



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 61.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: OCTOBER 6, 2010

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Discussion and possible action regarding the ratification of John Michael Myers as Director of Fire and Rescue (\$132,000 Salary & Benefits - General Fund)

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Budget Funds Available

☐ Augmentation Required

Amount: \$132,000.00

Funding Source: General Fund

Dept./Division: Fire and Rescue

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

John Michael Myers Mike is currently serving as a Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Myers is a 24-year veteran of the department. He has worked his way through the ranks as a firefighter, paramedic, Assistant Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Myers will manage all Fire and Rescue Department services and activities including fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous materials, emergency medical services and 9-1-1 fire services; recommend and administer policies and procedures

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and ratify the appointment of John Michael Myers to the position of Director of Fire and Rescue

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Motion made by GARY REESE 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:

CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL stated that after CHIEF GREG GAMMON decided to leave the City, she was compelled to search for his replacement. Although CHIEF GAMMON will be greatly missed, she is honored to recommend MIKE MYERS as the new Chief, given his experience, she feels he is highly qualified to fill the vacancy. He is

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professional, bright and talented as a leader. He also has a lot of passion for the Chief's position and Las Vegas Fire and Rescue and all that entails. She urged the Council's support in her decision.

MR. MYERS introduced his wife LAURIE, 12 year old son SEAN, his daughter TAYLOR and daughter MEGAN, who was watching via the internet from Utica, New York. He felt deeply honored and announced his commitment to lead the department with character, innovation and to strive to offer the best practices in all its services.

COUNCILMAN REESE stated his biased position in this matter because when the City attended FEMA training, MR. MYERS taught him quickly what has to happen in an emergency situation. He felt he could trust MR. MYERS to lead the department well. Although previous chiefs have done a great job for the City, MR. MYERS will do a fine job too.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON commended CHIEF GAMMON on his performance with the City and congratulated him on his new endeavor. He is confident MR. MYERS will do a fine job in these tough times because he has the enthusiasm and the desire to provide quality service.

COUNCILMAN ROSS commended that any man in Fire Administration is well capable of being Chief. He congratulated MR. MYERS on his promotion. He noted that this was not an easy decision, and looks forward to serving with MR. MYERS.

COUNCILWOMAN TARMANIAN verified that the ratification takes effect 1/7/2011 and stated that the City is fortunate to have MR. MYERS as he will make an outstanding fire chief. She concurred with fellow Councilmembers' comments. However, she voiced a concern with the selection process. It is very important to be transparent and qualifications for candidates should not be changed after the selection process begins. She congratulated MR. MYERS and emphasized that her feelings are not related to MR. MYERS abilities but at the selection process. She will not vote on any future appointments if the qualifications are changed after the selection process begins. COUNCILMAN BARLOW echoed the Councilwoman's concerns but expressed his full support for MR. MYERS as the new Fire Chief.

COUNCILMAN REESE was privileged to support MR. MYERS' appointment to the position of Director of Fire and Rescue.

MR. MYERS was honored and grateful for the Mayor and City Council's support. He thanked CHIEF GAMMON for his leadership and for his confidence in him, and Fire and Rescue executive staff for their dedication and commitment to make them the best fire services in the country. He was sincerely appreciative of CITY MANAGER FRETWELL'S and Deputy City Manager JIM NICHOLS for believing in him. He thanked his family for their continuous support and sacrifices.