

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 14, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: Tonita Gurule-Giroñ –Arrived at 5:43
Vince Howell
Joey Herrera
David L. Romero- Absent

ALSO PRESENT: Timothy Dodge, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, 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 in appreciation of life and asked for blessings and prayers to the family of Arsenio Lujan who passed away a few days earlier.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda as is. 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	<i>Not arrived</i>	David L. Romero	Absent

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

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised he had not appointments at this time.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked City Manager Dodge for the Police Department to do a presentation on the new drug known as spice and educate the governing body on the item and what actions the City can do.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised the governing body that with the upcoming 4th of July celebrations, there needs to be discussion on what stance the City will take on firework use. Mayor Ortiz Jr. further advised he has been receiving complaints from customers regarding their utility bills.

City Manager Dodge advised that there are some authority issues the City has about placing a moratorium banning the use of fireworks.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bob Wessley spoke to the governing body about working together for the betterment of the community and completing its objectives and goals

CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

City Manager Dodge asked Transportation Manager Chris Cavazos to present for his City Manager's Informational Report.

Transportation Manager Cavazos introduced Niva Romero and David Maxwell from Engineers Inc. and advised them they would present the Master Drainage Plan to the Governing Body with information that pertains to the resolution that would be presented further into the agenda

Mr. Maxwell and Ms. Romero presented a handout with an update of the City of Las Vegas Master Plan Update. Mr. Maxwell talked about the implementation of the Comprehensive Master Plan and updates on the progress the City has made. Mr. Maxwell discussed the integrated elements affecting the City's streets and the advantages of having an integrated plan to reference in the future when searching for funding sources. Mr. Maxwell discussed the existing drainage deficiencies of the City's infrastructure. Mr. Maxwell described the Drainage Master Plan to perform conceptual engineering analysis and recommendations for improvements to reduce or eliminate flooding. The estimated cost is \$126,375 including gross receipt tax and the City is eligible for NMFA Grant Funding.

Questions and discussion took place on the drainage component of the Comprehensive Master Plan and if the City had funding available.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Resolution 14-26 to approve decommissioning of a Police Officer's primary duty weapon (side arm) upon retirement to the officer upon approval of the Chief of Police.

Commander Juan Montano advised the governing body that as an honor for serving the City of Las Vegas and the community, the Police Department would like to transfer the duty weapon to the officer upon retirement who has served 20 years consecutively and continuously.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ asked if there were officers currently that this would pertain to.

Commander Montano advised Police Chief Montano, Deputy Chief Garcia and Commander Allingham will be retiring and have served the community for 20 years consecutively.

Councilor Howell asked if a psychological evaluation would be done prior to giving the officer the weapon.

Commander Montano advised that an evaluation is not required but the officer needs to be in good standing.

Councilor Howell advised he felt it was a good idea to include a psychological evaluation upon retirement as the news covers many situations where Military personnel run into problems upon retirement due to mental stress.

The governing body agreed to place the idea as a consent agenda item.

2. Resolution 14-31 to approve for submission of Application for financial assistance from the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Transportation Manager Cavazos advised the application for planning grant funding for a Drainage Master Plan.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Reject bid #2014-23 for the E-Romero Fire Station Renovation Phase 2 and re-bid.

Transportation Manager Cavazos advised all bids received were over budget.

Questions were asked about the total budget available for the project.

City Manager Dodge advised he will be looking at the project and re-scope and meet with the architect and engineer to look over total cost of the project.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Consideration to award Bid #2014-22 Solid Waste containers to Wastequip and enter into agreement for the purchase of 6 and 8 cubic yard bins.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia advised the City of Las Vegas Solid Waste Division received a grant through the New Mexico Environment Department in the amount of \$11,200 for the purchase of solid waste containers consisting of 6 and 8 cubic yard bins.

Questions were asked about the cost and the number of containers and delivery.

Councilor asked for more clarification for the Regular Meeting.

5. Resolution 14-27 to submit an application for funding assistance to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Bradner Reservoir Enlargement Project and all related appurtenances.

Utilities Director Garcia advised an executive order was signed regarding the application which has been submitted due to deadlines and the approval of the resolution at the regular council meeting will be to ratify the submission of the application. Utilities Director Garcia advised the resolution will allow the City of Las Vegas to submit their application to the NM Water Trust Board for funding for the Bradner Reservoir Enlargement Project and all related inlet/outlet piping. This project will assist the City in increasing its water supply, water supply storage and improve the dam structure. Utilities Director Garcia advised the department is applying for four million in the application.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

6. Resolution 14-28 authorizing the execution and delivery of a water project fund loan/grant agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation and Inspection project.

Utilities Director Garcia advised the grant/loan is to rehabilitate and inspect 3 water storage tanks: Cabin site tank-vacuum floor for precise inspection, re-coat interior, replace rafter bolts and re-paint exterior of tank and replacement of cathodic protection and clean tank floors; this tank will require yard piping improvements in order to provide service while tank is being rehabilitated. The Valencia tank inspection, replace cathodic protection and pumping water from

lower pressure zones to higher zones. Utilities Director Garcia advised the grant/loan is 75/25 funding.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

7. Resolution 14-29 authorizing the execution and delivery of a water project fund loan/grant agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Water Treatment Plant repair project.

Utilities Director Garcia advised the grant/loan is to make necessary repairs to the Water Treatment Plant Building: replace leaky roof on filter building, stabilize the filter building foundation; repair cracked masonry walls, improve sludge withdrawal from the west side sludge lagoon and add sun roof over outdoor liquid alum tank. Utilities Director Garcia advised the grant/loan is 75/25 funding.

Discussion took place on the funding and the repairs proposed to the Water Treatment Plant building and the total amount of funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Dodge advised there was a need for Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to convene into Executive Session. Councilor Gurule-Giroń seconded the motion.

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

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

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

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into regular session stating there was only discussion and no action was taken. Councilor Gurule-Giroń 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	Yes

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

Councilor Howell made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Gurule-Giroñ seconded the motion.

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


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

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

ADJOURN



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:


Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk