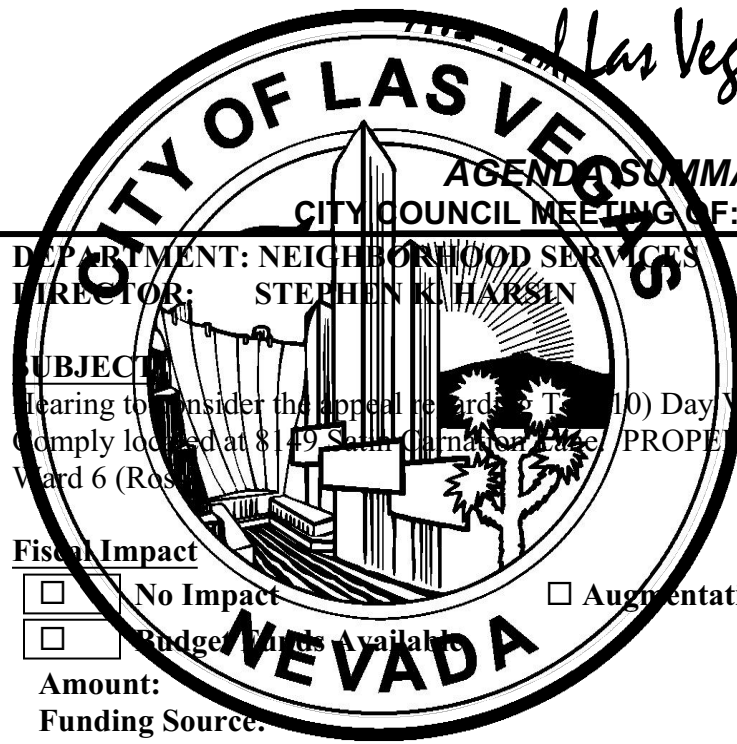




Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 78.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 21, 2010

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
DIRECTOR: STEPHEN KUHARSIN

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Hearing to consider the appeal regarding a Ten (10) Day Vacate Nuisance Notice and Order to Comply located at 8149 Sam Oraman Lane, PROPERTY OWNER: JOHN S WATKINS - Ward 6 (Ros)

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 subject property was determined to be a public nuisance as defined in Las Vegas Municipal Title 9, dealing with nuisances. A Ten (10) Day Vacate Nuisance Notice and Order to Comply was mailed to the property owner to correct the public nuisance as defined in Las Vegas Municipal Code, Title 9.04.010 dealing with nuisances; and Las Vegas Municipal Code 16.08.010 Uniform Dangerous Building Code. A copy of the notice was also posted on the property. Today's hearing is to consider the Appeal to the Ten (10) Day Vacate Nuisance Notice and Order to Comply filed by John S. Watkins, owner and responsible party.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the Ten (10) Day Vacate Nuisance Notice and Order to Comply.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Location Maps
3. Nuisance Notice and Order to Comply
4. Appeal Letter from Appellant
5. Notice of Appeal

Motion made by GARY REESE to Hold in abeyance to 5/5/2010

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

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

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Minutes:

DEVIN SMITH, Manager of Neighborhood Response, read the Purpose/Background and Recommendation Sections. Staffs recommendation was to approve the 10-Day Vacate Nuisance Notice and Order to Comply. He explained for MAYOR GOODMAN that the property does not have power, which is a requirement per Code. The owner resides in the property; however, staff does not support this as there is a liability issue for the City.

A video was shown, but a copy was not submitted.

JOHN S. WATKINS, property owner, explained that he previously had roommates who created a large utility bill. There is gas and water, but he was informed by NV Energy that the power cannot be turned on until the property has been inspected, which is a substantial fee that he is not able to pay at this time. The house is less than two years old, and he sometimes lives there despite not having power.

WES ISBUTT explained the inspection process and the fee associated with it, which can be surmountable.

MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCILMAN TARKENTON wondered if there was a workable solution or program available given the circumstances. COUNCILMAN REESE questioned MR. WATKINS recent five year leases yet his inability to pay the necessary inspection fee.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY DAN STILL referred to the Code and stated that the repairs must be made or the property must be vacated until corrections are made. COUNCILMAN REESE decided to abey the item, and DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STILL suggested MR. WATKINS meet with a staff member to discuss possible options.