



*Las Vegas*

Agenda Item No.: 9.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE  
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING OF: DECEMBER 2, 2009**

**SUBJECT:** CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

**Minutes:**

KATHERINE DUNCAN, President of the Las Vegas Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce, voiced her support of the new City Hall. She also expressed her concern related to the project labor agreement, which requires all contracts over \$50,000 be awarded to union companies. She stated that according to the labor agreement, a non-union company in Ward 5 would not qualify to get any of the jobs associated with the construction of the new City Hall; therefore, there would be no protection for the minority businesses or residents of Ward 5. She asked that the terms of the agreement be reviewed and offered to participate in meetings if the Council elects to consider her recommendation.

JUANITA CLARK, Charleston Neighborhood Preservation, spoke in opposition to the City Hall project. She felt that eminent domain, if used by the Redevelopment Agency, would be unconstitutional and un-American. MS. CLARK at first questioned whether there was more than one interlocal agreement then surmised that there are actually three interlocal agreements. With regard to questions on the application of resource revenues, MAYOR GOODMAN used a hypothetical example that if the current City Hall were sold, that money would be used toward the debt of the new City Hall.

To provide clarification, COUNCILMAN REESE asked BILL ARENT, Director of the office of Business Development, to respond to MS. CLARKS questions. MR. ARENT explained that at a previous meeting, he presented a conservative view of a five-year budget that did not include the partial payment for the City Hall project. He emphasized that only projects already under construction or on the tax roles were considered when future revenue was projected.

DEAN FLETCHER, President of the International Association of Firefighters Local 1285, voiced opposition to the City Hall project on behalf of the membership. Having read through the backup documentation, he remarked that it is evident that if the Redevelopment Agency does not have the funds to pay for the construction and associated expenditures, the money would be disbursed from the General Fund. MR. FLETCHER referred to a previous action where funding for the construction of three fire stations was put on hold. Consequently, in order to lower building costs, the footprints of those stations were adjusted. He emphasized that moving forward with the construction of the fire stations will create jobs and provide protection to the citizens of the City.

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MR. FLETCHER also referenced a letter from CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL addressing budget/staffing reduction goals. He listed the number of Fire Rescue positions that have been eliminated or reduced and disclosed the impact that has had on fire services and the general public.

DANIEL DEEGAN and TODD FARLOW both expressed their support for the new City Hall and the redevelopment of downtown.

