

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY CHAMBERS.

MAYOR: David Romero

COUNCILORS: Marvin Martinez
Barbara Casey
Michael L. Montoya
David Ulibarri

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Montgomery, Interim City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Elias Rael, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Romero apologized for the inconvenience of evacuating from City Hall and thanked San Miguel County Commission, San Miguel County Manager, and the Deputy County Manager for allowing them to use their facilities.

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

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Casey asked for a moment of silence to thank our creator for keeping the City employees safe and for being able to evacuate quickly from a building

that wasn't safe. Councilor Casey was thankful that they found a place for them in the County Commission Chambers and was happy to see so many people there at the meeting. Councilor Casey thanked God for all the blessings they have despite all the unexpected hardships.

Councilor Montoya asked for a moment of silence for Pete Ortiz who passed away.

Mayor Romero asked to keep the families in Kansas City in their prayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Martinez asked to amend the agenda by moving Consent Item #4 to Business Items.

Councilor Montoya also asked to move Consent Item #1 to Business Items and also move up Executive Session Item #2 to Business Items.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked if all were in favor. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Romero advised due to the length of the agenda he would forgo his report.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Casey thanked the Public Works department for installing the crossing on Mills Avenue by Robertson High School football field across to the Golf Course.

Councilor Martinez thanked Mayor and Council for appointing him to Ward 4.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Tim Montgomery discussed the following;

- Welcomed new staff to the City of Las Vegas
- Opioid settlement funds
- Cannabis funds
- Investigation regarding the missing scoreboard
- Animal Care Center
- MainStreet funding
- RiverWalk funding contributions
- Development of a donation policy
- Issues with Skating Rink
- Hail damage-35 total vehicle losses
- PSAs-Regarding City Hall/Staff relocated

Councilor Martinez asked how it came about to get the air quality tested at City Hall.

Interim City Manager Montgomery advised that the building is old and believed to have been built in 1956. Interim City Manager Montgomery advised that he started working at City Hall on November 1st and he could smell things in the building so he called for an air sample.

Councilor Montoya thanked Interim City Manager Montgomery for vacating the building as quickly as they did. Councilor Montoya advised that they've done Legislative requests for years as a top priority for needing a new City Hall. Councilor Montoya advised that he's mentioned the need for a new building before when the old Kmart building was for sale and there were also plans for the Safeway area for a two story building. Councilor Montoya advised that it was bound to happen because of the age of the building. Councilor Montoya advised that he would not spend a penny on remodeling the City Hall building and they need to move forward with other options.

Discussion took place regarding the MainStreet Contract and the funding for Rodriguez Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the minutes from January 29 and February 1, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Tim Hagaman with NM Economic Development Department, Mora Office provided a lengthy presentation regarding projects to help with Economic Development.

Eva Artschwager with Northeast Economic Development Organization (NEEDO) of Las Vegas discussed their support with other entities in Las Vegas to help with their Economic Development goals.

Councilor Martinez asked if they could provide them with what has been done in Las Vegas regarding Economic Development.

Councilor Montoya advised that Mr. Hagaman meets with them once a year but they need to meet more often to get things moving forward.

George Lyon with the Samaritan House discussed emergency funding for operation Stay off the Street. Mr. Lyon advised that they were hit with an increase in COVID cases, cold temperatures and other expenses that were not anticipated. Mr. Lyon advised that they're asking for \$9,500 so they could purchase additional cots, bunk beds and security. Mr. Lyon thanked the Police department for their professionalism and efforts in helping them. Mr. Lyon advised that they were thankful for the City giving them \$49,000 and without the additional funding they would have to reduce their services.

Councilor Martinez asked for a brief synopsis regarding where the Samaritan House was located, what the housing situation is like and the capacity of the building.

Mr. Lyon advised that they're right next to Lincoln Park, and they are waiting on the Fire Chief to let them know what their capacity is but believed it was about 52 people and they currently have 36 people. Mr. Lyon advised they are open during cold weather or during emergencies such as fires. Mr. Lyon advised that they accept anyone as long as they are not a danger to anyone.

Councilor Martinez asked to explain their need for having security.

Mr. Lyon advised that the security would be part time due to needing them after hours for individuals who become rowdy or are withdrawing.

Councilor Martinez voiced his concerns regarding how the location of the Samaritan House affects those who live in the area. Councilor Martinez advised that he would like to take a tour of the facility.

Mayor Romero advised that the item would be placed on the agenda for next week's Council meeting for approval.

Discussion took place regarding the number of individuals that the Samaritan House serves and if they have contacted the County to help with funding.

Councilor Montoya advised that the City should be helping with clothing, food and medications but now the list was for program supplies such as bunk beds, picnic tables, heating lamps and security. Councilor Montoya advised that those things should be the responsibility of the person running the Samaritan House. Councilor Montoya advised that if the item is placed on the agenda he would support services rendered only.

Mayor Romero asked for a motion for the item to be placed on next week's agenda.

Councilor Casey made a motion to place the Samaritan House item on the agenda for consideration and requested that the Finance department review and find the money they are requesting. Councilor Martinez 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.

CONSENT ITEMS

City Clerk Fresquez read the Consent Agenda (2-3, 5-9) into the record as follows:

2. Request approval of a Grant Agreement between the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) and the City of Las Vegas.
3. Request approval of a Grant Agreement between the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) and the City of Las Vegas.
5. Request approval of Addendum #3 to Contract #3729-21 with JJ & Son Excavation for professional concrete services.
6. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3959-23 with The Electric Horseman for Commercial electrical services.
7. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3960-23 with New Image Construction Inc. for on call commercial plumbing services.
8. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3961-23 with All In One Excavation, LLC for on call commercial plumbing services.
9. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3967-23 with Hays Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for on call commercial plumbing services.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (2-3, 5-9) as amended. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Mayor Romero asked that they verify all the contracts with the contractors licenses and make sure they match the projects they're working on.

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.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval of an MOU between the City of Las Vegas and the Village of Pecos.

Community Services Director Wanda Salazar advised that the Village of Pecos would pay the City \$22,000 to provide Senior Services. Community Services Director Salazar advised that the purpose of the contract is to provide Senior Services for those in the Pecos area. Community Services Director Salazar advised that the contract states that the City would employ all employees and the Village would be responsible for the building and have liability insurance.

Councilor Montoya advised that the contract doesn't specify the term.

Community Services Director Salazar advised that the first page states July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Councilor Montoya advised that they should consider adding a section in contracts to show that it has been verified that there is insurance in place. Councilor Montoya asked if the employees at the Pecos Senior Center were City of Las Vegas employees and if they had contracted employees.

Community Services Director Salazar advised yes they are City employees and they also have contracted employees.

Discussion took place regarding funding from the state and reimbursements based on expenses.

Councilor Montoya asked who owned the Senior Center in Pecos.

Community Services Director Salazar advised that the Village of Pecos owns the one in Pecos and the San Miguel del Bado Land Grant owns the one in San Miguel.

Councilor Montoya asked if they were the ones who take care of having insurance.

Community Services Director Salazar advised that they are required by Aging and Long-term Services to carry insurance.

Councilor Martinez asked if any funding comes from Pecos and San Miguel for those Senior Centers.

Community Services Director Salazar advised that the Village of Pecos gives the City of Las Vegas \$22,000 and the San Miguel del Bado Land Grant is a non-profit and the City of Las Vegas pays them \$12,000 to rent the building.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the MOU between the City of Las Vegas and the Village of Pecos. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. 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.

4. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3958-23 with Molzen Corbin & Associates for professional engineering services.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that it was the second year of the contract and was for water distribution services. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that Molzen Corbin was currently working on two projects for the City under contract #3958-23.

Discussion took place regarding requesting an extension and using funds towards construction.

Councilor Martinez asked what Water Distribution pertained to.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that Water Distribution pertains to water lines and anything associated with water lines after treatment.

Councilor Martinez asked what the impact would be.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that the last three years they've spent a couple \$100,000.

Councilor Martinez asked if there was a cap.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised it was submitted as an RFP, so they could have multiple engineers under contract. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised if they have one particular project, one engineer may offer services based on quality or the better cost. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised there is not a cap on the RFP but they are limited by budget and approved by City Manager and Council.

Discussion took place regarding having a cap in place, Utilities Director Gilvarry keeping Mayor and Council informed of all the projects, how long terms of contracts are for RFPs, if there were change orders and the need for engineers to create and develop plans for accountability.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Addendum #1 to Contract #3958-23 with Molzen Corbin & Associates for professional engineering services. Councilor Montoya 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.

2. Request approval to appoint one of the following applicants for City Manager:

- a) Timothy Montgomery
- b) Jack Maes
- c) Vidal Martinez
- d) Christopher Max Baca
- e) Sabrina Varela

Mayor Romero advised he placed all five applicants that applied for the City Manager position on the agenda. Mayor Romero advised that Mr. Tim Montgomery has been the Interim City Manager for two months and his recommendation would be to keep Mr. Montgomery until 2025.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the appointment of Timothy Montgomery as City Manager. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya advised that this is one appointment they won't regret and in observation of Mr. Montgomery, he brings leadership, honesty, great skills, integrity, communication and direction. Councilor Montoya advised that he supported the appointment.

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 those who applied for the City Manager position.

Councilor Casey advised that she’s never worked or seen the work ethic, integrity and honesty that she has seen in Mr. Montgomery. Councilor Casey advised that Mr. Montgomery was an exceptional person who does an excellent job. Councilor Casey advised that she was proud to nominate him and proud to vote for him. Councilor Casey advised that she knows he will do a wonderful job for the City.

Councilor Martinez advised that he was happy to have Mr. Montgomery on board.

City Manager Montgomery advised that he was proud to be there and is happy to bring his experiences that he has and continue growing. City Manager Montgomery advised that he will give all he can give and wants to make Mayor and Council proud and do well for the City.

Councilor Ulibarri advised that he liked how Mr. Montgomery speaks to people and he’ll move the City forward.

1. Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) and the City of Las Vegas (CLV).

Mayor Romero advised that the MOU would be for Highlands Art department to have students participate in creating public works of art for the community. Mayor Romero advised that NMHU would provide \$5,000 and the City would provide \$5,000 towards the cost of the project.

Councilor Martinez asked where the art work would be completed.

Mayor Romero advised that the MOU wasn’t in place yet so Highlands didn’t put the class together for the semester. Mayor Romero advised that once they put a

class together, NMHU will have two faculty members on the art selection team as well as the City of Las Vegas having two people on the art selection team.

Councilor Casey asked if there was a number of art pieces that needed to be completed.

Mayor Romero advised it would be one every year for five years.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) and the City of Las Vegas (CLV) for one piece of art work to be placed on City property. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Request approval of the contract between the San Miguel Chamber of Commerce and the City of Las Vegas.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that they would like to re-enter into an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce. Community Development Director Marquez advised that their previous contract expired on February 12, 2024. Community Development Director Marquez advised that the contract would be for a total of \$50,000 (\$45,000 for the scope of work and \$5,000 for in-kind).

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the contract between the San Miguel Chamber of Commerce and the City of Las Vegas. 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.

3. Request approval of Resolution No. 24-07 repealing and replacing all previous resolutions by amending the City of Las Vegas Meadow City Express Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy.

HR Director Darlene Arguello advised that there were amendments to the Drug and Alcohol Policy. HR Director Arguello advised they had their annual Compliance Review in October and they had one addition, some language changes and updates to their contact list. HR Director Darlene Arguello advised that their Compliance Review went well.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-07 repealing and replacing all previous resolutions by amending the City of Las Vegas Meadow City Express Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Resolution 24-07 was presented as follows:

**City of Las Vegas Meadow City Express
Resolution No. 24-07**

A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING ALL PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND ADOPTING AN UPDATED CITY OF LAS VEGAS MEADOW CITY EXPRESS ZERO TOLERANCE FTA DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas Meadow City Express is required by the NMDOT Transit and Rail Division to have an FTA Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy in place; and

WHEREAS, the policy needs to be updated and adopted by the Governing Body, and distributed to City of Las Vegas Meadow City Express employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas hereby approves the updated City of Las Vegas Meadow City Express Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and directs its distribution to transit employees; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy shall be effective February 14, 2024.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of Las Vegas Governing Body this 14th day of February, 2024.

David Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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.

4. Request approval to award RFB #2024-13 Building Materials & Related Supplies to Hacienda Center, Pat Romero, BTU Do It Center, Temple Outdoor Décor, Hays Plumbing & Heating, Pavement Sealants & Supplies, BTU Block & Concrete and enter into purchasing agreements.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez introduced Project Manager Travis Martinez. Project Manager Martinez advised that all the bids were in compliance with requirements and are qualified to provide and adhere to the purchasing agreement. Project Manager Martinez advised that many departments are having a hard time going through the three quote process which takes time. Project Manager Martinez advised that the Public Works department was recommending that it be awarded and contracted to all offerors. Project Manager Martinez advised that the purchasing agreement would be city wide for all departments.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve RFB #2024-13 Building Materials & Related Supplies to Hacienda Center, Pat Romero, BTU Do It Center, Temple Outdoor Décor, Hays Plumbing & Heating, Pavement Sealants & Supplies, BTU Block & Concrete and enter into purchasing agreements. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Mayor Romero asked that City Manager Montgomery look into the purchasing policy throughout the City.

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.

5. Request approval of Resolution No. 24-04 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for the Cooperative Municipal Program Grant (COOP) for a total project amount of \$125,000.00.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised that they plan to apply for the match waiver.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-04 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for the Cooperative Municipal Program Grant (COOP) for a total project amount of \$125,000.00. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Resolution 24-04 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 24-04

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ASSURING THE AVAILABLE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (COOP)

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas (“City”) will be applying to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (“NMDOT”) for a Cooperative Agreement Grant (the “Grant”) for construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, ADA compliant curb & ramps, drainage improvements, construction management, and miscellaneous construction to Ridge Runner Road;

WHEREAS, the City expects the amount of the projects to be a total of \$125,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City would have to contribute 25% (\$31,250.00) in order to receive the Grant of (75%) \$93,750.00 for a total amount of \$125,000.00; and

WHEREAS, improvements are needed on these Street's for the safety and well being of the residents of the City and others who utilize these streets;

WHEREAS, if the City is successful in receiving the Grant, it will be used for 685 feet of road improvements on Ridge Runner Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body agrees to contribute 25% of the Grant amount in order to obtain the Grant, and agrees to use the Grant for road improvements on Ridge Runner Road in the City of Las Vegas.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2024.

David Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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	Mavin Martinez	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

6. Request approval of Resolution No. 24-05 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for the Municipal Arterial Program Grant (MAP) for a total project amount of \$360,000.00.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised that they would also be applying for the match waiver.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-05 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for the Municipal Arterial Program Grant (MAP) for a total project amount of \$360,000.00 Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Resolution 24-05 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Resolution No. 24-05

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ASSURING THE AVAILABLE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT) MUNICIPAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM (MAP)

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas (“City”) will be applying to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (“NMDOT”) for a Municipal Arterial Program Grant (the “Grant”) for construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, ADA compliant curb & ramps, drainage improvements, construction management, and miscellaneous construction to Mountain View Drive;

WHEREAS, the City expects the amount of the projects to be a total of \$360,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City would have to contribute 25% (\$90,000.00) in order to receive the Grant of (75%) \$270,000.00 for a total amount of \$360,000.00; and

WHEREAS, improvements are needed on these Street’s for the safety and well being of the residents of the City and others who utilize these streets.

WHEREAS, if the City is successful in receiving the Grant, it will be used for road improvements on 74,574 square feet on Mountain View Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body agrees to contribute 25% of the Grant amount in order to obtain the Grant, and agrees to use the Grant for road improvements on Mountain View Drive in the City of Las Vegas.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2024.

David Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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.

Councilor Montoya thanked the NMDOT and Public Works Director Arnold Lopez, Project Manager Travis Martinez and staff for their work ethic.

7. Request approval of Resolution No. 24-06 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for a total project amount of \$1,322,603.80.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised that the funding was Federal funding through NMDOT and was a 14.6% match and there is not a match waiver offered. Public Works Director Lopez advised that they are not sure if they will get the full amount.

Councilor Casey asked Interim Finance Director Dominic Chavez if they had the matching funds available.

Interim Finance Director Chavez advised yes.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-06 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for a total project amount of \$1,322,603.80. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Resolution 24-06 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 24-06

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ASSURING AVAILABILITY OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") will apply to the New Mexico Department of Transportation ("NMDOT") for a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant (the "Grant") for planning, designing, construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, ADA compliant walkways, drainage improvements, construction management, and miscellaneous construction on the Riverwalk walkway; and

WHEREAS, the City expects the amount of the project to be a total of \$1,322,603.80; and

WHEREAS, the City would have to contribute 14.56% (\$192,571.11) in order to receive the Grant of \$1,130,032.69 (85.44%) for a total amount of \$1,322,603.80 to include New Mexico gross receipts tax; and

WHEREAS, improvements are needed on the Riverwalk for the safety and well being of the residents of the City and others who utilize the walkway; and

WHEREAS, if the City is successful in receiving the Grant, it will be used for the improvements of the Riverwalk from Bridge Street (BOP) to Mills Avenue (EOP) and from Mills Avenue to City limit on Cinder Road for a total length being 4,425 feet; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body agrees to contribute 14.56% of the Grant amount in order to obtain the Grant, and agrees to use the Grant for Riverwalk improvements from Bridge Street to Mills Avenue and Mills Avenue to City Limits.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of February 2024.

David Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

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

Community Services Director Wanda Salazar advised that All Seasons Roofing & Contracting would be removing the roof and replacing under \$42,000 and it will be done as soon as the weather is clear.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Carnegie Library Roof Replacement Project to All Seasons Roofing & Contractings. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Mayor Romero advised that according to Community Development, All Seasons Roofing & Contracting does not have a business license. Mayor Romero advised that they need to make sure with any contractors that they have a business license and their GB-98.

Councilor Montoya asked who inspected the roof.

Community Services Director Salazar advised that All Seasons Roofing & Contracting, Rhino Roofing and North Eastern Construction inspected the roof.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised that all the contractors understood once the roof was removed it would be inspected for any damage/mold from previous leaks.

Councilor Montoya asked if the roof was claimed from the hail damage.

Public Works Director Lopez advised no, the damage to the roof was prior to the hail due to lack of maintenance.

HR Director Darlene Arguello advised that they are wanting to have separate evaluations of six hail damaged buildings and the library may be one of those buildings. HR Director Arguello recommended that they hold off until they come to do those assessments and see if the insurance will cover it.

Public Works Director Lopez advised that the roof was compromised prior to the hail damage and the process had begun prior to the hailstorm.

Councilor Casey made a motion to rescind her previous motion of approving Carnegie Library Roof Replacement Project to All Seasons Roofing & Contractings until they have more information. Councilor Martinez also rescinded his previous motion.

Councilor Casey made a motion to table the item until they get the information that they need. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

9. Request approval of the revised Community Services Organizational Chart by adding a Homemaker position (1FTE) and a Chore Worker position (1FTE) to the Senior Center Division.

Community Services Director Wanda Salazar advised that the Homemaker and Chore Worker positions were funded by the State and there was support from the City and County.

Mayor Romero asked if the State already approved the positions or if they have to wait until Council approves it.

Community Services Director Salazar advised that the State already approved it and they received funding.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the revised Community Services Organizational Chart by adding a Homemaker position (1FTE) and a Chore Worker position (1FTE) to the Senior Center Division. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked who decides who receives the services.

Community Services Director Salazar advised that the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging has an assessment process and the seniors must be homebound.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the type of liability and precautions that are in place regarding the Homemaker and Chore Worker positions.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Casey made a motion to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining strategy, as permitted by section 10-15-1(H)(5) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Discussion regarding opening up negotiations with AFSCME. Councilor Martinez 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.

Councilor Casey made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene into regular session after being in executive session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining strategy, as permitted by section 10-15-1(H)(5) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Discussion regarding opening up negotiations with AFSCME, no other items were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Martinez 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEMS

3. Request approval to open up negotiations with AFSCME in accordance with Article 41 – Term of the Agreement of the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve opening up negotiations with AFSCME in accordance with Article 41 – Term of the Agreement of the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement. 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.

ADJOURN

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.



Mayor David Romero

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk