



City Council Regular Meeting AGENDA ITEM

NUMBER: 11

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Wesley Harper as Director of Government Affairs. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Ratify)

REQUESTED BY:

Wilson Edgell, Director of Human Resources

WARD:

(Citywide)

RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMEND MOTION:

Ratify the Appointment of Wesley Harper as Director of Government Affairs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$140,000.12+ Benefits

Explanation: New Director of Government Affairs

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

00100-140609-400110

STAFF COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Salary: \$140,000.12 + Benefits

Appointment of Wesley Harper as Director of Government Affairs.

Service Date: 10/2/2024 Date Appointment: 10/2/2024

Wesley Harper has lived in Las Vegas continuously since 2013. Immediately before joining the City of North Las Vegas in 2024 as the Director of Government Affairs, Wesley was part owner of Harper Professional Services, LLC, which aimed to bring intercity passenger rail to Southern Nevada on behalf of Amtrak and advance federal grant and government affairs priorities for Nevada municipalities.

From March 2020 to March 2023, he served as the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities. The League advocates on behalf of Nevada's cities and municipalities, ensuring their interests are represented in the Nevada State Legislature, the United States Congress, the National League of Cities, private citizen groups, and governmental agencies.

Prior to his leadership role at the League, Wesley was the Technology Commercialization High Growth Manager for the Nevada Governor's Office for Economic Development. In this position, he partnered with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) to advance the priorities of the Nevada Knowledge Fund Program, which was designed to encourage the creation of commercially viable intellectual property in partnership with institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education. Together with the UNLV International Gaming Institute, Wesley created and launched the Global Gaming Capital Initiative to reinforce Nevada's position as the world leader in gaming and hospitality.

Wesley holds a Professional Certification in Negotiation and Influence from Georgetown University, a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Finance from Florida A&M University. He is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association, has three adult children, and was raised in Detroit, Michigan.

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Related Item:

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| LIST CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S): Responsible Fiscal Management | | |
| PREPARED BY: | Respectfully Submitted | MEETING DATE: |
| Wilson Edgell, Director of Human Resources | Micaela R. Moore, City Manager | November 6, 2024 |