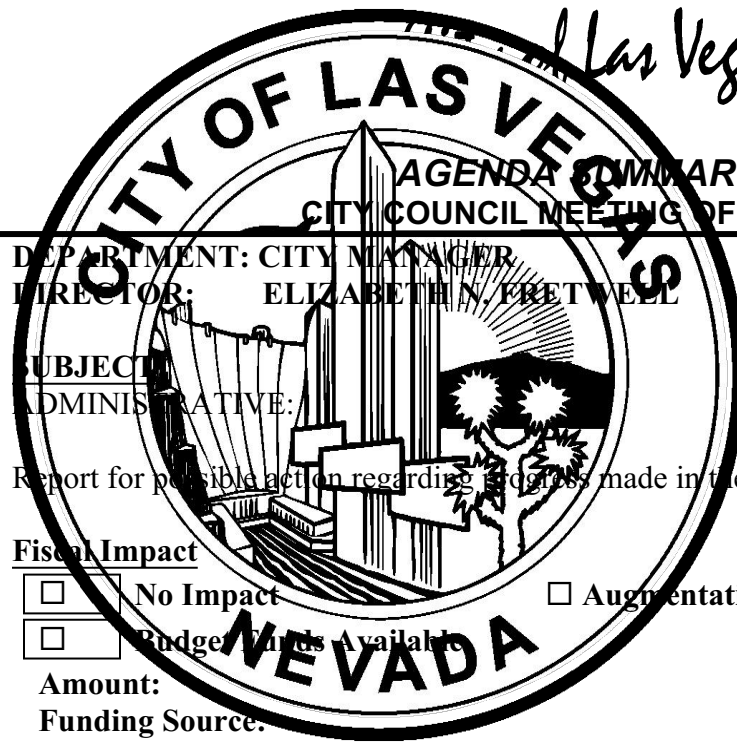




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DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Report for possible action regarding budgets made in the six Council priority areas - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Las Vegas City Council created priorities that provide a vision for the entire city. This report focuses on measurements that were developed for each priority that tell the story as to how the city is doing in each of the six identified areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept report and direct staff as appropriate

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

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:

CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the City Council's priority areas. She indicated that the goal is to see the City bond rating improve although she would be very happy to see it remain stable in a time when so many cities have seen their ratings significantly drop. Her report is based on benchmarking that compared Las Vegas against comparably populated Western cities that she considers to be competitors.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON stated that a lot of recent violent crime on the Strip is being internationally broadcast. Many people, including residents, do not realize that there is a distinction between the City and the County lines and while CITY MANAGER FRETWELL's

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report highlights City accomplishments, he questioned what could be done to better highlight the fact that most of the Strip does not lie within the City limits. CITY MANAGER FRETWELL stated that pulling together and working with policing agencies and the Regional Planning Commission in the Southern Nevada area is the only way to continue making strides. COUNCILMAN COFFIN suggested seeking legislative permission to increase taxes to support additional Las Vegas Metro Police Department officers and the Mayor concurred.

CITY MANAGER FRETWELL recommended this report should be presented every two or three years. She also showed the Council a brochure of the report card that should be viewed as a situational assessment, can be handed out in the community, accessed online and then thanked various City employees for their efforts with the report.

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked the City Manager for her work and suggested that the data or assessment used to reach the grading scale should be made available for public review.

COUNCILMAN ROSS thanked the City Manager, employees involvement and the new organizational culture that is supporting these initiatives.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY appreciated the process and agreed with the assessment and grades given. He stated that there needs to be more attention given to the business review to show that the City is doing everything possible to attract new businesses to Las Vegas. He wants to spend more time creating an organized way to create a volunteer program similar to one implemented at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

