



SUBJECT:

PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting: Veterans Reporter News Newspaper by Andre Smith

Minutes:

Prior to hearing this item, COUNCILMAN BARLOW thanked the students in attendance for participating in Student Government Day and asked them to introduce themselves.

SHAUNDELL NEWSOME commended MAYOR GOODMAN and the Councilmembers, especially COUNCILMAN BARLOW, for the Urban Chamber of Commerce Business Development Center. During the recession no one considered the small-business owners, except the City of Las Vegas. He stated that in 2009, he lost 60 percent of his revenue from his family-owned business due to the recession, but after recovering 24.7 percent this year, they are being considered for the Family Owned Business Award. He remarked that the City is impacting the future, as he is mentoring his children in being business owners.

STANLEY WASHINGTON stated the First Annual Westside Tamale Challenge For Charities will take place 1/4/2015. He named the five businesses that will be serving tamales and the charities in which the monies will be donated. He invited MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCILMEMBERS COFFIN and BARLOW to participate as judges for the competition. MAYOR GOODMAN asked MR. WASHINGTON to contact COUNCILMAN COFFIN's office with the details.

ANDRE SMITH relayed GENERAL ARNOLD GORDON-BRAY'S thanks and support to the Council and provided a copy of the Veterans Reporter News, which is included as backup. MAYOR GOODMAN thanked MR. SMITH for everything he and GENERAL GORDON-BRAY do as it relates to veterans.

CHRIS LAGER mentioned points he had not heard discussed at previous meetings with regard to the soccer stadium; specifically, the taxpayer portion of the monies required to build a 1,200-space parking garage and the total public contribution once adding that figure to the value of the land. He also questioned the number of new jobs and room nights promised.

JOSE SOLORIO appeared supporting the soccer stadium, stating it would bring economic development to the downtown area. He commended COUNCILMEMBERS COFFIN and BEERS in being diligent in trying to keep the taxpayer contribution minimal, but stated the stadium is needed and the City needs to compete for it.

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CINDY BROWN stated she is opposed to the proposed soccer stadium if taxpayer funding is involved. She asked that the medical marijuana dispensary application on todays agenda as Item 80 be approved, as they have already received State approval.