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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JUNE 15, 2011

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF MAYOR OSCAR B. GOODMAN

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON introduced a video in honor of MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN's 12-year tenure. CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL stated it has been an honor working with the MAYOR. She stated that he has left an incredible legacy and has laid a fantastic foundation for the City to follow through on. CITY MANAGER FRETWELL also said she will miss working with the MAYOR, his humor and leadership. CITY MANAGER FRETWELL then presented the MAYOR with a copy of the video that was shown, a scrapbook of his accomplishments, and a City of Las Vegas flag.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON asked CITY CLERK BEVERLY BRIDGES to the podium where she presented the MAYOR with the same gavel that had been inscribed for him in honor of his very first City Council Meeting.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON publicly thanked MAYOR GOODMAN for all of his hard work on the Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (Mob Museum). The Councilman invited ELLEN KNOWLTON, Director of the Mob Museum, and JONATHAN ULLMAN, General Manager of the Mob Museum, to the podium for a presentation to the MAYOR. MS. KNOWLTON discussed the team of experts that were put together to organize the Mob Museum which is scheduled to open in February 2012 and stated that the passion and innovation the MAYOR has for Las Vegas is evident. She awarded the MAYOR with his own key to the Mob Museum and on behalf of the board of directors wished him the best in his future endeavors. MR. ULLMAN echoed her sentiments, awarded the MAYOR with a commemorative plaque and thanked the MAYOR for his perseverance and vision for the Mob Museum.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON invited ROBIN MUNIER, President of Look Out Kids About to the podium. MS. MUNIER brought with her EBONY FOLK, Treasurer, BRANDON DENTE, Vice President of Education, and MIKE EDWARDS, Board Member. MS. MUNIER gave a brief description of the organization's purpose and acknowledged the MAYOR for his efforts to promote their work before presenting him with a trophy in appreciation for his support.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated she has learned so much from both the MAYOR and the COUNCILMAN REESE during her time on the Council and recognized the passion and loyalty of the Councilman who always displayed kindness. The Councilwoman also reflected on the great respect she has for the MAYOR's work ethic and the heart and soul he put into everything he did.



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COUNCILMAN ROSS acknowledged the encouragement and example that both the MAYOR and COUNCILMAN REESE provided to him and was honored to have served with both of them.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW believed that both the MAYOR and COUNCILMAN REESE were placed in public service in a fashion where they were able to take the City in a direction that many thought impossible. COUNCILMAN BARLOW reminded the public to take a close look at the downtown area which served as a testament to the leadership and vision of these men. Although neither the MAYOR nor COUNCILMAN REESE wanted the recognition today, COUNCILMAN BARLOW reminded them it was an opportunity for the public and the staff to express their sincere appreciation.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY recalled the way both MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCILMAN REESE treated him as a new Councilman and considers both to be friends.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON reiterated the sentiments of the other Councilmembers and acknowledged that both MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCILMAN REESE are gentlemen that worked with class, style and integrity. He appreciated the camaraderie they fostered on the Council and believed it was because of the leadership displayed by the MAYOR.

COUNCILMAN REESE recognized that the only constant presence during his tenure has been the CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC. The Councilman then thanked his staff, telling them they were the reason he stayed in office so long and admonished the City to continue putting the people first.

MAYOR GOODMAN expressed the great love COUNCILMAN REESE has for his family and city. The MAYOR admitted how blessed he has been with a supportive family, and recalled an important lesson he learned early on was that the Mayor cannot get anything done by himself - unlike the work he did as a lawyer where he took complete responsibility for his cases. He acknowledged that all the City employees and staff have not only made him successful but also made the city a better place. He recognized the Councilmembers for their efforts and is looking forward to what comes next in his life.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON invited the public to continue with the celebrations in honor of MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN and COUNCILMAN GARY REESE at 7:00 p.m. on Fremont Street.