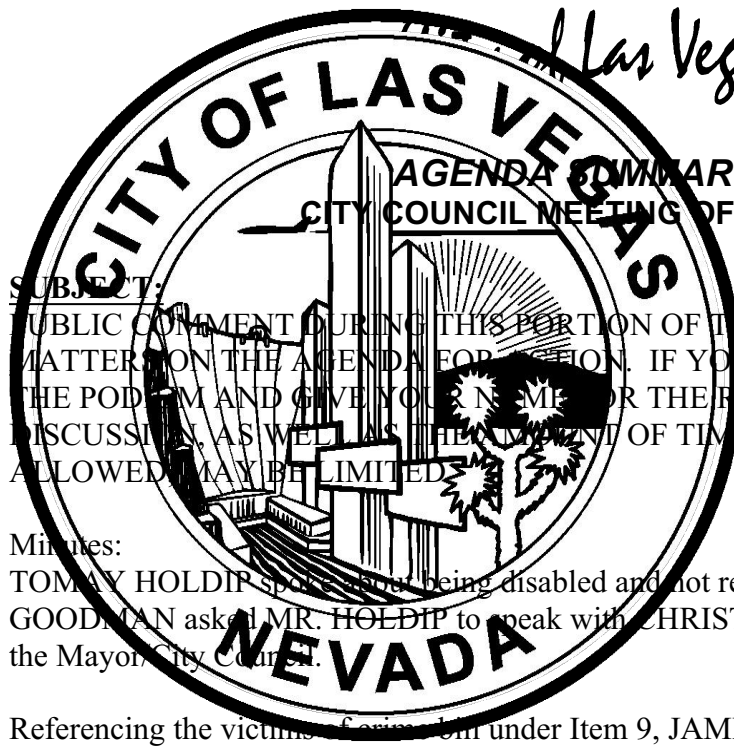




SUBJECT:

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.

Minutes:

TOMMY HOLDIP spoke about being disabled and not receiving disability payments. MAYOR GOODMAN asked MR. HOLDIP to speak with CHRISTINE KRAMAR, Special Assistant to the Mayor/City Council.

Referencing the victim's family under Item 9, JAMES CATSON stated he was hit by who he suspected was a drunk driver two months ago. After the individual left the scene of the accident, MR. CATSON followed him to his home. Although he knew the individuals address and obtained the last name from the mailbox, police were unable to gain entry through the security gate. As such, his truck sits unrepaired. He does not understand why the police could not gain access and asked for any help the Council could provide. MAYOR GOODMAN asked MS. KRAMER to speak to MR. CATSON.

The following individuals spoke on Item 29.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked MS. KRAMAR to hand out business cards to anyone present to speak on this item. She directed them to call her office as the City was very involved, concerned and wanted to help.

PASTOR PETER A. STARZYK stated that the Cashman Exhibit Hall generates a lot of revenue for the City and small businesses and holds conventions that are too small for the Las Vegas Convention Center (i.e., comic book shows, gun shows, home and garden shows, bridal spectaculars and dog shows).

DEBRA HANSEN, resident, started the Bridal Spectacular in 1991 with 60 vendors and 200 brides. Since then she has held over 50 shows at Cashman, which has grown to 1,200 engaged couples at every event. Twenty-five hundred engaged couples come through Cashman every year. With an average budget of \$20,000, that represents \$50 million towards wedding capital and the economy in this community. She stated that she has contacted 20 other venues, but no one else wants them.

LAURA COVINGTON, Las Vegas Wedding Chamber of Commerce, stated she has a list of 44 community events and people who are very concerned that closing Cashman could put some of them out of business.

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DIANA RHODES indicated she also has a trade show at Cashman Center.

CHANDLER RICE, who is a resident of Ward 4, has a store in Ward 2, an office in Ward 5 and a family business in Ward 1, addressed a comment made in October by COUNCILMAN COFFIN regarding the closure of Cashman. In contacting casinos to find out what would be involved to move his event to their facilities, he was told he would be required to sign a 100 to 200 room per night guarantee in order to utilize their convention facilities. These are the only locations that have the space to accommodate his event as all nongaming facilities do not. MAYOR GOODMAN stated there would be a meeting coordinated through the City Managers Office in the next couple of weeks, and she hoped he would be able to attend.

HARRY SLEIGHT stated he has produced more than 150 trade and consumer shows since 1988; about 100 or more at Cashman. Cashman is the only place in town that a consumer show can exist because hotels want room rates which consumer shows do not have. Consumer shows provide a benefit to the community, and he wants Cashman to stay.

The following individuals spoke on Item 33.

At the direction of the City Attorneys Office, MAYOR GOODMAN announced that with regard to Items 33 and 40, anyone speaking under Public Comment would not be allowed to speak a second time under the Public Hearing portion of those items. However, she noted that any comments made under Public Comment would be made a part of the record for the associated item.

KEITH LUND, 12-year resident, stated he is a financial planner by trade and has no relationship with the Teamsters Union, Republic Services or any of their competitors. He felt strongly that it was vastly inappropriate to approve a 12-year extension of the Republic Services contract on top of the four years remaining on the existing contract. Sixteen years without competing bids seemed drastic. While they are a good group of people, as a homeowner, he has experienced numerous challenges and service problems with Republic Services. As President of the Homeowners Association (HOA), he stated that Republic Services will not put the dumpsters back in the enclosure after emptying them which results in them rolling around the parking lot and damaging cars. When he contacted them, he was told it was not in their contract to put the dumpsters back. He thought the extension was excessive, and he would like to see some open bidding on commercial spaces.

JIM HOWARD, local retired banker, stated he has no problem with the service provided by Republic Services; his concern was that as a free-market individual, he hoped the Council would consider putting out a Request For Proposal (RFP).

MERLIN HARDY, owner of Hardy Construction and Development, stated his company generates a lot of trash. He appreciates what Republic Services has done and has provided for the community, but he was also thankful that the Council approved the creation of Western Elite Industries and the competition it provides. He was born in this town, and he used to help the

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men who came and picked up the garbage. However, he expressed concern with the length of the contract being considered and thought it should be limited to five or six years. Noting that trash is now collected only once a week and there has been no rate decrease, a company can get out of control, and he thought this should be monitored.

LLOYD CUTLER, Insurance Broker, stated Republic Services has done a very good job, but he is a big proponent of the RFP process as he has participated in public RFPs since 1979. He has both won and lost some, but the process has worked well for the governmental entities that have conducted them.

The following individuals spoke on Items 33 and 40.

ANDY BISCHER, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Boys and Girls Club of Southern Nevada (The Club), stated that The Club serves 20,000 youth and 14 area clubhouses throughout the valley, the majority of whom come from single parent, economically-challenged homes. Speaking on behalf of the relationship between Republic Services and The Club, Republic Services provides no-charge trash collection and recycling services to all 14 area clubhouses. This community partnership allows maximization of the impact of youth services by concentrating funding resources to academic, artistic character and leadership programming. The aggressive recycling procedure engages The Club kids in real-life environmental sustainable activities. The Club appreciates and values Republic Services generous contributions on behalf of the youth and the community.

SHELSEY SCAVENGER, homeowner, expressed her support of Republic Services because they provide outstanding customer service. She would like to see single-stream recycling, one weekly pickup and for their contract to be extended.

DAN PERESSINI, Manager at Las Vegas Paving, stated Las Vegas Paving has been in business since 1958. It has 1,500 employees, signatory with laborers, operators and the teamsters; most live, work and participate in activities in Las Vegas. Las Vegas Paving has done business with Republic Services for several decades and has been a great business partner not only in contract work with them but in charities and working with them to lower their costs.

JEFF WULF thought the contract should either be put out for bid or the City should have its own trash hauling system.

TOM TATE spoke in support of Republic Services. On behalf of the 107 residents in their HOA, going with the single-stream recycling program as a test organization several years ago was the best decision they made. He was and still is the maintenance Chair; it is a seamless and sanitary program that serves the best interests of the community. He is also affiliated with Republic Services through the Outside Las Vegas Foundation; they have had a long-standing support of Republic Services, and feel strongly about their ecological and environmental commitment to the community. On a side note, MR. TATE spoke of his past involvement with bringing victims rights to Nevada and Las Vegas.

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STEVEN FRANKLIN, 17-year downtown resident, spoke in support of Republic Services. He is thrilled with their service on all levels, he thinks the streamlined recycling program is fantastic, and he thought the pricing was unbelievable. Generally, he hates the idea of monopolies but thought this was an exception worth considering.

The following individuals spoke on Item 40.

AMANDA SKENANDORE, resident of Ward 1, spoke in support of single-stream recycling because she believes it increases the amount of recycling that communities do which is important in making the city green.

VINNIE SPOTLESON appeared representing the Nevada Conservation League which supports the expansion of recycling in Las Vegas. Resource extraction comes at an enormous cost to the environment; anything that can be recycled allows more of the public lands and waters to be used for outdoor recreation and to support healthy wildlife habitat. This item also supports good union jobs for sanitation workers in the community; it is important to preserve those jobs and wages.