

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: Vincent Howell
David L. Romero
Tonita Gurule-Giroń
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 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence to devote to the benefits and opportunities we have as American citizens and the chance to do good for ourselves and others.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

Acting City Manager Elmer Martinez requested that Utilities Director Ken Garcia follow up on a Public Input Item from the last meeting regarding the water issues on Zeamway.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia discussed the Utilities Departments' perspective of providing service to the Zeamway customers in accordance with water service ordinances and resolutions. Utilities Director Garcia gave a detailed overview on the process of obtaining water service and advised that an active line would be completed within three to four months with temporary service currently being provided. Utilities Director Garcia advised there was a method in place by which the City could administer service to the customers in that area.

Councilor Howell asked if customers currently had water.

Utilities Director Garcia advised the customers did currently have water.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. was pleased that the water issues were being addressed but was concerned about the timeline of the completion of the water line and how it would result in an outstanding utility bill for the customers and other concerns regarding legal matters.

Councilor Howell had questions about the families being advised of the line extensions and issues concerning the outstanding utility bills.

Utilities Director Garcia addressed the questions asked by Councilor Howell.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń directed several questions to City Attorney Romero regarding the status of the law suit against Geno Maes.

City Attorney Romero addressed the questions and concerns to Councilor Gurule Giroń regarding the status of the law suit against Geno Maes.

Councilor Howell was concerned that the discussion regarding the on- going law suit was not acceptable.

City Attorney Dave Romero advised that he filed the law suit publicly and that it was public record therefore it wasn't an issue to discuss the matter.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval for a salary increase of thirty five cents (\$0.35) to the regular hourly rate of pay for all non-bargaining unit employees, including part time employees with the City, effective the first full pay period after Council's approval.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised that the City of Las Vegas has budgeted for the proposed salary increase. The proposed increase is commensurate with increases to AFSCME and IAFF employees.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń thanked Mayor Ortiz, Jr. and Acting City Manager Martinez for negotiating the AFSCME contract and insuring that it was handled in a professional and fair process. Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked several questions on which employees the increase would impact.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised the increase would affect non- bargaining employees and part-time employees that have been with the City of Las Vegas for over a year but did not affect probationary and seasonal employees.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve for a salary increase of thirty five (.035) to the regular hourly rate of pay for all non-bargaining unit employees, including part time employees with at least one year of continuous employment

with the City, effective the first full pay period after Council's approval. Councilor Herrera and Councilor Romero 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.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised council that the increase affected one hundred and three (103) non-bargaining employees and that Judge Eddie Trujillo and himself were not affected by the increase.

2. Approval/Disapproval of AFSCME Local 2851 ratification of approved changes (underlined) to Contract #2494-12.

Chief Negotiator of AFSCME Management Team Pam Marrujo advised that AFSCME Local 2851 has ratified and approved changes to Collective Bargaining Agreement #2494-12.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń commended the team for coming up with a solution on ratifying the changes to contract #2494-12.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve the AFSCME Local 2851 ratification of approved changes (underlined) to Contract #2494-12. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. 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 the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval of Local 4625, International Association of Fire Fighters (I.A.F.F.) ratification of approved changes (underlined) to Contract #2643-13.

IAFF Management Team member Victoria Lovato advised that Local 4625, International Association of Fire Fighters (I.A.F.F.) ratification of approved changes had ratified and approved changes to Collective Bargaining Agreement #2634-13.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had several questions on increase rates and allowances regarding Fire Department Uniforms.

IAFF Management Team member Lieutenant Sam Lujan addressed the questions asked by Councilor Gurule-Giroń.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń commended everyone involved on the ratification of approved changes to Contract#2634-13 and also thanked Acting City Manager Martinez for his involvement in the process. Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve of Local 4625, International Association of Fire Fighters (I.A.F.F.) ratification of approved changes (underlined) to Contract#2634-13. Councilor Romero 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
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes

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

Acting City Manager Martinez thanked the management teams on behalf of the City Manager's Office for their service on getting these negotiations completed.

4. Approval/Disapproval of Use agreement with the Pecos League.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised the Pecos League is the owner and operator of the "Vegas Train Robbers" a professional baseball team. This Team utilizes the City of Las Vegas baseball field situated at the Rodriguez Park Complex known as Henry Martinez field. Council reviewed the previous agreement and provided direction to staff for the preparation of a revised Use Agreement with the Pecos League.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions on the revision of the contract agreement.

Acting City Manager Martinez gave an overview of the revisions of the Use agreement and expressed that they were focused on promoting Economic Development and providing recreation to the citizens of Las Vegas and spoke about some of the upgrades and maintenance needs to the field.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked if the agreement and revisions has been discussed with Commissioner of the Pecos League Andrew Dunn.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised that Mr. Dunn was notified and he implemented his recommendations and noted that the final agreement was negotiated by both parties.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń commended the City and Acting City Manager Martinez for working diligently on working in good faith on this agreement. Councilor Gurule-Giroń stated that she hoped council would be in support of this agreement and asked if there were questions, that they be addressed at the present time.

Discussion took place on several issues regarding signage at Rodriguez Park.

Councilor Howell had questions on the availability of Rodriguez Field for Little League tournament games and the responsibility of sponsorship regarding the "Vegas Train Robbers". Councilor Howell also had concerns as to who was accountable for funding in regards to meals, housing and well-being of the Pecos League baseball players.

Interim Community Development Director Matt Griego who is also Vice President of La Plaza Little League explained the Little League was able to hold tournaments at Rodriguez Park.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised that the City's responsibility is to supply and maintain the baseball field and Pecos League is solely responsible for providing the needs of the baseball team through ticket sales and sponsorship.

Discussion took place about the concerns of the care and well-being of the baseball players.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the Use agreement with the Pecos League. 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	Joey Herrera	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes

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

Acting City Manager thanked Mayor and Council for giving the staff the opportunity to work on the agreement with the Pecos League.

Mayor Ortiz Jr., expressed his thanks for the hard work involved and was glad to hear that there was input from Andrew Dunn. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised he agreed with Councilor Howell’s concerns regarding the well being of the baseball players but explained the City is limited to what it can suggest and hoped for great success this year.

Councilor Howell wanted to express his feelings on the rights of the City to say no to the Pecos League if it does not demonstrate good treatment of the players and hoped that Mr. Dunn would demonstrate that to his players.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that the community had given a great deal of help to the players and noted that there were limits on what he could do regarding the baseball players.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Dave Romero advised there was a need for Executive Session related to negotiations with Storrie Lake Water Users Association.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions directed to Mayor Ortiz, Jr., Acting City Manager Martinez and City Attorney Dave Romero concerning the status of the Attorney General’s response letter regarding Lodger’s Tax dated August 25th.

City Attorney Dave Romero advised Councilor Gurule-Giroń that his office had already responded to the letter two or three weeks ago with no response from the Attorney General’s Office.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń requested that a copy of the response letter be e-mailed to her.

City Attorney Dave Romero agreed to send her a copy of the response letter.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to convene into executive session discussing matters pertaining to negotiations with Storrie Lake Water Users Association. 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-Giroń	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

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

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to reconvene into regular session and noted that there were no decisions made regarding negotiations with the Storrie Lake Water Users Association. 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.

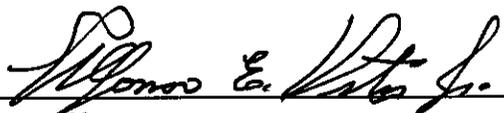
Councilor Howell advised there would be a New Mexico Legislative Interim Committee Meeting on Water and Natural Resources in Las Vegas on October 6th and 7th at the NMHU Student Union Building.

ADJOURN

Councilor Herrera made a motion to adjourn. 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	Joey Herrera	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes

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



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk