

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 7, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF MAYORS CUP SOCCER TEAMS

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Mayor's Cup International Soccer Tournament Days

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN explained that the Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament began many years ago and it has grown to great proportions. Hundreds of youngsters participate, not only from Las Vegas, but also from western states and foreign countries.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY added that the tournament is one of the biggest events held in October and February of every year. It is a partnership between the City of Las Vegas and the private sector, specifically the Las Vegas Downtown Soccer Club and he introduced its President, ROGER TABOR. He also recognized JONNY ZIMMERMAN and SHERRY ALEXANDER, City employees, who took the lead in coordinating this event.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY explained that the tournament takes place throughout the City of Las Vegas and the finals are held at the Del Webb Soccer Complex. Five hundred soccer teams participated in the event with 7,500 athletes, 800 volunteers, 3,500 referees, 28 states and 50 foreign teams. He and the Mayor handed out the trophies at the finals and met the athletes and coaches. During the tournament, 100 college coaches attended to observe the soccer players for recruitment for college scholarships. During the tournament, 10,000 rooms are rented over the weekend event.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY indicated that 13 teams from Las Vegas were awarded first place trophies and he introduced some of the teams and presented them with a Certificate of Recognition: Santos Lugano, under 17 Telemundo Division; Vegas Silver under 12 Boys Adidas Division; Downtown 97 Gold under 13 Boys Rotary Division; the Heat FC 99 under 11 Girls Telemundo Division, first place; the Newport FC 96 Green Under 14 Girls Telemundo Division, first place; FC Las Vegas 98 Under 12 Girls Adidas Division, first place; and the Las Vegas Premier 95 Under 15 Girls Telemundo Division, and one of the winners of that team is MAYOR PRO TEM REESE'S granddaughter, ELISA GOMEZ.

MR. TABOR also expressed his appreciation to MS. ALEXANDER and MR. ZIMMERMAN for their hard work. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and its newest fan, COUNCILMAN ANTHONY, as well as COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN. MR. TABOR thanked the numerous volunteers from the Downtown Soccer Club for this huge undertaking.



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He recognized Telemando, Adidas, Sports Team Accommodators, and the Las Vegas Fremont Rotary, and other local rotary clubs who hosted the foreign teams, and the newer partner, Nevada Consular Corps. He thanked Former Governor BOB MILLER, ANDREAS ADRIAN, Honorary Consul for Germany, LIA ROBERTS, Honorary Consul for Romania, ANDRE PORTAL, Honorary Consul for France, and DENNIE HAMMAR GREN, Honorary Counsel to Belize. The French Alliance of Nevada, M. J. NANCE HILGAR, hosted a team from France for 10 days. He thanked BRYAN CROOKS, M. Director of Operations for Colorado Rapids Soccer. He thanked his devoted wife, ANN V. for her help.