

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. - **Absent**

COUNCILORS: Tonita Gurule-Giroñ – Mayor Pro Tem
Vince Howell
Joey Herrera
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Juan Gonzales, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pro Tem Gurule-Giroñ asked Councilor Herrera to lead the moment of silence. Councilor Herrera asked for a moment of silence for those that are struggling to provide for their families and the elderly who are struggling to provide for themselves and purchase their needed medication. Councilor Herrera asked that during the election process those elected leaders will continue to keep the youth and elderly in the community in mind.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Martinez advised that Mayor Ortiz Jr. was unable to attend the meeting as he is at the Legislature following the proposed bill for the donation of the old State Police Building.

City Manager Martinez recommended that Item #4 be removed regarding the *Professional Services Agreement with the Animal Welfare Coalition of Northeastern New Mexico (AWC) for the management of the City of Las Vegas*

Animal Shelter as there are a few details that need to be added in the agreement and will be brought back to the Governing Body as an action item.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the agenda with the recommendations made by City Manager Martinez. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurule-Giroń asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

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

City Clerk Fresquez reread the motion and advised the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

There were no appointments or reports at this time.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

There were no recognitions or proclamations at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no individuals signed up for public input.

CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

City Manager Martinez advised Public Works Director Gonzales would be providing a brief demonstration on the proposed equipment the department would like to purchase to better assist the department in street repairs and projects.

City Manager Martinez advised the Governing Body that a tour has been scheduled for Saturday February 13th of the Utilities Facilities for the all the candidates.

Public Works Director Gonzales presented the Governing Body with a list of equipment the department would like to purchase to better assist with street maintenance. Public Works Director Gonzales advised that an audit was conducted on all of the conditions of streets in New Mexico including state and local roads. Public Works Director Gonzales provided a list of the equipment, their purpose and the price quotes for each.

Councilor Herrera agreed that the purchase of the equipment is beneficial to the department and would definitely help with keeping up with street repairs and eliminate major repairs down the line.

Councilor Howell asked if the equipment was new, does it come with a warranty and does the City have maintenance personnel to work on the equipment.

Public Works Director Gonzales advised the equipment is new and there is an option to purchase extended warranty on the equipment and there are several companies such as CAT that will send a technician to service the equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurule-Giroñ expressed her appreciation of Public Works Director Gonzales working diligently to respond to calls from the members of the community for repairs and appreciated the presentation.

City Manager Martinez gave an overview of the meeting with Police Chief Montano and Public Works Director Gonzales addressing concerns with speeding and ways to enforce.

City Manager Martinez advised the City of Las Vegas was approached by the Village of Wagon Mound to be the fiscal agent for a grant they were receiving and the Department of Finance Administration is requesting the Village of Wagon Mound have a fiscal agent. City Manager Martinez advised the request was only for their senior center and not for the entire general fund.

City Manager Martinez advised he has been meeting with local farmers and downtown business owners to find a location for the farmers market and once there is a proposed location he will bring the item to the Governing Body for review.

City Martinez advised he looked into a Councilors request to contract out payroll services for the City of Las Vegas but after review there are two and a half positions that would be affected if the City were to contract out and the City purchased the Tyler System with the payroll module and at this time it would not be in the City's best interest to contract those services out.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Resolution to donate miscellaneous structural fire protective coats, pants, helmets, rubber boots, leather boots, gloves and suspenders.

Fire Chief Mares advised the Governing Body the City of Las Vegas Fire Department has an excess amount of structural fire protective coats, pants, helmets, rubber boots, leather boots, gloves and suspenders, which are no longer being used and are not needed for essential government function. Fire Chief Mares advised he did not feel comfortable donating the equipment to the

local volunteer fire stations as he feels they are not at their full standard and approximately ten years prior the Governing Body authorized the donation to Juarez Mexico as they do not have the same standards for their equipment and they would appreciate any extra equipment. Fire Chief Mares advised if the Governing Body did not wish to donate the items the department will request for authorization to destroy the equipment.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Resolution to submit USDA Grant application in the amount of \$306,454.00 to purchase police vehicles with a 75/25% match.

Police Chief Montano presented to the Governing Body the request to apply for a USDA grant for the purchase of vehicles for the Department, the grant would provide the opportunity to purchase nine vehicles.

Questions were asked if the 25% match would be paid from the department budget or general fund.

Police Chief Montano advised the department is requesting money from the legislature to cover the 25% match.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Repayment Agreement with Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

City Manager Martinez advised the Governing Body that HUD has agreed to enter into a repayment agreement with the City of Las Vegas for monies owed back to the Housing Program after a 2005 audit found that money had been spent not in accordance with the grant agreement. The City of Las Vegas requested that this money be forgiven and waived, however the request was denied. The City in good faith requested that the money owed be paid back over time and under a repayment agreement. HUD has accepted that payment be made to the Housing Operating Fund over a 30 year period in the amount of \$15,000 a year in cash and/or In-Kind services to the Housing Authority until the total of \$460,426 is paid in full.

Housing Director Marrujo gave a brief overview of the how the grant money was misused according to HUD.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Martinez advised he had not items for Executive Session.

Councilor Howell advised the Governing Body he attended the Literacy Fair held by the Lions Club and was informed by Maryann Sanders that the board is in need of members and encouraged members of the community to volunteer.

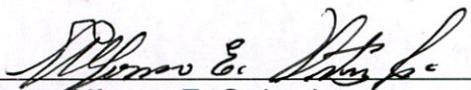
Councilor Herrera made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurule-Giroñ asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

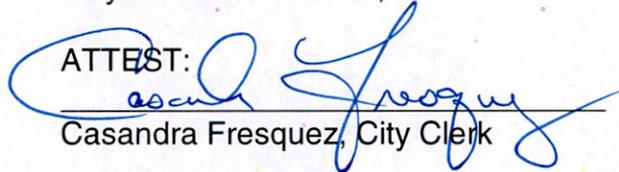
Vince Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez reread the motion and advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:


Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk