

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS.**

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero *via Google Meet*
Barbara Casey
Michael L. Montoya
David Ulibarri

ALSO PRESENT: April Gonzales, Deputy City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Antonio Salazar, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo asked for a moment of recognition for all the hardworking employees at the City of Las Vegas.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Trujillo advised due to the length of the agenda he would forgo his appointments/reports and recognitions/proclamations.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Council also agreed to forgo their councilors reports due to the length of the agenda.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Salazar gave a detailed presentation regarding the statistics for the Month of February on the following:

- Field Operations Division (patrol) calls
- Code Enforcement calls
 - 25 active abetments
- Animal Control calls
- Animal Care Center
 - 74 dogs
 - 8 cats
- Communications Division (dispatch) calls
 - 5 vacant positions
- Information Division (records)
- Street Crimes/Investigations/Narcotics Division

- Evidence Seized
- Meetings and trainings
 - District Court
 - Magistrate Court
 - Safe House interviews
 - MDT meetings
 - LEADS meeting
- Training/Travel/Recruiting/Hiring/Promotions
- Department vacancies (27)

Councilor Casey asked about having windows on the building for the cats.

Police Chief Salazar advised he knows how to frame and would install windows.

Councilor Montoya asked about the status of the (7) properties that are being reviewed by the City Manager's Office.

Police Chief Salazar advised they are either pending in the attorney's office or need to be sent to the attorney's office so they can start collecting fees. Police Chief Salazar advised they need to be sent so they can start the court process.

Councilor Montoya asked since when have they been ready to send to the attorney's office.

Police Chief Salazar advised December 2022.

Councilor Montoya asked why the delay.

Police Chief Salazar advised they handled everything on their end of the process.

Councilor Montoya asked Deputy City Manager Gonzales if she knew anything about it.

Deputy City Manager Gonzales advised she did not.

Councilor Montoya asked Deputy City Manager Gonzales to follow up with the City Manager regarding what the status is for those (7) properties.

Councilor Montoya advised there were about 30 vacant signs throughout the city and asked to follow the ordinance that reads if a sign is not maintained or occupied the sign must be taken down. Councilor Montoya asked why the number of Fire calls were different from the report from the Fire department.

Police Chief Salazar advised he would look into it.

Discussion took place regarding any businesses having signs without a business license, and to check on all businesses to make sure they paid for their license and signs.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Tasha Martinez reported on the month of February, the General fund revenues were at (\$9,619,992), expenditures (\$8,754,826), with a surplus of \$865,165, the Enterprise fund revenues were at (\$12,748,557), expenditures were at (\$12,587,802), with a surplus of \$160,754.74, the Recreation department revenues were at (\$361,567), expenditures were at (\$296,023), with a surplus of \$65,544, Lodger's Tax revenues were at (\$454,750), expenditures were at (\$266,519), with a surplus of \$188,230 and Cannabis revenues were at (\$68,182), expenditures were at (\$2,045), with a surplus of \$66,137.

Mayor Trujillo asked if there was anything in the report that they needed to be aware of.

Discussion took place regarding the Finance department renewing interest rates to 4% annually.

Deputy City Manager Gonzales advised that the meeting was not being broadcasted due to failure of the computer due to the recent power outages. Deputy City Manager Gonzales advised it would be recorded and would be broadcasted tomorrow.

PRESENTATIONS

Tiffany Abeyta, LEAD Program Manager provided an update on the LEAD program and discussed the following;

- 473 referrals state wide
- 219 individuals enrolled in the program
 - 156 missed the deadline
 - 20 individuals declined services through the program
 - 24 individuals are pending
 - 51 ineligible
 - 150 Diversion program
 - 108 Social Referrals
- Diversion program (Identified by an Officer)
- Social Referral
- 59 referrals in (SMC)
- 22 individuals enrolled in the program
 - 7 declined enrollment
 - 13 missed enrollment deadline
 - 11 ineligible
 - 1 pending
 - 5 discontinued services
 - 51 referrals from NMSP
 - 1 referral from NMHU Campus Police
 - 0 referrals from LVPD
 - 0 referrals from SMCSO
 - 7 Municipal Courts
- Resources/Services provided

Mayor Trujillo asked Police Chief Salazar why there were no referrals from the LVPD.

Police Chief Salazar advised it's the lack of training.

Mayor Trujillo advised to schedule training for his personnel. Mayor Trujillo stated that diversion programs do work.

Discussion took place regarding if Ms. Abeyta works statewide or in San Miguel County, how many staff she has, how they provide housing, if they work with Tri County Domestic Violence Shelter, where they get their funding and how the City of Las Vegas can help them.

Gary Mazaroff with International Racquetball Federation (IRF), provided a lengthy discussion on holding the 38th IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships in Las Vegas, NM on August 29-September 2, 2023. Mr. Mazaroff discussed the timeline for the Senior Racquetball Championships in Las Vegas, NM.

Mayor Trujillo advised this International event will help promote Las Vegas.

Discussion took place regarding payment for the use of facilities during the 38th International Racquetball Federation World Senior Racquetball Championship.

Kenneth Abeyta and Craig Aragon, Assistant District Administrators with District 4 for Little League for the State of New Mexico, provided information of district and state playoff tournaments that will be held tentatively at Rodriguez Park. Mr. Abeyta advised they would be hosting three state playoff tournaments. Mr. Abeyta advised they are working on MOUs.

Discussion took place regarding multiple meetings with Ms. Loretta Abreu, MOUs approved by legal counsel as soon as possible, if games would be impacted due to Rodriguez Park construction and reaching out to businesses for discounts and treat bags for every player.

Mayor Trujillo asked Mr. Abyeta if they know how to apply for Lodgers Tax.

Mr. Abeyta advised they heard about the application process.

Mayor Trujillo advised to take advantage of that money and they can see if they can fund them with some Lodgers Tax.

Deputy City Manager Gonzales advised that the deadline had passed.

Councilor Montoya advised that there is no deadline for Council.

Mr. Abeyta advised they would get that prepared and sent over to them as soon as possible.

Councilor Montoya thanked them for volunteering and advised there were a lot of people last year and discussed the Rodriguez Sports Complex and the improvements of City parks.

Councilor Romero asked when they would start watering the parks.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they are working to have everything by April 1st and one challenge are the pumps at Rodriguez Park that are currently not working but will have a mobile watering system.

Councilor Romero advised when he was on the board for La Plaza Little League they used to start watering the fields late and advised it's important to start watering the fields as soon as they can.

Mr. Abeyta advised before the tournament takes place, District and Regional staff do go out to inspect the fields to make sure they are playable. Mr Abeyta advised they are looking to see if Lodgers Tax could help with getting the correct dirt that is needed and also fundraising for new mounds for the field.

Councilor Montoya advised they have a message board that they can utilize.

CONSENT ITEMS

City Clerk Fresquez read the Consent Agenda (1-3) into the record as follows;

1. Request approval of Addendum #2 to Contract #3729-21 with JJ & Son Excavation to provide professional concrete services for the City of Las Vegas.
2. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3875-22 with the Masters Touch LLC for billing, printing and mailing services as needed for the City of Las Vegas.
3. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3904-22 with Suina Design & Architecture for architectural and engineering services as needed for the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (1-3) as read into the record. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked why addendums were being approved four months in advance.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they don't want addendums falling through and expiring but addendums won't be in effect until their effective date.

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Councilor Casey made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing for Business Items 1 and 2. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez swore in Stephanie Romero and Planning & Zoning Coordinator Maria Perea.

1. Request approval to adopt Ordinance 23-04 for the preliminary and final approval of a subdivision of Lots 6 & 7, Block 84, Town of Las Vegas, located at 1917 New Mexico Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701. Also included is the approval of variances on lot size requirements for Parcel 2 and Parcel 3, facing Armijo Drive.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised that Ms. Patricia Baca, one of the heirs of the property located at 1917 New Mexico Avenue wanted the property divided between three heirs of John Singletary. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised when reviewing the survey it was found that tract B and tract C were smaller than the required 5,000 sq ft required for the R-3 zone. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised after speaking with Ms. Baca, it was noted that they were splitting the property as per the wishes of their father as shown in his Last Will and Testament. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea stated she advised Ms. Baca, that she would need to apply for a variance of lot size requirements for tract B and tract C and also submit an application for a subdivision. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised both documents were provided by Ms. Baca. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised the project was taken to the Board of Adjustment for the approval of the variance request for lot area size requirements and also to Planning & Zoning Commission for the three lot subdivision on February 6, 2023. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised at the meeting on February 6, 2023 the Board of Adjustment approved the variances for tract B and tract C, and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended taking the three lots subdivision project to City Council for approval along with the variances for the approved tracts. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised there were no protests for or against the project at the Planning and Zoning Commission or Board of Adjustments.

Mayor Trujillo asked if all signatures were completed and if the Fire department had looked at it.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised yes.

2. Request approval to Adopt Ordinance No. 23-05, amending the Official Zoning Map from an M-1 (Light Manufacturing Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone) for two properties located at the corner of E. University Avenue and Commerce Street.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised Stephanie Romero on behalf of the owners Robert and Judy Lopez, requested a zone change from a M-1 to an R-3 for property that had recently been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Lopez. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised a survey was provided by Ms. Romero which showed the two properties for the zone change that was being requested.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised the property is the former Ross Oil Bulk Plant at the corner of E. University Avenue and Commerce Street. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised the City owned property where the soccer fields are and borders on the south side of the smaller property. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised that Ms. Romero stated that she was going to place a 28x56 double wide manufactured home on the larger tract and her aunt, Mrs. Lopez plans to place a single wide mobile home on the smaller lot. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised the lots do meet the R-3 requirements, and Ms. Romero submitted a site plan on how the double wide home would be placed on the larger lot and Ms. Romero also requested on behalf of her aunt Mrs. Lopez and herself that both properties be issued Commerce Street addresses as both homes would be facing that direction. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised the application was received in January 2023, the Planning and Zoning meeting was scheduled on February 6, 2023. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised at the meeting Ms. Romero stated what their intentions were for the property and had advised that the property had recently been cleaned up for that purpose. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised during the February 6, 2023 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting they recommended taking the zone change application to the City Council for final approval. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised there were no persons who spoke for or against the project. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea further advised as of February 6, 2023 new addresses had been issued for the two lots, 615 Commerce Street for the smaller lot and 619 Commerce Street for the larger lot. Planning & Zoning Coordinator Perea advised a development application will be submitted to the Utilities department requesting utility services for both properties, if the zone change is approved.

Councilor Casey made a motion to exit the Public Hearing and reconvene into regular session. Councilor Ulibarri 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	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

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Ordinance 23-04 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

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Councilor Romero advised the family are relatives of his but there is no financial interest on his part.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-05, amending the Official Zoning Map from an M-1 (Light Manufacturing Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone) for two properties located at the corner of E. University Avenue and Commerce Street. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Ordinance 23-05 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Request approval of Resolution No. 23-10, request for Acceptance and Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Audit Report.

Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez introduced Chris Garner with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve resolution 23-10. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Mr. Garner for being there and for his professional services that he provided to the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Montoya thanked Mr. Garner for the report and stated that the City of Las Vegas did have 7 findings and those items have been addressed.

Mr. Garner advised that City Manager Maestas and the Finance department were very proactive by asking questions to make sure they are doing the right things and moving in the right direction.

Councilor Romero advised the findings are concerning and the Council will have their eyes on it for next time.

Resolution 23-10 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 23-10

ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2022 AUDIT

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is required by statute to contract with an independent auditor to perform the required annual audit or agreed upon procedures for FY 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas Governing body has directed the accomplishment of the audit for FY2022 be completed; and,

WHEREAS, this audit has been completed and presented to the City of Las Vegas Governing Body per the March 2, 2023 letter from the State Auditor authorizing release of the FY 2022 audit; and

WHEREAS, NMAC 2.2.2.10 (M) (4) provides in pertinent part that "Once the audit report is officially released to the agency by the state auditor (by a release letter) and the required waiting period of five calendar day has passed, unless waived by the agency in writing, the audit report shall be presented by the IPA, to quorum of the governing authority of the agency at meeting held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, if applicable, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby accept and approve the completed audit report and findings as indicated within this document.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of March 2023.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

4. Request approval of Resolution No. 23-08, the sale of obsolete City assets at an online auction.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve resolution 23-08. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Resolution 23-08 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 23-08**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
THE SALE OF OBSOLETE CITY ASSETS AT AN ONLINE AUCTION.**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") owns and possesses certain inventoried obsolete and surplus assets; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to hold an online auction to receive competitive bids for the obsolete and surplus assets; and

WHEREAS the City desires to hold said online auction in the Spring of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City will benefit from the sale and disposal of the obsolete and surplus assets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the sale of the inventoried and surplus assets.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this day ____ of March 2023.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya advised there will be a public auction and all information would be on the website.

5. Request approval of Resolution 23-09 a budget adjustment for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Finance Director Tasha Martinez discussed the need for the City of Las Vegas making budget adjustments in various funds.

Councilor Montoya asked where the \$91,000 for Padilla Sports Complex came from.

Finance Director Martinez advised she would have to get back to him regarding where it came from due to Deputy Finance Director Chavez working on it.

Councilor Romero advised it was a grant application that Consultant Robert Archuleta had worked on.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve resolution 23-09. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 23-09 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 23-09

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas has developed a budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2022-23; and

WHEREAS, said budget was developed on basis of increases in revenue, expenditure and transfer (in) out through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making a budget adjustment in the 2022-23 fiscal year budget to include a revenue increase to Fund 101- 4900 Animal Shelter in the amount of \$50,000, a rev/exp increase to Fund 217 State Legislative Appropriations – Padilla Sports Complex in the amount of \$91,000, a rev/exp increase to Fund 217 State Legislative Appropriations – Old City Hall Museum in the amount of \$320,000 a rev/exp increase to Fund 217 State Legislative Appropriations – PD Recruitment in the amount of \$112,500, a rev/exp increase to Fund 253 Traffic Safety - ENDWI in the amount of \$10,742, a rev/exp increase to Fund 253 Traffic Safety – Buckle Up in the amount of \$3,079, a rev/exp increase to Fund 253 Traffic Safety – S.T.E.P. in the amount of \$5,702, a revenue increase to Fund 620 – Natural Gas in the amount of \$2,000,000 and an expense increase to Fund 620 – Natural Gas in the amount of \$1,800,000.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds the budget adjustment request should be as it meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2022-23; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the aforementioned budget adjustment request and respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this day _____ of March 2023.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

6. Request approval to award RFP #2023-10 for Water Distribution System Planning, Design, & Construction Phase Engineering Services to Molzen-Corbin and Souder Miller & Associates.

Councilor Romero advised he was concerned about a conflict with Souder Miller since they operate the water system and would now be doing the planning and designing.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised this was for the Water Distribution System not the Water Treatment System and they are legally different firms, Souder Miller Operations is the one that manages the facility and water treatment plant and then there is Souder Miller Engineering.

Councilor Casey advised both entities are working within the Water department but are doing specific jobs that are different.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that was correct and the work would be selected by a person who is not with Souder Miller such as Travis Hern the Water Distribution Manager.

Discussion took place regarding both entities each having a contract, subcontracting not allowed by the State unless stated in the contract, and distinctive assignments between the two.

Councilor Montoya asked where the bids were and how much they would be paying them.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised the assignments haven't been provided yet and once the assignments go out that's when the money is presented to Council or to the City Manager, depending on the dollar amount. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised if the project is over \$60,000 then it is taken to Council for approval.

Councilor Montoya advised that is the kind of information that should be in the packet.

Discussion took place regarding a cap for the planning services.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve RFP #2023-10 for Water Distribution System Planning, Design, & Construction Phase Engineering Services to Molzen-Corbin and Souder Miller & Associates. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

- 7. Request approval for out-of-state travel for Firefighter Rafael Lopez and Firefighter Justin Armijo to attend the International Association of Fire Chief’s - Wildland Urban Interface Conference.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve out-of-state travel for Firefighter Rafael Lopez and Firefighter Justin Armijo to attend the International Association of Fire Chief’s - Wildland Urban Interface Conference. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

- 8. Request approval to place the Phoenix created by artist Chad Brown at the Plaza Park.

Mayor Trujillo discussed the Phoenix created by artist Chad Brown and him needing to know where it would be placed so he can move forward with his funding.

Councilor Casey advised the Phoenix would enhance the cultural district but was concerned about protecting the art from birds.

Mayor Trujillo advised that the Plaza Hotel started playing predator noises to deter the birds. Mayor Trujillo advised that the Parks department went out to wash the sidewalks and benches.

Councilor Casey asked what the anticipated date would be for display.

Mr. Brown advised his goal is for the end of August or first part of September. Mr. Brown advised he would personally take care of it.

Councilor Casey advised they want it preserved, carefully displayed and appreciated.

Discussion took place regarding finding a permanent place and a waiver of liability for the City of Las Vegas should someone damage it.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the placing of the Phoenix created by artist Chad Brown at the Plaza Park. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked about the temporary placement of the Phoenix.

Mr. Brown advised the spots are temporary to help with the art not being destroyed and advised he has various other locations to place it at. Mr. Brown advised it is vulnerable to the environment and would be better somewhere inside.

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

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. All were in favor.

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 Ulibarri 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 Ulibarri	Yes		

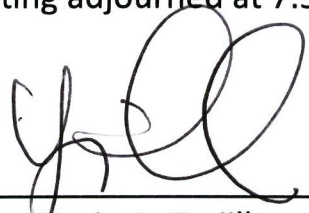
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

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


City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk