

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 16, 2014**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW recognized DR. ANTHONY POLLARD and his wife, DIANE HUGHES POLLARD, as the Citizens of the Month stating that they have done a wonderful job serving all of the communities in which they have lived.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW summarized DR. POLLARD'S schooling, internship and residency and provided information on the many medical facilities he has opened throughout the Las Vegas valley, including the Rainbow Medical Centers which received full accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. DR. POLLARD is presently affiliated with all major hospitals in the Las Vegas valley and serves on numerous community boards while unselfishly volunteering his time to provide medical services to local community-based sports teams.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW stated MRS. POLLARD is a shining example of what can be accomplished through volunteering, dedication and commitment. She served as a public school teacher for more than 15 years, and her vision to create a different type of learning environment for disadvantaged children in Southern Nevada resulted in the establishment of the Rainbow Dreams Education Foundation which strengthens and supports historically underserved communities through educational and cultural programs and services. Following funding from the City of Las Vegas and Clark County in 2005, the groundbreaking ceremony of Rainbow Dreams Academy was held with the first students being welcomed in 2007-2008.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW went on to state that MRS. POLLARD has received numerous awards, recognition and contributions at the local, state and national levels. She sponsors the Jacqueline Shropshire Art for Education Program and established the Las Vegas Juneteenth Festival which she has been hosting for over 14 years. In addition, she received the 2009 Governors Points of Light Award, is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Urban Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Board of Directors for the prestigious Trumpet Awards Foundation. DR. and MRS. POLLARD generously share their resources through the foundation by providing scholarships to deserving high school graduates.

DR. POLLARD thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers stating that it has been an honor and would not have been possible without his wife. They are proud of the community in which they have seen a lot of growth and prosperity and are very honored to have served it and will continue to try to do their best. MRS. POLLARD echoed their thanks stating she accepted this honor on behalf of the 275 students at Rainbow Dreams Academy.

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COUNCILMAN BARLOW presented DR. and MRS. POLLARD with a plaque. MRS. POLLARD presented COUNCILMAN BARLOW and MAYOR GOODMAN with a Juneteenth t-shirt.