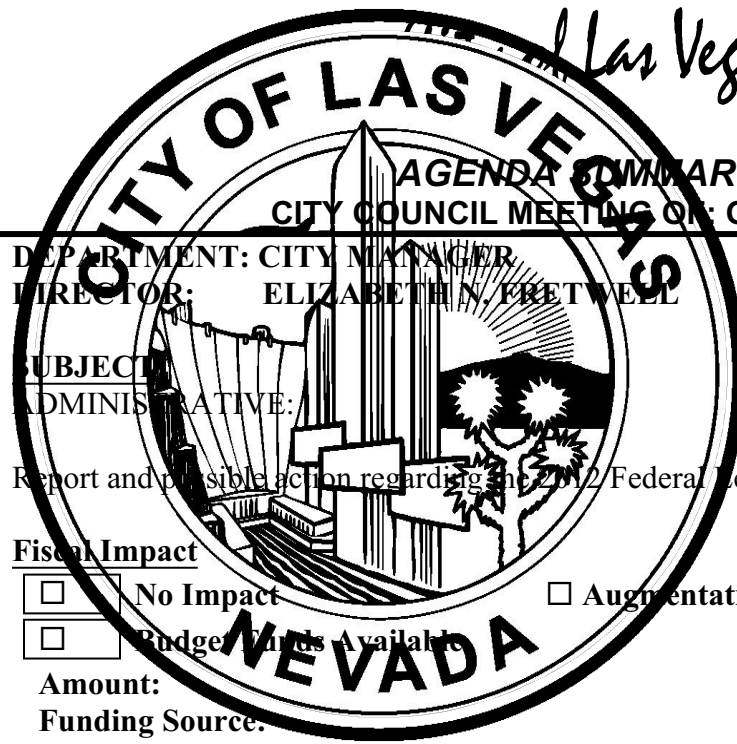




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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: OCTOBER 6, 2010**

**DEPARTMENT:** CITY MANAGER  
**DIRECTOR:** ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

**SUBJECT:**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Report and possible action regarding the 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda - All Wards

**Fiscal Impact**

☐ No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

☐ Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Each year the City Manager's Office develops a Federal Legislative Agenda based upon meetings with the Mayor, City Council members and each City Department. The Agenda includes the City's appropriation priorities, legislative issues, public lands priorities and other legislative topics of interest to the City. This document is used to guide federal lobbying efforts by the City and its federal lobbying firm, Ball Janik LLP. Staff will provide an outline for the 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda and direct staff accordingly.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

None

Motion made by STEVE WOLFSON to Accept the Report

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-GARY REESE); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

TED OLIVAS, Director of Administrative Services, and VICKI CRAM, Director of Government Relations, Ball Janik, LLP, were present. MR. OLIVAS indicated that each year they seek the input from the Mayor and City Council, the City Manager's Office and each director in putting together the federal plan and identify potential appropriation requests and any changes required of the plan. The plan is used by him, his staff and MS. CRAM'S lobbyist efforts in Washington, D.C. The plan will be brought back for the City Council's approval.

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MS. CRAM stated that as a lobbyist, she works for the City Council and the citizens of Las Vegas to meet the needs of the City. She works with congressional delegations on a variety of topics that affect the City. This session has been a time of contradiction and controversy in Congress. There was passage of complex legislation, such as the Recovery Bill, healthcare, financial services reform, Cash for Clunkers, Credit Card Holder Bill of Rights and the Small Business Jobs Act. There are many issues left up in the air.

The City has been engaged in a number of issues, such as Congressional Direct Spending and the City submitted seven requests to the delegation. The appropriations process is not yet complete and operating on a continuing resolution until December 3rd. The City has secured \$2.25 million in Congressional Direct Spending that comes directly to the City of Las Vegas, \$500,000 for sustainable neighborhood plan, \$700,000 for bus turnouts and a million dollars for senior housing. The congressional delegation was supportive of these funding needs and SENATOR HARRY REID was key in securing some of these funds.

MS. CRAM indicated they have been working closely with the Bureau of Land Management to provide input on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and the conservation transfer area. In the coming year they will continue to work on issues of interest to the City, such as the Surface Transportation Bill, healthcare crisis, job creation and economic development. The direction of the next Congress depends upon the next election.

MAYOR GOODMAN acknowledged that the City Council was previously briefed by MS. CRAM.

