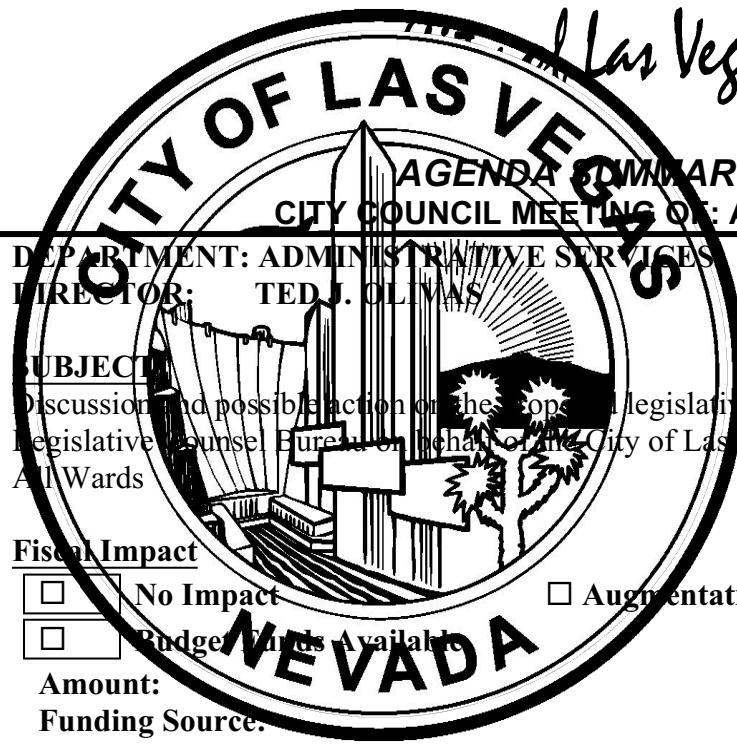




Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 65.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 18, 2010

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

DIRECTOR: TED J. OLIVAS

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action on the proposed legislative package that will be submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau on behalf of the City of Las Vegas for the 2011 Legislative Session - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

☐ No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 218D.205, the city council of a city whose population is 100,000 or more shall not request the preparation of more than three (3) legislative measures for a regular session.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the proposed legislative package and direct the City Manager to submit the approved bill draft requests to the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting PowerPoint Presentation by Ted Olivas

Motion made by GARY REESE to Accept the report

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, thanked the City Attorney's Office for their assistance during this legislative process, particularly since there has been a great deal of dialogue. MR. OLIVAS paraphrased his submitted PowerPoint presentation to give an overview of the 2011 legislative session. The City of Las Vegas can submit up to three bill draft requests (BDRs), which are due to the Legislative Counsel Bureau by September 1, 2010.

Some of the upcoming legislative issues deal with the current 234 BDRs, States budget deficit, revenue and service diversion, consolidation, transportation funding, local hiring, fines on

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various misdemeanors, municipal elections and redevelopment. Assembly Bill 494 is of interest and deals with the consolidation report. MR. OLIVAS also spoke on what other jurisdictions are dealing with and the potential moratorium on banks releasing foreclosed properties into the market.

Staff is proposing to seek legislation that would allow local governments to issue business licenses prior to State licensing and increasing the maximum fines on various misdemeanor crimes from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Because the issues are of major concern to the City, staff recommended working closely with legislators on specific topics identified by the Council and to provide updates via briefings on an ongoing basis.

MAYOR GOODMAN suggested having an item on the agenda dealing with a potential moratorium for three years on banks releasing foreclosed properties. CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL confirmed that staff will submit a BDR regarding this issue but additional details will be presented to the Council at a later date.

COUNCILMAN ROSS pointed out that other entities recognize the City of Las Vegas is active and engaged, which creates a momentum for other cities to follow suit. He commented on his commitment to the Nevada League of Cities that the City of Las Vegas will be engaged at the next legislative session. In addition, he believes that consolidating services will become a reality, which in turn will keep costs down.

Regarding MAYOR GOODMAN'S suggestion on a moratorium, COUNCILMAN ANTHONY desired to see research beforehand, but he liked the idea of piggybacking on issues that have already been introduced as bills.

Rather than submitting three bills, staff recommended going forward in working with legislators and committees who are already working on issues of concern, such as bidders preference. The City has until September 1st to introduce a bill but staff has the opportunity to continue working with legislators during the entire legislative session.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW referred to a recent meeting in Reno, Nevada and comments made by the Mayor of North Las Vegas, SHARI L. BUCK. One of the discussions that took place was the idea of consolidated services, which he felt the City should consider.

At COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIANS request, MAYOR GOODMAN explained for the public that there are thousands of existing foreclosed homes in the community. It was his understanding that the banks will be releasing additional homes in the thousands on the market, which will only exacerbate the problem. Homeowners will have bigger headaches in trying to sell their properties, and the economy will not be able to flourish. The Councilwoman agreed with the Mayors assessment.

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After further discussion on the issue with foreclosed properties, MAYOR GOODMAN agreed with COUNCILMAN ROSS suggestion to have the Realtors Association provide a report on this issue at a future meeting and COUNCILMAN WOLFSONS idea to have a workshop. MR. OLIVAS noted that staff can submit a bill on this issue in the form of a banking shell bill. It will allow time for staff to do research and present a report to Council, the bill can be withdrawn if that is the Councils ultimate decision.

COUNCILMAN ROSS commented that the City is participating in a foreclosure workshop on September 18, 2010.

COUNCILMAN REESE believed the City is headed in the right direction and agreed with staff submitting a bill on the issue concerning foreclosed properties.

CITY MANAGER FRETWELL clarified Councils direction, which was to submit one bill regarding the business licensing issue and a shell bill on banking and staff to follow-up with Council prior to submitting BDR language on the shell bill. If the Council is not comfortable with the BDR language, staff will withdraw that shell bill.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON discussed with CITY MANAGER FRETWELL the possibility of additional discussions with the Council regarding the option to submit three bills. CITY MANAGER FRETWELL informed the councilman that discussions must take place at a City Council meeting. Given that the next City Council meeting is September 1st and the deadline to submit the bills is the same date, a Special City Council meeting can be held if desired.

See Item 12 for related backup.

