

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Elmer Martinez, Acting 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 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence in appreciation of good health, and to be thankful that Councilor Romero is doing well after going through a medical procedure.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Gurule-Giroń seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. 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 the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Bob Wessley spoke about the importance of the reliability of the water system and the delivery of quality water to our customers. Mr. Wessley urged council to approve Business Items 2 and 3 on the agenda for the reason that it would secure funding for the expansion of Bradner Dam.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Approval of Appointment of Elmer Martinez as Acting City Manager until such time the position of City Manager is filled.

As per City Charter Section 3.02 Power and Duties, section (3) Appoint and remove, subject to approval of the Council, The City Manager... and Section 5.01 City Manager-Appointment and General Provisions,(D) the Mayor shall appoint, subject to Council approval, an acting City Manager for any absence exceeding thirty (30) days.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. requested that City Attorney Dave Romero give an update and inform council and the public of what took place during former City Manager Tim Dodge's departure.

City Attorney Dave Romero gave a detailed overview of policy and procedures taken during the departure of City Manager Dodge and advised that Elmer Martinez had been nominated as Acting City Manager.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve the Appointment of Elmer Martinez as Acting City Manager until such time the position of City Manager is filled. 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	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

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

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. expressed his thanks to Elmer Martinez and also on behalf of the City of Las Vegas, for taking on the responsibilities of Acting City Manager.

Acting City Manager Elmer Martinez advised that the Transportation Department had received a new transportation vehicle and was outside to be viewed by council and it would add to their service to the community. Acting City Manager Martinez also spoke briefly and thanked everyone for their unanimous support and advised he would do his best for the community, his co-workers and constituents during this transition with hopes of moving forward in a positive manner.

2. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 14-40 replacing and repealing Resolution 13-39 which establishes funding priorities for water system improvements for the City of Las Vegas.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia offered his congratulations and support to Elmer Martinez on his appointment of Acting City Manager.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that this updated resolution will include all funding requested and received for Preliminary Engineering Report related projects and incorporate the latest SRF application for the Bradner Reservoir project/Raw Water Conveyance. Utilities Director Garcia introduced Maria Gilvary- Technical Assistant, Paul Cassidy- Financial Consultant and Ann Marie Gallegos- Finance Director and advised they would be open for any questions by council related to Resolution 14-40.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions and concerns on the status of the Debt Service Fund.

Finance Consultant Paul Cassidy addressed the questions concerning the Debt Service Fund and briefly spoke about the borrowing process for the loan.

Discussion took place on concerns of the conditions of applying for the loan with intentions of hopefully not having to increase utility rates.

Councilor Howell had questions concerning amounts on several other loans already applied for by the City of Las Vegas.

Utilities Director Garcia and Financial Consultant Cassidy addressed the questions and concerns brought up by Councilor Howell.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve of Resolution 14-40 replacing and repealing Resolution 13-39 which establishes funding priorities for water system improvements for the City of Las Vegas. 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.

3. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 14-39 to submit an application for funding assistance to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Bradner Reservoir project and the Raw Water Conveyance Project.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia advised that this resolution will allow the City of Las Vegas to submit their application to the NM Finance Authority Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the Bradner Reservoir/Raw Water Conveyance project. This project will assist the City in moving water more effectively, increasing its water supply storage and meeting demand during times of drought and wildfire.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions on page two of the application for funding, concerning User Fee Net Revenues.

Financial Consultant Paul Cassidy clarified that the section on the application questioned should have read Operating Revenues instead of User Fee Net Revenues and thanked Councilor Gurule-Giroń for noticing the error.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve Resolution 14-39 to submit an application for funding assistance to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Bradner Reservoir project and Raw Water Conveyance Project with a modified change under Project Summary No. 2 to state Operating Revenues instead of User Fee Net Revenue. Councilor Howell 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.

Utilities Director Garcia thanked the governing body, Ms. Gilvary for preparing the application, and also thanked Mr. Cassidy and Ms. Gallegos for their support as well.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Attorney Romero advised there was no need for Executive Session.

### **ADJOURN**

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

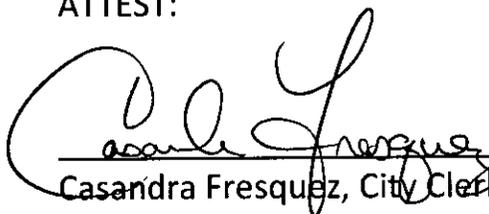
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David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes

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