



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 8.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 14, 2009**

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

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

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

**\* REPORT ON SCR-37 Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure - report provided by the city of Sparks and Clark County**

**Fiscal Impact**

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required  
☐ Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Presentations made by the city of Sparks and Clark County reviewing Nevada's Revenue Structure.

No action will be taken during this summit, no recommendation will come forward, no findings will be made and no direction will be given as a group. Pursuant to NRS 244.085(7) and due to the fact that several county commissions will be participating in a public meeting more than 10 miles from their county seats, no official action (voting) will be taken. [\*\*Denotes that these items may involve an action by the Las Vegas City Council].

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37
2. General Information Report
3. PowerPoint Presentation
4. Submitted after Meeting Excerpts of the Nevada Local Government Summit by the City of Henderson

Minutes:

Through a PowerPoint Presentation, City of Sparks CITY MANAGER SHAUN CAREY and CLARK COUNTY Director of Administrative Services, SABRA SMITH-NEWBY, provided an in-depth report on SCR-37, relating to the State of Nevada's tax and revenue structure. Tasked with reviewing the State's structure and providing recommendations for stabilization, MS. SMITH-NEWBY spoke of the Study Subcommittee, comprised of Legislative Members of the

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Senate and Assembly. In addition, a Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group, appointed by the Subcommittee would be comprised of business and industry leaders to be selected from across the State who would assist in developing strategic plans for improving the State's quality of life.

In addition to the study subcommittee, an independent consultant will be contracted to do an analysis, looking at all allocations and resources and tasked with examining the adequacy of revenue resources in current economic activities. Keeping in mind that Nevada leads the nation in growth and population, the emphasis must be placed on applying equity to all residents and all levels of state government.

MS. SMITH-NEWBY reviewed the composition of the Technical Working Group and their responsibilities to ensure the State is prepared to implement any required recommendations within the designated timeline.

MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN stated that the consolidated tax has slightly decreased over the years. He pointed out that people are realizing that income does not always meet expenses and that is the very reason why the City is adamant about continuing to provide services to ensure quality of life for its citizens. MAYOR GOODMAN remarked that serious discussions concerning job cuts, people retiring from their employment and service cuts are vitally important. He believed the Legislature will be receptive to all recommendations; after all, they are responsible for the same people as local governments.

There was a general consensus that the public needs to be kept abreast of all legislative proposals; i.e., taxes on gold, property taxes including any significant impact. However, it is equally important to have public input and comment. FACILITATOR TOM REILLY agreed that fairness should prevail throughout the State. COUNCILMAN GARY REESE concurred, stating that government officials need to recommend legislation that will benefit all local government regardless of size.

COMMISSIONER CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI factored in the need to identify various types of services and whether they needed to be redesigned or consolidated. COUNCILMAN STEVE WOLFSON remarked that throughout the valley, there are a number of people who would be willing to pay more for multiple benefits.

COUNCILMAN STEVE KIRK, City of Henderson, MAYOR ROBERT CASHELL, City of Reno, and North Las Vegas MAYOR SHARI BUCK, spoke on the importance of doing a thorough inventory to determine how each entity functions in comparison to other municipalities. COUNCILMAN KIRK established that the Nevada League of Cities and the National Association of Counties would be the most practical arena for discussions mainly because it would alleviate being territorial. Clark County was commended for their report of tax distribution and restructure.