

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 21, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS LIFE-SAVING HYPOTHERMIA TREATMENT

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON recognized VALENE PILI, who was accompanied by her brothers, sisters and friends. He explained that during the family's 2009 Memorial Day celebration, MS. PILI went into cardiac arrest, and thanks to the City's Las Vegas Fire and Rescue firefighters' recent training in the new, life-saving hypothermia treatment, which increases the chance of survival of the patient, MS. PILI's life was saved by the staff of Rescue 47 after having died twice.

MS. PILI came forward with her sister and sister-in-law, and, on behalf of the family, they expressed their appreciation for all the assistance rendered during this incident. They felt cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) should be taught as a requirement in junior high schools. With great emotion, MS. PILI stated she felt honored and humbled for being blessed with life and for receiving so much support.

DR. DAVID SLATTERY, EMS Medical Director for Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, described this new protocol, noting that the family members who took instructions from dispatch during this incident were very courageous. He announced that anyone wishing to learn CPR can call the Red Cross or any fire services office for information.

GREG GAMMON, Chief of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, thanked the Council for approving training in this new protocol two years ago. He also thanked the men and women of the fire department for embracing the training, in order to make a big difference in people's lives. He recognized the crew of Rescue 47.