



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 50.

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 20, 2011**

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

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

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

Report for possible action concerning the 2011 (76th) Session of the Nevada Legislature - All Words

**Fiscal Impact**

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No Impact

Budget Funds Available

☐ Augmentation Required

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Staff will report on legislation passed during the 2011 (76th) Session of the Nevada Legislature

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council accept the report and direct staff accordingly

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at Meeting PowerPoint Presentation by Staff

Motion made by STAVROS S. ANTHONY to Accept the Report

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, STAVROS S. ANTHONY, STEVEN D. ROSS, BOB COFFIN; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

After thanking the Council for their support and recognizing City employees who were part of the legislative and support teams, TED OLIVAS and BOB OSTROVSKY reviewed a PowerPoint presentation as submitted for the record.

COUNCILMAN ROSS stated the City played an inherent role in the economic redevelopment of the State due to the City's own success and believes it is important for the City to continue to act as a model in order to take advantage of beneficial opportunities available to the City and Southern Nevada.

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MR. OLIVAS confirmed for MAYOR GOODMAN that they were able to amend Senate Bill 92 in order to allow the City to use half of the funds for education and that he is not aware of any restrictions.

CITY CLERK BEVERLY K. BRIDGES agreed to compile a report for COUNCILMAN WOLFSON that would pull information from the Electoral Registrar regarding any potential savings that can be had by moving the municipal elections to line up with the general elections.

MR. OSTROVSKY clarified for COUNCILMAN BULLOW that Senate Bill 140 includes some specific exemptions for certain professions and industries such as public safety, utilities and truck drivers. That bill has passed and will be enforced in January 2012.

MR. OSTROVSKY discussed the broad definition of a confidential employee and its impact on collective bargaining units, as well as clarifying the new trigger clause for contracts with collective bargaining units that exceed one year. The trigger clause should stipulate what event will allow negotiations to be revisited during times of economic downturns and distress.

In response to COUNCILMAN WOLFSON's question on redistricting, CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL deferred to CITY ATTORNEY ERIC JERBIC who reviewed mandatory versus permissive redistricting and interpreted redistricting timelines as being allowed to start after the election is completed. COUNCILMAN asked what the time frame for redistricting was, and CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC stated that if not for a potential recall, the issue of redistricting would have already come before the Council.

COUNCILMAN ROSS asked whether or not there were ongoing discussions with lawmakers scheduled prior to the 2013 Legislative Session, specifically on any taxation issues that could be dealt with in order for them to be acted upon in 2013. MR. OSTROVSKY stated that the Legislative schedule has not yet been posted, so the exact agenda of the interim is unknown. The Councilman stated that it is imperative in order to prevent a continued economic depression and wondered whether the City needs to help push the Senate forward in order to convey the needs of the City. MR. OSTROVSKY agreed that being a part of the process would be beneficial. The Councilman also clarified that he is not a proponent of increasing taxes.

MR. OLIVAS stated he is in the process of finalizing the final report which will then be electronically available.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN concurred with COUNCILMAN ROSS on beginning the lobbying process sooner rather than later.

MAYOR GOODMAN stated that she advocates creating plans to help develop policies that will benefit and develop Las Vegas and Southern Nevada.