

City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 21, 2015

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH A. REYNOLDS

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE

Report from Wes Henderson, Executive Director of the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities, regarding League activities, accomplishments, and their bill draft requests for the 2015 (78th) Session of the Nevada Legislature. All Wards

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Las Vegas is a member of the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities, which was originally incorporated as the Nevada Municipal Association on October 30, 1959, with 16 member cities. Amended articles of incorporation, filed May 20, 1974, reflected the name change to the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities. Today, membership stands at twenty-three cities. Wes Henderson, Executive Director, will provide an update on current League activities as well as the bill draft requests they have submitted for the 2015 (78th) Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report only

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

2015 League Bill Summary

Minutes:

WES HENDERSON, Executive Director of the Nevada League of Cities, and ANITA WOOD, City of North Las Vegas Mayor Pro Tem and the Nevada League of Cities President, were present. MS. WOOD said she felt honored to serve as president of an organization that allowed jurisdictions to work together to come up with solutions that would help the State of Nevada prosper. She thanked COUNCILMAN ROSS for his years of service on the Nevada League of Cities and continued support.

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MS. WOOD added that although local elected officials worked hard, legislators often did not understand the needs of the jurisdictions. The Nevada League of Cities allows communication with legislators in order to inform them of the needs. This legislative session has some dynamic issues, one being medical marijuana packaging and labeling, and legislators would be looking to Colorado for possible solutions for Nevada in this realm. She extended an invitation to the Local Government Summit scheduled for 1/23/2015 at the Henderson Convention Center.

COUNCILMAN ROSS said the Summit would allow local governments to come together and discuss issues.

MR. HENDERSON thanked the City of Las Vegas for its participation and for co-hosting with the City of North Las Vegas the 2014 Conference. He went over some of the activities of the League in 2014, including changes to the membership for broader representation.

MR. HENDERSON then briefly covered the five bill draft requests the League would be submitting for the 2015 Legislative Session. Assembly Bill 19 would allow local governments flexibility on the date for holding the public hearing on the tentative budget to avoid having to hold a special meeting. Assembly Bill 25 would allow residential construction tax to be used for improvements to existing parks, not just for construction of new parks, within the geographical area where revenue would be generated. Senate Bill 22 would eliminate the need for certain businesses licensed and doing business in a municipality to also obtain a Clark County license before obtaining a license from the Department of Taxation. Senate Bill 28 would clarify existing statute and define what constitutes the extraordinary use of personnel or technological resources in complying with public records requests. Senate Bill 51 would establish and fund a State of Nevada coordinated agency for the National Mainstreet Program, a program dealing with economic development, revitalization and tourism. He thanked COUNCILMAN BARLOW for serving on the National League of Cities and went over some scheduled meetings.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN asked MR. HENDERSON for his prediction on getting the State of Nevada to grant local governments more power, as municipalities were constantly fighting for taxpayer dollars because the tax system was not stable. MR. HENDERSON commented that it was a risky endeavor to predict legislators' actions. However, he stated that the chair of each house had local government experience, so he felt this would help with getting the first part of Home Rule in place, noting that Senate Bill 11 was introduced to turn Dillon's Rule right side up.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW thanked MS. WOOD and MR. HENDERSON for their work with the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities and the National League of Cities.