

MINUTES

City of Las Vegas

CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL
 Special Joint Las Vegas, Reno, North Las Vegas, and Henderson
 City Council Meeting

Held at Grant Sawyer Government Building, Rm. #4401
 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101

MEETING OF
JANUARY 15, 2003


INVOCATION
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY COUNCIL	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
MAYOR OSCAR B. GOODMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILMAN GARY REESE MAYOR PRO-TEM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MCDONALD (Arrived at 12:12 pm)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILMAN LARRY BROWN (Excused from 12:00 pm until 12:19 pm)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILWOMAN LYNETTE BOGGS MCDONALD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILMAN LAWRENCE WEEKLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MACK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DOUG SELBY, CITY MANAGER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRAD JERBIC, CITY ATTORNEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BARBARA JO RONEMUS, CITY CLERK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPROVED BY REFERENCE: **June 4, 2003**

ATTEST:


 CITY CLERK


 MAYOR

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL
RENO CITY COUNCIL,
NORTH LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL
AND THE HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL**

AGENDA

**Grant Sawyer Government Building, Rm. 4401
555 E. Washington Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101**

CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: <http://www.ci.las-vegas.nv.us>

**January 15, 2003
11:30 a.m.**

ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE SCHEDULED FOR ACTION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OTHERWISE. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON.

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW

1. Presentation of City of Reno legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff
2. Presentation of City of Henderson legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff
3. Presentation of City of Las Vegas legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff
4. Presentation of the Nevada League of Cities legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff
5. Presentation of local government financing by the Urban Consortium and any appropriate action or direction to staff

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

ITEMS RAISED UNDER THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA CANNOT BE DELIBERATED OR ACTED UPON UNTIL THE NOTICE PROVISION 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. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR REMARKS TO THOSE MATTERS UNDER THE EXPRESS JURISDICTION OF THE LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Grant Sawyer Government Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue
Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North
Senior Citizen Center, 450 East Bonanza Road
Clark County Government Center, 500 So. Grand Central Parkway
Court Clerk's Office Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza
City Hall Plaza, Special Outside Posting Bulletin Board



DATE: January 8, 2003
TO: CITY CLERK
FROM: MAYOR GOODMAN
RE: SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Please schedule a Special Joint Meeting of the Las Vegas City Council with the Reno City Council, the North Las Vegas City Council and the Henderson City Council at the Grant Sawyer Government Building, Room 4401, on January 15, 2003 at 11:30 a.m.

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MAYOR GOODMAN



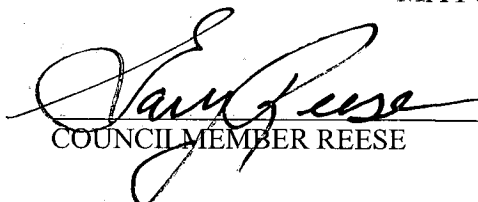
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FROM: CITY CLERK
RE: SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

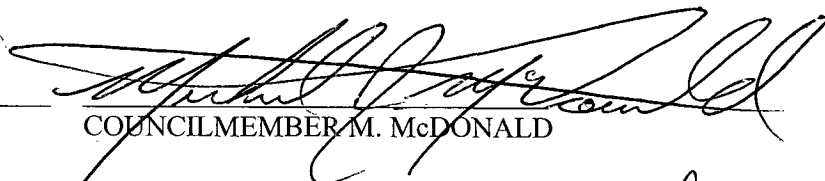
A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council with the Reno City Council, the North Las Vegas City Council and the Henderson City Council is being called for the matter shown below. The meeting will be held in the Grant Sawyer Government Building, Room 4401, on January 15, 2003 at 11:30 a.m.

Presentations by the cities of Reno, Henderson, Las Vegas along with the Nevada League of Cities and the Urban Consortium concerning legislation and government financing, and any appropriate action or direction to staff.

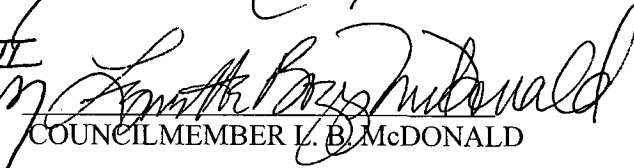
ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE: The undersigned do hereby acknowledge service of notice for the Special Joint Meeting called to be held as stated above.


MAYOR GOODMAN


COUNCILMEMBER REESE


COUNCILMEMBER M. McDONALD


COUNCILMEMBER BROWN


COUNCILMEMBER L. B. McDONALD


COUNCILMEMBER WEEKLY


COUNCILMEMBER MACK

City of Las Vegas

**AGENDA
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL, RENO CITY COUNCIL, NORTH LAS VEGAS
CITY COUNCIL AND THE HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 15, 2003**

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

MINUTES:

The meeting was held at the Grant Sawyer Government Building, Room 4401, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

PRESENT from CITY OF LAS VEGAS: MAYOR OSCAR B. GOODMAN and COUNCIL MEMBERS MICHAEL McDONALD (arrived at 12:12 p.m.), LARRY BROWN (excused from 12:00 p.m. until 12:19 p.m.), MICHAEL MACK and LAWRENCE WEEKLY

Excused: COUNCILMAN GARY REESE and COUNCILWOMAN LYNETTE-BOGGS McDONALD

Also Present: CITY CLERK BARBARA JO RONEMUS

PRESENT from CITY OF HENDERSON: MAYOR JAMES B. GIBSON, COUNCIL MEMBERS ARTHUR "ANDY" HAFEN, STEVEN KIRK and AMANDA CYPHERS

Excused: COUNCILMAN JACK CLARK

Also Present: CITY CLERK MONICA M. SIMMONS

PRESENT from CITY OF RENO: MAYOR ROBERT CASHELL and COUNCIL MEMBERS SHARON ZADRA, JESSICA SFERRAZZA, DWIGHT DORTCH and DAVE AIAZZI

Excused: COUNCIL MEMBERS PIERRE HASCHEFF and TONI HARSH

Also Present: CITY CLERK LYNETTE JONES

City of Las Vegas

SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2003

PRESENT from CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS: COUNCILMAN ROBERT L. ELIASON
and COUNCILWOMAN SHARI BUCK

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

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Senior Citizens Center, 450 E. Bonanza Road

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Court Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall

City Hall Plaza, Posting Board

(11:35)

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MINUTES:

MAYOR GOODMAN, City of Las Vegas, welcomed everyone to the Special Joint Meeting. This is the first time that representatives from the Cities of Reno, Henderson and North Las Vegas join the City of Las Vegas City Council in a Joint Special Meeting to discuss issues that will be discussed at the next Legislative session, issues that are very important to all the Municipalities throughout the State. Municipalities will only be healthy if all the Cities share ideas and work together.

(11:35 – 11:36)

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MAYOR GOODMAN led the audience in the Pledge.

(11:36 – 11:37)

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MAYOR GOODMAN called to order the Special Joint Meeting of the City of Las Vegas City Council and invited the Cities of Reno and Henderson to do the same. MAYOR CASHELL, City of Reno, and MAYOR GIBSON, City of Henderson, called to order the Special Joint Meeting of the City of Las Vegas City Council. The City of North Las Vegas was unable to call the meeting to order as to North Las Vegas as they did not have a quorum due to their regularly scheduled City Council meeting. However, he mentioned that COUNCILMAN ROBERT L. ELIASON and COUNCILWOMAN SHARI BUCK from the City of North Las Vegas were present.

(11:37 – 11:39)

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City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 1

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 15, 2003

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

DIRECTOR: NIEL PEZZILLO

CONSENT

DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

Presentation of City of Reno legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Amount:

Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDATION:

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

- Submitted at Special Joint Meeting – City of Reno 2003 Legislative Program

MOTION:

IAZZI – Motion to support all Bill Drafts as presented by the City of Henderson and the City of Las Vegas, including the Urban Consortium, seconded by MAYOR CASHELL – UNANIMOUS with COUNCILMEN PIERRE HASCHEFF and TONI HARSH excused

NOTE: COUNCILMAN AIAZZI indicated that the City of Reno was prepared to make a motion to support the Bill Draft Proposals as presented.

NOTE: MAYOR GIBSON, City of Henderson, noted that they want to be supportive, but they have not had an opportunity to further discuss and understand the various Bill Draft Proposals. They will take action, if it will be meaningful, after having had a chance to understand the BDR'S. He preferred to defer the motion and indicated that he looks forward to being able to support the other cities.

SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2003

Item 1 – Presentation of City of Reno legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff

MINUTES:

NICOLE LABOLEY, Legislative Relations Manager, City of Reno, indicated that the City of Reno submitted three Bill Draft Requests (BDR) for consideration in the upcoming legislative session. The first BDR would require Reno voters in Washoe County to vote either to consolidate City services or create a Reno County. On November 5th the voters elected to seek consolidation of services, but voted down creating a new County. This particular BDR would provide for enabling legislation that would allow cities with a population of 100,000 to 400,000 a process by which they can determine if and how to consolidate services. MAYOR GOODMAN, City of Las Vegas, verified with LEANN McELROY, Chief of Staff, City of Reno, that Washoe County was aware of the ballot question and a committee was established to discuss consolidation.

MS. LABOLEY explained for MAYOR GOODMAN that the ballot questions were written as follows: "Shall the City of Reno seek to consolidate services between Washoe County and the City of Reno" and "Shall the City of Reno seek to create a Reno County." MAYOR GIBSON, City of Henderson, verified with MS. LABOLEY that this was just a City initiative. Washoe County was given the opportunity to put it on the ballot countywide but elected not to.

MS. LABOLEY discussed with MAYOR GOODMAN that the question of consolidation passed with 72% in favor and the question to create a Reno County failed. There was no public information campaign in support of the ballot questions.

MS. LABOLEY explained that the second BDR addresses the issue of graffiti. The City of Reno is seeking a change on how multiple offenses are penalized. This would allow the judge to obtain a penalty that fits accumulatively on effects of a crime. Rather than treating one instance of graffiti separately, if there were repeat offenders, the damage to the property would be cumulative and could be treated in its entirety as opposed to a single case. It has been their experience that most graffiti defacers often leave markings that clearly identifies who they are. A case could be presented that they have repeatedly caused damage to various facilities and properties.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked when someone is charged for multiple acts, if the conviction would result in multiple convictions or when under the singular complaint, if it would be a conviction of one count. MS. LABOLEY replied that for multiple offenses obtained at one time, the value of the property loss or damage could be accumulated for the purpose of determining the penalty. Rather than charging a \$100 fine, a greater fine or penalty could be levied.

SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2003

Item 1 – Presentation of City of Reno legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff

MINUTES – Continued:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY, City of Las Vegas, commented that he represents the most mature areas that have the most graffiti abatements. He asked what types of laws are applied in Reno and who is held accountable for these acts. In Southern Nevada, if a youth is caught in the act, the parent is held responsible, which many parents oppose because they feel this law is unfair. He also asked where Reno has the most graffiti. CITY ATTORNEY PATRICIA LYNCH, City of Reno, replied that if the person is under 18, the parents can be held liable for damages, otherwise it can be either prosecuted as a misdemeanor or a gross misdemeanor, depending on the amount of damage. One of the purposes of this BDR is to try to accumulate the misdemeanors so that a higher penalty can be imposed for the smaller crimes. The Reno Municipal Court has very few cases. Most of the cases go through the juvenile justice system or through the District Attorney's Office for the gross misdemeanors. CITY ATTORNEY LYNCH indicated that the graffiti is everywhere, but mostly downtown.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY noted that a lot of man-hours are dedicated to the abatement of graffiti in the City of Las Vegas. He would be interested in seeing the effects of this BDR.

COUNCILMAN DAVE AIAZZI indicated that graffiti in the City of Reno is occurring wherever there is a blank wall. This affects their planning in trying not to have blank walls and do more chain link fences, which is not very attractive either. But mostly, graffiti is found in the downtown and older areas, which is probably true of the City of Las Vegas.

MS. LAMBOLEY explained that the third BDR would allow cities, if they so choose, to grant a special event promoter exclusive rights for an event. Currently, when a special event promoter is looking at hosting an event, they have public safety and financial issues. This bill would allow the promoter to be insured and public safety would not be compromised. Presently, there are exclusivity rights in the Statutes for special event promoters. There are some other services that are listed as being exclusive, should the City so determine.

MS. LAMBOLEY indicated that one additional request has not yet been submitted, but they are looking for a sponsor for a bill that would allow the City Council to send an appeal under the Nuisance Statute to Municipal Court rather than it going to the City Council. With increased enforcement, they are seeing more appeals coming before the City Council, which are time consuming since often more time is required to facilitate these appeals.

City of Las Vegas

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SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2003

Item 1 – Presentation of City of Reno legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff

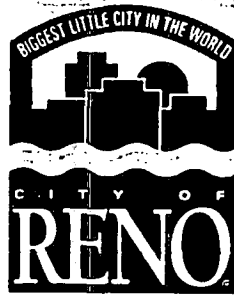
MINUTES – Continued:

MAYOR GOODMAN, City of Las Vegas, pointed out that the proposed BDR 374 does not indicate the 100,000 to 400,000 size of the City, as it relates to the consolidation of the City of Reno and Washoe County. MS. LAMBOLEY explained that the Bill has not gone through the City of Reno City Council to fill in the blanks of the BDR. It was submitted with both, depending on the result of the voters. The Bill will be brought before the City Council towards the end of the month with the details of what the BDR would look like.

There was no further discussion.

(11:40 – 11:53)

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CITY OF RENO

2003 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

*Submitted at Joint
Mtg Jan 15, 2003
Order #1*

BILL DRAFT REQUEST FROM CITY OF RENO

REQUEST LIMITED TO

FOR LCB USE ONLY

ONE SUBJECT ONLY

BDR# 374

FROM: City of Reno

TO: Legislative Counsel

I. Intent of Proposed Bill: To reorganize Reno government in the event that Reno voters vote favorably either to establish Reno and its sphere of influence as a separate county or to consolidate with Washoe County.

II. Justification or Purpose: Both creation of a new county and consolidation of governments would eliminate the fiscal inequity in which City residents subsidize the provision of municipal services to unincorporated properties. would permit greater efficiency in the provision of services and eliminate jurisdiction shopping by developers.

III. NRS Title, Chapter and Section affected: With either of the two options, it will be necessary to review all of NRS to eliminate conflicting language and to repeal or revise the Reno Charter so that either Reno County or a consolidated Reno/Washoe County functions in a manner similar to Carson City.

IV. Effective Date July 1, 2004

V. FISCAL NOTE:

Effect on the State or Industrial Insurance: None

Yes ___ No X Contains Appropriation _____

Executive Budget _____ Effect Less than \$2,000 _____

Effect on Local Government

Yes ___ No X Contains Appropriation _____

VI. Preprinting of Bill (Subsection 3 of NRS 218.240)

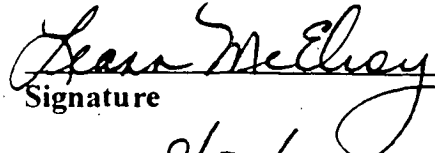
May bill be preprinted? Yes X No ___

VII. Name of person to be consulted if more information is needed:

Leann McElroy @334-2022

VIII. Name, title, and mailing address of person to whom a copy of the drafted bill request should be mailed.

Leann McElroy, Chief of Staff
City of Reno
P.O. Box 1900
Reno, Nevada 89505


Signature
DATE: 8/30/02

BILL DRAFT REQUEST FROM CITY OF RENO

REQUEST LIMITED TO

FOR LCB USE ONLY

ONE SUBJECT ONLY

BDR# 375

FROM: Reno City Council, through Creig Skau, Deputy Reno City Attorney

TO: Legislative Counsel

I. Intent of Proposed Bill: (Brief Summary of Intended Effect): The intent of this proposed bill is to increase penalties for persons convicted of defacing property with graffiti.

II. Justification or Purpose: Defacement of property, usually by graffiti, is a violation of NRS 206.330. Upon conviction, subsection 1 makes punishment proportionate to the value of the property damaged in an "offense" in accordance with NRS 193.155. Persons who deface property with graffiti often do small to medium amounts of damage, but they do it to numerous separately owned properties. The effect is that for any given offense, the damage may only justify a fine or a misdemeanor. However, because of the large number of properties they target, the cumulative damage is far more serious, justifying imposition of gross misdemeanor or felony penalties. Graffiti defacers often affix a unique sign or keep photos of their defacement, which enables convictions for multiple offenses at one time. The purpose of the proposed bill is to require the sentencing judge to cumulate the value of all the damaged and lost properties at sentencing, thereby subjecting the criminal to stiffer punishment.

III. NRS Title, Chapter and Section affected: Title 15, Chapter 206, Section 206.330.

IV. Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

V. Suggested Language: Subsection 1 of NRS 206.330 should be modified to add the following language to the end of the existing provision:

"Where convictions for multiple offenses are obtained at the same time, the value of all the property loss or damage shall be cumulated for purposes of determining the appropriate penalty under NRS 193.155."

VI. FISCAL NOTE:

Effect on the State or Industrial Insurance:

Yes ___ No X Contains Appropriation

Executive Budget _____ Effect Less than \$2,000

Effect on Local Government

Yes ___ No X Contains Appropriation

VII. Preprinting of Bill (Subsection 3 of NRS 218.240)

May bill be preprinted? Yes X No ___

VIII. Name of person to be consulted if more information is needed: Creig Skau, Deputy Reno City Attorney, P.O. Box 1900, Reno, NV 89505, (775) 334-2056.

XI. Name, title, and mailing address of person to whom a copy of the drafted bill request should be mailed. Creig Skau, Deputy Reno City Attorney, P.O. Box 1900, Reno, NV 89505, (775) 334-2056.

Signature

Creig Skau
Deputy Reno City Atto

DATE:

Aug. 29, 2002

BILL DRAFT REQUEST FROM CITY OF RENO

REQUEST LIMITED TO

FOR LCB USE ONLY

ONE SUBJECT ONLY

BDR# 376

FROM: Reno City Council, through Creig Skau, Deputy Reno City Attorney

TO: Legislative Counsel

I. **Intent of Proposed Bill:** (Brief Summary of Intended Effect) It is the intent of this proposed bill to enable municipal governments to give exclusive authority to one promoter for special events, to the exclusion of all other persons or entities desiring to hold a special event during the applicable time frame.

II. **Justification or Purpose:** Reno and other Nevada communities rely heavily on special events. Placing the entire event under one promoter, with no other events allowed, serves two purposes, one safety related and one financial. From a safety standpoint, as events grow, safety issues become more of a concern. Giving one promoter the authority to organize all aspects of special events for the period in question gives that promoter the ability to better ensure public safety. It also allows the police, parks, public works, health and other interested agencies to increase communication and efficiency by only having to deal with one person, and gives them the ability to hold one person responsible. Financially, large events bring in much business to the community. However, large event promoters may be unwilling to continue to sponsor events if they must face competition and risks of public safety issues due to other special event applicants during the time frame in question.

Restraint of trade issues may preclude such "exclusivity". Legislative authority can overcome such issues. See generally, Town of Hallie v. City of Eau Claire, 471 U.S. 34 (1985)(state immunity defense requires a clearly articulated state policy to replace competition in the subject area with regulation); 54 Am. Jur. 2d, Monopolies and Restraints of Trade, § 23, *et seq.*

Currently, there is no provision in NRS which expressly authorizes exclusivity for special events. Exclusivity is authorized for other services in NRS 268.081. However, the inclusion of the other listed services may exclude special events by statutory construction. Subsection 11 of NRS 268.081 is a general catchall. It is questionable whether such a general grant adequately articulates a state policy sufficient strong on its face to create a state action exception to anti-trust liability. The proposed legislative change should provide express State authority, and help ensure application of the state action exception to anti-trust liability for municipalities.

III. **NRS Title, Chapter and Section affected:** Title 21, Chapter 268, Section 268.081.

IV. **Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

V. **Suggested Language:** Modify subsection 6 of NRS 268.081 to read: "Concessions or special events on, over or under property owned or leased by the city."

VI. **FISCAL NOTE:**

Effect on the State or Industrial Insurance: None

Yes ___ No X Contains Appropriation

Executive Budget _____ Effect Less than \$2,000

Effect on Local Government

Yes ___ No X Contains Appropriation

VII. **Preprinting of Bill (Subsection 3 of NRS 218.240)**

May bill be preprinted? Yes X No ___

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XI. **Name, title, and mailing address of person to whom a copy of the drafted bill request should be mailed.** Creig Skau, Deputy Reno City Attorney, P.O. Box 1900, Reno, NV 89505, (775) 334-2056.

Signature *Creig Skau*
Deputy Reno City Attorney
DATE: *Aug. 29, 2002*

City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 2

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 15, 2003

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

DIRECTOR: NIEL PEZZILLO

CONSENT

DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

Presentation of City of Henderson legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Amount:

Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDATION:

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

- Submitted at Special Joint Meeting – Information about the revision of the Charter of City of Henderson

MINUTES:

TERRI BARBER, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Henderson, indicated that the City of Henderson is seeking to change their Charter to give the City Council the authority to specifically identify positions that will not be covered by Civil Service. Currently, the positions not included in Civil Service are listed in the City Charter and any change to that list requires action through the Legislature. The elimination, modification and creations of positions is an on-going process that is best administered by the City Council on an as-needed basis. This bill will improve city governance by giving the City Council the ability to designate those positions that should not be included in Civil Service without the additional expenditure of time and resources. This bill will provide the flexibility to manage senior management and employees in confidential positions.

COUNCILWOMAN SFERRAZZA, City of Reno, asked if Council's staff is hired through the City Manager or by the City Council. MS. BARBER replied that the City Manager hires Council's staff.

City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 2

SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2003

Item 2 – Presentation of City of Henderson legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff

MINUTES – Continued:

There was no further discussion

(11:53 – 11:56)

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SUMMARY—Revises Charter of City of Henderson to authorize City Council of City of Henderson to determine by ordinance which positions of city employment are included within system of civil service. (BDR S-457)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

AN ACT relating to the Charter of the City of Henderson; revising the Charter to authorize the City Council of the City of Henderson to determine by ordinance which positions of city employment are included within the system of civil service of the City of Henderson; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN

SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 596, Statutes of Nevada 1995, at page 2218, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9.010 Civil service.

1. There is hereby created a system of civil service, applicable to and governing *the employment of* all employees of the City except ~~department heads, the City Clerk, the~~

Submitted at
Jan 15, 2003
Item # 2



~~City Attorney, the City Manager, and any elected officer.]~~ *those employees whom the City Council, by ordinance, excludes specifically from the provisions of the system of civil service.*

2. The system of civil service must be administered by a Civil Service Board composed of five persons appointed by the City Council.

3. The Board shall prepare regulations governing the system of civil service to be adopted by the City Council. The regulations must provide for:

- (a) Examination of potential employees.
- (b) Procedures for recruitment and placement.
- (c) Classification of positions.
- (d) Procedures for promotion, disciplinary actions and removal of employees.
- (e) Such other matters as the Board may deem necessary.

4. Copies of the regulations governing the system of civil service must be distributed to all employees of the City.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 3

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 15, 2003

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
DIRECTOR: NIEL PEZZILLO **CONSENT** **DISCUSSION**
SUBJECT:

Presentation of City of Las Vegas legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff

Fiscal Impact

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**RECOMMENDATION:****BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

None

- Submitted at Special Joint Meeting – Proposed Bill Draft Request 2003 Nevada State Legislature

MINUTES:

KAMI DEMPSEY, Manager of Government Relations, City of Las Vegas, outlined two proposed Bill Draft Requests, the Investment in a Redevelopment Area and Collection of Property Liens. She indicated that currently local government officers and employees are barred from acquiring or investing in property within the Redevelopment Area. The proposed bill would allow elected officials, a private citizen who volunteers on an advisory committee, or City employees to invest in a redevelopment area. The bill would limit any benefits an employee or elected official would receive. COUNCILMAN AIAZZI, City of Reno, stated that the City of Reno is looking at a similar bill. He asked whether the employees of the Redevelopment Agency would be allowed to invest in property within the Redevelopment Area. MS. DEMPSEY replied in the affirmative.

MAYOR GOODMAN, City of Las Vegas, added that if the leaders and the citizens who participate in the redevelopment process feel that it is worthwhile to put their own money in the area that is being redeveloped, they should be permitted to do so. There was criticism that

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perhaps some insider information would lead to an unwarranted profit. But there would have to be full disclosure, and elected officials would have to abstain. MAYOR GIBSON, City of Henderson, verified with MS. DEMPSEY that the disclosure for city employees would be similar to the one the elected officials must comply with. MS. DEMPSEY added that it has been requested that any such disclosure would have to be a separate agenda item so that it can be publicly discussed and questioned.

Regarding the second BDR relating to collection of Property Liens, MS. DEMPSEY indicated that currently Clark County has gone from an annual to a semi-annual tax roll. The proposed bill would allow Clark County to include all City of Las Vegas nuisance and dangerous building abatement liens on the semi-annual tax roll. COUNCILMAN AIAZZI, City of Reno, asked if there is a legal difference for changing the language from liens to a special assessment. CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC, City of Las Vegas, replied that is a little broader but essentially the same thing. The City is trying to ensure that everything is being recorded. The lien runs with the property. COUNCILMAN AIAZZI asked if there is a different way for a special assessment district to be put on the yearly tax roll so that it would not have to be paid each year. Other laws can then kick in where the sale of property can be enforced until the lien is paid. CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC indicated that currently it could not be enforced with a lien.

COUNCILMAN MACK, City of Las Vegas, asked if this would help expedite the process as it relates to abandoned buildings. MS. DEMPSEY replied that it does expedite it because once it is added to the tax lien the City is collecting instead of having to wait until the building is either sold or the property is sold.

(11:56 – 12:02)

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**City of Las Vegas
Proposed Bill Draft Request
2003 Nevada State Legislature**

I. Investment in a Redevelopment Area

Intent of Proposed Bill:

Local government officers and employees with any role in planning or approving redevelopment projects are currently barred from acquiring any interest in property within their Redevelopment Area [RDA]. The proposed bill will provide that, with certain limitations, such officers and employees shall be allowed to make a personal investment or acquire a property interest within the RDA. An investment would disqualify the individual from receiving tax-increment financing.

Justification or Purpose:

Holding an elected position or working for the public sector should not impede an individual from having an opportunity to invest in any land or business that has the potential to enhance a redevelopment area. Although the elected official may oversee the redevelopment plans, finances and policies, the elected official may abstain from taking a position on any issue that he may receive a direct benefit. Term of office is temporary, where the investment in a redevelopment area is long-term and a benefit to the community as a whole.

II. Collection of Property Liens

Intent of Proposed Bill:

Amend Chapter 268 requiring the County Treasurer to include all City of Las Vegas' nuisance and dangerous building abatement liens to the semiannual tax roll. This amendment would clarify that the lien shall be added to the next regular tax bill levied against the parcel. The special assessment is then to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary property taxes are collected. In the event the special assessment is not paid in a timely fashion it is subject to the same penalties, interest, procedures and sale in case of delinquency as provided for ordinary property taxes.

Justification or Purpose:

Currently, the County is recording the liens that have been placed on property, but not including it on the regular property tax bill that is mailed to residents every six months. By requiring the lien to be paid with its regular property tax payment, will increase the amount of liens paid by approximately 30%.

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DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

DIRECTOR: NIEL PEZZILLO **CONSENT** **DISCUSSION**

SUBJECT:

Presentation of Nevada League of Cities legislation and any appropriate action or direction to staff

Fiscal Impact

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDATION:

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

- Submitted at Joint Meeting – Nevada League of Cities 2003 Nevada Legislative Session Approved Bill Draft Requests

MINUTES:

MAYOR GOODMAN, City of Las Vegas, indicated that during his State of the City Address he inadvertently forgot to congratulate COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD, City of Las Vegas, on her accomplishments and achievements this past year. Her staff told him that her fondest accomplishment, and the one she is most proud of, is being the President of the Nevada League of Cities.

MARY ANDERSON, Lobbyist, Nevada League of Cities, stated that COUNCILMAN ROD SCHMIDT, City of Sparks, chaired the committee that put together the proposed Bill Draft Requests for Nevada League of Cities. It was a citywide effort and some City of Las Vegas Council members participated as well. These bills went before the League’s annual meeting in August and nine BDR’s came out of that process. She indicated that the 2003 Nevada Legislative Session would be a difficult one. She is aware that President COUNCILWOMAN McDONALD asked that all the cities have their lobbyists register for the League as well.

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MINUTES – Continued:

MS. ANDERSON gave an overview of the list of BDR's and submitted a copy for the record. COUNCILMAN MACK, City of Las Vegas, pointed out that skate parks are becoming very popular in Southern Nevada and there is a current cap on liability. He asked that BMX parks be included in BDR#9.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY, City of Las Vegas, asked what type of support BDR#7 would get if it would include larger cities. MS. ANDERSON replied that that particular issue was not discussed when this package went through the League's Executive Board. But it is something that can be brought to the attention of the general membership.

(12:03 – 12:12)

1-927

**Nevada League of Cities
2003 Nevada Legislative Session
Approved Bill Draft Requests**

BDR #1: General law city elections

Authorize general law cities to select their city election dates and schedules. This request came from several rural cities interested in saving taxpayer dollars by combining municipal elections with other countywide elections.

BDR #2: Change in purchasing laws

Allow counties whose population is less than a 100,000 or cities whose population is less than 25,000 to clarify the bid process for contracts. The changes proposed include:

- A. Contracts up to \$10,000 would not require advertising or bids
- B. Contracts \$10,000 to \$25,000 would require a minimum of 2 quotes
- C. Contracts \$25,000 to \$100,000 would require a public notice
- D. Contracts over \$100,000 would require the county/city to have to advertise and request bids

BDR #3: Remove bond requirement for heart and lung coverage

Exempt the sub-divisions of the State of Nevada from the security deposit requirements establishing a financial ability to pay for injuries and occupational diseases. Rather, they would be required to submit a report to the Department of Labor to show that the municipalities' reserves meet, at a minimum, the amount to be distributed in that budget year.

BDR #4: Remove state allocation of the property tax

Remove the state's \$0.15 and the school district's \$0.25 property allocation from the statutory limit of \$3.64. This allows future voter overrides to be separate from the cap. Local governments would have more flexibility when special services/projects need to be funded through a property tax on assessed valuation

BDR #5: Change prevailing wage requirements

For counties with populations below 100,000 or cities with less than 25,000, increase the limit for public works projects subject to the prevailing wage laws from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

BDR #6: State easement permits

Implement a 60-day time limit on the Nevada Department of Transportation for response to an encroachment/easement/right-of-way application.

BDR #7: Amend open meeting law

Allow closed session to take place when negotiations for the sale, lease, or purchase of real property are involved.

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BDR #8: Universal tax for low-income families

Exempt specific cities from the low-income fee that utility companies charge. A few local governments already have a similar program in place, where a fee is collected to help offset the costs for families who may have financial need. As current law stands, many of these municipalities are double charging their customers to cover the fee as implemented in 2001.

BDR #9: Limit local government liability in cases of recreational sports injuries

Limit the liability a local government may have with regard to extreme sports such as skate parks, hang gliding, rodeos, and activities that may take place in open space or on public land.

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DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

DIRECTOR: NIEL PEZZILLO **CONSENT** **DISCUSSION**

SUBJECT:

Presentation of local government financing by the Urban Consortium and any appropriate action or direction to staff

Fiscal Impact

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDATION:

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

- Submitted at Joint Meeting – Nevada Urban Government Consortium information packet

MINUTES:

MARVIN LEAVITT, Executive Director of the Urban Consortium, explained that the Urban Consortium has been put together by the five largest cities in the State: Reno, Sparks, Henderson, Las Vegas, and North Las Vegas. These cities have similar interests on matters relating to finance and taxation. MR. LEAVITT stated that discussions have been heard that the State is very poor and that local governments are very rich and that they can hardly find places to spend all their money. The argument is that local governments get the majority of the property tax and the State gets only 15 cents of property tax. These comments are not true. It is important to discuss how the property taxes are actually divided. Everyone recognizes that the State is facing severe financial difficulties, and this is simply an indication of where the cities stand. MR. LEAVITT outlined how schools levy money for operating purposes. This is reflected in a chart within the information packet that he submitted for the record.

The argument that cities get a huge percentage of the property tax is not true. It is important to understand that property tax is not the major source of revenue for local governments. The total percent of the total general fund for the cities that are in the consortium are Henderson with 15%, 18% in Las Vegas, 10% in North Las Vegas, 21.9% in Reno, and 24.26% in Sparks. The average revenue, which comes from property tax, is only around 20% of the total general fund revenue.

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That leaves 80% of the total general fund revenue coming from other sources. The primary source of revenue is very consistent throughout these cities and comes as sales tax and consolidated tax, which is made up of two kinds of sales tax, cigarette and liquor, and what was known as the motor vehicle privilege tax and real property transfer tax. Of the total revenue coming into local governments, nearly 50% comes from that one source alone. Therefore, local governments are dependent on the movement of sales tax, which is subject to economic fluctuation depending on the state of the economy.

MR. LEAVITT indicated that in recent years property tax revenues have grown rapidly, but it is also true that population and the service demands have also grown at a rapid pace. For example, the City of Reno, which has the least growth and probably the oldest properties, has actually decreased. The City of Reno had an average per capita assessed valuation of \$14,534 in 1981 and 1982 and only \$12,057 in 2002 and 2003. This affects the property tax.

The huge growth in Henderson has not only affected its size, but it has affected the very nature of the community. Henderson went from 65-55 per capita in 1981 and 1982 to \$14,181 now. However, the average growth per year is only 3.74% per year. It would be very difficult to fund the state budget deficit on this 3.74%. Cities go through cycles. There are periods of growth, periods when that growth diminishes and periods where growth may actually decline. Using those numbers, Las Vegas' growth is 1.38%, North Las Vegas is 2.89% and Sparks is .46%. It cannot be said that the assessed valuation is growing so rapidly that these cities ought to be able to give up some of that and fund the deficit at the State level.

MR. LEAVITT mentioned that, because the State has a responsibility to education, which is important, local governments ought to be willing to give up some of their revenues and join with the State in trying to fund education. Education is important, but looking at expenditures from these five cities, over 60% of their general fund goes to public safety. Taking away from public safety to give to education does not necessarily improve the community. Neither can be diminished.

There is a difference between how State and local governments budget. The State budgets every other year, and the Legislative body of the State meets every other year. The Legislative bodies of the cities meet every other week. When problems arise, a city has the ability to respond to those problems very quickly, before the deficits get bigger, and revenues can be re-estimated and action taken almost immediately. The State has difficulty. The Governor can curtail expenditures, but the legislature, of course, only meets every other year. They fund schools by

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so much per student and as their revenues start to decline, since they have a commitment to fund education, as long as that continues to grow, they have a budget problem because they have to fund that immediately. In addition, they have welfare responsibility, and welfare expenditures have an adverse relationship with revenues. As revenues go down, indicating an economic problem in the community, the welfare expenditures go up. These cities have the same number of people handling the bigger area and the same number of employees handling more citizens for the various functions performed. Therefore, even though it does not have such an immediate effect in the long term, the situation is exactly the same as the State when cities are not able to fund that.

MR. LEAVITT concluded that he anticipates that there will be some disputes during the coming Legislative session.

COUNCILMAN AIAZZI, City of Reno, pointed out that city residents also live in the county and his concern is that those residents will be doubled taxed. MR. LEAVITT replied that one of the proposals that has been put forth states that a certain percentage of growth in property tax is allowed. Any growth above that is not going to the State. The problem is that if this is allowed, the same growth is computed at the county level and at the city level. Therefore, city taxpayers pay twice. That raised a legal question. COUNCILMAN AIAZZI stated that if this is the case, his hope is that it will be fought to leave it at the County level.

MAYOR GOODMAN, City of Las Vegas, indicated that he hopes that it will not happen, on behalf of the City of Las Vegas, and he is certain that MAYOR GIBSON, City of Henderson, MAYOR CASHELL, City of Reno, as well as MAYOR MONTANDON, City of North Las Vegas, feel the same. He believes that the reason the City of Las Vegas is financially in halfway decent shape is because the City has been very budget conscious. Even though a hiring freeze has been implemented, services are still being provided to the constituents. People are working harder and longer in order to provide those services under our budget. It would be a terrible shame if the City were punished because it has been fiscally prudent. He asked MR. LEAVITT

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if pressure is brought to bear upon monies used to provide those services, does the City have a choice, or must it abide by whatever decision will be made. MR. LEAVITT replied that the Legislature has the final word about how revenue is distributed. But given that, it would seem foolish to take money from the public safety provider and give it to education. Again, it does not improve the community.

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked staff from the different entities for their presentations.

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NV Urban Government Consortium
Presentation to the
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In an effort to build unity among the state's major cities while recognizing that local governments have a common interest in preserving good government, the cities of Henderson, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Reno, and Sparks have formed a consortium. This Consortium has participated in the work of the Interim Legislative Committees and will be represented during the 2003 legislative session. It is expected that officials from the various cities will provide information on issues pertaining to City responsibilities in addition to testimony provided by Marvin Leavitt, who has contracted with the Consortium to provide representation to them both during the Interim period and during the legislative session.

The Consortium established its principal goal is to do what is necessary to preserve the ability of the member cities to provide services to their citizens by opposing any effort to denigrate their existing revenue structure. The Cities have recently experienced the effects of the economic slowdowns, as have other governments in the state including the state itself. These conditions have required the cities to cut back on previously planned expansions in service delivery and in some instances to reduce existing expenditure levels.

The Consortium is not proposing to the legislature any increase in tax revenue to offset these cuts in expenditures but is requesting that there be no reduction in any existing revenue from levels either currently received or by changes that would effect the ability of these revenues to grow in the future. The members of the Consortium have pledged to take whatever actions are necessary to preserve the financial integrity and stability of their individual cities.

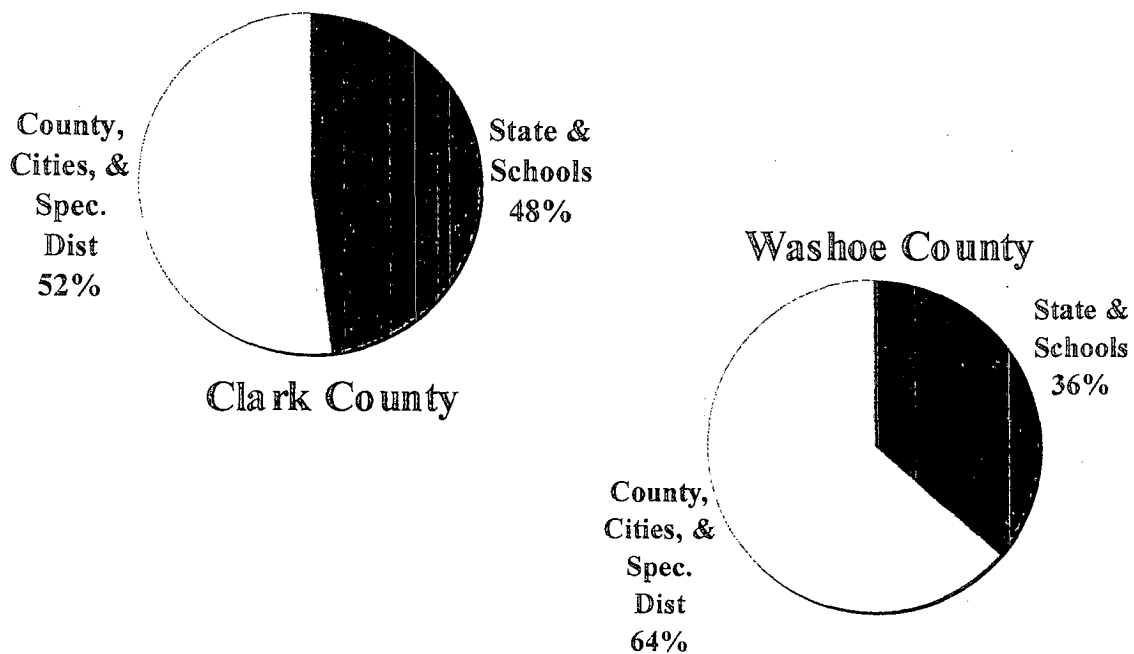
The members of the Consortium recognize that the state has many obligations to provide services to its citizens, many of who also live in the cities. Providing an adequate education to its' citizens is one of the primary responsibilities of the state and the members of the consortia pledge to assist in any way possible to make certain that resources are available to do this.

The members of the Consortium and other local governments have a partnership with the state in making certain that their residents enjoy a good quality of life. Local governments do their part by providing public safety and other important quality of life services. Over 60 percent of the general fund revenues of the members of the Consortium are used to provide public safety services within their cities. The majority of public safety expenditures go towards funding police and fire protection.

It has been suggested that one possible method that could be used to solve the State's financial problems would be to restrict future growth in property taxes received by local governments and channel that money into the State general fund. The basic idea

behind this proposal is that because the State levies only 15 cents of property tax on their own behalf out of a rate that totals more than \$3.00 throughout most of the state, there needs to be a transfer of future property tax growth. We believe such an argument fails to recognize that although the state levies only 15 cents directly, they benefit financially from property taxes that are received by schools. For instance 25 cents of the 75 cents that is levied by schools for operating purposes is a direct offset against the per pupil guarantee of the state to schools. Even though the remaining 50 cents is not a direct offset in the state distributive school account formula it is given consideration in determining the amount of the per pupil guarantee.

Property Tax Rates

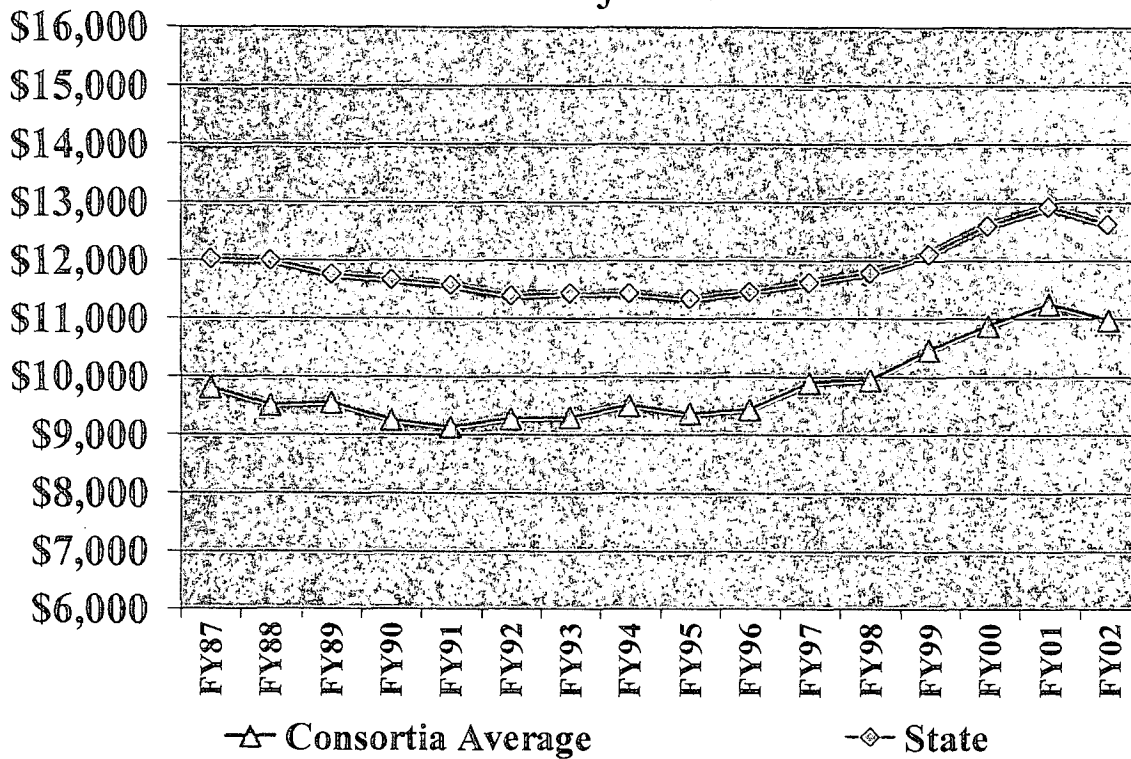


When the property taxes to pay for school debt is also considered, 48 percent of the property taxes in Clark County and 36 percent in Washoe County goes to either the State directly or is a direct benefit to the state through school funding.

It has been additionally argued that assessed valuation has grown so rapidly that property taxes allowed to local governments through the existing formula provide revenues in excess of the service requirements of these governments. It is indeed true

that in recent years property tax revenues have grown rapidly, but it is also true that population and the accompanying service demands have also grown at a rapid pace. When analysis is made of the per capita assessed value adjusted for inflation it can be seen that the rate of growth for the cities in the Consortia has only grown by one percent per year and in fact the amount for the city of Reno has actually decreased. It appears that per capita assessed value may increase for cities at the time they experience unusually rapid growth, but it is also true that as such growth moderates or disappears, per capita assessed valuation then increases at a rate that is lower than community growth adjusted for inflation or in fact may be negative.

Per Capita Assessed Value CPI Adjusted



The cities rely on many of the same taxes to fund their operating expenditures as does the state. For instance in every city participating in the Consortia, sales taxes constitute the principal revenue source with property taxes representing an average of 18 percent of the total revenues of the general fund. The Cities have experienced the same recent problems in the growth of sales taxes as has the state. When the total revenue mix of the cities is considered it is our belief that the growth and stability of these revenues is not superior to the revenue structure of the State of Nevada

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In light of these facts and arguments the Consortium respectfully requests the members of the Nevada Legislature to provide adequate funding for important state responsibilities including education, but not to fund these by removing from local government the ability to be an effective partner with the state in keeping their citizens safe, while enhancing their quality of life.

Sign-In Sheet

Meeting: Joint Council Meeting

Place: 555 E. Washington, Las Vegas

Date: 1/15/03

Public Comment: - yes!

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Tom McGowan	Las Vegas Public	382-2422		<i>Tom McGowan</i>
PAULIN-MARTINELLI		365-5686		<i>Paulin Martinelli</i>
MARK T. CALHOUN	City of Henderson			<i>Mark T. Calhoun</i>
JOE DEMMA	R & R Partners	3184331	9394331	<i>Joe Demma</i>
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Berlyn Miller	Berlyn Miller Assoc	876-5623	751-5655	<i>Berlyn Miller</i>
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JANELLE KRAFT	LVMPD	229-8267		<i>Janelle Kraft</i>
MAUREEN BROWER		870-4528		<i>Maureen Brower</i>
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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 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:

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, welcomed the Mayors and City Council members from each government entity. He submitted for the record comments regarding the socio-economic vitality of the State of Nevada.

(12:37 – 12:40)

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PATRICIA MARTINELLI PRICE, Homeless Advocate, 3212 Redrock, Las Vegas, Nevada, thanked the Mayors and Members of the City Council from the different municipalities that took time to participate in this joint meeting. She stated that out-of-state developers who do not help the City of Las Vegas community should not be allowed to come to Las Vegas. She commented that she would be going to Carson City to lobby on the issue of homeless children, youth and women, who are victims of circumstances. They need to be treated as human beings. Those areas that are infested with crime and drugs need to be cleaned first. Maybe those people selling drugs should be rehabilitated, as well as the mentally challenged. Some people might say that the homeless like to be homeless. Who is happy to be outside in the rain or the heat?

She stated that MAYOR GOODMAN should extend an olive branch to the NFL and show them that Las Vegas is not only about gaming but also about people that care about their community. It should be shown on a national level that Las Vegas is a community with children and grandchildren. All municipalities in the State of Nevada need to come together to make a difference for human beings.

(12:40 – 12:30)

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MINUTES – Continued:

NICOLE LAMBOLEY, Legislative Relations Manager, City of Reno, announced that in addition to this morning meeting there would be a Southern Nevada Local Government Economic Forum at 1:30 p.m., Cashman Field in Room 104. MAYOR GOODMAN invited the City of Reno to join in this meeting.

(12:30 – 12:32)
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COUNCILMAN AIAZZI indicated that the City of Reno was prepared to make a motion to support the Bill Draft Proposals.

(12:32 – 12:46)
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MAYOR GOODMAN, CITY OF LAS VEGAS, ADJOURNED THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL, RENO CITY COUNCIL, NORTH LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL AND HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS at 12:46 P.M.

MAYOR CASHELL, CITY OF RENO, ADJOURNED THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL, RENO CITY COUNCIL, NORTH LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL AND HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF RENO at 12:46 P.M.

MAYOR GIBSON, CITY OF HENDERSON, ADJOURNED THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL, RENO CITY COUNCIL, NORTH LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL AND HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HENDERSON at 12:46 P.M.

(1) I JOIN ALL OTHERS WHO WARMLY WELCOME THE MAYORS AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCILS OF THE PROMINENT LOCAL PUBLIC GOVERNMENT ENTITIES CONVENED FOR THIS IMPORTANT JOINT MEETING HELD ON 'NEUTRAL TERRITORY' HERE AT THE GRANT SAWYER STATE GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

AND, ~ IN THE SPIRIT OF LEVITY, ~ I WOULD HAZARD THE OPINION THAT 'IT'S GOOD TO SEE ALL OF YOU HERE TODAY, INSTEAD OF OUT IN SOME BAR DRINKING', ~ AND, ~ IN COGNIZANCE OF THE CONVERGENCE OF BOTH THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN MUNICIPAL INTERESTS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, ~ I WELCOME THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS WHAT MAY BE PERCEIVED AS THE 'CLOSEST WESTERNWORLD APPROXIMATION' OF THE 'ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN CONFLICT' IN QUEST OF INCREASINGLY LIMITED RESOURCES, ~ BUT, THEN AGAIN, ~ WHY DISCUBALS (?), SINCE WE'RE EACH AND ALL CO-ELEMENTALLY IMPACTED TO THE INCREASINGLY SOCIO-ECONOMIC VIABILITY-IMPACTED SOVEREIGN STATE OF NEVADA.

THEFORE, ON A SERIOUS NOTE: ~

(2) I RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THE HEREIN OMNI-APPLICABLE AND DEEMED CATEGORICALLY IMPERATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO ^{THE} PRESERVATION AND POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENT OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, AT THE STATE, REGIONAL AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONAL LEVELS, RESPECTIVELY AND INCLUSIVELY: ~

(A) ERADICATE DRUGS, VICE AND VIOLENT CRIME, COMPLETELY AND PERMANENTLY; AND, IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH:-

(B) TIMELY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT MY PROPOSAL FOR EFFECTIVE ADDRESS AND REMEDIATION OF 'HOMELESSNESS' IN THE STATE OF NEVADA, COMPLETELY AND PERMANENTLY;

(C) TIMELY AND AGGRESSIVELY DEVELOP A BROAD RANGE OF DIVERSE ALTERNATIVE INDUSTRIES, TO REDUCE EXCESSIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY UPON THE PRIMARY INDUSTRY IN THE CASINO GAMING-~~INDUSTRY~~-LICENSED STATE OF NEVADA;

(D) REQUEST THAT THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR EXEMPT THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND ALL ENTERTAINMENT-RELATED COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND ELSEWHERE STATEWIDE FROM

(1.)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

10/11/11 - GOV/IN
 BY TO: - 723 St. ASHBY CENTER BLDG. #5
 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89101

The Oxymoronic imposition of a Regressive Entertainment Tax adversely impacts upon the political and socio-economic viability of the state of Nevada and its regional and local political subdivisions!

and finally: ~

(2) in oblivion of the fact the United States increasingly burdens immunity of both foreign and domestic context, ~ prudently refrain from political and

budgetary persistence in cumbersome and post-rationally heretofore committees

processes, and instead respond instinctively to central command

activity pragmatic and enforced effective homefront and homefront security in preservation of life, property and

the political and socio-economic viability of the states of Nevada and its political sub divisions, ~ and, ~ in consultation there with: ~

(1) securely recognize the historically proven fact that, ~ in times of especially impairing national peril, ~ socially-integrative

entertainment is an invaluable asset and indeed categorically

imperative to the preservation and enhancement of public morale and fortitude throughout the potentially protracted duration of

hostilities, and is conducive to the all-important exhibit of the spirit of genuine community.

(The verbatim written text of my public comment is submitted and requested inclusion in the minutes of the meeting in accordance with NRS 241, The Nevada Open Meetings Law.)

Thank you. / ~

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