

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Danielle Sena, Recorder
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney
David T. Bibb III, Sergeant at Arms

Meeting began at 6:13 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Gurulé-Girón wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, that we should be thankful for our families, to remember those we have lost near the holidays and she was praying for Councilor Howell and City staff who had experienced a loss.

Councilor Howell asked for a moment of silence to remember loved ones who had passed also to remember all our men and women in conflict areas in our nation and in the world, that we ask our Lord to keep them safe as well as those who had lost loved ones.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes for October 9th, Work Session and October 16, 2019 Regular, with no errors. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised there were no appointments or reports at this time.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Media Coordinator Virginia Marrujo announced the Top Hat Awards as follows:

Top 10 - 4th of July Fiestas

Top 3 - Tourism Professional of the Year: Virginia Marrujo

Winner - Hospitality Professional of the Year: Alan Affeldt

PUBLIC INPUT

William Gonzales read an Open Letter to Mayor and Council in regard to the Acequias water rights and spoke in detail about the potential benefits and agricultural economy lost as well as acequias being destroyed due to the ongoing litigation. He encouraged the City to engage with the Acequia leadership to find a negotiated settlement for sharing water.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Interim City Manager Gallegos to meet with the City Attorney and provide the Council with a written brief of what the status was of what had been claimed there today, so that they were all clear on everything.

Ray Gallegos, Mayordomo of Los Vigiles Acequia spoke in detail regarding the water rights litigation and how it has cost millions of dollars for senseless litigation and storage that was not needed. He stated the agricultural economy has gone through hardship. He added that it was time to put an end to the litigation.

Kathleen Dudley was not present when her name was called to step up to give public input.

Gabe Estrada stated his concerns of the ongoing litigation regarding water rights and read as follows: an “Open letter to the parties in the matter of the equitable remedy to be awarded to the City of Las Vegas following Reversal of the Pueblo Water Rights Doctrine”. He also spoke on several issues regarding water sharing between the acequias and the City of Las Vegas and asked that all parties involved, come together and come up with an equitable response as requested by the courts.

Lalo Sanchez stated that Maria Gilvarry constantly was having his water meter checked and accused him of having water leaks and requested that it be stopped. He added that there was corruption in the City and higher government and that there was no longer any trust within government.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated “with all due respect, I’d like to address this, first of all, if Mr. Sanchez can recall, he’s come to the City Council meetings on numerous occasions requesting some resolve regarding his water, so in all defense to the staff, if your water’s being checked, it’s probably because you asked for it.”

PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief David T. Bibb III recognized Clint R. Sandoval and Moises G. Coca for their accomplishments and for their completion of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Academy.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón congratulated the Officers and thanked them for their service to the City of Las Vegas.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Interim City Manager Gallegos reported that the Tree Lighting ceremony was set for December 5th on Douglas Ave., the reason being was not to interfere with school district activities (football finals) and that the Christmas Light Parade was set for December 14th, although they were open to any questions or issues.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that Stantec Project Manager Georgette Aronow and Lauren Howe would be presenting on 2019 Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Utility Rate Assessment Study.

Stantec Project Manager Georgette Aronow advised that the goal of the study was to provide adequate funding (reserves) for each of the funds, so that the systems would be self sustaining for the next 5-10 years and could meet all of the operational and capital improvement needs as well as being prepared for any capital emergency repairs. She added that they needed to make sure the rates were in alignment with funding and affordable as well. Ms. Aronow advised that 2018 was the last year for the City's current rate structure and adjustments for Water and Wastewater and 2015 for Solid Waste and stated that was where the rates were now and they would stay flat without any further adjustments or approval by Council.

Ms. Aronow presented the Water Enterprise Fund Projection of expenses and current revenues over the next 10 years. She informed that a lot that was driving for each of these funds were the need for capital improvements and that they spent a lot of time reviewing the master plans and technical reports to ensure they had an accurate projection capital projects needs going forward. She presented the Water Enterprise Capital Projections Summary in terms of what was needed and anticipated that would be funded in the rates and advised that overall the CIP priorities were estimated over the ten year period was approximately 26.5 million dollars.

Ms. Aronow advised there were two basic scenarios for the Water Plan, and Scenario 1, assumed the CIP execution at 40% and what that entailed was not needing to make any rate adjustment for the water fund in FY20 or FY21 and thereafter they estimated a 4% annual increase in the rate requirement. She informed that the 4% was assumed largely to take care of the inflation and to meet the 12.5 million dollars and advised that Scenario 2 was a lower CIP execution rate at 28%, showing a decrease in rates and afterwards reducing them

by 3% which was closer to the inflation rate. She stated that the CIP improvement was a critical piece of this rate analysis.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that it was her understanding and she thought also the Councils', that the directive given was to produce lower residential rates and for the impact to take place by January 2020, and that she had reviewed the analysis and was certain the Council had as well and was not at all what she had presented to them today. She added that she did not believe that there were any repairs needed to Peterson Dam at this time and that Ms. Aronow had misstated that the City needed to move forward with other repairs and that Peterson was never a part of the Bradner Reservoir repair and what needed focus was infrastructure repairs.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that in her eyes she felt, the proposal was entirely inadequate and not what they had requested and believed that Council had made themselves clear as to what was expected. She stated that she appreciated Ms. Aronow's presentation although she had many questions and concerns that were not consistent, not only with the 20 year plan but the 40 year plan which had been proposed.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that as a Council, they could not continue to penalize the residents of this community and stated that the previous increase was harsh and she voted against it. She stated that they had to do what was right for the constituency and felt that residents were essentially being punished with a higher rate increase. Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that this was not the directive given to the City's Utility Director and the Consultant and questioned whether the presentation should continue or have Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry come up for discussion or explain who missed the mark in this matter.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the Independent Review Analysis, aging infrastructure needs, Water Fund status and Summary of Residential changes.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that what they had requested was a real serious look at decreasing residential rates.

Councilor Romero advised that he was disappointed as to the Council's impression of what they were going to get versus what they read on the report, and understood that any Director would want all capital improvements funded if possible although as the Council, they were there for their constituents who were on fixed incomes.

Further lengthy discussion and questions took place regarding the proposed rate analysis and the CIP plan.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón clarified that they requested an emphasis on residential rates.

Councilor Howell asked if the 12.5 million, CIP plan was included in the analysis and asked how much a customer would pay for the use of 2000 gallons.

Ms. Aronow advised they would provide a table of the CIP plan and addressed Councilor Howell's question in detail and added that one thing to keep in mind was that what they were sharing, was what they thought the City could support and still reduce residential rates over a 10 year period was 12.5 million dollars.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that she did not vote on the previous rate increase, which she thought to be ridiculous and informed that it was close to a 30% increase, 60% being commercial users and questioned the adjustment for inflation. She advised she understood that rates needed to be increased to maintain a certain amount of cash revenue and to repair aging infrastructure although the directive was to reduce rates for residential and the proposal presented was not what they asked for and that the residents in this community had been adversely impacted and a small amount of residents were having to pay for it. Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that Utility Director Gilvarry should have informed Ms. Aronow about the history of the hardships of this community.

Councilor Romero advised that he felt that the Enterprise Fund was the most healthy due to being based off the increase and did not feel it was right to penalize our constituency with another increase.

Ms. Aronow stated that she understood the negative impacts of a small community having to pay more and also for the City to provide the same level of service of a big City although unfortunately it was not the situation for this community. She stated that her job as a consultant is to come in and give her honest and professional opinion of what it was to maintain the level of service to residents for water, wastewater and solid waste. She felt that Utilities Department ran a good financial house with their funds but that in their professional review, there were several costly issues that had been ignored such as having adequate staffing, repairs of water and sewer lines and explained that they did hear the

direction and looked at the structure and were able to propose a rate decrease initially and spoke of other options according to her study.

Councilor Howell stated he would have liked to listen to the complete study and that residents wanted to know how much they would be paying in the next 5 years in order to plan for the future and he personally did not want our infrastructure to age anymore and thought we needed a better analysis of our infrastructure as far as prioritizing the needs.

Brief discussion took place regarding the development fee for the cost of infrastructure which would apply to only new development and discussed several reasons for high water bills and infrastructure issues.

Councilor Howell stated that the City needed to make sure infrastructure was repaired, that reality was scary and that we all have to realize that we have to pay to get good water. He advised that he did not want to have pipes breaking in five years because they did not take a good look at Ms. Aronow's proposal.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. advised that his concern was the community being on fixed incomes and their complaints about water rates and people leaving town due to rate increases. He thanked Ms. Aronow for her presentation.

Councilor Casey stated that everyone knew the concern of the City's need for better infrastructure although was very shocked with the recommended rates to be so high and informed 36% live in poverty, 36% live below poverty, 62% were disabled veterans and elderly and she could not support anything that was going to impact poor people in such a huge way. She informed they were living on fixed incomes and they had to make decisions of paying bills, medical bills or to buy food and was a real concern to her and in good conscience could not agree to the increase. She felt that the community was making an effort to conserve and that the tier on the study was encouraging consumption and was very concerned and recommended they go back to the drawing board and give them something they could support with more enthusiasm.

Detailed discussion took place regarding the tier structure on the rate analysis and several conditions of having to reduce the budget regarding the restructure of the rate analysis.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that she felt there was no need to reduce the budget due to cash reserves being healthy, that they were not moving forward with Peterson due to it not being part of the plan and felt repairs were not needed. She informed if anyone was moving forward that it should come through Council and hoped Ms. Gilvarry had not made any improvements to Peterson Dam.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that the Council had already approved to move forward with the planning and design for Peterson and the funding for construction and hopefully for a big portion of planning and design would be asked from the Legislature.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that there were many major issues with breaking water lines throughout the City and she stated that it was a wrong decision to approve the planning and design for Peterson. She apologized for even placing on the agenda and felt that the focus should be to look at the actual tiers to decrease residential rates and believed that this Council made the directive clear to Ms. Gilvarry, that they had not deviated from that decision.

Ms. Gilvarry advised that while a Legislative Representative was at Peterson Dam a portion of the Dam fell beside him and the state engineer was definitely encouraging that they move forward with the repair.

Councilor Howell stated that they needed to help community members who could not afford the rates and it was important to aggressively look for outside sources for funding, economic development that increases GRT and go after ways of looking for more revenue. He stated that we could not afford to have pipes falling apart in the City and in their homes and having to pay exorbitant bills and they needed to get together and come up with ways of repairing our infrastructure now and for the future.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Utilities Director Gilvarry if there had been a threat to Peterson Dam breaking.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that there was a threat to it deteriorating and that the way it was designed, there was water coming through the dam face itself and becoming larger.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked if she had received a letter from the Dam Safety Bureau, stating that we needed to repair the infrastructure in its entirety because that was what they were proposing on the 10 million, that was ready to breach.

Utilities Director Gilvarry stated that no, they had not received a letter from the Dam Safety Bureau.

Brief discussion and questions took place in regards of discussion with the Legislative Representative pertaining to Peterson Dam and how the 10 million would affect the cash reserve.

Ms. Gilvarry advised that she was never going to request for the construction and that a good portion of the planning and design would come from funding sources whether it was capital outlay or other funding sources. She advised that the 10 million dollars that Mayor was requesting was not a part of this evaluation.

Councilor Romero stated that in his opinion regarding that the previous increases were sufficient in order to still sustain all the repairs needed and that their job as Council was to not put the burden on residents who could not afford increased rates. He stated that they needed a breakdown of the projects, they did not want catastrophic water breaks in the future and that he was willing to listen to the specific needs on the rate analysis.

Ms. Gilvarry stated that she thought one of the most critical parts that they were not addressing was Wastewater Division, which was greatly underfunded due to debt service and looking at that as a base and asking how they can restore their infrastructure and funding for Wastewater and find the balance with the Water Division. She advised that would allow them to make an equivalent reduction on the water side where there would be no impact to the customer or a reduction to the customers and would prioritize water line repairs.

Brief discussion took place in regards to Council reviewing Utility project reports.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón recommended that they come back in three days with a new plan and determine how they would reduce residential rates and advised Ms. Gilvarry to review her department administrative burdens, increases that needed to be included in the plan. She informed Ms. Gilvarry, as a Director that it was her duty to make certain that there were very little burdens in the best interest of the constituency.

Lengthy discussion took place on a timeline of coming back with the revised Utility Rate Structure, tier rate structure and water use/sewer usage.

Councilor Casey proposed to have a Special meeting that was open to the public. Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked the Stantec Representatives for their presentation and asked that they not take the governing body asking tough questions as being negative or not wanting to see any form of result although the result they wanted did not come in their direction today. She stated that they were moving forward and in the right direction.

Brief discussion took place regarding the decrease adjustments on the rate structure.

FINANCE REPORT

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega presenting the Finance Report for the month ending October 31, 2019 reporting the General Fund revenue at 33% and the expenditures coming in at 26%. Ms. Vega reported the Enterprise Funds revenue at 27% and expenditures at 22% and advised that the Recreation Department revenue was at 28% and total expenditures were 27%.

Councilor Casey had questions regarding several vendors on the check report, Finance Director Vega clarified and addressed the questions.

Finance Director Tana Vega presented a seven year analysis of the Lodgers Tax that was collected that included gross sales.

Councilor Casey asked that this information be provided to Mr. Wid Slick.

CONSENT AGENDA

Recorder Danielle Sena read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows:

1. Approval of out of state travel to Canon City, Colorado.
2. Approval of out of state travel to Quantico, Virginia.
3. Approval to reject Bid 2020-03 Rocky Road Construction due to bid being over budget.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval to adopt Resolution 19-55 for Administrative and Financial Support including a \$48,000 cash match for the FY 2019 New Mexico Mainstreet (NMMS) Capital Outlay Public Infrastructure funding for the “Great Blocks on MainStreet:” Railroad Avenue Phase II Grant Application.

Grant Writer Robert Archuleta advised that the City of Las Vegas in collaboration with Main Street de Las Vegas submitted a grant application request, written and prepared by Michael Peranteau in the amount of \$400,000 for Capital Outlay funding for the Great Blocks project in the railroad district NMMS requires a \$48,000 match. He advised that he assisted with the grant application as well and that the match would go down as they were seeking other entities to assist with the match requirement and it would be a less burden on the City. Mr. Archuleta advised the project was Plan and Design and that was paid by a grant through Mainstreet and informed that together with the \$150,000.00 that they already had, the potential of award of \$400,000.00 and with the matches the City was providing, they would have approximately \$611,000.00 for the Railroad District Great Blocks Project.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for the status of Phase I and if this was considered Phase II.

Mr. Peranteau explained that Phase I was awarded the \$150,000.00 about year ago, then they found out that NM Mainstreet had received more capital outlay funding so they applied for more funding and put the \$150,000.00 on hold and collaborated with engineers combining the phases together as one. He advised that the funding for Phase I would not be jeopardized.

Mr. Archuleta advised that Phase I would not be affected, that they could issue an RFP using Phase I and Phase II dollars, if awarded and the City would save more time and use only one engineer.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Mr. Peranteau and Mr. Archuleta for their work and contribution to the Mainstreet program.

Brief discussion took place of acquiring match funding for the Great Blocks Project.

Councilor Howell asked for a brief explanation of the Great Blocks Project.

Mr. Peranteau explained that it was a designation by New Mexico Mainstreet and it designated a major rejuvenation project in a downtown district. He advised that the City had three districts which were Bridge/Plaza Streets, Douglas Avenue and Railroad District, that it was a 2.1 million dollar project and that it was a priority project of the state.

Councilor Howell made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-55 for Administrative and Financial Support including a \$48,000 cash match for the FY 2019 New Mexico Mainstreet (NMMS) Capital Outlay Public Infrastructure funding for the “Great Blocks on MainStreet:” Railroad Avenue Phase II Grant Application. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 19-55 was presented as follows:

City of Las Vegas, NM

Resolution N. 19-55

A Resolution of Administrative and Financial Support adopting and approving a \$48,000 required matching funds for the FY 2019 New Mexico MainStreet (NMMS) Capital Outlay Public Infrastructure funding for the “Great Blocks on MainStreet: Railroad Avenue Phase II Construction Project “matching requirement” as part of the grant application.

ADOPTING THE FY 2019 “GREAT BLOCKS ON MAINSTREET: RAILROAD AVENUE PHASE II CONSTRUCTION PROJECT” GRANT APPLICATION AND MATCH REQUIRMENT.

WHEREAS, the funding for this project is made available through NM MainStreet Public Infrastructure by the sale of Severance Tax Bonds approved by the Economic Development Department; and

WHEREAS, capital improvements are an effective tool for communities to achieve necessary project development and the Railroad District is listed in the recently adopted Metropolitan Redevelopment Act Plan otherwise known as the Downtown Action Plan as an important catalytic development area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas and Main Street de Las Vegas (MSLV) are committed to collaborating on the construction ready Great Blocks Project in the Railroad District; and

WHEREAS, the City's partner, MSLV is working diligently to assist and secure the "cash match" portion of the match requirement by New Mexico MainStreet on behalf of the City in the amount of \$48,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is committed to providing a match of funds in the amount of \$48,000 and in-kind services if MSDLV is unable to secure matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS GOVERNING BODY that:

1. The City of Las Vegas has accepted the match requirement of \$48,000 for the "Great Blocks" project and is committed to providing match funds up to, and in the amount of \$48,000 cash or less and in-kind if MSLV cannot secure the total matching funds; and
2. The New Mexico MainStreet Public Infrastructure Grant Monitor, upon receipt of Resolution 19-55, will consider the grant application as a final submission of the grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of November, 2019

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón
(Seal)

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Esther Garduño-Montoya, City Attorney
(for legal sufficiency only)

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

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

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

2. Approval/Disapproval to review and certify Fixed Assets/Inventories. Interim Finance Director Tana Vega advised that the City of Las Vegas had completed the 2019 Fixed Assets and Inventories and was ready to be reviewed and approved by Mayor and Council.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the process of disposing of assets associated throughout all departments within the City and of an online auction.

Councilor Casey made a motion to review and certify Fixed Assets/Inventories. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

3. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 19-57.

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega advised that the City of Las Vegas was requesting increases to the FY2020 Budgeted revenues and expenditures, transfers to and from within various funds of the FY 2020 Budget.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-57. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Resolution 19-57 was presented as follows:

State of New Mexico
Municipality of City of Las Vegas
Resolution No. 19-57

WHEREAS, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2019-20, and

WHEREAS, said budget adjustments were developed on the basis of increases in revenues, expenditures and transfers (in) out through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors, please see attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making budget adjustments in the 2019-20 fiscal year budget; to include a net increase of \$150,000 in revenues, an increase of \$172,000 in expenditures for various expenditures and a transfer in from General Fund in Fund 435 Mainstreet; a net increase of \$404 in expenditures in Fund 283 (PD Awards) to be funded by unbudgeted cash balance; a net increase of \$12,500 in revenues and expenditures in Senior Center to be funded by a Legislative Appropriation for two (2) HVAC units; a net increase of \$9,403 in revenues and expenditures in the Special Library Fund to be funded by a grant from New Mexico State Library;

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this governing body that the budget adjustment request be approved and meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2019-20;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico hereby approves the budget adjustment request herein above described and respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

RESOLVED: In session this ____ day of November, 2019

Tonita Gurule-Giron. Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney

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

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

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

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. advised that faded stop signs were an issue throughout the City and asked if they were being addressed.

Streets Director Chris Rodarte informed that they had already replaced 17 stop signs throughout the City and had placed an order for 12 more stop signs at the cost of \$2,500.00.

Councilor Howell asked for a status of trailers parked at the flea market and behind the Knight's Inn, in regards to having permits and asked about the incident at the Animal Shelter.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that the property on Grand Avenue was private property, she sent Code Enforcement to check for permits and were at that point for now. She added that the trailer on the Macario Gonzales property was removed and were waiting for the one on Piñon and Montezuma Street to be removed. She advised they would address the one at Knight's Inn this week and were also addressing tents/homeless near the Riverwalk as well.

Mr. Rodarte advised that the Animal Shelter had been vandalized and five dogs had been taken and that repairs had already been made to the kennels.

Councilor Casey thanked Wanda Salazar for her hard work and excellent job at the Senior Center and addressed the Mayor regarding Lodgers Tax Board applications and that she knew of three applications that had been submitted.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that applications were still coming in and that there had been people who have called and that she was going to wait until tomorrow and hopefully make a decision by Friday.

Councilor Casey wanted to thank Code Enforcement Officer, Jeremiah Gutierrez for working so hard within her ward and hoped he would continue his work on that.

Councilor Romero asked if the area of Jackson and Lincoln Streets could be addressed in regard to the positions of one way signs. He asked if potholes on South Gonzales (bus routes) had been addressed.

Streets Director Rodarte advised that the area of South Gonzales had been addressed that day.

Other issues were briefly discussed that needed addressing pertaining to trash being left out on premises of some West side residents and also vehicles parking on sidewalks on the West side of town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Romero made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters discussed in the past, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

Councilor Romero made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session after discussing personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 and stated that only discussion took place and no action was taken. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

ADJOURN

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

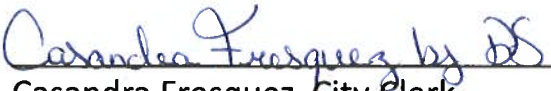
David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

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



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk