



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 50.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 5, 2010

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: BILL ARENT

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action regarding a Interlocal Agreement between the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency and the City of Las Vegas to provide funding for the operations and maintenance of the Reed Whipple Cultural Center located at 821 North Las Vegas Boulevard (APN 139-27-000000) - \$372,695 RDA Special Projects Fund) - Ward 5 (Barlow) [NOTE: This item is related to RDA Item 5]

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$372,695

Funding Source: RDA Special Projects Fund

Dept./Division: OBD/RDA

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Las Vegas (City) owns the real property and improvements located at 821 North Las Vegas Boulevard, commonly known as the Reed Whipple Cultural Center (Center). The City has determined that as a result of budget reductions, it is currently not feasible for the City to continue to fund the entire cost of operating the Center; the Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency (RDA) has determined that it is in the best interest of the community and the mission of the RDA to provide funding to maintain the Center in operation for fiscal year 2011. The term of this Agreement may be extended for two (2) one (1) year periods. Any such extension will be contingent on a formal appropriation by the board of the RDA.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Interlocal Agreement

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW 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)

Minutes:

The following discussion took place at the 5/5/2010 Redevelopment Agency Meeting under Item 5, and is incorporated herein at the request of MAYOR GOODMAN:

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BILL ARENT, Director of the Office of Business Development, explained that as a result of budget reductions, the City is faced with the lack of operational funds, and the facility faces closure. Rather than closing the facility, staff felt that it was in the best interest of the City and the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) to keep the facility open for a year specifically for the Las Vegas Youth Orchestra and the Rainbow Company. In order to accomplish that, funding must be provided for the operations, maintenance, and private utility costs for the facility. Sufficient RDA funds are available for Fiscal Year 2011 in the amount of \$372,695, which the RDA is proposing to fund that amount for the City to keep the facility open for FY11. Support from Cultural Affairs and the Neon Boneyard Museum staff will help at the front counter. During the year, staff will evaluate different reuse options, and in FY11, will bring back a plan to the RDA Board and City Council for direction on the future of the facility.

MAYOR GOODMAN remarked that during the Town Hall Meetings a plea was raised by the users of the Reed Whipple Facility that it be kept open. It was made clear that due to the City's financial situation, accommodations could only be made for this coming year, but after that, they would have to engage in serious fundraising. He does not see the wherewithal to keep the facility open.

MR. ARENT stated he will look at those organizations to see what funds they have available, as well as look at alternative facilities that do not carry expenses as this facility does. MAYOR GOODMAN recognized the Youth Orchestra and the Rainbow Company's value, and asked that all of the 501C3 organizations begin thinking in terms of fundraising from the private sector.

