

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 30, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: Tonita Gurule-Giroñ
Vince Howell
Joey Herrera
David L. Romero - Absent

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez, City Manager
Maire Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a moment of silence for each individual to reflect on how they can help improve the community.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised he had been informed that County Commissioners had taken action and decided to pass the 2/8th increase to the Gross Receipt Tax.

Discussion took place on the increase adopted by the County Commission.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked Deputy City Clerk Lopez to read the proposed Resolution that was being considered for the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Vince Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes	David L. Romero	Absent

Deputy City Clerk Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised it carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Manuel Martinez spoke to the governing body regarding the Special Meeting and the item being proposed. Mr. Martinez stressed that the community cannot afford to be entering into agreements for the amount of money proposed in the resolution, that the community already is the highest in utility rates and one of the poorest. Twelve million is a lot of money for the community, there is no industry in the community and the burden of the twelve million falls on the members of the community. Mr. Martinez advised the City should have looked into leasing space from Storrie Lake while looking into the repair of the City's dam.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised there will be no additional rate increase in the utilities, that money has already been generated through the current rate increase to cover a portion of the cost of the proposed agreement and the additional will be state funding.

Bob Wessley spoke to the governing body about the plan to buy storage space at Storrie Lake to replace the some of the storage space that had been planned for Bradner Dam, possibly increasing the city's storage space. Mr. Wessley advised this plan has come up to quickly and the City needs to make sure it's a good thing to do.

Mike Estrada spoke to the governing body about his concern of the legality of the Storrie Lake Users Association and the City of Las Vegas having negotiations while in litigation. How does the City plan on getting the water into the lake and how will it affect the individuals that irrigate.

Gabe Estrada spoke to the governing body regarding the Storrie Lake and the City agreement. There are several other individuals and shareholders that have not been considered in this agreement and more thought needs to be taken.

City Manager Martinez asked that the governing body go into Executive Session to discuss some of the issues that were brought up and to brief them on some information.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss sale or acquisition of property, water and possible litigation. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Joey Herrera	Yes	Vince Howell	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	David L. Romero	Absent

Deputy Clerk Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to reconvene, no action was taken. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Vince Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	David L. Romero	Absent

Deputy City Clerk Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 15-17 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Storrie Project Water Users Association.

Utilities Director Garcia advised after reviewing the terms and conditions he is recommending that the governing body disapprove the resolution. Utilities Director Garcia advised the department will continue to seek funding sources and maintain water as its top priority.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to disapprove Resolution 15-17. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Vince Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes	David L. Romero	Absent

Deputy City Clerk Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

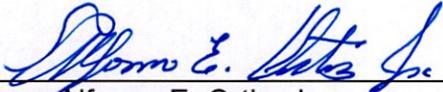
Councilor Gurule-Giron made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

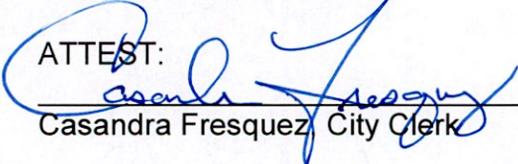
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vince Howell	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes	David L. Romero	Absent

Deputy City Clerk Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:


Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk