CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 12-16

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REASONABLE NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; RESCINDS AND REPLACES ALL PREVIOUS CITY OF LAS VEGAS RESOLUTIONS REGARDING "REASONABLE NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT."

Whereas, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4) provides that, except as may be otherwise provided in the New Mexico Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings or a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policy-making body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

Whereas, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs and at which a majority of a quorum of the body is in attendance, and any closed meeting shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

Whereas, Section 10-15-1 (D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the City council to determine at least annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, THAT;

1. **Regular Business Meeting.** Pursuant to Section 14-7 (A) of the Municipal Code, all Regular Business Meetings of the Las Vegas City Council shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1700 North Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico. The agenda will be available at least seventy-two hours prior to the meetings from the City Clerk whose office is located at the George Arellanes Municipal Complex, 1700 North Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico. Notice of said meetings shall be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation one (1) time, at the beginning of the calendar year; and shall be telephoned, e-mailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice. If a regular meeting is postponed, notice of the new time and date of said meeting may be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation; and shall be telephones, emailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice at least seventy-two hours to the specific time of the meeting or at the earliest date and time possible. If the date and time of the Regular meeting permanently changed, the new date and time shall be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation twice, one (1) week apart.

2. **Work Sessions.** Work Sessions shall be held for the purpose of examining issues, but no official action may be taken on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1700 North Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico. The agenda will be available at least seventy-two hours prior to the work session from the City Clerk whose

office is located at the George Arellanes Municipal Complex, 1700 North Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico. Notice of said work session shall be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation one (1) time, at the beginning of the calendar year; and shall be telephones, e-mailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice. If a work session is postponed, notice of the new time and date of said work session may be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation; and shall be telephoned, emailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice at least seventy-two hours prior to the specific time of the meeting or at the earliest date and time possible. If the date and time of the work session is permanently changed, the new date and time shall be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation twice, one (1) week apart.

3. **Other Meetings Not Regularly Scheduled.** Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members of the City Council by giving notice to each member of the Council, personally served or left at his/her usual place of residence seventy-two hours prior to the meeting. Notice of said special meeting may be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation at least seventy-two hours before the meeting date or on the earliest date possible prior to the date of the meeting. Notice of said special meeting shall be telephoned, emailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice for public announcement at least seventy-two hours prior to the specific time of the meeting or on the earliest date possible prior to the time of the meeting.

4. **Emergency Meetings.** Emergency meetings shall be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The City Council will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members upon notice as practical under the circumstances. If time permits, notice of said meeting may be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation on the earliest date possible as soon as the meeting is called. If time permits, notice of said meeting shall also be telephoned, emailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice for public announcements on the earliest date and time possible prior to the time of the meeting. The notice for emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

5. All notices shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. The agenda shall be available to the public at least seventy-two hours before any meeting or at the earliest possible time in case of emergency meetings. The City Council may be flexible on agenda postings under considerable circumstances.

6. The City Council may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is exempt for the open meetings requirement pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act.

(a) If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the City Council taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closure and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion for closure and the vote on closure of each individual member shall be recorded in a closed meeting.

(b) If the decision to hold closed meeting is made when the City Council is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity is given to the members and to the general public.

(c) Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

(d) Except as provided in NMSA Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussion in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the City Council in an open meeting.

7. The regular scheduled meetings of the City of Las Vegas' Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions are as follows:

- Planning & Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustments – Last Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Design Review Board – 3rd Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Lodger's Tax Advisory Board – (Quarterly) 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Extra-Territorial Authority – Last Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Extra-Territorial Zoning Commission – 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Las Vegas Youth Commission – At the call of the Chairperson or to be announced;
- Library Board – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – Carnegie Library;
- Finance Committee – Tuesday prior to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. – City Council Chambers
- Utilities Committee – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. – Utilities Department;

- Public Housing Authority Board of Commissioners – 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. – City Council Chambers;

- Housing Committee – Last Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. – Housing Department;

- Downtown Revitalization Committee – At the call of the Chairperson or to be announced;

- Film Commission – 1st Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;

- Museum Board – 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. – Las Vegas Museum & Rough Riders Memorial Collection;

- Recreation Committee – 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. – Recreation Center;

- Senior Advisory Committee – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. – Public Works Department;

- Tree Board – Last Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. – Tierra Y Montes Conference Room;

This Resolution shall be published in a newspaper(s) of general circulation twice, one (1) week apart after its adoption.

Done this 27 day of June, 2012.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency Only:

Dave Romero, City Attorney