



Agenda Item No.: 63.

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Discussion and possible action on the recommendation from the Senior Citizens Advisory Board to rename the Downtown Senior Services Center, located at 302 South 9th Street, to the Mel C. Kalagian, Sr. Downtown Senior Services Center Ward 3 (Reese)

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Las Vegas acquired the property in 2002, and began rehabilitation of the building in 2003 with funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program, in the amount of \$5,860,000, which was used to create a senior services center that preserved the historic integrity of the building and site. The Downtown Senior Services Center (DSSC) officially opened in April 2006 and is currently home to the Senior Law Project and the Jude 22 Senior Food Program.

The Kalagian family proposed renaming the facility, which was later recommended for approval by the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, to the Mel C. Kalagian, Sr. Downtown Senior Services Center. Staff is developing a cost estimate which will be paid by Mel Kalagian, Jr.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Las Vegas Senior Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation
2. Request to the City Manager from the Kalagian Family
3. Picture of the Downtown Senior Services Center signage
4. Contract between the City of Las Vegas and Mel Kalagian, Jr. for the costs of sign modification

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 18, 2010

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:

TED OLIVAS, Director of Administrative Services, reported that this matter is in order and described some of the many accomplishments of MEL KALAGIAN and his involvement with seniors. MR. KALAGIAN served on numerous boards and committees and was named Employee and Citizen of the Month. Sadly, he passed away in 2008.

NANCY, wife, and TARA, daughter, KALAGIAN were present. MRS. KALAGIAN thanked the Council for its consideration in this matter. Her husband utterly enjoyed working with seniors, even with resolving their issues. She felt honored to have a building named after her devoted husband.

LANCE MORAN, member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, stated that Las Vegas was recognized by Trade Magazine for having one of the top senior programs in the United States and Canada. MR. KALAGIAN played a big role that because of his dedication to ensuring senior services. He advised the Council that the Senior Citizens Advisory Board wholeheartedly agrees with this request.

MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCIL MEMBERS REESE, TARKANIAN and WOLFSON supported this request, noting that MR. KALAGIAN'S dedication to seniors warrants such an honor and precedence. People should be recognized for their special, hard work.

MAYOR GOODMAN noted that MR. KALAGIAN'S son made a compelling argument as to why the Center should be named after his father.