have access to the internet. He suggested including the City Council meeting information in the local magazine, The View. He expressed his disappointment with a past arrest by the marshals and how the matter was handled. He believed that some individuals are afraid to attend City Council meetings due to a fear of going to jail.

