

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY CHAMBERS.

MAYOR: David Romero

COUNCILORS: Marvin Martinez
Barbara Casey **via Cell Phone**
Michael L. Montoya
David Ulibarri

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Montgomery, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Caleb Marquez, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Romero called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Martinez asked for a moment of silence to thank everyone who was present and for making the meeting possible. Councilor Martinez advised that the City is moving in the right direction.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez advised that there was an error on the agenda under Executive Session and asked to remove section (H)(5) for Collective Bargaining, which should not have been on the agenda.

Councilor Martinez asked to move Consent Items (1-3) right after Business Item #9.

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

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	No
Marvin Martinez	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Romero advised that there was a community meeting for Ward 4 regarding the project at El Creston. Mayor Romero apologized to the public for any inconvenience the relocation of staff has caused.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Martinez thanked Mayor Romero and City Manager Montgomery for attending the Ward 4 community meeting for the El Creston Road Improvement project.

Councilor Montoya advised that some citizens reported that they are having issues with their trash pick-up on a weekly basis. Councilor Montoya asked that they place the tractor trailer from Solid Waste on the next auction. Councilor Montoya stated that they need to place netting at Solid Waste to stop the trash from going into neighboring yards.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Tim Montgomery discussed the following;

- Welcomed new staff to the City of Las Vegas
- Vehicle Hail Damage update
- Rodriguez Park-Phase II update
- Interim Community Services Director-June Tafoya
- City Hall update
 - Special Meeting to discuss options
- Senate Bill 148-removes 3% tax from Gross Receipts Tax
- Department updates
- Road/Project updates
- Reservoir storage update
- Community Outreach

Mayor Romero thanked City Manager Montgomery for his efforts in being transparent with the public.

Councilor Montoya asked about the hail damage on City buildings.

City Manager Montgomery advised that there were 5 buildings that needed to be reassessed on March 20th.

Councilor Montoya asked if he received quotes for South Pacific Park.

City Manager Montgomery advised yes, the quotes were for \$20,000 for the steps, which they don't currently have in the budget.

Councilor Montoya asked about the score boards at Rodriguez Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Arturo Padilla advised that they were supposed to arrive Friday.

Councilor Montoya asked about the investigation regarding the missing score board.

City Manager Montgomery advised that nothing has been found so they moved forward with purchasing the score boards.

Councilor Montoya thanked City Manager Montgomery for his report. Councilor Montoya requested that they start the process to identify all the vacant properties so they could move forward with auctioning off those properties and recommended that the funding from auctioning off the properties go towards a new City Hall.

Councilor Ulibarri asked what type of security is available at the Recreation Center and Rodriguez Park during Little League due to incidents that have happened.

City Manager Montgomery advised that they asked Police to have a walk through of the building to ensure things are going okay.

Councilor Martinez advised that City Manager Montgomery's report was very well put together.

Mayor Romero asked if they were still under a moratorium regarding water taps.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that there is a moratorium for those outside of city limits but are available for those inside city limits. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that she would have to look at the ordinance to see what the available amount of water is and verify if there is enough to meet the current taps that have already been approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the minutes from February 14 and February 21, 2024. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked if all were in favor. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Presentation by NMHU Regents speaking on a proposal to preserve the Highlands University Gene Torres Golf Course for Las Vegas and Consideration to provide funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 annually for 3 years.

NMHU Regent Bill Garcia provided a background regarding the Gene Torres Golf Course being in operation since 1958. Mr. Garcia advised that the accumulated financial deficits had reached three million dollars. Mr. Garcia advised that the accreditation was at risk and the New Mexico Higher Education department was pushing Highlands to get it fixed. Mr. Garcia advised that NMHU partnered with San Miguel County and the City of Las Vegas and each provided funding for the last two years in order to open the Golf Course and the plan was to use the \$70,000 towards vacant land for development in the Golf Course. Mr. Garcia provided their financial outcome since their partnership with San Miguel County and the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Martinez asked if NMHU had a Golf program.

Mr. Garcia advised no and that it was decided by the administration after they asked students about being interested in having a Golf program.

Councilor Martinez voiced his concerns regarding the plan for land development on the Golf Course.

Councilor Montoya asked if Mr. Garcia knew how many students utilize the Golf Course and what the land development would look like at the Golf Course.

Mr. Garcia advised he did not have that information but the City of Las Vegas would be working closely as a partner with NMHU during the land development.

Discussion took place regarding the City of Las Vegas taking over the Golf Course if NMHU cannot make it work.

Mayor Romero advised that they have provided funding for the past three years and there is no land development plan. Mayor Romero advised that there are a lot of other priorities that the City of Las Vegas needs to consider. Mayor Romero advised that he was under the impression that the lease of Fusion Tacos was going into the NMHU General Fund instead of going towards the Golf Course to elevate the deficit.

Mr. Garcia advised that the President of NMHU was in agreement to use the net proceeds from the restaurant to support the Golf Course.

Mayor Romero advised that Chairman Garcia told him that they had approved funding for one year with quarterly reports within the year.

Mr. Garcia advised that they haven't seen the language in the MOA that San Miguel County approved.

City Manager Montgomery advised that they have donated money in the past to NMHU but has tried to get an answer from the City Attorney to make sure there are no issues with donating. City Manager Montgomery advised that he's supportive of community activities but there is also the need for City Hall.

Discussion took place regarding approving the funding in the amount of \$60,000 for 1 year and NMHU allowing both school districts to use the Golf Course with no charge.

Mr. Garcia advised that they won't be able to clear the deficit if they aren't charging individual groups. Mr. Garcia advised that if they could get the housing developed then it would be an investment.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to approve the funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 for 1 year and NMHU allow both school districts to use the Golf Course at no charge. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked if the funding from the previous years were paid to NMHU.

City Manager Montgomery advised that they did pay the prior two years but there was no invoice for this year and the budget for the last two years was also carried over, which is currently budgeted.

Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mr. Garcia advised that NMHU would be working closely with the City of Las Vegas.

Mayor Romero advised that it's important that NMHU provide timelines and notification with the community when meeting with City Manager Montgomery.

2. Presentation by Clarity Collins with North Central NM Economic Development District and Consideration of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek Disaster Legal Services for the City of Las Vegas, NM for damages sustained from the Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon wildfires.

Clarity Collins provided a lengthy discussion regarding her support of the community for technical assistance for disaster recovery. Ms. Collins discussed the two RFPs; one for legal representation and the other for disaster recovery.

Mayor Romero advised that Ms. Collins has been an asset for the City of Las Vegas.

Ms. Collins mentioned that San Miguel County, Mora County and San Miguel Electric Coop have gone through with the RFPs for legal representation and disaster recovery.

Discussion took place regarding the reasoning for separating the Legal Services RFP and Disaster Recovery Services RFP.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek Disaster Legal Services for the City of Las Vegas, NM for damages sustained from the Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon wildfires. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Marvin Martinez	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Consideration of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek Disaster Recovery Services for the City of Las Vegas NM current and future disasters.

Mayor Romero advised that it gives them the opportunity to get a third party to have a non-bias opinion. Mayor Romero advised that the individuals they are looking for would have that expertise and knowledge of how the process works.

Councilor Montoya asked if they would jeopardize any of the funding they have received or applied for if they were to seek Disaster Recovery Services.

Ms. Collins advised no, it would not jeopardize any funding.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek Disaster Recovery Services for the City of Las Vegas NM current and future disasters. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

4. Request approval to award RFP #2024-17 and contract Grant Writing Services to Arch Consulting LLC.

Public Works Project Manager Travis Martinez advised that there was one proposer. Public Works Project Manager Martinez advised that Arch Consulting LLC was and is in compliance with contract requirements and is qualified to provide and adhere to a Professional Service Agreement.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve RFP #2024-17 and contract Grant Writing Services to Arch Consulting LLC. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked what department Arch Consulting LLC would be reporting to.

City Manager Montgomery advised that before the position fell under the Community Development department but moving forward he would like that position to report through the Finance department to keep track of each grant that has been awarded and then report back to Council.

Councilor Montoya asked what the limit of the contract was.

City Manager Montgomery advised that there is a little over \$12,000 that could be utilized until the fiscal year ends on June 30th and once they go through the budget process they would need to come up with a dollar amount for the next fiscal year.

Councilor Montoya asked who would give direction as to what they want them to work on.

City Manager Montgomery advised that he would give him direction and he would report to the Finance department.

Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

5. Request approval to award RFP #2024-16 for the construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, drainage improvements, and miscellaneous construction for University Avenue to Pacheco Construction.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised they had three contractors that bid on the project and Pacheco Construction was the lowest bidder. Public Works Director Lopez advised that they had all the required permits and licenses.

Mayor Romero asked if they were the same contractor that did the Jackson Street sidewalks.

Public Works Director Lopez advised yes.

Mayor Romero advised that he wants inspectors on site so they don't have the same issues they had on Jackson Street.

Public Works Director Lopez advised that Pacheco Construction was the contractor for the Jackson Street sidewalk but they subcontracted it to a different contractor. Public Works Director Lopez advised that technically Pacheco Construction did not do that quality of work but they were responsible for it and did correct it.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve RFP #2024-16 for the construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, drainage improvements, and miscellaneous construction for University Avenue to Pacheco Construction. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Councilor Martinez discussed the importance of meeting deadlines for projects and completing them.

Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

6. Discussion and Direction of the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) funding FY 2025.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised that NMDOT has a Transportation Project Fund annually and he recommended the funding request for the year be specifically for El Creston to complete the project. Public Works Director Lopez advised that NMDOT likes to see projects that are shovel ready.

Councilor Montoya thanked NMDOT, their staff and Chairman Walter Adams for having funding available.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) funding FY 2025 for El Creston. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

7. Request approval to award Carnegie Library Roof Replacement Project to All Seasons Roofing & Contracting.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Carnegie Library Roof Replacement Project to All Seasons Roofing & Contractings. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

8. Request approval of Resolution No. 24-09 a proposal from DUB-L-EE for replacement of the six (6) inch steel natural gas line from Porter Street to the Valencia Tank.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that DUB-L-EE was currently under contract but due to the cost of the project she wanted to take it before Council in the form of a resolution. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that the asphalt portion would be taken out and they would bring in an asphalt company for that portion.

Discussion took place regarding the 4 inch lines and their ability to provide enough volume and flow.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-09 a proposal from DUB-L-EE for replacement of the six (6) inch steel natural gas line from Porter Street to the Valencia Tank. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Resolution 24-09 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION #24-09

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SIX (6) INCH STEEL NATURAL GAS LINE FROM PORTER STREET TO THE VALENCIA TANK.

WHEREAS, the natural gas line from Porter Street to the Valencia tank is a six (6) inch steel line; and

WHEREAS, the City Gas division has maintained this gas line with leak surveys, cathodic surveys and installation of 40 pound anodes to maintain the required levels for that area; and

WHEREAS, due to cathodic protection issues and issues with the line shorting out the line has become a liability to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Gas division would like to solve those issues by replacing the existing line with a four (4) inch polyethylene gas line before any major issues arise; and

WHEREAS, due to the limited staffing and employee certifications the Gas division requests a contractor perform the necessary work; and

WHEREAS, the City Gas division currently has DUB-L-EE under contract #3965-23 for maintenance and emergency gas line repairs; and

WHEREAS, DUB-L-EE has proven to be efficient cost effective on past Gas projects; and

WHEREAS, this project will be funded through available funds under the current budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas that the attached project proposal be submitted for replacement of the six (6) inch steel natural gas line from Porter Street to the Valencia tank before any major issues arise.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor David Romero

Attest:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY

City Attorney

Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Mavin Martinez	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

- Request approval to award and contract RFP #2024-14, Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) & Altitude Control Valve Maintenance to Curb Services Company.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that there are over thirteen PRVs in the community. Utilities Director Gilvarry discussed the importance of controlling the pressure going between zones. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that it would be on a as needed basis.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve award and contract RFP #2024-14, Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) & Altitude Control Valve Maintenance to Curb Services Company. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Marvin Martinez	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3972-23, Arthur Regional Landfill, Inc. for Solid Waste tipping fees for the City of Las Vegas.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that Arthur Regional Landfill formerly known as the Wagon Mound Landfill accepts the waste from the city. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that their charge is \$31.54 per ton and there are no other options due to availability and distance.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Addendum #1 to Contract #3972-23, Arthur Regional Landfill, Inc. for Solid Waste tipping fees for the City of Las Vegas. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked if she knew how many days Arthur Regional Landfill was closed during bad weather.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that they were closed for about 5 or 6 days.

Councilor Montoya asked if that was the reason for having trash pick-up delays or Solid Waste closures.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that there were other factors such as being short staffed, some vehicles needed maintenance and contractors overloading Solid Waste.

Councilor Montoya advised that most of the calls they receive are regarding Solid Waste issues. Councilor Montoya asked if it would help to hire an additional contractor to haul the waste to Wagon Mound or if it would help to increase the floor space to collect waste.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that they would have the same issue regarding the number of drivers to be able to haul to Wagon Mound. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that they have looked into hiring a contractor to haul for them to Wagon Mound but they request to use City vehicles to haul, which they can't do and the last time they hired someone to haul the waste they charged \$60,000. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that they are looking into a company coming to pick-up residential and commercial waste, while the city focuses on hauling to Wagon Mound.

Councilor Montoya advised that there were 23 PSAs regarding the Solid Waste department being closed and its unacceptable.

Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3965-23 DUB-L-EE, Inc. for maintenance and emergency repairs to the City natural gas transmission.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that DUB-L-EE is used for maintenance and repairs that can't be done by City employees.

Councilor Montoya asked how much DUB-L-EE was paid last year.

Gas Superintendent Jude Herrera advised they did not use them last year but they are contracted for emergency services.

Councilor Monotya made a motion to approve Addendum #1 to Contract #3965-23 DUB-L-EE, Inc. for maintenance and emergency repairs to the City natural gas transmission. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Marvin Martinez	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Request approval of Addendum #2 to Contract #3875-22 with the Master's Touch, LLC for monthly mailing and postage for the Utilities Department.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that Master's Touch, LLC has been mailing their bills for six years and they work well with them when adding in inserts.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Addendum #2 to Contract #3875-22 with the Master's Touch, LLC for monthly mailing and postage for the Utilities Department. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS (cont.)

10. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$2,500 to South West Road Racing DBA WeBe Racing to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the WeBe Racing Hare Scramble Round 1.

Mayor Romero asked if all Lodgers Tax requests were approved through the Lodgers Tax Committee.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that all requests were approved by the Lodgers Tax Committee but there was a stipulation for WeBe Racing that they provide documentation on how they would spend the \$2,500.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$2,500 to South West Road Racing DBA WeBe Racing to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the WeBe Racing Hare Scramble Round 1. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Marvin Martinez	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

11. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$5,000 to Las Vegas San Miguel Chamber of Commerce to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the Car Show-Bike Show-Film Fun event.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$5,000 to Las Vegas San Miguel Chamber of Commerce to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the Car Show-Bike Show-Film Fun event. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Marvin Martinez	Abstained	Barbara Casey	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

12. Request approval of Lodger’s Tax funding in the amount of \$5,000 to Las Vegas San Miguel Chamber of Commerce to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the Red Dawn 40th Anniversary event.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger’s Tax funding in the amount of \$5,000 to Las Vegas San Miguel Chamber of Commerce to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the Red Dawn 40th Anniversary event. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Abstained

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

13. Request approval of Lodger’s Tax funding in the amount of \$6,583.78 to the Las Vegas Citizens’ for Historic Preservation to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the places with a Past, Heritage week and Holiday Home Tour events.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger’s Tax funding in the amount of \$6,583.78 to the Las Vegas Citizens’ for Historic Preservation to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the places with a Past, Heritage week and Holiday Home Tour events. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Abstained
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Romero advised for clarification that Councilor Martinez was abstaining from voting due to the advertising of the events being broadcasted on his brothers radio station.

14. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$18,500.00 to the City of Las Vegas to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the 4th of July Fiestas event.

Councilor Montoya asked if \$18,500 would be enough.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that he didn't think it would be enough and he would be petitioning the Lodgers Tax Committee to secure more funding for advertisement.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$18,500.00 to the City of Las Vegas to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the 4th of July Fiestas event. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Marvin Martinez	Abstained	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

15. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$16,000 to the City of Las Vegas to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the Music in the Park events.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$16,000 to the City of Las Vegas to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the Music in the Park events. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Abstained

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

16. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$30,000 to the City of Las Vegas to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the 2024 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta events.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$30,000 to the City of Las Vegas to fund the marketing and advertising campaign for the 2024 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta events. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya thanked the Lodgers Tax Committee.

17. Request approval of MOU with the La Plaza Little League.

Parks and Recreation Director Arturo Padilla advised that the MOU is done annually.

Councilor Montoya asked if the fee of \$300 was the same as last year.

Parks and Recreation Director Padilla advised yes, it was the same as last year.

Councilor Montoya asked if all the leagues were charged the \$300.

Parks and Recreation Director Padilla advised yes.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the MOU with the La Plaza Little League. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Mayor Romero asked if the MOU was reviewed by the City Attorney.

Parks and Recreation Director Padilla advised yes.

Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Romero thanked the Little League Board members for being there.

18. Request approval of MOU with the Las Vegas Little League.

Parks and Recreation Director Arturo Padilla advised that there was a change with a few grammatical errors, pg. 3 they removed Treasurer, pg. 4 they added 8 am - 11 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Councilor Montoya advised that the parks are public parks and the public comes first.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the MOU with the Las Vegas Little League. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Marvin Martinez	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

19. Request approval of MOU with the Las Vegas Soccer League.

Parks and Recreation Director Arturo Padilla advised that he is working on a master schedule for all fields so they know who is supposed to be utilizing the fields at a specific time.

Discussion took place regarding the effluent waterline and the fields being watered on time.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to approve the MOU with the Las Vegas Soccer League. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

20. Discussion/Direction regarding Contracts, Agreements and Memorandum's of Understanding (MOU's).

Mayor Romero advised that he felt like the smaller MOU's could be handled by the City Manager and shouldn't have to go before Council. Mayor Romero advised that other entities have a threshold of anything over \$60,000 would go to Council for approval. Mayor Romero advised that the Council meeting agendas are beginning to be lengthy and they need to have the confidence in the City Manager to allow him to delegate those types of things.

Councilor Casey suggested that the City Manager could report on the certain contracts, agreements or MOU's that he approved should they allow him that authority.

Councilor Montoya advised that when Mayor Romero was a Councilor he supported that all contracts, agreements and MOU's were to be taken to Council for approval no matter the monetary value. Councilor Montoya advised that the previous City Manager was approving MOUs that he didn't have the authority to do. Councilor Montoya advised that anything with a monetary value should go to Council for approval and so they are aware of any possible liability.

Mayor Romero advised that he did not have that confidence with the previous City Manager but he does have confidence in the current City Manager.

Councilor Montoya advised that it's important to be transparent with the public.

Mayor Romero advised that they would continue with all contracts, agreements and MOU's to be approved by Council until it becomes burdensome on the progress of Council meetings.

21. Discussion/Update on revisions to Municipal Charter.

City Manager Tim Montgomery discussed the options of appointing a Charter Commission to update the Municipal Charter, Council serving as the Charter Commission or partially/fully using an Attorney to go through the charter and provide recommendations to Council. City Manager Montgomery advised that they need to ensure they have public meetings. City Manager Montgomery advised that they could revise the entire charter but if it does not pass they would have to wait one year for the next election. City Manager Montgomery advised that there could be a Special Election for ballot questions only but the City would be responsible for the cost of the Election and it would be mail in ballot only. City Manager Montgomery advised that their goal is to update the City Charter to be on the November 2025 Election and it would need to be done by June 2025.

Mayor Romero advised that there are a lot of items that need to be addressed and they need to make it simple for the voters.

Councilor Casey advised that they need to not hurry and either redo the whole charter or do away with it and follow state law. Councilor Casey advised that they should have a small group of people with legal included to see what would be best to do.

Councilor Montoya discussed voter turnout before opting into the November elections, the need to revise the entire Charter, having meetings with the City Manager, legal and the public and having a timeline in place.

Mayor Romero advised that City Clerk Fresquez and himself would put a draft timeline together.

Councilor Montoya advised that they have plenty of people to work on the City Charter like one of the Attorney's, the City Clerk, the City Manager, any Council members and the public for their input.

Mayor Romero advised they would have an action item on the next Council meeting to determine the direction they want.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Romero thanked those who applied for the Police Chiefs position and advised that it's a difficult decision to make as a Mayor. Mayor Romero advised that it should be the decision of the Governing Body as a whole and that they select the best person to take on the challenge of the position.

Councilor Martinez 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, Discussion on appointing a Police Chief. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Marvin Martinez	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Martinez 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, Discussion on appointing a Police Chief, no other items were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Marvin Martinez	Yes		

Mayor Romero thanked all those who applied and advised that they reviewed the applications and next week they would be interviewing the following individuals for Police Chief; Caleb Marquez and Eric Padilla.

Councilor Montoya acknowledged former Police Chief Adrian Crespín who was in attendance.

ADJOURN

Councilor Ulibarri made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

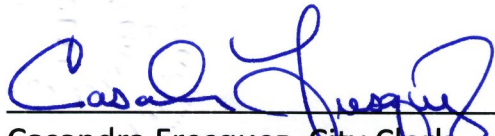
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.



Mayor David Romero

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk