



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 54.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JUNE 17, 2015

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Report by Bryan McAnallen, Government Affairs Manager, concerning the 2015 (78th) Session of the Nevada Legislature - All Bills

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Staff will give a report regarding the 2015 (78th) Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - PowerPoint Presentation by Staff

Minutes:

BRYAN McANALLEN, Government Affairs Manager, BOB OSTROVSKY, Lobbyist, and KELLY MARTINEZ, Government Affairs Officer, were present. MR. McANALLEN thanked the City Council for their assistance in helping to push the City's legislative agenda forward, as well as the team that supported their efforts locally, including the City Manager's Office and the Core Las Vegas Team. He thanked numerous department liaisons who prepared the individual comments to bills and the impacts to each measure for the City of Las Vegas.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, which was submitted for the record, MR. OSTROVSKY provided the list of members of the Nevada Senate, Assembly and Assembly Government Affairs Committee. Overall, the Senate and Assembly had a basic and clear understanding of the impacts on the many decisions they had to make, and lobbyists were there for the interest of the City of Las Vegas' citizens. MR. OSTROVSKY indicated that MARILYN KIRKPATRICK, Assembly Minority Leader, and HARVEY MUNFORD, Assemblyman, made significant contributions to the legislative process and for the residents of the City of Las Vegas. MR. McANALLEN referred to a list of the 2015 legislature topics of interest, a list of key bills for the City of Las Vegas; AB 493, Functional Home Rule for Cities. This Bill met considerable opposition but with the support of SENATOR MARK MENENDO and SENATOR TICK SEGERBLOM, the Bill passed, and it will be effective July 1, 2015. MR. McANALLEN

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thanked JOHN HAMBRICK, Speaker of the Assembly, for his dedication, commitment and support of this Bill, and he credited KEVIN POWERS for the right language.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY asked for examples of what the City cannot do today but will be able to do starting July 1, 2015. CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL stated that this issue would require conversations among the City Council and the City Attorney's Office over the next few months. An important thing about the expansion of authority is that it will create opportunities for the City Council because in the past the City has had to ask for legislative permission to implement certain legislation. The City has taken one step towards creating an opportunity to be able to do things the City Council feels are important to accomplish in a timely manner. This Bill gives the City flexibility to go forward in defining what needs to be done for the citizens.

MR. McANALLEN informed COUNCILMAN COFFIN that during the discussion regarding this particular bill, some individuals had concerns and disagreements on the way the bill relates to the City Charter. COUNCILMAN COFFIN applauded SPEAKER HAMBRICK for his leadership in bringing this change.

MR. McANALLEN provided an overview of other bills extremely important to the City of Las Vegas, such as AB 445 which changes the calculation of assessed value from each project to the aggregate number of projects within the development areas, and eliminates the \$100 million in total outstanding debt requirement for the Redevelopment Agency; this bill is effective July 1, 2015. AB 364 will improve efficiency in issuing licenses and help reduce confusion and challenges for businesses. AB 305 defines the term of health care services provided to certain patients who do not require emergency medical transportation. MR. McANALLEN credited the different Senators and Assembly members who voted on these bills.

MR. OSTROVSKY highlighted the tax discussion and funding for schools which will directly impact schools in the City of Las Vegas; many of the Downtown Achieves schools will benefit by this funding. The funding targets improving the success of Clark County School District students' education and the UNLV School of Medicine. Money was set aside for high level nuclear waste for the environmental impact statements on Yucca Mountain in preparation for further developments by the Department of Energy. MR. McANALLEN remarked that this was the most challenging legislature session he has ever worked but a strong session for the City of Las Vegas where some major measures were achieved.

MR. OSTROVSKY thanked the Mayor, City Council and CITY MANAGER FRETWELL for their support, and stated he enjoyed representing the City of Las Vegas. MAYOR GOODMAN commended MR. McANALLEN and MR. OSTROVSKY for their commitments and efforts.

CITY MANAGER FRETWELL indicated that MR. McANALLEN and MS. MARTINEZ fought some serious tax battles that were not easy, and they did an incredible job for the City of Las Vegas. MR. OSTROVSKY has been working for the City for 15 years, and he knows the City inside out. They walked away with a lot of wins for the City, and she is proud of what they accomplished.