

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Dodge, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Christian Montano, Seargent at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence in appreciation for life and also for the opportunity the City of Las Vegas has getting the finances needed for the Bradner Dam Expansion Project and how the community would benefit from its completion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Dodge recommended removing items number nine and ten from the agenda and to approve business items one through eight for consent.

Councilor Tonita Gurule-Giroñ read Business items one through eight for approval of consent items and items nine and ten for removal from the agenda.

1. Approval of Resolution 14-07 Mid- Year Budget Adjustment.

Resolution 14-07 was presented as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 14-07

WHEREAS, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a budget for fiscal year 2014, and;

WHEREAS, said budget adjustments were developed on the basis of an increase in revenues and expenditures, transfers in or out in funds 202, 207, 217, 241, 275, 277, 285, 652, 656;

Increase expenditures in Lodgers Tax Fund (202)- Increase expenditures in the amount of \$40,000 to be funded by unbudgeted cash balance for the purpose of marketing events in Las Vegas;

Increase revenues and expenditures in Economic Development Fund (207)- Increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$50,000 to be funded by a planning grant from New Mexico Finance Authority for the purpose of doing a study on a family fun center;

Increase revenues and expenditures in Special Legislation Fund (217)- Increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,133 to be funded by proceeds from the Legislature to close out the breezeway project;

Increase revenues and expenditures in Seizures Fund (241)- Increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$19,000 to be funded by seized money from DEA for the purpose of purchasing equipment in the police department;

Increase revenues and expenditures in Downtown Master Plan Fund (275)- Increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$75,000 to be funded by State of New Mexico Economic Development Department for the purpose of renovation and rehabilitation on the E. Romero Hose and Fire Building on Bridge Street;

Decrease revenues and expenditures in CDBG Project Fund (277)- Decrease revenues in the amount of \$318,240 and expenditures in the amount of \$164,184 as revenues were collected in prior year and expenditures were expended in prior year for pump back system project; this transaction is needed to ensure accuracy in reporting;

Increase revenues and expenditures in Wrongful Conviction Fund (285)- Increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$7,857 to be funded by a grant from Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the PD's interview room;

Increase transfers out of Housing Operating Fund (652)- Increase transfers out in the amount of \$23,482 to be funded by unbudgeted cash balance for the purpose of reimbursing the Homeownership fund for expenditures not approved by HUD;

Increase transfers (in) in Homeownership Fund (656)- Increase transfers (in) in the amount of \$23,482 from Housing Operating Fund to reimburse for expenditures not approved by HUD;

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making adjustments in the 2014 fiscal year budget;

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this Council that the budget adjustments meet the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas passes this budget resolution for budget adjustments, **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.**

Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero, City Attorney

2. Approval of Resolution 14-03 Recommending Support to Upgrade Communication Center.

Resolution 14-03 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SUPPORT TO UPGRADE COMMUNICATIONS
CENTER

RESOLUTION NO. 14-03

WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Police Department is designated as the Primary Service Answering Point and responsible for all incoming 911 calls and non emergency calls and is responsible for coordinating the communication for the events and incidents that occur within the jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, The communication center operates on a 24/hour service and is a key critical infrastructure in the law enforcement profession in order to maintain safety and improve the quality of life for the City of Las Vegas by providing first responder emergency service;

WHEREAS, The communication center completes numerous essential functions in support of personnel such as dispatching and monitoring primary and backup officers, investigators, medical, fire as well as other law enforcement agencies which is critical for officer/first responder safety;

WHEREAS, The lack of a Communications Center Upgrade will pose a serious safety risk to our emergency responders and community.

WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Police Department Communication Center is obsolete and needs to be replaced;

WHEREAS, The Communication Center total project amount is \$268,904.08

WHEREAS, In October the Las Vegas Police Department applied for a grant through Homeland Security and was awarded \$122,858 .66 for upgrading the communication center;

WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Police Department is requesting support to help our Communication Center achieve its goal, ultimately better safe guarding our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas passes this resolution with the intent to commit \$146,045.42 for the Communications Center Upgrade. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero, City Attorney

3. Approval of RFB 2014-15 for Natural Gas Sensus Meter to Apex Instruments, Inc.
4. Approval of billing adjustment for New Mexico Highlands University gas account.
5. Approval of Ratification for request to change scope of Work from the Water Trust Board for funding received under WTB-287.
6. Approval of Resolution 14-08 to submit an application for funding assistance to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Grand Avenue water line improvements.

Resolution 14-08 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 14-08**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW MEXICO WATER TRUST BOARD.

WHEREAS the City of Las Vegas desires to install new water lines along Grand Avenue, Grand Street and on the east side of the City Recreation Center and;

WHEREAS the recommended improvements are included in the 2011 City of Las Vegas Preliminary Engineering report and;

WHEREAS the City of Las Vegas desires funding assistance to complete this project from the NM Water Trust Board and;

WHEREAS The NM Water Trust Board desires to assure full support of the governing body of each entity desiring to submit such applications for funding assistance and;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to give complete and full public notice of the support;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the governing body of the City of Las Vegas does hereby state its commitment to the responsible, ongoing operation and maintenance of the water line improvements discussed in the aforementioned application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

7. Approval of Resolution 14-09 to submit an application for funding assistance to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Camp Luna effluent reuse line.

Resolution 14-09 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 14-09**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW MEXICO WATER TRUST BOARD.

WHEREAS the City of Las Vegas desires to construct a new effluent reuse line next to the Camp Luna Water Tank and;

WHEREAS the recommended improvements are included in the 2011 City of Las Vegas Preliminary Engineering report and;

WHEREAS the City of Las Vegas desires funding assistance to complete this project from the NM Water Trust Board and;

WHEREAS The NM Water Trust Board desires to assure full support of the governing body of each entity desiring to submit such applications for funding assistance and;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to give complete and full public notice of the support;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the governing body of the City of Las Vegas does hereby state its commitment to the responsible, ongoing operation and maintenance of the effluent reuse line discussed in the aforementioned application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

8. Approval of Resolution 14-10 to submit an application for funding assistance to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the East water line loop.

Resolution 14-10 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 14-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW MEXICO WATER TRUST BOARD.

WHEREAS the City of Las Vegas desires to construct an effluent reuse system along NM 250 in the area of I-25 and;

WHEREAS the recommended improvements are included in the 2011 City of Las Vegas Preliminary Engineering report and;

WHEREAS the City of Las Vegas desires funding assistance to complete this project from the NM Water Trust Board and;

WHEREAS The NM Water Trust Board desires to assure full support of the governing body of each entity desiring to submit such applications for funding assistance and;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to give complete and full public notice of the support;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the governing body of the City of Las Vegas does hereby state its commitment to the responsible, ongoing operation and maintenance of the effluent reuse system discussed in the aforementioned application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

Removal of:

- 9. Approval/Disapproval Confirming appointment of Housing Director.
- 10. Approval/Disapproval Confirming appointment and contract for Finance Director.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń moved to approve agenda with the recommended changes by City Manager Dodge. Councilor Joey Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Howell moved to approve minutes of January 8, 2014 and January 15, 2014. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. recommended Mr. Gil Gonzalez and Ms. Jennifer Rowland to be appointed to the Marketing Committee.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń moved to approve the appointments of Mr. Gil Gonzalez and Ms. Jennifer Rowland to the Marketing Committee. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

MAYOR’S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. acknowledged Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Maestas and Mr. Richard Apodaca for being so gracious and helpful while attending meetings at the Legislature.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. recognized Mr. and Mrs. Ortiz from the Sapello area and thanked them for their presence at the meeting.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. recognized Mr. and Mrs. Benny Gallegos and also thanked them for being at the meeting.

City Manager Dodge advised there would be recognition of appointments allowed under the authority of City Manager.

City Manager Dodge recognized Attorney, Danelle Smith and advised that she would talk about the authority of the city manager to appoint department directors, under the new charter.

Attorney, Danelle Smith advised council that City Manager Dodge had determined to appoint Mrs. Anne Marie Gallegos as City of Las Vegas Finance Department Director and Mrs. Pamela Marrujo as City of Las Vegas Housing Authority Department Director.

Ms. Smith added that City Manager Dodge determined that it would be in the best interest of the city that Mrs. Gallegos be hired under the terms of an employment contract and that it be approved by the governing body, and that the appointments made by the city manager must be approved by the Las Vegas City Council.

Ms. Smith stated that these actions were not added to the city council agenda prior to seventy-two hours before the city council meeting, as a result under the provisions of the State Open Meetings Law, in her opinion the action of the approval of the City Manager's appointments of Department Directors could not be taken at the meeting.

Ms. Smith also added that the City Charter does not require the appointments made by City Manager and the approval of governing body of the directors, be simultaneous, therefore the appointments of the directors could be made as interim directors at this meeting and may act on interim basis until the next regular council meeting. Ms. Smith stated that this action would not be prohibited by the City Charter.

City Manager Dodge advised that personnel policy gives him authority to appoint interim positions.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń advised that she had questions and concerns about the process of appointments made by City Manager Tim Dodge.

Attorney Danelle Smith, clarified to Councilor Gurule-Giroń that only appointing Ms. Anne Gallegos and Ms. Pamela Marrujo as Interim Department Directors, would be allowed by the City Charter at this time.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń requested an internal audit of the Finance Department before Ms. Anne Gallegos would take the position of Finance Director.

City Manager Dodge introduced appointee, Anne Marie Gallegos, Finance Director.

Ms. Anne Marie Gallegos stated that she was employed with the City of Las Vegas before and she looked forward to coming back and working with staff at the Finance Department.

City Manager Dodge introduced appointee, Pamela Marrujo, Housing Department Director.

Ms. Pamela Marrujo thanked God and her family for all the support given to her, and thanked City Manager Dodge and the Housing Authority staff for the opportunity to take on the duties of Housing Department Director.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Bruce McAllister spoke about issues on zoning and how the process of moving mobile homes could be improved, and avoiding additional costs for customers.

Mr. McAllister also spoke about the importance of water conservation and how the community needs to get involved in conserving water.

James Perea, Vice President of Local 2851 AFSCME, The City of Las Vegas Union, advised that he was there to endorse City Manager Dodge's recommendation to appoint Pamela Marrujo, Housing Department Director, and Anne Marie Gallegos, Finance Department Director.

Lee Einer had questions and concerns about the agenda items that were removed from the agenda pertaining to the appointments made by City Manager Dodge.

Juan A. Gonzales, Officer at Las Vegas City Police Department spoke on behalf of LVPOA- Lodge 20, in the support of City Manager Dodge in appointing Pamela Marrujo and Anne Marie Gallegos as Directors.

Mr. Alex Aragon spoke about his concerns on recycling. He advised that the City of Las Vegas needed to take more action on encouraging the community to recycle with incentives to the public.

Christian Montano, L.V. Chief of Police, advised he was speaking on behalf of his colleagues (Department Directors), on the matter of the appointments of Department Directors. Chief Montano also added that they were involved in the planning and reorganization process. Chief Montano advised that Department Directors were in support of the appointments by City Manager Dodge.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director, Pamela Marrujo presented the finance report ending January 31, 2014 collecting sixty one percent of revenues and expenditures were at fifty

five percent for the General Fund, noting that revenues and finances are well under control in the Finance Department. Enterprise revenues were at fifty eight percent and overall expenditures were at fifty three percent. Recreation Department revenues were at fifty six percent and expenditures were at sixty two percent.

Finance Director Marrujo stated the finance report showed that the General Fund finances were ten percent above where they should be and she also added that she felt comfortable leaving the department in its current condition.

Councilor Howell had questions on the Summer Fun Program at the Recreation Department.

Finance Director Marrujo explained in detail what the program offers to the children during the summer months.

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve Business items one through eight for consent agenda. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. spoke about the statistics in terms of the success at the Legislature in Santa Fe and how San Miguel County rated among other counties, he compared the amount of funding received and how we should be appreciative of what we did receive, which was ten million dollars.

BUSINESS ITEMS

11. Approval/Disapproval to reject all bids received for the Taylor Well Field USR project and re-bid.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions and concerns on the reasoning of the rejection of all bids.

Utilities Director, Garcia advised that the Engineer had solicited the bids and Mr. Garcia and staff did not feel comfortable with the solicitation, therefore recommended that all bids be rejected and re-bid the project.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve to reject all bids received for the Taylor Well Field USR project and re-bid. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

12. Approval/Disapproval to reject all bids received for the Cabin Site Supplemental Water Tank project and re-bid.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve to reject all bids received for the Cabin Site Supplemental Water Tank project and re-bid. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

13. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 14-06 Authorizing an application to the Economic Development Assistance Program for the development of infrastructure in the Dee Bibb Industrial Park.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń questioned if the matching funds would come directly from the City's General Fund.

City Manager Dodge advised that the matching funds would come from the City's Special Fund for The Dee Bibb Industrial Park.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the Resolution 14-06 Authorizing an application to the Economic Development Assistance Program for the development of infrastructure in the Dee Bibb Industrial Park. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

A complete copy of Resolution 14-06 may be obtained in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

14. Approval/Disapproval to award bid 2014-17 to the low bidder, Construction Materials for the City constructed portions of the Underground Storage and Recovery (USR) project and the North Grand Effluent project. Baker Utility and HD Supply.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions on the procedure of splitting the bids.

Utilities Director, Garcia advised it was to award the bid on an item by item basis, and that would allow the bid to be split.

Councilor Herrera questioned prices on the bid.

Utilities Director, Garcia clarified the bid was not in a lump sum total but that it was an itemized bid.

Councilor Howell asked when the project would be completed after approval.

Utilities Director, Garcia advised council it would be about five months after approval.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had concerns on how long the bid was going to be honored because of the time it would take to complete the project.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that it would not affect the project, because materials would be ordered and then the lines would be installed by city employees.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve to award Bid 2014-17 to the low bidders, Baker Utility and HD Supply. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re- read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that Governor Susanna Martinez would be speaking live on the radio station KFUN, at 9:00 a.m. the next day, to talk about the Bradner Dam Project and encouraged everyone to listen. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. also recognized Mr. Max Baca who was also in Santa Fe lobbying for New Mexico Highlands University and who supported the City of Las Vegas Projects.

Mr. Max Baca complimented Mayor Ortiz, Jr. and the City of Las Vegas for their hard work and dedication at the Santa Fe Legislature.

City Manager Dodge also recognized Mayor Ortiz, Jr., several councilors and other organizations for all their involvement and teamwork in Santa Fe, he also thanked Max Baca and Highlands University for their efforts.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. read a letter of appreciation that he would be sending to all legislators and representatives at the Santa Fe Legislature, and recognizing their efforts in helping with request for The Bradner Dam Project Funding.

15. Approval/Disapproval to award bid 2014-16 to the low bidder, Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation.

Utilities Director, Ken Garcia recommended disapproval to award bid 2014-16 and for direction to re-bid.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions on the engineers estimate.

Utilities Director, Garcia advised he would review the estimate and make sure that the amount was correct.

Councilor Howell asked what the time frame would be on the re- bid.

Utilities Director advised it would be between two and three months.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to disapprove the award Bid 2014-16 to the low bidder and direction to re-bid. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

16. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 14-11 and submission of a project interest form to the New Mexico Finance Authority for funding to develop a Comprehensive Gallinas Watershed Restoration Plan.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had a question whether the population amount on the project interest form was only the Gallinas area or if it included the city of Las Vegas.

Utilities Director, Garcia advised that the city of Las Vegas was included the amount.

Councilor Howell moved to make a motion on the adoption of Resolution 14-11 and to submit a project interest form. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 14-11 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 14-11**

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT INTEREST FORM TO THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE GALLINAS WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN AND MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City would like to submit a project interest form to the New Mexico Finance Authority for funding to develop a Comprehensive Gallinas Watershed Restoration Plan and;

WHEREAS, the plan would be similar to the City's comprehensive Preliminary Engineering Report and will contain detailed information and specific projects or efforts needed to restore and maintain the watershed and;

WHEREAS, putting the plan in place would assist in providing a long-term supply of high quality water for the City of Las Vegas and the surrounding communities and;

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the City make a monetary contribution to the project and;

WHEREAS, further funding for the project will be pursued and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Las Vegas supports the development of a Comprehensive Gallinas Watershed Restoration Plan and will submit a project interest form to the New Mexico Finance Authority for funding and will make a monetary contribution to the project.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Gurule-Giroń mentioned that the Montezuma and Lopez streets projects that were started in September still had not been completed yet.

Councilor Howell wanted to remind everyone to attend the meeting being held at the Recreation Center. Councilor Howell advised the discussions would include the update on Bradner Dam Project, Water Conservation, Abatement procedures and how to formulate a neighborhood association group and also discuss the election process.

Councilor Romero advised that South Pacific and Moreno streets needed some attention in repairing of the stop sign and other repairs.

City Manager Dodge advised that the issues would be addressed as soon as possible.

Councilor Herrera thanked City staff for their help in the preparation in attending the NM Legislative Session.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. recognized Michael Espinoza, a former employee of the City of Las Vegas and thanked him for attending the meeting and informed he was a

candidate running for a councilor position. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. also directed a question to Utilities Director, Ken Garcia about the quality of the effluent water.

Utilities Director, Ken Garcia advised that the information would not be available until reviewing the discharge permit, and would get back with the information requested.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised he had a request from Troy Dennison to speak about the community survey, available to the public, online at www.visitlasvegasnm.com until March 21st. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. also commented on The Castaneda and Plaza Hotel renovation projects and advised that The City of Las Vegas was in support of the project, and that it would stimulate the economy.

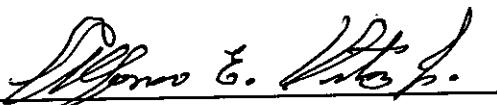
City Manager Dodge offered Councilor Tonita Gurule-Giroń a public apology for the statements he had made earlier in the meeting. City Manager Dodge clarified that the conversation he had with Councilor Gurule-Giroń was in reference to the Housing Department issues and not with the Finance Department, as mentioned by Councilor Gurule-Giroń, and added that it was a misunderstanding.

ADJOURN

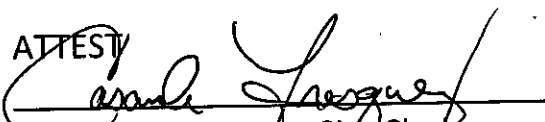
Councilor Howell moved to adjourn. Councilor Gurule-Giroń seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST


Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk