

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Tonita Gurulé-Girón

**COUNCILORS:** David G. Romero  
Barbara A. Casey  
Vincent Howell  
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager  
Danielle Sena, Recorder  
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney  
David T. Bibb III, Chief of Police

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilor Casey asked to pray for the people in Las Vegas who have lost family members and other loved ones and friends who have passed away this last month and also to pray for Las Vegas so that working together they can help the City to grow and thrive and become the true gem that it can be.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Casey and Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., both seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Marshall Poole spoke about the animal welfare report for May and advised they took in two hundred and eight animals, returned fifty three animals back to their owner or guardian, adopted twenty six animals locally, and trapped forty seven feral cats and took them for spay and neutering. Mr. Poole advised they transported eighty two cats and dogs to six different agencies in Colorado for adoption. Mr. Poole advised they had two rabies bite holds and the crematory is being repaired. Mr. Poole advised they transported twenty four citizen owned dogs to Santa Fe for twenty five dollars and also hosted a mobile spay and neuter veterinary clinic where they had twenty five animals that day. Mr. Poole advised their volunteer of the month was Ken and Jane who are retired and have transported an estimated amount of twenty five thousand animals to Colorado.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Resolution No. 19-27 assigning official representatives and signatory authority for the SAP 19-D2520-GF grant agreement with the State of New Mexico Environment Department.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised the resolution is a requirement by the State of New Mexico Environment Department and the grant was provided by the State Legislature for Capital Outlay funding.

Councilor Casey advised corrections needed in the resolution due to spelling and suggested changing on the second sentence of the resolution that states, "Signatory Authority(s) to Signatory Authorities," and changing the next to the last paragraph that states, "Interim Finance Director Tana Vega or successors are the



Authorized Officer to Interim Finance Director Tana Vega or successors are the Authorized Officers.”

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

2. Reject request for bids #2019-11 for the Valley & Chavez Street gas line replacement

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised in 2018 they started a project to replace a section of gas lines on Valley & Chavez Street and were short staffed at the time which was why they started the process to go out for bids. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised since then they have acquired four more employees in the gas division and staff is confident in doing the project.

Discussion took place regarding a cost analysis for the City staff to do the project.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they had two bidders, Hays Plumbing and DUB-L-EE and Hays Plumbing did have a lower bid and the concern with Hays was they weren't actually qualified but were in the process of obtaining their certification.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised Hays not being certified had nothing to do with her request to reject the bids.

Councilor Howell asked if there would be any legal ramifications for the City since the City didn't actually bid on the project.

City Attorney Esther Garduno-Montoya advised state law provides NMSA 13-1-131, “rejection or cancellation of bids or request for proposals, state law provides that all bids can be rejected in whole or in part when it's in the best interest of the agency or local public body, a determination containing the reasons shall be made part of the procurement plan.”

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they do add into the bid packages to make bidders well aware that the City can reject all bids.

Discussion and questions took place regarding when and what made Utilities Director Gilvarry decide to reject the bids, what the reason was to go out for bids

in the first place, concerns with employees having experience to do the project, how many employees are needed to do the project and if that will leave other areas short staffed.

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised the departments interact with each other if they need any additional assistance.

Discussion and questions took place regarding reasons for wanting to reject the bids, City staff doing the work when they can, when the project will start, the location and if there will be street cuts and pavement replaced.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised there was no need for executive session.

### **ADJOURN**

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero  
Vincent Howell

Yes  
Yes


David A. Ulibarri, Jr.  
Barbara Casey

Yes  
Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

  
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Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:

  
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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk