

City of Las Vegas

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
(LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP)
CITY HALL, 400 STEWART AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2000
2:00 P.M.

CORRECTED

CALL TO ORDER:

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

1. Report and possible action regarding strategic planning for federal lobbying efforts
2. Discussion and possible action regarding strategic planning for the 2001 Legislative Session and approval of the city's proposed legislative bill draft request submissions

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

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STATE OF NEVADA)

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COUNTY OF CLARK)

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Angela Crolli

SIGNATURE

City Clerk
DEPARTMENT

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Vicky Darling
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County and State



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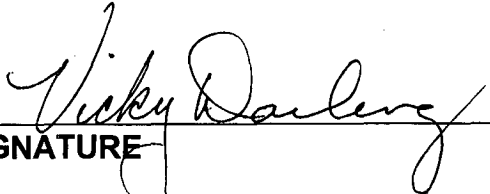
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City of Las Vegas

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 7, 2000
(LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP)

- CALL TO ORDER
- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

PRESENT: MAYOR GOODMAN, COUNCILMEN McDONALD, REESE, BROWN, WEEKLY, and MACK and COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

Also Present: CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA VALENTINE, CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC, and CITY CLERK BARBARA JO RONEMUS

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

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MAYOR GOODMAN led the audience in the Pledge.

(2:07 – 2:08)

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City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 1

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 7, 2000
(LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP)

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**DIRECTOR: MARVIN A. LEAVITT**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

Report and possible action regarding strategic planning for federal lobbying efforts

FISCAL IMPACT☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:** Administrative Services☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The Mayor and Council requested that a strategic planning session be held to discuss the federal issues that are of significant interest to the City of Las Vegas and give direction on goals and objectives for future lobbying efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council discuss, strategize and instruct staff to proceed with federal initiatives.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION

None

MOTION:**M. McDONALD – ACCEPT the report as submitted - UNANIMOUS**

NOTE: A Combined Verbatim Transcript is made a part of the Final Minutes.

MINUTES:**APPEARANCES:**

VIRGINIA VALENTINE, City Manager

BETSY FRETWELL, Assistant City Manager

HEIDI HANSON, US Strategies

RICK ALCALDE, Alcalde & Fay

STEVE CAREY, US Strategies

JAMES BILBRAY, Alcalde & Fay

**Agenda Item No.: 1**

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP) OF AUGUST 7, 2000
Administrative Services
Federal Lobbying Report

MINUTES – Continued:

NOTE: COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD indicated that potential conflicts of interest need to be delineated in the request for qualification of lobbyist firms. ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY FRETWELL added that it might make the process easier if there is a disclosure in the RFP (Request for Proposal).

NOTE: In addition, COUNCILMAN BROWN requested that during the RFP process staff research potential conflicts for the federal lobbyists.

NOTE: COUNCILMAN REESE requested information on whether some types of incentives are available for developers that have an interest in downtown.

NOTE: COUNCILMAN MACK wants to make sure the City moves forward in its efforts to involve the Downtown Corridor in the All American Roadway program.

NOTE: COUNCILMAN MACK also verified with RICK ALCALDE that GSA could grant the City the Post Office rather than having to purchase it. A program funded through the National Trust for Historic Preservation Act, and Section 111 of that Act, allows them to grant that property, if it appears on the National Registry.

NOTE: COUNCILMAN MACK pointed out that his understanding is that funds are available under the TEA-21 Bill for trailways and multi-purpose trails. The northwest area is looking to use any available funding. HEIDI HANSON noted that TEA-21 funds could be used for planning, as well as, a comprehensive plan. MR. ALCALDE added that these trails might also be funded through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act.

NOTE: COUNCILMAN WEEKLY expressed concerns about available funds from TEA-21 for Public Works projects, such as the Arts Commission and the Las Vegas Boulevard beautification.

NOTE: COUNCILMAN BROWN requested additional information regarding the Internet Taxation. He requested that staff and the City's lobbyists develop some type of agenda to deal with all facets of the nuclear waste issue from transportation through the site selection.

NOTE: COUNCILMAN BROWN indicated that dedicated funds from the Public Lands Management Act went to the Water District and the School District. He noted that the City should get at the front of the line this time and revisit any opportunities the City might have missed the first time.



Agenda Item No.: 1

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP) OF AUGUST 7, 2000
Administrative Services
Federal Lobbying Report

MINUTES – Continued:

NOTE: COUNCILMAN BROWN also noted that the City should continue its involvement with certain federal programs. However, the City should start looking at a way to become self-reliant, instead of relying on the federal programs.

(2:08 – 3:09)

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LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP AUGUST 7, 2000

Federal Issues Discussion

- Highlight RFP process
- Discuss current and emerging federal issues
- Receive feedback and suggestions from federal lobbyists
- Identify federal legislative objectives

FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES

Request For Proposal Process

August 7, 2000

- Legislative Workshop
Areas of interest for
Federal Legislation
identified and
discussed

August 2000

- Staff meetings to
integrate Council
direction into
specifications and
source selection
criteria

September 2000

- Request for Proposals
opened-
invitations/posting

October 1, 2000

- 30-day notice to terminate two current firms

October 2000

- Deadline for RFP submissions

October 2000

- Proposals reviewed by City staff
- Develop recommendations of top firms to Council

November 15, 2000

- Presentations to Council – Direct City Manager to finalize negotiations with preferred firms(s)

January 1, 2001

- Contract(s) Effective

FEDERAL LEGISLATION 2001

Current Agency/National Association Coordination Projects

Administrative Projects

- Post Office Acquisition
- Film Production
- Yucca Mountain Project

PENDING FUTURE LEGISLATION

ISSUES

- Housing & Urban Development
- Finance & Economic Initiatives
- Public Safety & Leisure Services
- Transportation
- Land Use & Development

Housing & Urban Development

- Federal Entitlement
Funding
 - HUD funding
 - CDBG funding

☐ Federal Competitive Funding

- 21st Century Grant – Community Learning Centers
- Weed & Seed
- Enterprise Community/Empowerment Zone

Housing & Urban Development

Recommendation:

Continue to identify programs and federal funding through entitlements and grants for housing, healthcare and human services

Finance & Economic Initiatives

- Internet Taxes
- New Market & Community Renewal Initiatives
- Summer Jobs

Finance & Economic Initiatives

Recommendations:

- Support the efforts to preserve local government options on internet taxation
- Support and pursue the "New Markets Initiative" and summer jobs programs

Public Safety & Leisure Services

- Crime Prevention
- Conservation & Reinvestment Act

Public Safety & Leisure Services

Recommendations:

- Identify new program opportunities to enhance crime prevention
- Support passage of the CARA with full funding for LWCF and Urban Parks Recovery program

Transportation

- Maglev Deployment Program
- Tea 21
- Fixed Guideway Project

Transportation

Recommendations:

- Continue to support the Maglev program
- Continue to support fixed guideway funding

Transportation

Recommendations:

- TEA 21
 - Pursue grants for regional trails and transportation systems
 - Plan for reauthorization and reallocation

Land Use & Development

- Brownfields Clean up
- Better America Bonds
- Private Property Rights Act of 1999 (HR 2372)
- Religious Liberties Protection Act

Land Use & Development

Recommendations:

- Pursue funding for Better America Bonds and Brownfield clean-ups
- Monitor and oppose federal preemptions of local land use authority

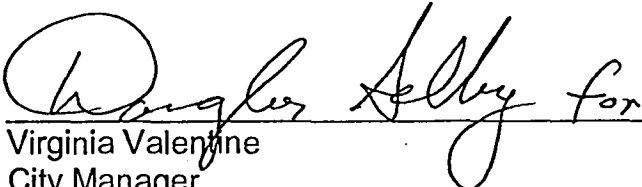
*City of Las Vegas*CMIR No.: *061.00***CITY MANAGER INFORMATION REPORT***8/4/00***DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office**NAME:** Betsy Fretwell, Assistant City Manager**SUBJECT:** Legislative Workshop

At the direction of the Mayor and Council, a Special City Council Meeting will be held for the purpose of legislative planning. The planning session will address both the federal objectives for the upcoming Congressional session and the legislative initiatives for 2001 State Legislature.

The attached report summarizes a variety of federal legislative issues and is designed to provide information regarding past federal measures. Each of these measures either has a potential impact on the City or may provide an opportunity for funding or programmatic assistance. The general topics included are as follows:

- Housing and Urban Development
- Finance and Economic Initiatives
- Public Safety and Leisure Services
- Transportation, and
- Land Use and Development

Staff will make a brief presentation of the request for proposals process, the potential areas of City interest and make recommendations regarding potential federal objectives. Representatives from both federal lobbying firms will be available to assist the Mayor and Council during the planning session.



Virginia Valentine
City Manager

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING PAPER

Current Agency & National Association Coordination Projects:

These projects are areas of interest to the City of Las Vegas.

Post Office Acquisition

The City of Las Vegas would like to obtain the post office property located on Stewart Avenue and 3rd Street that the GSA has declared surplus property. The property could be developed into a downtown park with the building used as an educational facility or a cultural museum.

Recommendation: Continue to pursue grant of the property for a public purpose.

Yucca Mountain Project

In 1987, the U. S Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act that designated Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as the only site to be studied as a repository for the siting of high-level nuclear waste from 42 locations around the U.S. Since 1995, the City has fought legislation before Congress that would authorize the placement of high-level nuclear waste and spent nuclear fuel at Yucca Mountain. Currently, Senate Bill S.1287, which was vetoed by the President, is expected to come up for another vote in the spring of 2001. The bill, if passed, would place high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel at Yucca Mountain as early as 2007. There is currently a separate lobbying contract between the City and the County with Alcalde & Fay to address the Yucca Mountain project.

Film Production

The City of Las Vegas is interested in federal legislation that will "keep film business in this Country". Mayor Oscar Goodman is chairing the new "Mayor's and City Film Commissioner's Task Force". This task force will address such issues as: Why film and television production are going to other countries for their on-site shooting as well as skill development and what is needed in order to recruit film and television business to our cities.

Recommendation: Continue monitoring and participating in USCM activities/projects beneficial to City.

Pending Future Legislation:

The following are items that are current legislative issues or may have future legislation associated with them. Each of these items may have an impact on the policies and

procedures of local governments or may have possible funding sources available through them.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Federal Entitlement Funding

The "Entitlement" grants are based primarily on poverty/population counts. However, in recent years CDBG and other HUD grants are in danger of being decreased each budget year and the new set-aside programs take money out of the entitlement fund. Set-asides are funds cut out of the poverty/population formula and transferred to pork barrel type projects that are very issue or site specific. Currently, the Neighborhood Services Department utilizes \$8 to \$10 million dollars yearly just from HUD to provide "entitlement" and Continuum of Care grants to the community.

Federal Competitive Funding

Several departments within the federal government offer grant funding on a competitive basis. The Neighborhood Services Department often applies for competitive federal funds on behalf of the City of Las Vegas or in collaboration with other state and local agencies. In the past, the City has benefited from the following funding:

- **21st Century Grant – Community Learning Centers**, bringing \$2.36 million dollars to Las Vegas over a three-year period. The Clark County School District, with the help and support of the City of Las Vegas, was awarded the grant. This is the first time Nevada received this funding from the Department of Education. The CCSD is the fiscal agent, but will serve Desert Pines and Western High Schools, Roy Martin and Gibson Middle Schools, and Ruth Fyfe Elementary School, all of which are located in the City of Las Vegas.
- **Weed & Seed** - which has been in operation for over 5 years, was awarded over 2.2 million dollars. Over 20 sub recipients were assisted with human service programs and entrepreneurial services. In addition, during FY 1999-2000 three sites were given brand new computer labs, bringing technology to the community.
- **Enterprise Community/Empowerment Zone** - Southern Nevada Enterprise Consortium received \$1.9 million dollars and leveraged \$100 million. It is the intent of the Consortium to continue to work towards being designated as an Empowerment Zone and receive additional federal funding.

Recommendation: Continue to identify programs and pursue funding through entitlements and competitive grants for housing, healthcare and human service enhancements benefiting the Las Vegas community.

Finance and Economic Initiatives

Internet Taxes

The major bill moving in Congress is S2255 (a bill to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium through calendar year 2006). There is a possible amendment that allows varying local rates requiring a single rate per state on all remote sales. However, the current single rate per state provision poses serious problems for many local governments because it preempts local control, particularly in home rule cities and counties that have varying local rates. The local options sales tax provides local governments the ability to raise their own revenues to support projects that are important to local residents. The advantage of the local option tax is that local communities are free to use it or not.

The National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties and the other members of the Big 7, have requested that local governments oppose any extension of the current moratorium that is longer than two years. Moratorium extension could be supported if:

- taxes that are currently in place are still allowed
- each state has the opportunity to streamline their tax structure, and
- a consortium of states institutes a taxation system to capture tax revenues generated by internet sales of goods.

Taxation of these sales is not considered a new tax, but the application of an existing tax, sales in this case, to a different product delivery system with an extension. Opponents to extending the moratorium state that "bricks and mortar" stores compete on an uneven playing field with Internet companies. The Internet companies would continue to be able to sell their goods free of sales tax.

Recommendation: Support the position of the Big 7 consortium to preserve local government options and tax equity between traditional stores and internet sales companies.

New Market & Community Renewal Legislative Initiative

This measure may afford additional opportunities to the City in the area of housing and urban development. Up to 50 communities may be designated with a maximum of one designation per state. Senate 2779 introduced this session creates and supports programs to expand economic development to underdeveloped communities. Key elements of this initiative may include the following:

- A. Tax credits in low and moderate communities.
- B. Low cost loans in investments in underserved communities.
- C. Incentives to increase the availability of venture capital in low and moderate-income communities for small businesses.

Recommendation: Support the new market initiatives and pursue programs applicable to the City.

Summer Jobs

In the past the USCM, the National Association of Counties, and the National League of Cities have all worked to get extra money for the Summer Jobs Program through the Workforce Investment Act. There may be some additional funds available in future appropriations bills.

Recommendation: Continue to support increased funding for this program.

Public Safety & Leisure Services

Crime Prevention

The City has an interest in various crime prevention issues such as the Gun Buy Back Program and juvenile crime prevention.

Recommendation: Work with the National Crime Prevention Council and the Department of Justice to identify new program opportunities for the City to implement that would address the issue of enhanced crime prevention.

The Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA)

This bill provides \$125 million annually for the parks portion of the program. Several states are not satisfied with the amount of funding that is being projected for their states. The Senate is expected to address the shortfalls as well as push for more funding to the entire program. Cities, counties, and states are all working to get this act fully funded this session of Congress.

Recommendation: Support the passage of the legislation with full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund state and local assistance program and the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery program.

Transportation

Maglev Deployment Program

The California Nevada Super-Speed Train Commission is one of seven groups that are competing for a \$950 million grant from the Federal Railroad Agency.

The initial 42-mile segment between Las Vegas and Primm is a candidate for detailed engineering and construction funding under the Federal Maglev Deployment Program.

Under this FRA-administered program, the project will compete for up to \$950 million in capital costs, the remaining capital cost to be secured from non-federal sources, including state and local STP and CMAQ funds, local public sources and private investment. The federal Maglev program would enable initial segment construction to begin in 2001 to be completed in 2004. With an estimated capital cost of \$1.5 billion, a strong market, and local commitment, the Las Vegas-Primm segment is an excellent candidate for this funding.

Recommendation: Continue to support for the federal funding of the Maglev program.

TEA 21

The current administration's budget is proposing a \$1.8 billion increase for a total of \$29.3 billion for TEA-21. The City of Las Vegas may benefit from future enhancement bills and supports continued funding for Nevada Projects.

The program of the TEA-21 Legislation allocated \$31.1 million this year in grants to make communities more livable under an innovative initiative called Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program (TCSP). These funds are to be used for:

- ☐ Providing Trail systems
- ☐ Improving Transportation Efficiency
- ☐ Reducing negative effects of transportation on the environment
- ☐ Providing better access to jobs, services and trade centers
- ☐ Reducing the need for costly future infrastructure
- ☐ Revitalizing underdeveloped and Brownfield sites
- ☐ Examining urban development patterns
- ☐ Creating strategies that encourage private companies to work toward goals in designing new developments

Recommendation: Pursue grants and programs that are consistent with City objectives, particularly those related to transportation and trails systems. Continue to monitor changes in the TEA-21 allocation and reauthorization process. Begin planning for the new TEA-21 legislation due to be renewed in 2003.

Fixed Guideway Project

The Fixed Guideway Project is currently in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) state of planning. RTC is taking the lead in providing the alternatives that are being studied.

Recommendation: Continue to support of the RTC efforts to obtain funding for this project.

Land Use and Development

Brownfields Clean up

The City was the first in the nation to complete a Brownfield Cleanup Project. We received money from two grants: One for testing and outreach and the other a loan for cleanup. There are two other possible funding sources for Brownfields projects. One is the "Brownfields Showcase Communities " in which the recipient receives between \$300,000 and \$400,000 to advance the Brownfields program as a showcase. It includes a federal employee for one to two years to assist the community with the program. The second funding source is a grant for job training in which the city would partner with UNLV to train individuals in the area of Brownfield projects.

Recommendation: Continue to identify federal programs that assist in cleaning up brownfields.

Better America Bonds

This initiative relies on the enactment of tax credits to provide about \$2.15 billion in FY 2001, with the funds to be dispersed to cities and others on a competitive basis. This initiative is to provide cities, counties and states with new resources to clean-up brownfields, improve water quality and preserve open space.

Recommendation: Pursue and utilize funding as appropriate.

Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1999 (HR 2372)

The bill

The Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1999 (HR 2372) would allow private property owners who disagree with a zoning or land use decision to sue local governments in federal court for constitutional "takings" claims, bypassing local boards and state courts. It would have the effect of preempting city and county authority. HR 2372, which passed in the House on March 16, 2000, and the Citizens Access to Justice Act, have been the recent target of a whole coalition of groups including: the US Conference of Mayors, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National League of Cities, the National Counsel of Counties, the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the National Association of Towns and Townships, and the Community Rights Counsel. The bills would allow property rights claims for monetary relief and claims against the government to be brought before federal court without first passing through state and local courts. The bills would allow taking cases to be brought before federal court based on questions of compensation before appropriate use is determined. The bills also state that federal courts may abstain from hearing a case when challenges of appropriate use arise, and that when such issues are challenged each state's highest appellate court will be allowed to determine questions concerning the appropriate use allowed under state law. The Citizens Access to Justice Act would

further allow claimants to recover costs for attorney's fees should the court decide to award such costs.

Religious Liberties Protection Act

The Senate and the House approved an alternative bill, S. 2869, the "Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000" (RLVIPA). This bill interferes with and preempts the traditional and historic rights of local governments. This legislation would establish a special federalized land use standard solely applicable to religious institutions, weakening locally approved land use plans and zoning decisions in the context of religious facilities.

Recommendation: Continue to monitor and oppose legislation that preempts local government control over land use and development.

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**COMBINED VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT: ITEM 1- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING
STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR FEDERAL LOBBYING EFFORTS - ITEM 2 - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION REGARDING STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE 2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND APPROVAL
OF THE CITY'S PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE BILL DRAFT REQUEST SUBMISSIONS**

MAYOR GOODMAN

All right. Agenda Item Number 1. Report and possible action regarding strategic planning for federal lobbying efforts. It's a recommendation that the City Council discuss, strategize and instruct staff to proceed with the federal initiatives. Is anybody - Ms. Fretwell?

CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA
VALENTINE

Yes, Mayor and Members of the Council, Betsy Fretwell is going to give you a presentation on our federal lobbying efforts. She's going to identify some issues for you to give us some direction on and she's going to tell you a little bit about the process we'll go about in evaluating our federal lobbying efforts.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. Ms. Fretwell?

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

Mayor and Members of the Council, I'm Betsy Fretwell, representing the City Manager's office. Can tell my State Legislative testifying days are coming back. What I'd like to do, very quickly, is - walk you through the highlights of the report that we distributed on Friday, related to some of the federal issues, and then, obviously, the second agenda item today is to focus in on the State issues. I will tell you that the report that you received on Friday is a compilation of a lot of different efforts; a lot of the Department Heads and both of our lobbying firms helped contribute to that report. So, we hope it meets with your satisfaction and helps you today in your deliberation.

What I'm going to do is briefly go over that at the highest level. So, there're four things that I'm going to hit on. The highlights of the RFP process.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

Betsy, one second. Virginia, our screens aren't on. The Mayor's is, but ours aren't.

MAYOR GOODMAN

As well it should be.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

One second.

CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA
VALENTINE

Councilman, we can get someone to check on that right now. We're having some difficulty down here too.

COUNCILMAN REESE

Mine's off also.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

None of these are on.

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COUNCILMAN McDONALD And thank you for that presentation.

CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA VALENTINE It looks like they may be trying to reset the equipment now.

MAYOR GOODMAN All right. Let's be at ease for a couple of seconds.

CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA VALENTINE I think we have some, we do have a few handouts. Can I ask how many of you are not, your screens are blank?

COUNCILMAN McDONALD Ours -- are blank.

COUNCILMAN REESE I don't have my screen, but I can share with Councilman McDonald.

CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA VALENTINE In that case, maybe I can just give the Mayor Pro Tem a handout to follow on till we get this working.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD Larry doesn't have his and Michael doesn't have his either. Like our side is blank.

MAYOR GOODMAN Councilman Mack, Councilman Brown, are you --

COUNCILMAN MACK No, we're not on.

MAYOR GOODMAN You're not on. Do you have --

COUNCILMAN MACK But we have the backup, so we can start.

MAYOR GOODMAN You do have the backup. Very good. So, we're all set? All right, Ms. Fretwell, please.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY FRETWELL Okay. What -- I was discussing is that there are four topics -- Did it come up now?

COUNCILMAN McDONALD No. It's on "A". Nothing is happening. Okay, he's got his. Michael, you got yours?

COUNCILMAN MACK (inaudible)

COUNCILMAN McDONALD It's me.

COUNCILMAN REESE It's you and I.

COUNCILMAN BROWN Will you hit "A".

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COUNCILMAN McDONALD

I did. I hit it. There we go.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

Okay. Now, are we ready?

COUNCILMAN REESE

Mine's not.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

Okay.

MAYOR GOODMAN

All right. We're all set.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

Okay, great. There're four general areas that we're going to cover today: One is the RFP process; discuss some current and emerging federal issues; receive feedback and suggestions from the federal lobbyists; and identify the Federal legislative objectives for the next congressional session.

The RFP process really starts with today and your identification of the areas of interest, discussing those and giving us some direction about what you'd like to achieve next session. Then we're going to take that information at the staff level, integrate that into the specifications and the selection criteria. In September, we will send out the RFP's, both by invitation and by posting. On October 1, as you directed the last time this issue was before you, we will send the 30-day notice to terminate both of the - current contracts. Also in October we will receive the final submissions for the RFP's. The proposals will be reviewed by City staff to develop recommendations for, of the top firms to send to you. And then, hopefully, on November 15, barring any complications, we will be able to present the cream of the crop to you, and then, hopefully, you'll be able to give us direction to negotiate a contract.

That's a (inaudible) to be, have a contract in place in January, which is when all the fun starts back in DC. Are there any questions about that process? I know it's a real high-level thing, but I'd be happy to respond.

MAYOR GOODMAN

I guess the only question I have. There was some discussion at the point in time when we were considering the lobbyist situation, the last go round, that some of the Council members questioned whether or not we need a lobbyist. And it was certainly made clear to us that it was in

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the City's best interest to have somebody in Washington who would be looking after the concerns of Las Vegas. Is that the position of the Manager's Office?

CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA
VALENTINE

That is. We'd like to continue to have Washington representation.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Very good. Okay. Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Councilwoman?

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

Yeah, thank you, Your Honor. I guess this may occur later in the discussion, but I think at the top, as we prepare for the request for proposals, that we need to be very clear in delineating what we consider potential conflicts of interest. I know personally, we have a lot of firms that have been, both our current firms, as well as those we might be, maybe considering who have various other clients, and I know that things such as, do we clients that are involved in the nuclear industry, for example. And that to me would be an apparent conflict of interest. And so, really stating upfront, you know, what we consider potential conflicts and making sure that that is clearly delineated in the request for qualifications for those firms.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. Any other questions or comments on that issue? All right. Let's go on to the next one, please.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

Mayor, if I may, it may be easy in this process as well to make sure that there's a disclosure on, in the RFP. It may be difficult for us to determine conflicts right out of the box, because some people would say that if - a firm represents Salem, Oregon, how can they represent the City of Las Vegas without having a potential conflict. So, if - we have a little latitude in trying to determine where there may be potential conflicts, by requesting that disclosure. Then we can present that information to you when we complete the RFP process as well.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Very good.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

Let's talk a little bit about some of the things that we've had going on here. If I can get this little deal to go to the next slide. Are you guys locked up? Or is it just me?

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

I have a handout, wanna to borrow it? I have a handout.

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ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

I've got the handout, but that doesn't really -- Oh, here we go. It's just a little slow. We may zip through some slides very quickly.

As you know, we're involved in a variety of different agency, federal agency, as well as national association projects that I've just kind of called coordination projects. One of those is the Post Office acquisition. One that the Mayor is highly involved in is the film production idea. And obviously we have a separate contract to deal with the Yucca Mountain project issues.

There's one thing that I just wanted to note for you, that the National League of Cities also has a variety of steering committees and policy committees. That's an opportunity for each of you to get involved in a different way. Not unlike how the Mayor's gotten involved in the US Conference of Mayors. So, if you're interested, I'll be happy to chat with you individually about that.

Pending in future legislation. As I mentioned earlier, CMIR 61 lays out about five different sets of issues that seem to have been getting a lot of attention either by the National League of Cities, by the City of Las Vegas, and the different Departments within the City. Those include Housing and Urban Development, Finance and Economic Initiatives, Public Safety, Leisure Services, Transportation and Land Use and Development.

In the area of Housing and Urban Development, and if there's specific questions, I'm sure Sharon can answer these questions. In the area of federal entitlements, obviously we rely quite heavily on HUD and CDBG funding. Those determinations are based on population and poverty counts. It's anticipated that federal funding's going to go down in these areas, and we've received 8 to \$10 million annually in these programs and they're administered by Neighborhood Services.

On the competitive funding side, we, along with Clark County and the School District, received a little over \$2 million for, in an education grant called the 21st Century Grant. We also have received funding for the Weed and Seed Program, over \$2.2 million over the last five years. And the Enterprise Community and Empowerment Zone Initiatives, which we've received almost \$2 million

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supporting that program, and we're working towards a designation as an empowerment zone, which avails itself additional resources.

I have a recommendation in the area of Housing and Urban Development. That we continue to identify these types of programs and federal funding for entitlements and grants, for housing, health care and human services. So, the programs that I listed before and any new ones that can meet the similar criteria, that we would pursue those.

The three categories of issues that I've covered on the Finance and Economic Initiatives: Internet Taxation, which has been a huge issue for the League of Cities, actually the whole big seven consortium. Right now we're precluded from taxing sales of goods and services on the net. As you know, we're highly dependent on sales taxes revenues in this State, and particularly here, we rely on about 50% of our General Fund revenues from sales taxes. So this is something that's pretty significant, if – that trend continues. And I guess I will stress, this is not a new tax. It's the same tax that you pay if you go down to Wal-Mart. So, there's some debate about the equity between brick and mortar stores and people who are on line.

The next issue is the New Market and Community Renewal Initiative, which is an economic development measure that promotes tax credits, low-cost loans and incentives for increasing venture capital in low-income areas.

Summer Jobs is a portion of the Workforce Investment Act, and there's been a big push to reinvest in this area, and it's a program that we take advantage of in this community quite heavily. It prepares young adults to enter the working world. So, that's one that we've been actively involved in.

The recommendations in these areas are to support the efforts to preserve local government options related to Internet Taxation and to support and pursue the New Markets Initiative and the Summer Jobs programs.

Under Public Safety and Leisure Services, there's been some effort in the past on the crime prevention side of things, supporting things such as the Gun Buy Back Program and juvenile crime prevention programs. I've also been doing some research at the request of Councilwoman McDonald on a program called Exile and have been

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assisted by our federal lobbyist in that effort, which expedites some of the different prosecution efforts through the US Attorney's office, instead of the State, through the State courts, and has been very effective in a variety of different ways across the Country, including Savannah, Richmond, I believe, Charlotte and a variety of other places. I don't know if, if you'd like to make a couple of comments on that.

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

If this is the appropriate time, Your Honor.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Sure.

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

I guess, as Betsy has said, I was, just through reading various literature, became very interested in what had become a very successful law enforcement tool out of Richmond, Virginia, called Project Exile, which basically cracks down on those who commit crimes, whether it be domestic violence or other, robberies with fire arms, especially those who've already committed crimes in the past, and then go back and repeat crimes. And it's been very successful. You know, personally, I had, what had triggered my interest is that, unfortunately, I had a really dear friend of mine by the name of Tim Collins, who had graduated with me at Notre Dame, went on to the University of Richmond Medical School, and one week before graduating was robbed and murdered in a parking lot right there in Richmond, Virginia. And this has been an increasing trend throughout the country of crimes committed by firearms. And so, there seems to be a very successful initiative, both in Richmond, Savannah, as Betsy mentioned. And there seems to be a, increased funding in this area to really crack down. And also, you know, again, send them straight to the Federal courts where you have more truth in sentencing in those type of things. So, she's been sharing a lot of that information for me.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Is that basically a municipal issue or is it one on a county, state, federal issue? It would appear --

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

It's actually a collaboration between the municipal governments, the police forces, the district court, as well as the US Attorney's office and district courts. And so, if, it was something that we want to pursue we're, required buy in, as well as cooperation from several levels of law enforcement.

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MAYOR GOODMAN

Because it was my experience that with firearms to be prosecuted in the State court resulted in more serious penalties than in the federal system. But, that's something that certainly can be explored.

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

Yes.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

The second issue in this is the CARA Act, which is the Conservation and Reinvestment Act. And it's really related to two key components that I would like to address my remarks, which is the Land and Water Conservation Fund, as well as the Urban Parks Recovery Program. There's about \$125 million that's in the current, pending federal legislation, that would go to the state side program of supporting parks and open space and a variety of other leisure activities in urban areas. This is something that has gone unfunded for quite some time at the federal level, so there's a lot of opportunity here to take advantage of some additional park funding, should this measure pass.

So, the recommendations in these two areas are that we continue to identify new program opportunities to enhance crime prevention and to support the passage of CARA with full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Urban Parks Recovery Program portions.

In the area of transportation, I know you're all very familiar with the Maglev Deployment Program. There're seven groups that are competing for funding and the proposal that's on the table right now, it's a 42-mile segment between Primm and Las Vegas, and the estimated cost there is \$1.5 billion. The other big ticket getter is TEA-21. TEA-21 supports obviously a tremendous amount of the transportation projects in Nevada, but it also supports trail-system development and revitalization efforts. So, there's quite a bit of flexibility in this measure that we may be able to take advantage of. And the final topic is the Fixed Guideway Project, which the RTC is really taking the lead on, and they're in the middle of the EIS process.

The recommendations related to transportation includes supporting the Mag, continued support of the Maglev Program and continue support of the Fixed Guideway funding effort and pursuing grants for regional trails and transportation systems through the TEA-21 measure, and to begin our planning process for the reauthorization or

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reallocation of TEA-21 funds. It's my understanding that this legislation expires and we'll be up for renewal in 2003. So, our efforts need to start now to make sure that our - State Transportation Improvement program moves along and - that we're adequately represented in - the new legislation.

The final category is Land Use and Development. We've taken advantage of some Brownfields Cleanup monies. We've been awarded two grants previously for outreach and cleanup efforts. And there're other areas that we could take advantage of related to Brownfield Cleanup. The Better America Bonds is a tax credit bond, it has not passed the, through the federal legislative process yet, but would allocate \$2.15 billion to be dispersed competitively among cities.

A couple of issues that I have talked with each of you about recently are the Private Property Rights Acts and the Religious Liberties Protection Act. As you know, a variation of the Religious Liberties Protection Act passed last week, which may have some impacts on our ability to manage and plan for religious institutions. The Private Property Rights Act is anticipated to pass. The Senate has already passed the House of Representatives, but it's anticipated it may be vetoed by the President. Both of those kind of preempt local government land use authority.

The recommendations in this area are to pursue funding for, through the Better America Bonds Program and the Brownfield Cleanup, should the Better America Bonds portion of the federal legislation pass, and to monitor and oppose federal preemptions of local land use authority.

I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have at this time about information I presented to you here today. I know that there's quite a bit of interest in the - area of leisure, on possibly pursuing the all America roads designation. And staff is working on that, as well. So, we may want to add that to the recommendations list, if you're so inclined. I'd be happy to answer questions.

I'd like to ask our two lobbying firms to come join me, so that they can provide any comments or help through the discussion.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Very good. Okay. Ms. Hanson, would you please identify yourself.

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HEIDI HANSON

My name is Heidi Hanson with US Strategies and this is my colleague, Steve Carey, also with US Strategies.

STEVE CAREY

Good afternoon.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. And, Mr. Alcalde, would you identify yourself, please.

RICK ALCALDE

Yes, Sir. I'm Rick Alcalde with the firm Alcalde and Fay.

MAYOR GOODMAN

And --

JAMES BILBRAY

James Bilbray with Alcalde and Fay.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Very good. Thank you. I don't know whether we should start off with questions or comments on the part of the Council. I would prefer to have whatever input whatever comments the lobbyists have at this point in time, to start off the discussion.

HEIDI HANSON

First of all, I'd like to say that I think Betsy has done a terrific job since she has been here. It's helped our firm enormously in terms, I believe, coordinating with all of you and getting information to us, and when she comes up with questions, at least knowing where you all have questions so that we can find some of the answers. And one of them being Project Exile, that Councilwoman McDonald talked about, and Steve Carey, in our office, as a matter of fact worked on that in, when he was in the Legislature, as well as when he was in the State of Arkansas. So, to be able to take some of the information that you all have and what, and then applying it to what we do know, has been enormously helpful.

With that, I think that, I want to summarize, I'm sure Rick and Jim can also pipe in on this as well. Currently, where we are in Washington is nowhere, to be perfectly honest. No appropriations bills have been signed into law. There are, vetoes are being threatened. It's a political year, as we all suspected. Things are going to be changing, regardless of what happens. So, I think that when we are looking at kind of what we want to plan for in the future, we do know that TEA-21 is something we need to be planning on now. We do know that there will be, you know, even though there would be budget cuts and still caps and things like this, it's something that we all need to be cognizant of.

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And I also think one of the things that will pass, which to me is very exciting, is this quote, New Markets Initiative, that started last May, when President Clinton Speaker Hastert went around to literally what they considered forgotten communities. And there's a bill that passed in the House quickly that was sponsored by, my mind just went blank. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, and he's been working very closely with the whole coalition of local governments, black business leaders, African American business leaders. It's gone across both isles.

In the Senate you've have Saintorum's bill, which is a little different, one having more renewal communities than another. But I think this is something that will happen. I, you know, it's very much going to happen, we - believe. So, and I also think, as Steve very much pointed out, that now is the time that, even though there will be a change in the administration, there will be changes in Congress. Budgets for the federal government in the bureaucratic phase are starting now. So, it's important, we believe, to start working with your local HUD representatives, your local transportation folks and start getting in what your - needs are and put this into some form of a budget, if you will. And then, obviously has to work itself through the process. But I think it's very important, not only for the City, but for the whole area here to start working together on that.

And as Betsy, and we've been talking about some of the trails and roads programs, I think that there're some things that should be done and can be done working with, in the whole Valley, on this. There are some TEA-21 funds that we can try to apply for next year, 2002. And with that, I think, you know, we've, definitely some things we need to be watching within this year's budget.

And, you know, as she was talking about the religious freedoms, you know, whatever they wanted to go on and call it, it was a big problem in Washington in that it does take away local authority. But you have working, just for your information, the ACLU. You had a lot of various groups saying, and when Senator Hatch compromised with Senator Kennedy, it was tied in with the institutionalization of persons. So, that's where kind of the compromise came in. The way it was last year, the President had vetoed this bill and I know that Betsy has talked to the, to Brad Jerbic about this. The President did vetoed it, but they, again, there is

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this compromise and he's expected to sign it. So, it's -- something we need to watch for.

Better America Bonds is, I personally think, is an excellent program, but it was introduced last year, as well as being introduced this year. It would be a tax incentive, tax program, if you will, it will be dealt within the Ways and Means and Finance Committee, and it's, just not going to happen this year. Even though I know local communities all across the country you could buy open space land, you could use it for a lot of different things and be up to local discretion. So, pending upon who wins the White House, who's in charge in congress, it's something that's on the table, it's on the dockets. But I wouldn't look for it to be going anywhere this year, as well.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you, appreciate it. Mr. Alcalde.

RICK ALCALDE

Thank you. If -- we could add, the, really the areas we look at in assisting Council is couple areas. In Congress we look at first the appropriations process. There's 13 appropriations bill out there and they're going through the process right now. About seven of those appropriations bills we find opportunity a fund the community prerogatives, above and beyond what the Administration's discretionary funds are. One area is the administration, as Heidi had alluded to, you have the various different agencies going after formula money in Congress and they deliver that money to communities, largely based on formula programs. There's not much we can do or you can do to implement that, changes in the formula.

However, the discretionary programs are the ones you want to take a close look at. And she mentioned many of the discretionary programs. We can help you identify those programs as they become available next year, but -- Also there's going to be a change in administration. We don't know what priorities will be priorities of the new administration into the various agency heads. So, that's going to be kind of wait and see a little bit. And those are things that your staff can make application to. We can direct them to a variety of opportunities, but, and work with them closely on that. But, our -- main focus tends to be Congress. The appropriations process and then the authorization process.

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Appropriations, as you know, are transportation approps, energy and water approps. Councilman McDonald has asked us to look for funding in -- Commerce Justice State to augment law enforcement money. And we have, seemed to indicate we -- can find \$2.5 million for funds for crime prevention new technologies in vehicle computer systems, that the police officers have, these computers right at their fingertips and they can draw up information that are on big data banks that are -- stacked in big buildings. And that's been a -- great initiative and a great opportunity. It's in the appropriations bill, the Senate Bill. We hope -- to hold that and -- he, you've been collaborating with us on where you'd like to see those kinds of funds directed. Marshall service, Metro or the -- various other groups. That's a good example of an appropriation.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

If I could interject one second. Last year, Rick and I, started working on, actually two years ago, on those federal monies available because we had methamphetamines. They were coming off to the meth labs. Same process worked here as before Betsy came on, that Rick and I had these conversations, along the same lines, but looking at ways to augment fiscal monies and also technology. As technology changes, also police work. It, you can go back to old school policing, community policing in its will, but when you have the technology of today, involving the community, it makes it a lot more successful. And we've been able to do that. I have been in conversations with Under Sheriff Winget and told him we're hopeful of it. It looks pretty good for us, as well as also Virginia Valentine and Mike Sheldon.

JAMES BILBRAY

That is in the House. I mean, the Senate appropriations, the \$2.5 million. We took Councilman Mack's statement, "show me the money." So, we really went after this 2.5 million. We feel the House will go along with it and it'll be somewhere in the paper between 2 million and 2 million five, for this particular program.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

(inaudible) in the appropriate wait till we had this legislative hearing. We don't have the money yet, but I think it's -- a good opportunity to -- showcase what we've been able to successfully achieve. I've now have discussed it with Stan Olsen, briefly, over the phone, this weekend. And also Metro, they're looking forward to this type of technology.

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Obviously, you can find \$2.5 million in federal dollars, that definitely helps the City of Las Vegas with the augmentation of the funding.

STEVE CAREY

As the former Legislative Director for the House, Chairman of the Commerce Justice State appropriations, I look forward to working with you on that. Hal Rogers from Kentucky is a good man, and I look forward to working with you, with him on that.

JAMES BILBRAY

Absolutely.

STEVE CAREY

Great.

RICK ALCALDE

But you'll see from the funding that's been traditionally earmarked in Congress opportunities for justice funding and juvenile justice funding and - Councilman McDonald's identified those priorities and asked us to pursue them. There - are a number of them in these various appropriations bills and - so, not to belabor this hearing, we've identified many of those programs that are funded in an attachment that we sent to Ms. Fretwell, and you all can look at that at your leisure and help determine what priorities that you see that's been funded in the past that may make sense and - you may want to proceed on.

As far as the authorizations, you've heard the term TEA-21, which is an authorization bill, and that directs congressional appropriators how to find or what kind of programs they want funded. TEA-21 is the big highway bill. There's a strong belief that TEA-21 will be reopened at mid-term and they'll be programs where you can get some of your highway prerogatives funded on capacity expansion, bridges, of course Maglev, which we've worked pretty closely on, are - all programs that - can be funded under that.

The Maglev, you know, for your information, is due to be downsized to three, two or three companies this year. We feel as though the Las Vegas to Primm is, Maglev presentation is very competitive and - we feel that this time is got the Cupford seat. Baltimore to Washington is another one of the strong ones. We don't feel that to strong the easement cross to acquire right-of-way is - so cost absorbetant to that program., there's virtually none to the Las Vegas program. And the other one is the Philadelphia to Pittsburgh program, and because of Shewster, Inspector,

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both, you know, pushing this thing strongly that would – have some energy. But Shewster will cease to be the Chairman of the Transportation Committee next year and that will have impact. Las Vegas looks good on that.

HEIDI HANSON

In terms of, for transportation, as well under TEA-21, that I think is important, what we talked about with some of the roads and trails. I think it is very important to realize that there is a program in there, and is called the Transportation Community System Pilot, Preservation Pilot Program, otherwise known as TCSP. And these grant dollars, it was funded in TEA-21, there are dollars, they will be available in 2001 appropriations. Again, we, you know, don't know, the appropriations bill has not come there yet. But, as a matter of fact, the Senate hasn't even named their conferees.

But there are programs in there that I think that the whole Valley here can work with. And as Rick is saying like, just like working with Metro, thinking outside of the box where you do not necessarily say, well, here, it just benefits the City of Las Vegas, looking at what are some of the programs with like Health and Human Services. What are some of the programs that come in to various communities where the City and the local communities partner together and come up with programs? The TCSP program would be something that the City and the County and the whole area could work together on. It's not just one particular, in other words, just not looking at one particular thing.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. Does any of the Council have any questions or comments? Councilman Reese?

COUNCILMAN REESE

Yes. I have a question. Feel free to jump in at any time you'd like to. My question is, is there any monies available -
- Okay. We have a big effort to redevelop our downtown. Some of the property owners along Fremont Street and two or three blocks to the north or south feel like they have a goldmine, and when we have a developer come in, my question is, is there any monies available that we can apply for that would assist us in bringing down the ground cost? I know when they come in and talk to -- the Mayor or to Councilman Weekly or myself, this is their big concern is, the property is just too – high. We can't afford to come in and buy the ground or buy the dirt and then build also. Is there any monies available like that?

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RICK ALCALDE

There's a lot of types of programs for funds like that. There's tax incentive funds. HUD has programs like that, Department of Commerce has programs like that. There's - a whole variety of - programs out there that are for downtown redevelopment. Some of them are funded much less than other programs.

HEIDI HANSON

And some of them are on the docket this year of, maybe not necessarily getting funded. This is what some of the battle is about right now in Washington. It's - you know, classic, fund this program, not this program. I mean, that's one of the reasons, I think, what they're were trying to do with new initiatives, why the New Markets Initiative has kind of taken hold in a by-partisan way, which would, there would be funds in it and it would kind, be administered by HUD. But Small Business Administration, HUD, Commerce, a lot of these things, would work in partnership together. So, that's what the program initially started as and it'll be interesting to see how it does flush out.

COUNCILMAN REESE

Well, I - think that our concerns are, though, as far as downtown is, we have developers coming in right now --

HEIDI HANSON

Right.

COUNCILMAN REESE

-- that are leaving because they can't afford to buy the dirt. And so we'd have to have something that we can offer them as a City to keep them interested.

RICK ALCALDE

Well, your 106 Loan Guarantee Programs would be effective there. The, you got to really also take into account what happens in November, because right now with a Democratic White House and a Republican-controlled Congress, that can change in both cases or all cases. And, if you have a Republican, ultimately have a Republican White House, the priorities will change, at HUD, will change at Commerce and all the various organizations that fund these programs. So, for FY2001, 2002 and onward programs, that'll change. It could get better if the Democrats stay in or - not.

STEVE CAREY

Councilman Reese.

COUNCILMAN REESE

Your Honor.

STEVE CAREY

I'm sorry. Rick, I'm sorry.

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RICK ALCALDE

No, no. Go ahead. Go ahead.

STEVE CAREY

You're looking for something that you want to be done immediately, and I can appreciate that. Unfortunately, Washington doesn't act that quickly, but we've got several trillion dollars worth of funding over the next ten years. And so, regardless of the Administration, regardless of the Congress, there's going to be monies available, and it's going to be our jobs to identify those funds. So, I'm optimistic that we can do that, through the appropriations process and through the existing authorization process as well. But --

COUNCILMAN REESE

Well, Your Honor, if—we could, we could just ask Betsy to write that down so we won't forget.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

Right.

JAMES BILBRAY

Councilman Reese, recently I brought a representative from the Secretary of Air Force's Office to meet with Congressman (sic) Weekly on a new program called the HUB Zone. H-U-B-Z-O-N-E. It's a program --

COUNCILMAN REESE

Your Honor.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

Congressman?

JAMES BILBRAY

Congressman, oh, I'm sorry. Well, I was thinking of the new seat coming up. The HUB Zone is one where the Federal Government has now or Congress has mandated 3% of all procurement done by the Federal Government, all government agencies, which is about 2 ½ to three billion dollars, has to be purchased by businesses located within the HUB Zone. And some of your areas, especially downtown, meet that requirement. So, if a business comes in and says, hey listen, I, I've got to, my land acquisition cost is very high here, I'm not going to come in here. One of the incentives might be, say listen, you will locate your business within the HUB Zone and -- you have, what was it, 20% of the employees have to live in the HUB Zone, that you will be one of those that can get that 3% money for procurement. What the Air Force procurement man from Nellis said, I just gave a \$1.4 million contract per year for a program at Nellis, I could find no one that met the requirements in Las Vegas, so we gave it to an Alaskan Indian Tribe that met the

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requirements, that had a contractor that would do this servicing. And I think this is a great program and one that hopefully we're going to expand on. And we can give you a better, all a report on that. Councilman Weekly has not, or Congressman Weekly has not.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. Any comments?

JAMES BILBRAY

Do I suck up pretty good?

MAYOR GOODMAN

Councilman Mack?

COUNCILMAN MACK

Thank you, Your Honor. I want to first commend Ms. Fretwell and Virginia Valentine and her staff, and of course Marvin. I think the communication between the City and our lobbyist has improved and I think that direction alone, we're seeing some positive results.

A few items that our office has been involved with and I think the City might have been left out is the All American Roadway, and I know that both the, our lobbying firms have been involved with that. But I've had communications with Commissioner Herrera and I think that the Downtown Corridor should be involved in the All American Roadway and it should go past our downtown and we'd like to push in those efforts.

Regarding the Post Office, I know I was back in Washington I met with both our lobbyist and I know that the Post Office has been declared a surplus property by the GSA. My question is, where do we sit? I mean, when do we, I know that we have the new FBI building and that might come into play. Where does - that sit?

RICK ALCALDE

Well, we identified the program that GSA would in fact grant you the Post Office, rather than you have to purchase it. They have a program that's funded through the National Trust for Historic Preservation Act. And Section 111 of that Act, and it allows them, if it's identified on the National Registry, which it is, then they can grant that property. So, that's - been discovered. The Mayor met with the Regional Administrator from the Region, the Pacific Rim Region, and he identified the - strong desire by the City to acquire that, and the Mayor so impressed this gentleman that there was a program that was being built around this Post Office that he put it up to the top of his priority list. He in mid stream asked the - headquarter office in Washington to amend

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their GSA request list and there's -- an outside chance that it can get some funding this year, thanks to the Mayor's work. But it, it's probably more likely that it'll get funded next year for enhancement to the new, to the old building, which the current tenant in the Post Office will then maintain. So, the Mayor's efforts have been very, very successful to this point.

JAMES BILBRAY

Councilman Mack, the biggest problem is remodeling the Foley Building.

HEIDI HANSON

Right.

JAMES BILBRAY

Once that's done, and again, as -- Mr. Alcalde has said, they're moving that up. It was originally going to be like 2003. They are going to request money next year. We've been trying to work through Senator Reid to see if we can get some money to start that this year. But, I think, at least it will be turned over to the City a year early. So, probably around 2003, rather than 2004.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you.

COUNCILMAN MACK

Thank you. Lastly --

MAYOR GOODMAN

Oh. Pardon me.

COUNCILMAN MACK

I'm sorry, Mayor. Lastly, I know the, I've been quite involved in understanding the old ISTEA funds and TEA-21 funds and I hear that there's funds available for trailways and multi-purpose trails, and I know that the northwest area is looking forward to potentially using any type of funding that's available.

HEIDI HANSON

It can be used for planning as well. We can do it at, with, for planning. So, that's, obviously we have to come up with some type of a comprehensive plan, take it to, you know, work on it here, and then, but it can be done. I think it's something that should be done for 2002, like now.

JAMES BILBRAY

I also know that if the Democrats take over the, Representative Overstreet is a big -- fan of bike trails. So, if, I mean, that's kind of a pet thing for him. So, that may be something you look at too.

RICK ALCALDE

We've seen, Councilman Mack, we've seen actual congressional earmarks in the Transportation Appropriations Bill. We've actually gotten two of 'em for

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other clients that have asked for 'em. So, those are doable in the appropriations cycle, and – also, you know, another good area to look, well, there's also grants that you can apply over at USDOT, under the TEA-21 Bill. That's another source. But a source that I think is underutilized, and Ms. Fretwell and I talked about this, is the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. There are funds, when – land, lands, when public lands are sold at auctions, funds are diverted to either the Water Authority State Education Fund or the 85% share goes back to the Federal Government. They can earmark certain amounts of that 85% for things such as that. It's a public use. And, if you were to work and lobby that hard, I think you would be able to achieve a fairly significant amount of money for that kind of project. So, there's – a number of ways to get those programs funded.

STEVE CAREY

If anybody knows who Frank Wolfe is, I'm sure that they would really appreciate that you got some line items in the Transportation Appropriations Bill. I'm going to report you. On the other hand, we've also got, have received some line items for – some folks in Appropriations Bills as well. But, I guess the underline thing too is that we need to begin today for Fiscal Year 2002. While right now we are working on Fiscal Year 2001, the – local level agency folks at the Federal level have got to work with your folks here to work on Fiscal Year 2002. I'm sorry. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR GOODMAN

That's all right. Councilman Weekly had a question?

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY

Yes. Thank you, Your Honor. I just want to make a comment also. First of all, I think it probably would be wise if we keep this conversation non-partisan here. At any rate, though, Councilman Reese kind of made reference to funding possibilities for downtown and I do greatly appreciate that of course. You know, Mayor with you, I'm really making downtown one of your pet projects, but I kind of like to also maybe comment on Ms. Fretwell's comment when she made mention in her presentation in reference to Federal Entitlement Funding. And I know that's major in Ward 5. I'm, even just in general, all the oldest parts of Las Vegas Ward 1 – 3 and 5 basically.

But in looking at Entitlement Funding, I guess I'm just really concerned about that because I know when we address housing and redevelopment, for me, and being the new kid on the block here, I guess I'm just looking for someone

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that's – just really being aggressive and whom have taken out the time to just really drive Wards, like the one I represent, and just kind of seeing things from your birds-eye view from a Federal standpoint and telling me things that, you know, hey, this is what's available in Washington, DC. And, you know, I'm looking at places, like for example, we deal with Weed and Seed. And I know in trying to work with Katherine Landreth, who has a title hold on abandoned properties in – particularly West Las Vegas.

Now, that's a really tough issue for us because when we start talking about redeveloping, just trying to contact the person like that and trying to, maybe come up with a solution like that, those are definitely things that we definitely are in great need of. And I know, you know, just working with those two and working with the downtown area, that's a big concern to me. But I have some – great power horses who are focusing very dearly on downtown area. I'm really looking at areas like, I guess West Las Vegas and – my eastern portion that is in desperate need of redevelopment. And so, I guess my comment from you all is, when we talk about TEA-21 funds also, public, I know Public Works and Neighborhood Services have applied for funding with future projects that we're trying to do in reference to working with our Arts Commission and our bike trails project. And then we're talking about a project that I know has been a dream of Mr. Al Gallego and continuing the beautification project down Las Vegas Boulevard here. I mean, things like that, from your perspective, how can we ensure that maybe using you all from a Federal standpoint, saying these are some things that we have on the table. How can you guys help us make these things come to fruition?

HEIDI HANSON

Can I – just start with that, 'cause you, I think it was, there were several different questions that I heard. Number one --

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY

Stuff. Just the open stuff.

HEIDI HANSON

Right. Number one; Entitlements. I mean, we've all talked about that, but, you know, we've all said, okay, let's go for this line item. Let's try to do this appropriations and it's not necessarily, something, doesn't necessarily work that way in a nutshell. One, you can tick off a lot of people. You might not have it worked out, so, and you don't want to necessarily go against sometimes a gang of seven, as we talked about, which is the League of Cities, which is the

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Conference of Mayors, which is NECO, which is the City Manager's, which is the State Legislators. Because there are a lot of people in communities all across this country, believe it or not, who have some similar and very, you know, are very, very concerned about the direction that, in quote, entitlements go. Entitlements, we cannot control that much, but working within these groups we can help influence it. It's very important. I mean, as Betsy stressed, and I know you all are very involved with this anyway, but to keep entitlements at a level, especially like CDBG, Weed and Seed, HOME, homeless grants, all of those things are crucial. So, that's over there.

Over here, I think, what we need to start looking at, as I said, where, like when we were talking about some roads and roads improvements. I'm not talking about trails, you know, Councilman, in your district. But what are the roads, and this is what I was talking to Betsy about, that are in your district. Who has control over them? Is it NDOT? Is it, are they City funded or how do we really get to the bottom of this? Because I mentioned to the NDOT lobbyist in Washington the conversation I had when I was last out here with you, and you said, and I mentioned this today with Councilman Reese, ways to kind of get some of these roads. What are some of the roads you need to have improved locally? But again, we can help you, not necessarily to try to get it at the, as a line item at the federal level, but to try to work through the bureaucracy of saying, well, all right, here are these roads here, but here is this. And, Tom Stevens' office said that he would, he told me, that he would look into some of these. So, we'll see what, you know, we can do, John Hassell in Washington.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. Anybody else. All right, I'm going to ask, what I think is a, maybe a politically incorrect question, but I think it's a fair question. Do you think that the City will benefit more if one candidate is elected than another? That's number one. And number two. How do you get along with each candidate and whether you have a strength with one, which is greater than with the other, so, we know what we're looking at, as far as what's best for the City and our representation. Why don't you go first, Mr. Alcalde? Tough question.

RICK ALCALDE

Well, good question, Mayor. I think, in -- both cases, as it relates to the Presidential race, both candidates have programs in, -- well, they -- presumed programs that they

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would implement should they be elected. Of course, many of those depend on Congress. But, both candidates have identified programs that would enhance various of these funding measures and various administration funding measures. So, I -- think there's -- not a big benefit to the City if either party -- wins there. I think the democrats traditionally tend to fund urban city programs more than the republicans do.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Do you --

RICK ALCALDE

I think Mr. Bilbray would agree with that.

JAMES BILBRAY

I think on transportation issues it's almost equal between both sides. You have those that are pro more money for transportation, like Shuster and Overstreet agree 100%. But in some areas like urban development, you're right, some parties have more interest than others.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Do you -- feel that your relationship with both sides is equal?

RICK ALCALDE

I do.

STEVE CAREY

I think --

RICK ALCALDE

Our firm is bipartisan. You know, Mr. Bilbray has fantastic relations with the democratic sides. He served with many of the leaders that are now chairmen. We also very strong in the republican side. We brought many republican chairmen, the transportation committee out here. With the Bush campaign, we've got great access there as -- we do with the Gore campaign. So, in our business you have to play the odds.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Very good. Okay.

JAMES BILBRAY

(inaudible) as well.

MAYOR GOODMAN

All right. US Strategies, the same.

HEIDI HANSON

Same what? Do I agree with everything?

MAYOR GOODMAN

Yeah.

HEIDI HANSON

Not necessarily.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Okay. What's different?

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HEIDI HANSON

One, I agree, that yes, democrats traditionally, and I use that quote loosely, have been more pro cities and urban agenda issues. I think that, one for instance, Better America Bonds, which you can talk to counties and cities and small communities across this country. It was a Gore initiative and it is, in a Ways and Means, it's a tax issue, Ways and Means in the House, Finance in the Senate and it has not gone anywhere with, quote, the republicans because they don't believe that that's where tax incentives, tax breaks should go for large land purposes.

Another one would be Brownfields. That is not necessarily on the, quote, the republican agenda at this point in time. You can just look at S2700 and where that's going. And most of the people have signed on to that are democrats. So, I think, just looking at it that way, there are certain differences. But, I think that we need to also look at what are, I think, New Markets Initiative is definitely a bipartisan initiative that both republicans and democrats are behind, which I think is very important. We --

MAYOR GOODMAN

And -- your relationship?

HEIDI HANSON

Yes. My colleague here just got back from the republican convention, as a matter of fact, he's, we've got some members of Congress that are in Las Vegas, as we speak, that he's going to have to go and work with it, our republican. My firm, I'm -- headed out to the democratic convention this next week, as our other people in our office. So --

MAYOR GOODMAN

So, as I understand it then --

HEIDI HANSON

-- you have to be bipartisan.

MAYOR GOODMAN

-- you get along with both parties.

RICK ALCALDE

Bipartisan.

HEIDI HANSON

Everybody has to be bipartisan.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Okay. Fair, fine. Fair enough. I just wanted to double check. Now, equal that, Councilwoman --

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

Well, I just want to --

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MAYOR GOODMAN This is not the start – of a political discussion.

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD No, not at all.

MAYOR GOODMAN I just – felt that it's important that at least, we as a City, understand what's in our best interest and if they have a perspective different than ours. But it appears that everybody feels that we'll do fine with both, either party and that your relationship with those parties are fine.

JAMES BILBRAY Right. And Mr. Alcalde is a democrat and Mr. Fay is a republican, who just went to the convention.

MAYOR GOODMAN Okay. All right.

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD And Your Honor, if I could just say, having just, you know, come back from Philadelphia and having worked on the republican platform committee, some of the things that were discussed, I think, have, you know, great implications for us, as it was stated, the New Market's Initiatives and, you know, access to venture capital and to create incentives for new, especially small businesses to start up. Technology and research and development to try to attract more high tech jobs to communities. Home ownership was one that was discussed at great length, as well as transportation and faith based solutions and problem solving and bringing and working and partnering more with faith-based organizations, as well. So, those were some of the things that were discussed in Philadelphia.

MAYOR GOODMAN Thank you, very much. All right, because of the time being of the essence, does any of the Council want to give the lobbyist any direction at this time or Ms. Fretwell any direction, as to any particular topic or area? Yes, Councilman?

COUNCILMAN BROWN Thank you, Your Honor. I would just like to touch base on two minor issues, as far as this disclosure. Betsy had spoken earlier about how we incorporated in to the RFP. Let's not put too much reliance on the City to find out, let's just basically ask them in the application, in their interview process, do they have, see or potentially see any – type conflicts. But that needs to be a critical component of it.

For my own edification, I'd also like a lot more information on this whole internet issue. And that's as an aside. A

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three major issues I'd like to bring up, one is the nuclear waste. I haven't heard too much about it and without getting into the great debate today, I think it's important that the City and in conjunction with our Federal lobbyist, develop some type of agenda to deal with all facets of the nuclear waste, of transportation right up through site selection. I think that was a little bit absent today in the dialogue.

I'd also like to reiterate some - mention of the Public Lands Management Act. For whatever reason, when -- this bill passed, 15% of the profits went to the Water District or to the Authority and the School District, which to this day I still do not understand why the City and the County didn't get any of the dedicated funds. That was perhaps an oversight from our perspective. But I think we need to go back into that, I'm not sure if we can open up that act, but depending on - the Department of the Interior and what the White House impact would have on changes in that Department, I would certainly encourage a very, very strong stance to get at the front of the line this time. We have the federal agencies in the Southern Nevada area that are working in coalition now and in cooperation with some of the municipalities in the Clark County. But we need to get at the front of that list and - revisit any opportunities that may have been missed the first time.

And the final issue that I'm not sure was stated today, but it seems indirectly to come up often in our discussion here at the City, is the whole issue on federal reliance. And again, this may not be the - place to discuss a final policy, but I really - believe there are certain federal programs that we should and must continue to be involved with. But we also have to start looking at the fact that those type programs and their funding are diminishing, regardless of who's in the White House. And I'm not sure if the City is positioned today to start weaning itself off that federal reliance. Again, prefacing my remarks that some programs we have to be involved with. But the federal government shouldn't be seen as the save all and the end all for local government. And I --, separate from our federal lobbyist agenda, I think locally, the City should start looking at ways to become more independent, and for a fiscal standpoint, I'd like that to be brought into this whole dialogue.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you very much. All right. Any other directives at this point in time or suggestions? May we have a motion to accept the report, receive the report and to direct the

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Manager's Office to implement the – goals that we've expressed today.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

Yes, Your Honor. I think we should also include the comments that were directed by each member of the Council. I think every one of them reflected on goals and issues they've had. I noticed both our lobbyists were taking notes in the – interim. **So, I'd make a motion to accept the report to move forward.**

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. Very good. Thank you. Vote on the motion, please. Post, please. Yes, vote please. Post, please. Motion carries. Thank you. **(Motion carried unanimously)** Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

Item Number 2. Discussion and possible action regarding Strategic Planning for the 2001 Legislative Session and approval of the City's proposed legislative bill draft request submissions. It's recommended that the City Council select and approve no more than four measures to comprise the City of Las Vegas Legislative Package and instruct staff to submit them to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for bill drafting. Mr. Leavitt?

MARVIN LEAVITT

Your Honor, Members of the Council. The 2001 Session, the Nevada Legislature is scheduled to begin on February 5th --

MAYOR GOODMAN

Mr. Leavitt, I don't think the microphone is on.

MARVIN LEAVITT

It's not on.

MAYOR GOODMAN

There you go.

MARVIN LEAVITT

I will repeat that.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Very good.

MARVIN LEAVITT

The 2001 Session of the Nevada Legislature is scheduled to begin on February 5th. The Constitution provides to begin the first Monday in February. If it were to run the full 120 days, and I have a very sneaking suspicion that it probably will, it would end on June 4th of 2001. We expect the schedule of events somewhat similar to the one that was in existence and approved for the last session of the legislature. Now, if that was the case, all bills other than money bills, have to be out of the committee in the first

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house no later than April 13th. The next date that's important, is they have to be passed by the first house no later than April 23rd. These seem to be the dates and in the past session they were the most critical and the most difficult to meet. Bills that do not meet these dates are dead. So, we will be very actively participating those early weeks of the session wanting to get bills, of course that are of interest to us passed.

The Legislative Counsel Bureau is now releasing the short descriptions of bills that have been requested to date. We have seen a number of those and we see already many that apply to the (inaudible) at least apply to the City and our operations. We - don't know the full detail. We normally have like one sentence on each bill. But if the, what happens this session is similar to what's happened last session, we will find that we're tracking over 300 of those bills, as they are requested, that apply directly to us, in one form or another. In fact, there are numbers of bills that have been requested already that we can see. We see bills that affect tort liability that we expect will be an attempt to increase our liability. We see bills that will - call for some type of special election for vacancies on the City Council. We don't know details of that, but some type, under certain circumstances.

We see several bills that involve how, and if, and when and if Metro is ever dissolved how that might be accomplished. We have seen bills relating to work cards. That's been a subject, of course, as we're aware here with the Council. We see bills dealing with gaming districts and how do you establish some, how do you change the boundaries, I'm sure, and subjects of that. We see bills dealing with land use and regional planning. We see bills dealing with the transportation of hazardous waste. All of these, we expect are going to be issues that are important to you and important to the citizens of the City of Las Vegas.

Then the last session, prior to the last session, in fact, internally we developed a computerized tracking system by which we could track bills and know where they were, bills that were important to the City. It's a process and a mechanized method by which we can have our departments, as well as you and the City Manager's Office respond to bills so that we know what our position is going to be and it becomes critical, with as many bills as there are that the team that's in Carson City understand what your

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position, remember, we represent the City Manager, we represent you and of course, it's through you the citizens, and we want to know your position. So, the positions we're taking represent our don't necessarily feelings on the bill, we represent those who send us there.

We are very pleased that you have hired Bob Ostrousky to assist us in this legislative session. He's been to the legislature many years and is well respected and we're going, we appreciate having his assistance to help us there.

The Nevada Legislature has allowed the City, as you mentioned in your opening remarks Mayor, no more than four bills. The City Manager established a task force to assist in the development and review of various legislative proposals. We, in addition, ask each of the Department Directors to submit any requests that they might have, and in turn, as you know, we have requested each of you to supply your ideas. Based on these requests and our review of those, there appears to be three issues that are particularly, we see there's, we believe we have some unanimity on about the needs for certain types of things, changes in legislation that would, we believe improve our ability to deliver needed services to our residents.

The first of these deals with park funding. Right now we have what's termed areidential construction tax. We would recommend that that section of the statute be changed so that the maximum amount of the residential tax, construction tax, would be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. While this does not, would not bring any huge amount of money, we believe it'll make the tax definitely less regressive and it'll be a fair more equal, equitable, equitably levied tax for everyone involved in the City. We also would recommend that you allow local, the, you approve legislation, which would allow local governments to impose the same tax on non-residential construction. And that the money from this tax could be used for urban and regional type parks. The taxes that are currently exist, the residential, could only be used in more neighborhood-type parks and we do those by Ward at the current moment in time.

The second proposal would be to require the transfer of certain highways and streets that are owned/controlled and maintained by the State, along with related funding to counties and cities at the request of the local government. Right now it appears that we do have a situation where the

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State Highway Department, State Department of Transportation, is the one that approves encroachment permits and in a way controls what happens along roads and streets, when that might not be the position of an elected governing board, such as yourself. So, we're recommending a change in that.

We have had for many years what we believe are problems as it relates to annexation of land, whereby, as a result of development patterns and such, we have situations where there's islands of land completely surrounded by City property. Not going to recommend that all of those be brought into the City, but we feel that perhaps before development occurs, we be allowed to annex undeveloped land so they can come into the City, so that as development occurs, services can be provided in a normal manner. They will pay the same taxes as all of the neighboring properties. And this seems to be a methodology by which service can be extended without providing the burden that you might see or disagreement that you might see if this was done to existing developed land.

Mayor, those are the three proposals that we bring before you and recommend your approval.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you very much. Any questions or comments by the Council? All right. Councilwoman McDonald.

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

I guess I'll jump in first. I - think the interest that I truly have, and all of these are very important issues. But, again, I can't emphasize enough the challenges I've had this past year in just dealing with the issues of State highways that most think are City streets, such as Rainbow, Charleston, Sahara, and everything from traffic signalization to, can we put up a bus stop shelter. Having to go through that extra hoop of bureaucracy of dealing with NDOT. I know that in, discussions I've had with NDOT it's always been, we'll give you the - streets today, but there's never a discussion about the funding that goes along with the maintenance of those roads. And so, I know this is an important discussion that we need to have and pursue, but I guess to reemphasize that it's not enough just to gain control of the streets, that we definitely will need to have those resources that are currently being earmarked to NDOT to come to our Public Works Department, otherwise it's going to be a catastrophe, Your Honor.

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COUNCILMAN MACK

Your Honor, while you're having, I'd like to add that I commend Marvin and your staff for hiring Bob Ostrousky. What I heard from the legislators out there, both republican and democrat, that he's probably the quiet giant. He gets things done. I think the City should be proud of our accomplishments in hiring Bob.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Okay. Any other questions or comments? A couple from myself. On the residential tax, of course, it's my feeling that since I have been on the Council, I - have a sense that each and every Councilman and Councilwoman feel a, an abiding conviction to having parks made available to the citizens in the City. And we have to look for ways to raise funds that aren't presently in existence. I think that the increase is a modest increase. I don't think anybody is going to be economically affected that, to the point that it's going to change a deal. And the fact that we're now going to be looking to tax the non-residential construction, that gives us a whole new area of monies that can hopefully be spread on a regional basis, so that the entire community will be able to enjoy these parks. So, that's a - topic near and dear to me and I'll be fighting with you up in the legislature to get that on.

There was a fourth proposed bill that we pulled because we felt that it might be too controversial. I myself wouldn't want to put my fellow Councilmen in a position to be criticized. I, this is a bill that was drafted to permit the Council and the CCDC as persons who are acting within the redevelopment district to be able to invest. At this point in time we're precluded from investing our own money and there is -- we went down to Albuquerque and looked at their redevelopment and the people who are leading it are those persons who are investing in the redevelopment district. But, apparently, there's a sense for politicians to put their money where their mouth is, perhaps is inappropriate. I - would like to keep that one on the burner. Since we are entitled to four bills, I'd like to perhaps during the briefing to discuss it with the Council, unless they want to be heard at this point in time. I just think that if I wanted to open up a restaurant downtown, I should be allowed to do it. I should make the disclosure publicly. I should abstain, of course, if I have an investment. But, if we who are involved in the City, who are able to have the finances to - invest in the - future of where we live, if we're not able to do that, I - think it's - phony and I think we should be able to do that.

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So, if anybody has any feelings you want to bring it to Marvin's attention, if you want to take whatever heat might come with it, I don't think there would be any myself, then please express that to them. I just feel that we have to believe in what we're doing here and part of the belief is if we have the wherewithal to what we should be able to invest and what we believe in. Councilwoman?

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

That's my initial thoughts, cause I just, in hearing this as you're speaking it, is that, I think it just sets up a real dangerous precedent. And I'm just speaking, you know, off the top of my head, in that you could potentially create a situation where those with, it's almost insider trading. You have the insider knowledge and therefore you're now using your personal dollars to, you know, have that information, to have that benefit. To me, you know, I would need a lot more detail, but just the -- sense of it, what I feel in my bones, it's just doesn't jive right with me.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Well, that's -- why we pulled it, so that type of interpretation -- See I always have a problem. I -- take my own ethic, morose.

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

Right.

MAYOR GOODMAN

-- whatever you want to call it and I apply it to the situation, and I know I wouldn't cheat. But I guess as a matter of proposition, we have to be concerned that other people may not be as ethical in a particular --

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

Don't get me wrong, I'd love to --

MAYOR GOODMAN

Oh, I understand.

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

-- eat at Oscar's Place. You know, I'd be the first in line.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Well --

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD

But, just everyone isn't an Oscar. That's my concern.

MAYOR GOODMAN

I understand that, but I, Virginia is going to invest the money in Oscar's, Oscar Goodman's Speakeasy and it will be downtown hopefully, in the near future, where we could all drink martinis. Okay.

COUNCILMAN MACK

Your Honor?

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MAYOR GOODMAN

Yes.

COUNCILMAN MACK

Just to follow up. I have a business in the downtown redevelopment area and grandfathered in because of before I took office, and I think your intent is - well - taken, because we should put our money where our mouth is. But I think there's a perception out there that the hand that's feeding the deal is the dealmaker. And, I know from my standpoint, I probably receive less benefit being a proprietor downtown as a City Councilman than if I was not on the City Council. So, it's more perception than anything. And I think you should probably just lightly mention it to --

MAYOR GOODMAN

Okay. Fine and that's the reason it was pulled and nobody should get upset or concerned. I - just felt that this is the time. You know, under the Open Meeting Law, we really can't have open discussion like this and I think it's very healthy that we express ourselves and the public can hear what we're thinking and they can give us their input as they - think that we should take a direction one way or the other. All right, any other direction to Mr. Leavitt at this time? All right. May I have a motion then to have Mr. Leavitt proceed, based on his presentation?

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

Yes, Your Honor. There was one I had concerns about, the first one, the park funding. And I've been in discussions with you in the past and at this time I'll hold those until the Mayor and I have further discussion. **But I'd make a recommendation to follow the advice and direction that we received from Mr. Leavitt and also the direction from the Council to proceed forward.**

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. Vote on the motion, please. Post, please. Motion carries. **(Motion carried unanimously)** Good luck, Mr. Leavitt.

MARVIN LEAVITT

Thank you.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. All right. This is the time for Citizens Participation. Items raised under this portion of the City Council Agenda cannot be deliberated or acted upon until the notice provisions of the Open Meeting Law have been met. If you wish to speak on a matter not listed on the agenda, please step up to the podium and clearly state your name and address. In consideration of others, please do not repeat the - issues and limit your comments to no more

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than three minutes. To ensure all persons equal opportunity to speak, each subject matter will be limited to 10 minutes. Are there any members of the public who wish to speak under this portion of the agenda?

COUNCILMAN REESE

Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR GOODMAN

Yes.

COUNCILMAN REESE

If I could, I would just like to introduce my granddaughter, Taylor Conley, who has been seating here very patient today taking this all in. I hope she gets her scout badge.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. And I'm going to take what she's been writing for the past hour and a half and mark it as Exhibit A, for identification, and give to the Clerk for filing. Thank you. Yes, Sir.

TODD FARLOW

Yes, my name is Todd Farlow, 240 North 19th Street. I was wondering on that item TEA-21 that they were talking about, if there'd be any money in that for sound walls for the freeway?

MAYOR GOODMAN

Ms. Fretwell?

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY
FRETWELL

Actually, there has been sound wall money that has been approved for various transportation appropriations measures. Normally, you try and build it into the design. And - quite recently the State legislature has also approved sound walls, sound wall monies.

COUNCILMAN REESE

Betsy, I think, if I could interrupt here just a second. I think Mr. Farwell (sic) is looking more at existing freeways 95, between here and Charleston, here in Sahara.

TODD FARLOW

Right.

COUNCILMAN REESE

We have had some sound walls put up, but they haven't been adequate. I think you're looking to have more monies to fix the problem that we - try to fix. Is that right Todd?

TODD FARLOW

You're right.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you.

COUNCILMAN REESE

And when they - put 95 through here, when people talked about sound walls, the State said that they didn't need them

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at the time. And you can see what we have down here and what you have in the newer areas, where they're getting the new freeways and how they're designed for the sound, I think that they learned from this experience here. So, hopefully, we can work together and find more money for sound walls on existing freeways.

CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA
VALENTINE

Councilman, we can have the Public Works Department look into that. The TEA-21 monies typically go to the State and allocates them out to the State Transportation Improvement Program.

COUNCILMAN REESE

Yes.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. Anybody else like to be heard? This is your opportunity if you have any input, as far as our legislative package is concerned, both Federally and State.

JUANITA CLARK

Juanita Clark, Charleston Neighborhood Preservation. I want to comment about the new facilities. They're truly more accessible. I was in here the other day when there was only, I don't know who it was who was in here. Anyway, he explained to me a lot about the accessibility and the disability accessibility. And of course, goodness knows, now I know where to my put porn pictures and -- my maps. Right. I can see, I can look at exactly where to locate them. I too would like to comment though, I thought for sure that the ladies would get a drinking fountain on our side of the Council Chambers and we didn't. I still have to come over here to get a drink. So, maybe that can be, in four years from now, maybe we can -- get a drinking fountain over there.

I want to comment today, how long have we had Federal lobbyists? Has the City of Las Vegas had a Federal lobbyist in DC?

MAYOR GOODMAN

Virginia?

CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA
VALENTINE

I don't know. Marvin Leavitt's memory may go back a little further than mine.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Marvin?

MARVIN LEAVITT

It's hard to give an exact date. I do not know.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD

Is it 20 years?

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JUANITA CLARK Five, ten?

MARVIN LEAVITT Probably in the last 10 tens.

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD At least 10 --

COUNCILMAN REESE Ten or 12 that I know of.

JUANITA CLARK All right. I'm hearing at least 10 years. I just really question, I guess the number or the amount of staff, how, so how many people are we paying to be there in Washington, DC? I mean there's --

MAYOR GOODMAN Well, right now we have two lobbyists.

JUANITA CLARK But -- then there's staff. So, --

MAYOR GOODMAN But they pay that.

JUANITA CLARK They pay that.

MAYOR GOODMAN They pay for their staff, of course.

JUANITA CLARK Okay. So, we pay the lobbyists and whatever then he pays his staff and -- all that. And he is there or she is there for how long? I --

MAYOR GOODMAN They reside there and they, they're under a term of contract with the City, and right now the City's contract with them will expire January the first.

JUANITA CLARK Okay. And this is a -- a one year contract, will this be, if this, well, when a new one is let, for how many years will that be?

MAYOR GOODMAN I don't know whether that's been decided yet. Ms. Valentine?

CITY MANAGER VIRGINIA VALENTINE We had -- two contracts. We pay a monthly retainer fee and unfortunately, we, since we've had this discussion before, I don't have those numbers in front of me. But, we can certainly make those available to Mrs. Clark. They were multi-year contracts, however they required renewal each year. So, they have annual renewals, but they were multiple year contracts.

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JUANITA CLARK

I, I'm questioning whether, so has this been evaluated and this is a really, so, this is really something that the City of Las Vegas profits enough by, that it's worthwhile?

COUNCILMAN REESE

I'll - yes.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Yes.

COUNCILMAN REESE

Just - the monies alone that we received in the old Ward 3, now Ward 5 and Ward 1, a lot of your rehabilitation, a lot of your redevelopment that we've had in - these areas, they helped us secure. So, yes, they - pay for themselves, probably ten times over, just - in those three Wards.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Right, but we're going to take a very careful look when it comes time for the selection on the next go around, and that's been the subject of Council discussion and Council interest, and we're going to make sure that the - City will get the best bang for the buck. Be assured of that.

JUANITA CLARK

Okay. Because I feel that distance really allows for a lot of, a lot of extraneous things and especially, nobody can do everything. And so, I know, even you folks can't keep track of what's going on and what's not going on and - the talk sounds good and that sort of thing. So, we're - really concerned about - that.

To get back to - our, at the State level, we - definitely are concerned about, as it was mentioned by Councilwoman McDonald, the - State controlled roads and - to me that word control is a big question, about how much control there is, except - when something is requested or any kind of maintenance of this - type of thing. And I - would, I'm going to bring up again, Charleston and Jones, that intersection that they put that huge island in there that backs north from Charleston into Jones. I need to drive over that island to get into that turn lane. That's not the best thing. That's worst than any speed hump. And yes, that's sta - that was put in there by - State engineers, supposedly put that in there. And - that's of great concern to me that that would be allowed to go on. And obviously, I know that our City people didn't even get a chance to look at. This was just put in that way. So, we certainly want to move forward on the State level with that.

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And - to comment on your request, Mayor, your suggestion about investing in downtown, I don't know how in the world to do that, because it's always seen that way. I know of a person that worked, that was employed here, got a great land buy and the only reason that they knew about that land buy was because they were here where the information came through. Whereas me, not, even if I was here in this building, I wouldn't see this information coming down the pike and be able to invest - at that level. And - so, I don't know how to do that. But - I appreciate it. Unless you want to, I'm not going to say it.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. And make you a loan so you can invest it? Okay.

JUANITA CLARK

Thank you - very much and I appreciate being notified of this meeting so we can come down and I like the frank, the discussion and that we can be involved with the discussions of people coming up with these ideas and - it's - really great. I don't feel like it was cut and dried.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you.

JUANITA CLARK

Thank you.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Anybody else? All right, seeing none, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

(END OF DISCUSSION)

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AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 7, 2000
(LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP)

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**DIRECTOR: MARVIN A. LEAVITT**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

Discussion and possible action regarding strategic planning for the 2001 Legislative Session and approval of the city's proposed legislative bill draft request submissions

FISCAL IMPACT☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:** Administrative Services☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Any potential legislation that the City of Las Vegas would like to be considered during the 71st Session of the Nevada Legislature must be submitted for drafting to the Legislative Counsel Bureau no later than September 1, 2000. Based on our population, the City of Las Vegas is allowed to submit only four bill draft requests for the upcoming session.

The Office of Administrative Services Legislative Team has met with the Mayor, members of council, city management, and department directors to determine the areas of concern that may require legislation. This strategic planning session will provide an opportunity for those areas to be discussed as a group, prioritized and approved for submission.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council select and approve no more than four measures to comprise the City of Las Vegas Legislative Package and instruct staff to submit them to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for bill drafting.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION

None

MOTION:**M. McDONALD – APPROVED as recommended - UNANIMOUS**

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP) OF AUGUST 7, 2000
Administrative Services
2001 Legislative Session

MINUTES:**APPEARANCES:**

MARVIN LEAVITT, Director, Administrative Services

NOTE: COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD indicated that the City should continue to pursue discussions regarding funding for the maintenance of roads, such as Rainbow Boulevard, Charleston Boulevard and Sahara Avenue. It is not enough to gain control of the streets, but the resources currently earmarked for NDOT, need to come to the City's Public Works Department.

(3:09 – 3:25)

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:34 P.M.

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 7, 2000
(LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Items raised under this portion of the City Council Agenda cannot be deliberated or acted upon until the notice provisions of the Open Meeting Law have been met. If you wish to speak on a matter not listed on the agenda, please step up to the podium and clearly state your name and address. In consideration of others, avoid repetition, and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes. To ensure all persons equal opportunity to speak, each subject matter will be limited to ten (10) minutes.

MINUTES:

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APPEARANCES:

TODD FARLOW, 240 North 19th Street

VIRGINIA VALENTINE, City Manager

JUANITA CLARK, Charleston Neighborhood Preservation

MARVIN LEAVITT, Director, Administrative Services

(3:25 – 3:34)

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP) OF AUGUST 7, 2000 NOTES AND DIRECTIVES:

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD indicated that potential conflict of interests need to be delineated in the request for qualification for lobbyist firms. ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BETSY FRETWELL added that it might make the process easier if there is a disclosure in the RFP (Request for Proposal). (See Item #1)

In addition, COUNCILMAN BROWN requested that during the RFP process staff research potential conflicts for the federal lobbyists. (See Item #1)

COUNCILMAN REESE requested information on whether some types of incentives are available for developers that have an interest in downtown. (See Item #1)

COUNCILMAN MACK wants to make sure the City moves forward its efforts to involve the Downtown Corridor in the All American Roadway program. (See Item #1)

COUNCILMAN MACK also verified with RICK ALCALDE that GSA could grant the City the Post Office rather than having to purchase it. A program funded through the National Trust for Historic Preservation Act, and Section 111 of that Act, allows them to grant that property, if it appears on the National Registry. (See Item #1)

COUNCILMAN MACK pointed out that his understanding is that funds are available under the TEA-21 Bill for trailways and multi-purpose trails. The northwest area is looking to using any available funding. HEIDI HANSON noted that TEA-21 funds could be used for planning as well as a comprehensive plan. MR. ALCALDE added that these trails might also be funded through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. (See Item #1)

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY expressed concerns about available funds from TEA-21 for Public Works projects, such as the Arts Commission and the Las Vegas Boulevard beautification. (See Item #1)

COUNCILMAN BROWN requested additional information regarding the Internet Taxation. He requested that staff and the City's lobbyists develop some type of agenda to deal with all facets of the nuclear waste issue from transportation through the site selection. (See Item #1)

COUNCILMAN BROWN indicated that dedicated funds from the Public Lands Management Act went to the Water District and the School District. He noted that the City should get at the front of the line this time and revisit any opportunities the City might have missed the first time. (See Item #1)

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP) OF AUGUST 7, 2000 NOTES AND DIRECTIVES:

COUNCILMAN BROWN also noted that the City should continue its involvement with certain federal programs. However, the City should start looking at a way to become self reliant, instead of relying on the federal programs. (See Item #1)

COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD indicated that the City should continue to pursue discussions regarding funding for the maintenance of roads, such as Rainbow Boulevard, Charleston Boulevard and Sahara Avenue. It is not enough to gain control of the streets, but the resources currently earmarked for NDOT, need to come to the City's Public Works Department. (See Item #2)

The City Council approved MR. LEAVITT's following recommendation:

Park Fund – Residential Construction Tax
State Highway and Road issue concerning ownership and maintenance
Annexation of undeveloped land