

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**MAYOR:** Louie A. Trujillo

**COUNCILORS:** David G. Romero  
Barbara Casey  
Michael L. Montoya  
David Ulibarri ***Absent***

**ALSO PRESENT:** Leo Maestas, City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk  
Scott Aaron, City Attorney  
Antonio Salazar, Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trujillo called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilor Montoys asked for a moment of silence for Councilor Ulibarri's family for the passing of his niece and to keep them in our prayers.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Presentation and Approval of proposed quote by Cordova Contracting & Development LLC through CES for Rodriguez Park Baseball and Softball Field Projects.

City Manager Maestas discussed the awardment of \$3.5 million from the Legislature and have since procured a contractor to do the Topography and Surveying which was completed. City Manager Maestas advised Site Southwest would be doing a master plan of the whole lot. City Manager Maestas advised in the meantime they wanted to use the funds so the Legislature sees their encumbering those funds. City Manager Maestas discussed the conversion of two synthetic turf fields.

Parks and Recreation Director Aragon discussed the focus of the fields to be used 12 months out of the year with weather permitting and dimensions of the fields could host from four year olds up to eight year olds and above. Parks and Recreation Director Aragon advised the field could be used for NCAA Softball, Little League USSSA Baseball, USA Baseball, twelve year old youth and Soccer. Parks and Recreation Director Aragon discussed drainage issues and the second field hosting thirteen year old youth and above with multiple plugs available to host multiple leagues.

John Paul Romero with Cordova Contracting & Development LLC discussed the company's background and what they specialize in. Mr. Romero applauded the

Mayor and Council for making the move to have artificial turf given the water situation we are in. Mr. Romero discussed the number of fields the company Hellas has done. Mr. Romero advised they would be in charge of all the demolition, the dirt work, and grading. Mr. Romero suggested having a groundbreaking when approved.

Mayor Trujillo asked if there would be someone from the company that would oversee the entire project.

Mr. Romero advised yes, Cordova Contracting would have a Superintendent on site to monitor the project daily.

Mayor Trujillo asked for City Manager Maestas to provide an update during his City Manager's Report and advised he wants to see the progress.

Councilor Casey asked for an estimate on how soon the project would be done.

Mr. Romero advised there are a few key factors so he hasn't put a final date yet but estimated about 5-6 months.

Councilor Romero stated for the record there is no relation between Mr. John Paul Romero and himself.

Mr. Romero discussed coming up with a logo that could go on the turf or on the sidelines that could be unique for the City of Las Vegas. Mr. Romero discussed the scope of work, what would be remodeled and what would be new regarding dugouts, fencing, drainage issues and lighting.

Councilor Montoya thanked Parks & Recreation Director Aragon for all his research and for preparing this project. Councilor Montoya mentioned one of the priorities of the Comprehensive Master Plan are programs for the youth. Councilor Montoya asked if lighting would need to be realigned.

Parks and Recreation Director Aragon advised the current lighting does not meet the specs and some poles can be retro-fitted.

City Manager Maestas advised there would be funding left over to discuss signage.

Discussion took place regarding the fencing belonging to the City and it being refurbished.

Councilor Montoya thanked the Mayor and Council for thinking about the livelihood of the children in Las Vegas.

City Manager Maestas played a video from Hellas Construction Inc., which showed their synthetic turf.

Councilor Montoya asked if scoreboards and bleachers were included.

City Manager Maestas advised no, they are trying to utilize what they have first.

Councilor Montoya asked to start working on a second phase and gather the numbers to get with the Legislature during the next term.

Discussion took place regarding the quote for the demolition for the existing building in the area, minor remodeling done to the concession stand and moving on to the other 3 existing fields.

Councilor Montoya asked if there would be security present to monitor the equipment.

Mr. Romero advised they would put up fencing, chains and cameras.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the proposed quote by Cordova Contracting & Development LLC through CES for Rodriguez Park Baseball and Softball Field Projects. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

City Manager Maestas thanked the Mayor and Council and advised they would work with Mr. Romero to create a schedule for when they can break ground and begin working on phase two for the Legislature.

Mayor Trujillo asked if there is another groundbreaking ceremony he would appreciate the soccer and baseball kids with their parents to get them excited about having a new facility.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilor Montoya made a motion to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene into regular session after being in executive session for the purpose of discussing limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 and only those matters were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes		

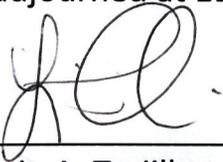
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.



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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk