

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 2, 2011**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY explained that the Crime Stoppers Program works because the community and the media are involved with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro). The program started in Nevada in 1979 as Secret Witness. Crime Stoppers receives more than 1,000 tips monthly and has ceased a total of \$61 million in property, money and narcotics. Crime Stoppers is managed by a Board of Trustees and pays out the rewards for the tips received.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY called forward SHERIFF DOUGLAS GILLESPIE and OFFICER JENNIFER VERSHALL of Metro and BRENT BELL, Board of Trustees President, and then recognized the members of the Board of Trustees.

SHERIFF GILLESPIE thanked the community and the private sector for its commitment to the program.

OFFICER VERSHALL stated that Crime Stoppers is an unbelievable tool in which tippers are kept safe and anonymous. She noted that tips can be given via telephone and the web.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, MR. BELL thanked the Council for this award. Because the program is so successful, many rewards have been paid out, leaving very little money in the fund. People think the program is funded by Metro and the County, but it is not. It is a 501(c) (3) program that needs community partners to keep operating. He thanked all the representatives of the various entities for their involvement.

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Under Item 38, COUNCILMAN BARLOW deferred to MORGAN WEST, Odyssey Charter High School student, who was his guest for the day. MS. WEST stated that she intends to be a politician. Also, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT introduced DAVION WATTS, student at Canyon Springs Leadership and Law Preparatory Academy, who stated that he would like to be a constitutional attorney.