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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2017

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH J. REYNOLDS

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE

Report by Brian McAnallen, Government Affairs Manager, concerning the 2017 (79th) Session of the Nevada Legislature - All Wards

Fiscal Impact:

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Staff will give a report regarding the 2017 (79th) Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - PowerPoint Presentation

Minutes:

BRIAN McANALLEN, Government Affairs Manager, thanked KELLY CROMPTON, Government Affairs Officer, and REBEKAH HOLDER, Strategic Analyst, who were on his team and helped with the agenda at the legislature in Carson City, Nevada. He introduced BOB OSTROVSKY of The Ferraro Group and the City's contract lobbyist.

MR. OSTROVSKY stated that the Legislative Session lasted 120 days and finished on time with no need for a Special Session. Using a PowerPoint presentation that was submitted as backup, he reviewed statistics for the 2017 Session noting that 1,156 pieces of legislation were introduced. The City tracked 589 of those that had direct or potential impact to the City. Legislative priorities established by GOVERNOR BRIAN SANDOVAL included Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), funding increase for higher education, a four percent pay raise for State employees, additional investment in K-12 education and an excise tax on recreational marijuana; he was also interested in addressing the opioid epidemic. MR. OSTROVSKY stated both the Senate and the Assembly are controlled by members of the Democratic Caucus, and

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they had a blueprint which included prioritizing public education, improving access to higher education, economic diversification and economic security. Other important items discussed included collective bargaining, workers' compensation and other labor matters, issues of interest to the Trial Bar and discussion regarding energy issues and choices. Both parties worked together to develop and pass a \$7.4 billion budget during the session.

MR. McANALLEN provided a very brief outcome review of some of the bills as follows: Assembly Bill (AB) 70, which provides flexibility for the redevelopment area set aside and allows the City to do more programs - passed; Senate Bill (SB) 60, regarding ground emergency medical transport and Medicaid reimbursement - passed; and SB 67, regarding building code revisions for height and allowing the City to define a mid-rise building for residential and mixed use - did not get out of Committee but there is a good working relationship with the State Fire Marshal, so there may be a possibility of addressing this administratively.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN HEIDI SWANK carried bills for the City, two of which included AB 219, which defines the Historic Gaming District downtown while protecting residential neighborhoods - passed; and AB 321, allowing the City to capture more data about short-term rentals - passed.

Approximately 25 bills were introduced regarding marijuana including AB 422 and SB 487; medical marijuana was protected and regulations were defined for recreational marijuana. The City will also collect three percent of gross revenues for business licensing for cultivation, production and dispensaries.

MR. McANALLEN stated some of the key measures included: AB 108, which provides for the periodic review of Medicaid reimbursement rates - passed; a resolution opposing Yucca Mountain; and a resolution asking for ballot measures that would reset property taxes at the point of sale.

MS. CROMPTON stated that the following bills were also addressed: PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) legislation - passed; Squatters Bill requiring written rental agreements - passed; Mental Health and regionalization for mental health boards - passed; transportation bills addressing high-capacity transportation and building a mechanism to receive federal funds; the duration of the Victory and Zoom schools program was extended; AB 469, the CCSD (Clark County School District) reorganization, codified the regulations; and the K-12 funding formula requires the Department of Education to contract with an independent consultant to research issues relating to certain categories for funding.

MR. McANALLEN reviewed the approved State budget amounts for Film Tax Credits, the Lou Ruvo Center and the City of Las Vegas/Reno Fine Arts Museum. SB 553 provided \$25 million from the State for capital construction of the UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) Medical School.

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MR. McANALLEN recognized the Department of Information Technologies (IT), MICHAEL SHERWOOD, Director of IT, PAT CABRERA, IT Business Partner, and JENNIFER HENSLEY, Senior Management Analyst, for building a system to track all of the bills. He appreciated CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED and DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAC for writing the amendments and for their advice and counsel. He referred to a slide that showed a list of bill reviewers and expressed his appreciation. MR. McANALLEN also referred to slides named Special Recognition and City of Las Vegas Legislative Team and spoke of the different ways people helped during the legislative session.

MR. McANALLEN thanked COUNCILMEN ROSS and BEERS for the support they had given to his department.

MAYOR GOODMAN stated that they did a great job, and she was grateful to him and his team.

