



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 57.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

ABEYANCE ITEM: Discussion on and possible action to authorize the City of Las Vegas to withdraw as a member entity of the Clean Water Coalition and other matters related thereto - All Wards

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 Clean Water Coalition was established in 2002 for the purpose of designing, constructing, operating and maintaining the System of Conveyance and Operations Program (SCOP). Changes in the environment and the way wastewater is now treated have negated the need for SCOP. As such, the city does not feel it is in the best interests of the residents of Las Vegas for the city to continue as a member agency of the CWC, and to collect the user fees from its residents to finance the ongoing operation of the CWC.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Clean Water Coalition Interlocal Cooperative Agreement

Motion made by STEVEN D. ROSS 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:

JORGE CERVANTES, Director of Public Works, summarized the Subject section.

MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed with CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC that approval of Items 57 and 58 would not affect the outstanding lawsuit. CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC explained

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that, theoretically, if the lawsuit is successful, the state would not get the money it tried to transfer from the Clean Water Coalition (CWC) to the state treasury, and, should the City be successful in withdrawing from the CWC, the City should be reimbursed the monies it put in.

MAYOR GOODMAN questioned the timeframe involved in withdrawing from the CWC. CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL replied that if the Council's direction is to move forward with Items 57 and 58, withdrawal would have to be approved via an agreement from all the other member jurisdictions, and then the City could pull out with a 60-day notice. To her understanding, North Las Vegas will be considering an agenda item on the status of the CWC. The Clark County Commission considered it at its regular meeting the previous week, and the general discussion was that an agreement for dissolution may have to be considered if some of the jurisdictions are withdrawing.

CITY ATTORNEY JEROME advised that until the City is formally out of the CWC, it is formally a member. This means that if the Coalition decides to expend money in the interim, it will be difficult for the City to have all its money returned.

MAYOR GOODMAN stressed that there is no longer a need for the Coalition. The original intended projects are not going to come to fruition. He noted that he was advised that any future consulting contracts will not be paid.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated that other jurisdictions that she has queried also feel that it would be senseless to continue with the Coalition; it is a waste of taxpayer money.

COUNCILMAN ROSS felt that the City has to take the lead by approving Items 57 and 58 to put an end to the City's participation.

See Item 14 for related backup.