CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date:	**7/15/2014**
Meeting Type:	**Voting**
Title:	**DISCUSSION, UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 91ST AND NORTHERN AVENUES AND THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF THE LAND INTO TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**
Staff Contact:	**Brent Stoddard, Intergovernmental Programs Director**

Purpose and Recommended Action

Pursuant to direction from City Council, staff is being requested to update the Council on federal actions, legislation and hearings related to the property located at approximately 91st and Northern Avenues.

Background

On Wednesday, July 9, 2014, Glendale was notified by the Clerk of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs that the Committee would be holding a hearing on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington D.C. titled "Indian Gaming: The Next 25 Years." The Committee also invited Mayor Weiers to attend and testify at the Committee hearing.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is also the Committee that House of Representatives Bill 1410 "Keep the Promise Act of 2013" has been referred to. H.R. 1410 was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Trent Franks in April 2013. The bill passed the House in September 2013 and was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. The Committee has taken no action on the legislation.

The City Council, at its March 25, 2014 Council meeting, adopted Resolution No. 4783 opposing House of Representatives Bill 1410 "Keep the Promise Act of 2013" and directed the City Clerk to send the resolution to the members of the Arizona Federal delegation.

The City Council, at its March 18, 2014 Workshop, gave staff direction to bring forward a resolution setting forth the City's official position relating to H.R. 1410. The City Council also discussed and gave direction that the City of Glendale was not changing or waiving its position relating to Resolution New Series 4246, executed on April 7, 2009, opposing the Tohono O'odham Nation's application to the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to have land taken into trust and an approval of gaming on the land located at approximately 91st and Northern Avenues.

Previous Related Council Action

At the City Council Workshop held on October 15, 2013 and the Workshop of March 18, 2014, the City Council discussed the direction related to property located at approximately 91st and Northern Avenues and the Tohono O'odham Nation's application for transfer of property into trust for the benefit of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Attachments

None