

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD  
ON FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Elmer J. Martinez – City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez – City Clerk  
Dave Romero – City Attorney  
Juan Montano – Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence to count our blessings and for the abilities and the potential we have to make the world a better place.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Herrera and Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. 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 the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the minutes for January 13<sup>th</sup>, January 14<sup>th</sup>, January 21<sup>st</sup> and January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. 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 the motion carried.

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised he had no appointments at this time but briefly reported that he had been averaging 3 ½ days a week in Santa Fe at the Legislature working to obtain the funding for the Recreation Center Phase I Repair Project.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. added information about the upcoming event, Las Vegas Night and advised he was working on the continuation services provided by Amtrak to the City of Las Vegas. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. expressed his thoughts on the positive things happening for City of Las Vegas.

**MAYOR’S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

City Clerk Fresquez read a proclamation recognizing that February 18, 2015 as “Children’s Oral Health Month” and February 18, 2015 as “Children’s Oral Health Day”.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. noted that another proclamation was scheduled but due to a discrepancy it would be presented at another time.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ thanked Mayor and Council for accepting the proclamation and advised that her son had researched information on mercury fillings and suggested a presentation be made by someone from the Dental profession to inform the public of safe and healthy dental hygiene.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Arthur Gallegos spoke briefly about his concerns on the Acequia Water Remand and several other issues on water sharing agreements.

Mr. John Spencer advised that the City of Las Vegas was recognized with an award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for being a "Tree City" and thanked all the entities involved for their help and support in obtaining a grant to replace forty trees at Hannah Park.

Ms. Shannon Atencio spoke on some of the challenges faced in order for success in keeping our trees in the community due to water and funding.

Mr. Jose Maestas expressed his views about the importance of a water sharing agreement with the acequia water users for the good of the community as a whole.

Mr. Gabe Estrada stated that the ongoing litigation regarding the acequias was not necessary because after so many years, the water issue should already be resolved.

Mr. William Gonzales gave his opinion on the dealings with the City of Las Vegas regarding the acequias and expressed his hope of coming to a fair agreement to pursue funding for improving the agriculture in the community.

City Manager Martinez advised that Utilities Director Ken Garcia would comment on some issues outside the legal process regarding the acequias.

Utilities Director Garcia thanked everyone involved in the acequias and expressed that the City of Las Vegas is interested in settling this issue and advised that other parties are involved but expressed that the first step would be to come to an agreement that is acceptable by all parties.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS**

City Manager Elmer Martinez commended Mayor Ortiz, Jr. on his lobbying for the repair of the Recreation Department and advised that he and Finance Director Gallegos and her staff are working on an RFP for Architectural and Engineering Services to provide the repair service for the Recreation Department.

City Manager Martinez advised that a meeting was recently held with HUD pertaining to resolving some issues at the Housing Department.

City Manager Martinez reminded everyone of Las Vegas Day and Night at the Legislature on February 26<sup>th</sup> and that it was the City's opportunity to showcase their successes in the community and thanked the public for their support.

City Manager Martinez reported that a Branding presentation would be presented by some of the Community Development Department staff.

City Manager Martinez discussed some of the issues and reason for the delay regarding the implementation of the CDBG Grants involving the Senior Center Project and advised that a new Environmental Review Record was submitted with the result of the funds being released. City Manager Martinez also briefly reported on the discrepancies of the RFP submitted last December and January by the Senior Center and advised that a new RFP would be put out to publication with approval by the state to get this project back on track.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that their meeting with local government staff was positive regarding the Senior Center Project.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń commended City Manager Martinez on his work with the CDBG grant and had questions and concerns about the process of obtaining the CDBG grant and RFPs.

City Manager Martinez addressed the questions asked by Councilor Gurule-Giroń.

Councilor Herrera expressed his concern on the importance of Project Managers following the guidelines regarding grants and advised that he would be in support of more supervision of Project Managers.

Councilor Howell stated that he hoped there was accountability measures implemented in place regarding the inconsistencies on the grants.

City Manager Martinez advised that Community Development Department Director Lyndsey Valdez and Event Planner Annette Velarde had a presentation on Branding.

Community Development Department Director Lyndsey Valdez commended Event Planner Annette Velarde and the Marketing Committee for their collaborative efforts and hard work on the difficult process of Branding for the City of Las Vegas. Community Development Department Director Valdez advised that City Event Planner Velarde would make a presentation on the marketing tag line and on the logo for the City of Las Vegas and added that the department worked closely with the New Mexico True Campaign.

Event Planner Velarde advised that the Marketing Committee had been working on this project for over a year and expressed her thanks to the Marketing Committee Members and acknowledged what an honor it was to work with them.

Event Planner Velarde gave a detailed presentation of the history of Las Vegas, the numerous events available, experiences that Las Vegas offers to tourists and also spoke of the different aspects of the City of Las Vegas Brand. Event Planner Velarde also gave a detailed review of all that was involved in the development of the new image.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. commended City Events Planner Velarde and Marketing Committee for the informative presentation and advised that it would move the City forward.

Brief discussion took place regarding the exclusivity to the Brand in New Mexico and the U.S. and also about the need for trade marking and copyright of the brand.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ advised that the presentation of the Branding was well rounded, informative and was pleased with the end result and added that it would be a successful product.

Councilor Howell thanked the Committee for their outstanding job and for working collaboratively. Councilor Howell added that the City of Las Vegas' opportunities are great with the Branding effort.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that the Branding should be on the next meeting as an agenda item to officially endorse and to be presented on the record.

Councilor Herrera thanked the Committee for their hard work and advised that the public was misled on how the Branding would result but was very pleased with the conclusion.

Councilor Romero commended City Manager Martinez in his involvement in the Branding Project.

City Manager Martinez advised a brief presentation would be made by EDC members regarding a Buxton report.

EDC Executive Director Bill Hendrickson along with EDC Board Member Larry Rose gave a brief overview regarding the Buxton services provided to the businesses of the City of Las Vegas to bring in additional revenue. Mr. Hendrickson advised that a meeting would be held the next day to inform local businesses on how the program could benefit them financially.

Councilor Herrera expressed that the service of Buxton was excellent but that it would take the right people to operate the service.

Discussion took place of the importance of the opportunity of the broad variety of services of the Buxton study for the economy of the local businesses as well as for the City of Las Vegas.

Utilities Project Manager Maria Gilvarry gave a detailed report regarding the estimated costs, funding, planning and design as well as construction of three

different water projects in progress which are Storage Ground Water, Well Field, and Effluent Reuse.

Discussion took place regarding water usage by residential customers as well as commercial users. Brief discussion also took place on water storage, the availability of Effluent water and the funding for all the undergoing projects.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ inquired on the amount of water user customers including the ETZ area.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that there are sixty five hundred water user customers.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

City Manager Martinez advised that City of Las Vegas Police Chief Juan Montano had a presentation.

Police Chief Juan Montano made a presentation appointing Kenneth C. Jenkins to Deputy Chief of Police.

Police Chief Juan Montano presented Juan A. Gonzales with the appointment of Commander.

Police Chief Juan Montano presented Monica A. Vigil with the appointment of Lieutenant.

Police Chief Juan Montano presented Alan Pacheco with the appointment of Sergeant.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. thanked Police Chief Montano, all the Police Officers and the families for their support and all they do in order for our Police Officers to do their job in protecting the community.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos presented the finance report ending January 31, 2015. General Fund revenues were at fifty seven percent with expenditures at fifty six percent. Recreation Department revenue was at fifty five percent and expenditures came in at forty nine percent. Enterprise Funds revenue came in at fifty seven percent and expenditures were at fifty one percent.

Finance Director Gallegos briefly informed that credit card and on line payments would possibly be available on April 1<sup>st</sup> and that training and test issues were currently being addressed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as is. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

City Clerk Fresquez read the Consent Agenda Business Items into the record to include items one through nine.

1. Approval of out of state travel for 5 officers to attend a High Risk Warrant course for narcotics related operations.
2. Approval of Ambulance Contract Renewal.
3. Approval of Resolution #15-06, adopting the City of Las Vegas' Section 3 Plan.

Resolution 15-06 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS ANNUAL CDBG REQUIREMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-06**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS  
SECTION 3 PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas is required to comply with CDBG compliance requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, it is required that the City of Las Vegas' Section 3 Plan is adopted annually by resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas has prepared plans that are in compliance with the CDBG requirements;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Las Vegas City Council that the City of Las Vegas' Section 3 Plan is approved for implementation.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICEIENCY ONLY**

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Dave Romero, Jr., City Attorney

4. Approval of Resolution #15-09, adopting the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan.

Resolution 15-09 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS ANNUAL CDBG REQUIREMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-09**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS  
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas is required to comply with CDBG compliance requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, it is required that the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan is adopted annually by resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas has prepared plans that are in compliance with the CDBG requirements;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Las Vegas City Council that the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan is approved for implementation.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICEIENCY ONLY**

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Dave Romero, Jr., City Attorney

5. Approval of Resolution #15-10, a resolution adopting the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

Resolution 15-10 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS ANNUAL CDBG REQUIREMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-10**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS  
RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT  
AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas is required to comply with CDBG compliance requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, it is required that the City of Las Vegas' Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is adopted annually by resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas has prepared plans that are in compliance with the CDBG requirements;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Las Vegas City Council that the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan is approved for implementation; Residential

Displacement and Relocation Plans applicable to the Las Vegas Housing Authority must be adopted by a specific and separate resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICEIENCY ONLY**

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David Romero, Jr., City Attorney

- 6. Approval to award Bid #2015-16 for Taylor Well No. 7 Blending to Hays Plumbing & Heating Inc.
- 7. Approval to award Bid #2015-17 for the Camp Luna Water Tank Rehabilitation to Hays Plumbing & Heating Inc.
- 8. Approval of Amendment #3 to the URS/ (Now AECOM ) contract for the Bradner Reservoir Enlargement Project.
- 9. Approval to award Bid #2015-21 for Gas meters to M & M Sales, Inc.

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

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to Adopt Ordinance #14-10 Bond Water System Improvements repealing and replacing Ordinance 12-16. Councilor Gurule- Giroñ made a motion to go into public hearing. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez asked all who wished to speak on the issue to stand and be sworn in. Ken Garcia was sworn in.

City Manager Martinez noted for the record that City Attorney Romero had to leave the meeting due to feeling ill.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that this is a bond ordinance in the maximum aggregate principal amount of (\$20,000.00) and will authorize the issuance of one or more series of the NM water utility loan system improvement revenue bonds based on the agreement between the City and the NM Finance Authority. The bond ordinance expired on November 19, 2014 and needs to be extended. Ordinance 14-10 was published o February 4, 2015.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to accept record proper and close public hearing. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Romero and Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve to Adopt Ordinance #14-10 Bond Water System Improvements repealing and replacing Ordinance 12-16. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Ordinance 14-10 was presented as follows:

*Due to length of document, a complete copy may be obtained at the City of Las Vegas City Clerk's Office.*

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

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Resolution #15-08 Budget Adjustment Resolution.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that the City of Las Vegas is in need of increasing or decreasing the FY 2015 budgeted revenues or expenditures, transfers to or transfers from within various funds.

Finance Director Gallegos also advised Council that the information asked for at last meeting was supplied on a worksheet and noted that \$20,000.00 in question would be used for remodel and construction at the Housing Department and clarified it would not be used for the asbestos.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ thanked Finance Director Gallegos and City Manager for the clarification and made a motion to approve Resolution #15-08 Budget Adjustment Resolution. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 15-08 was presented as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS  
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 15-08

**WHEREAS**, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a budget for fiscal year 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, said budget adjustments were developed on the basis of an increase in revenues and expenditures, transfers in/or out in various funds; and

**WHEREAS**, increase/decrease in revenues, expenditures, transfer in, and transfers out to be funded by excess funds for the purposes of closing dormant funds; and to provide for additional grant funding for purposes as identified, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making adjustments to the 2015 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 2015;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas passes this budget resolution for budget adjustments, **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS** \_\_\_ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

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Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

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Dave Romero, City Attorney

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

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

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

2. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to Adopt Ordinance #15-01 amending the Official Zoning map from a C-3 (General Commercial Zone) to an R-3 Mixed Residential Zone) for property located at 316-1/2 Chavez Street. Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to go into public hearing. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez asked all who wished to speak on the issue to stand and be sworn in. Floyd Lovato and Lyndsey Valdez were sworn in.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Floyd Lovato advised that on January 26, 2015, the Las Vegas Planning and Zoning Commission considered an application submitted by Fernando Roybal for an amendment to the Zoning map. The proposed amendment would change the property known as 316-1/2 Chavez Street from a C-3 to an R-3, which would allow Mr. Roybal to place a mobile home on the property.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked if all the variances had been met.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Lovato advised that all variances had been met.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to accept record proper and to close public hearing. Councilor Howell and Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. 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 the motion carried.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. 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.

City Manager Martinez made the recommendation to approve New Business Item #2.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to approve to Adopt Ordinance #15-01 amending the Official Zoning map from a C-3 (General Commercial Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone) for property located at 316-1/2 Chavez Street. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Ordinance 15-01 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, CITY COUNCIL  
ORDINANCE NO. 15-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM A C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE) TO AN R-3 (MIXED RESIDENTIAL ZONE) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 316-½ CHAVEZ STREET AS REQUESTED BY FERNANDO ROYBAL (APPLICANT/OWNER).**

**WHEREAS**, Fernando Roybal has applied for an amendment to the official zoning map for property located at 316-½ Chavez Street, pursuant to provisions of the Las Vegas City Zoning Ordinance, and;

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2015 the City of Las Vegas Planning and Zoning Commission, following adequate public notice, held a public hearing to receive testimony concerning the amendment of the Official Zoning Map to re-zone the property located at 316-½ Chavez Street from a C-3 (General Commercial Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone), and on January 26, 2015 adopted a motion recommending approval of the proposed amendment.

**WHEREAS**, on February 18, 2015, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, following adequate public notice, held a public hearing to receive testimony concerning the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, hereby **GRANTS** the amendment to the Official Zoning Map by re-zoning and changing the district classification of certain property located at 316-½ Chavez Street from a C-3 (General Commercial Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone), and more fully described as follows:

The Easterly 100 feet of Lot 4, Block 73, Town of Las Vegas.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, hereby adopts the following findings of fact upon which the Council's decision is based:

1. The boundaries of the zones established by the City's Ordinances, the classification of property herein, or other provisions of said Ordinances may be amended whenever public necessity, convenience, or general welfare require.
2. That duly public notice and public hearings were in accordance with the legal requirements and a site plan for the zone change has been provided which is acceptable to the City Council.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.**

**ATTEST:**

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr., Mayor

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED  
AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY**

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Dave Romero, City Attorney

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

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

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

**COUNCILORS' REPORTS**

Councilor Herrera expressed his thoughts on the possibility of increasing the minimum wage and requested consideration of City of Las Vegas to adopt an ordinance for a wage increase. Councilor Herrera added that businesses would

probably not be pleased with the increase but suggested considering a discount on utilities for the businesses depending on the number of employees they had.

Discussion took place on discounting utilities and the issues it may bring regarding the City's Budget revenue and expenditures. Discussion also took place on several other variables that would come with the increase.

Councilor Howell advised that an analysis of the reason to increase wages would be needed before considering an increase.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that he thought the City was moving forward and making a lot of progress in many areas.

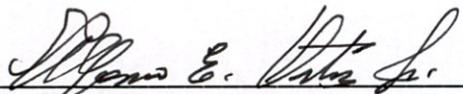
Brief discussion took place of the many ideas that may come with the wage increase, also some of the positive and negative aspects were discussed and that it could be considered at a later time.

**ADJOURN**

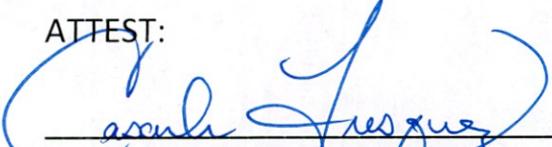
Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

  
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Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

  
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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk