



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No.** _____

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: **CITY RESIDENT AND INDUSTRIAL RESIDENT EXCURSION**

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

At the request of Mayor Argumedo, the City Council will consider approving the reestablishment of a modified City Excursion to Las Vegas for all Commerce Residents and Industrial Residents tentatively scheduled for November 16-18, 2018 at the Golden Nugget Hotel, located in Downtown Las Vegas, Nevada.

ANALYSIS/BACKGROUND:

In an effort to strengthen the relationship between the City of Commerce and the industrial community, the City is proposing the reestablishment of a modified excursion. The purpose of this excursion is to solidify the City's commitment to members of the business community that operate in the City, and to continue to foster community-based partnerships, and in doing so, promoting the City's programs, including youth sports, culture and arts, education, and economic development. The City of Commerce has hosted dozens of these excursions to Las Vegas over the years, with the last excursion taking place in 2008.

This excursion will be open on a first come, first served registration basis to the industrial and residential community. The excursion will include a roundtrip Council hosted charter bus and hotel accommodations for 3 days & 2 nights. Each councilmember will host a bus for this excursion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the reestablishment of the excursion, an appropriation of \$25,155 will be made from General Fund reserves. 125 rooms are on reserve for the City of Commerce. A deposit in the amount of \$1,000 (based on contract) to secure hotel rooms will also need to be completed. The deposit will be applied toward the total cost to the City. All rooms not reserved 30 days prior to the trip will be released back to the hotel at no charge to the City.

City staff have received a commitment from the Commerce Casino in the amount of \$5,000 towards offsetting the costs of the excursion. Staff will continue to accept other donations towards reestablishing the excursion.

California Government Code Section 37354 permits the City Council of a City to accept or reject any gift, bequest, or devise made to or for the city, or to or for any of its officers in their official capacity or in trust for any public purpose. It may hold and dispose of the property and the income and increase from the property for such uses as are prescribed in the terms of the gift, bequest, or devise. Additionally, California Government Code Section 37355 states that if the terms of a gift, bequest, or devise do not prescribe or limit the uses to which the property received or the income or increase from it may be put, it may be put to such uses as the City Council prescribes.

Insofar as the City may continue to receive donations towards establishing this excursion, the City Council finds that allocating these donations to this excursion serves an important public purpose insofar as it promotes interaction between City elected officials, City residents and business owners to solidify a community partnership and to support and promote the City's businesses. Further, the City of Commerce acknowledges that this helps to continue goodwill between the City and members of the business community that has been previously established.

If the City Council considers approving the reestablishment of this City Excursion to Vegas, a resolution will be presented to City Council in order to appropriate the costs from the General Fund reserves for this purpose.

Cost breakdown:

Bus Hosts (non-city employee volunteer)	5 buses, 2-4 per bus accommodations (non-city employees)	10 x \$195 (2 bus hosts per room)	\$ 1,950.00
City Council (Official hosts)	5 councilmembers (same simple accommodations)	5 x \$195	\$ 975.00
Refreshments and snacks for buses	Water, Soft Drinks, etc.	5 x \$1,000	\$ 5,000.00
5 staff (1 per bus)	Accommodating 5 staff 2 nights + per diem	5 x \$195 = \$975 Per diem \$825	\$ 1,800.00
Friday morning staff (departure)	10 staff to load busses and stock ice	5 hours, 10 staff, 1 crew chief x \$20	\$ 1,100.00
Bus excursion rentals	\$21,000	Based on 40 paid patrons: \$2,000 per bus x 5 =	\$11,000.00

		\$10,000 credit, difference of \$11,000	
Staff Support Cost			\$ 2,500.00
2 support staff in Las Vegas	Accommodations and per diem	2 staff, 2 nights \$390 + Per diem 440	\$ 830.00
Total			\$25,155.00

Respectfully submitted by: Edgar P. Cisneros
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Fiscal Impact reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Finance Director
Approved as to form by: Norma Copado, City Attorney

Attachment: City Excursion Flyer (DRAFT)