



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 53.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2011

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE SELECTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

Minutes

After the New Bill, were read and referred, MAYOR GOODMAN verified with CITY ATTORNEY BRAD IERBIC that given that no action is necessary, Citizens Participation could be held prior to the conclusion of the morning session of the Council meeting, as long as the regularly scheduled Citizens Participation is also held in the afternoon. MAYOR GOODMAN announced that abbreviated meetings such as this will allow the Council to address certain matters of interest to the City, and that he had instructed CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL to place such matters on the agenda.

JULIE BANN, Las Vegas resident, stated that about four years ago when she was living in the neighborhood near the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Sahara Avenue, she encountered a crevice while walking in Leavitt Park, so she requested that the crevices be filled. A few months later she saw a sign announcing that Leavitt Park would be closed for renovation, but she alleged that the park did not warrant such improvements and that the City should not have spent any money on the materials.

During the regular Citizens Participation portion in the afternoon, ANTHONY HODGES, Las Vegas resident, showed a picture of him with a pastor at a mission in San Diego, California, as well as a document entitled Royal Robus Races, which he acquired as a registered logo. He noted that he is always upfront and honest about what he does.

BRYCE RAKICH, Las Vegas resident, remarked that for the past three years cities across the country have been cutting budgets in response to fallen revenues and hoping for an economic recovery. Not only is there no economic recovery, but the austerity of the past years is leading to more austerity. No matter how much is cut from the budget, many cities find themselves with larger deficits. He advised that without invoking the Glass-Steagall Act, austerity will continue and only so many cutbacks can be made until the government fails. He opined that the AIG (American International Group) bailout alone would bailout all the states. He read the definition of the Glass-Steagall Act and asked that all municipalities invoke this Act. He added that for any recovery to occur, the local governments need to take action and identify where the monies are going.

TODD FARLOW, Las Vegas resident, stated that the bankers are making all the money and that the general counsel who took Lehman Brothers down is now the general counsel of AIG.