

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS.**

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo

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

ALSO PRESENT: Leo Maestas, 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 thanked everyone for being there and asked for a moment of silence for those who have passed away in the community and also for his nephew Shane Franken and Pearl Maes. Mayor Trujillo thanked those who serve the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

City Clerk Fresquez advised there was no public input.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Susie Tsyitee mentioned having a great experience at Carnegie Library, she met a great City employee with a great attitude named Christopher Gallegos.

Mayor Trujillo read a proclamation for the “10th Annual Breast Cancer Motorcycle Run (The Boobie Run)”.

Introduction of Mia Marquez, 2023 Reina de Las Vegas was postponed to the next meeting in September.

COUNCILORS’ REPORTS

Councilor Casey advised she had mentioned Ethical Principles of Public Service and also the Governmental Conduct Act at the last meeting and advised she provided copies for everyone. Councilor Casey suggested that they be reviewed by everyone so they are aware of what is expected of elected officials and City employees. Councilor Casey asked what the status was regarding the Old City Hall.

City Manager Maestas advised Robert Archuleta and himself met with MainStreet and they have the ability to offer architectural services to do an assessment of the building. City Manager Maestas also advised they sat down with their architect and the architectural firm ASO that did the analysis of the building and roof. City Manager Maestas further advised they received a grant that was given to the City and they received a grant to replace some windows. City Manager Maestas asked the Police department to start removing their items from that building. City

Manager Maestas advised they had done an assessment of the building in the back for asbestos and it did come back that it had asbestos so they will need to procure a construction company to demolish the back building.

Councilor Casey stated she thought the City had received a grant for the whole building. Councilor Casey referenced chapter 200 of the City ordinance title Cultural Historic Preservation and advised it describes a landmark as being a structure or site that is worthy of rehabilitation, restoration, and preservation because of its historic and/or architectural significance to the City of Las Vegas pursuant to procedures prescribed herein. Councilor Casey advised the old City Hall building was one of the first government buildings in Las Vegas and the entire territory and it has a great deal of historical significance. Councilor Casey stated they need to pay attention to the Cultural Historic Preservation ordinance and asked that the building be moved up on the list of priorities.

Mr. Archuleta advised they have approximately \$320,000 in grant funds, \$76,000 in Capital Outlay and some in historic preservation.

Councilor Casey recommended they use that money before time runs out and it would be wonderful to see the building taken care of and preserved so it's functional. Councilor Casey advised she attended the Elks family day at Carnegie Library and asked if the sprinklers were working because there was no grass. Councilor Casey stated there were lumps of dirt and weeds which made it hard for people to walk across the park. Councilor Casey further stated it made the park look unsightly and non-functional and also dangerous for someone to fall.

City Manager Maestas advised there are numerous reasons the parks have not been watered due to the lack of staff, timing issues, and busted pipes in the infrastructure. City Manager Maestas advised they are addressing it and Mr. Arturo Padilla contacted three different landscape contractors to see what they could do at Plaza Park, Lincoln Park, Carnegie Library and other parks. City Manager Maestas advised they have four employees in the Parks division that try to maintain 37 parks. Councilor Casey voiced her concerns with the Animal Care Center and a license that the City hasn't applied for.

Police Chief Salazar advised the license they're applying for is a PACFA to travel across the state lines and they need a Colorado entity that would take the responsibility of fees. Police Chief Salazar advised it was \$100 for the license and \$400 to transport animals to Colorado.

Councilor Casey stated they currently have no room for all the animals and asked about buying kennels or what could be done until a more permanent solution is found. Councilor Casey advised they need a whole new shelter and maybe that could be a legislative request not included in the ICIP. Councilor Casey stated she does not want animals euthanized because there is not enough room. Councilor Casey thanked Public Works Director Lopez for helping constituents that have special requests and also thanked his staff for working really hard for the City. Councilor Casey wished Utilities Director Gilvarry a very Happy Birthday.

Councilor Montoya asked where they were with the Project Manager's position.

HR Director Arguello advised it was a Project Inspector position and they are revising the job description and it would be posted tomorrow.

Councilor Romero asked for an update regarding the City Attorney.

City Manager Maestas advised they spoke with the New Mexico Municipal League attorney who had some concerns and made changes to the RFP. City Manager Maestas advised they would get it posted as soon as they sign off on those changes.

Councilor Romero stated that he had asked for the contract for concrete services to be reviewed and if there was any feedback.

City Manager Maestas advised he had not, but he reviewed the contract and did not see any language that ties them to using only one contractor for concrete work.

Councilor Romero stated the direction was to have an attorney review it. Councilor Romero asked about the Great Blocks project and why repairs were done to the road.

City Manager Maestas advised on the northside of Lincoln they saw ponding water along the edge and it was not flowing to the gutter, so they addressed it in their punch list. City Manager Maestas also advised they addressed the repair and Project Management along with Public Works would review it to see if it's acceptable.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised it was not acceptable and was even worse so they notified the contractor.

Councilor Romero asked where they were with the payment for that project.

City Manager Maestas stated he would have to check with the division that did the repair.

Councilor Romero stated he was glad that they were holding someone accountable. Councilor Romero asked if they were within budget for that project.

City Manager Maestas advised the phase that was completed on the east and west bound of Lincoln was within budget. City Manager Maestas also advised they wanted to move into the next phase going north and south on Railroad but are waiting for the award. City Manager Maestas further advised they gave a task order to the engineer under contract to complete the construction drawing so they could move forward with an RFP.

Councilor Romero asked about the survey at the Riverwalk.

City Manager Maestas advised they hired an engineer that's on contract to do a survey of the entire Riverwalk starting on Mills Avenue going through Bridge Street to Independence. City Manager Maestas further advised they have done extensive research and are waiting for an approved survey of the area so they could move forward with using some funds on that project.

Councilor Romero advised there's funding that needs to be spent by next year.

Councilor Montoya advised that staff was looking into an easement north of Bridge Street and they are working on an entrance and parking for the public at Utilities.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they were working on an entrance so the public could access the public parking at Utilities from both 12th Street and Bridge Street. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised it will require going through public property.

Councilor Romero asked about the timeline to address the elevator at the Carnegie Library.

City Manager Maestas advised Carnegie Library Manager Jeff Rudolph was in contact with TKE elevators and the parts would take about five to seven weeks.

Councilor Romero asked when they could have the pay plan reviewed.

City Manager Maestas advised as mentioned last week they were in the middle of negotiations with Unions and once they complete negotiations they would put a pay plan together to present to Mayor and Council.

Councilor Romero asked if it could be done jointly while negotiations are being done.

HR Director Arguello advised no not at this time, because they were working on something else with AFSCME.

Councilor Romero asked what they are doing to stay within the City ordinance that deals with pay increases, how they are staying within those measures and how are they justifying it.

City Manager Maestas advised they analyze the budget to see if it can support an increase with cost savings, vacancies and different things. City Manager Maestas advised they look at all that before moving forward with any type of increase outside of the longevity pay.

Councilor Romero asked how they justify picking an employee to give a raise to who never asks for a raise but is well deserving.

City Manager Maestas advised they should further discuss it outside of the meeting because it would fall into personnel matters.

Councilor Romero advised it was just a general discussion.

City Manager Maestas advised he believed he was itemizing one employee instead of a general discussion of how they justify it.

Councilor Romero gave a scenario regarding five employees within a department and asked how they justify the raises within those five employees.

City Manager Maestas advised it depends on the ability of the employee of what they've done throughout the year and to say they could go above and beyond what is needed of their duty. City Manager Maestas advised it is looked at as a token to move up employees to a higher position and to see what employees are motivated to move up the ladder for a merit increase.

Councilor Romero asked if City Manager Maestas had a chance to review the ordinance on pay increase.

City Manager Maestas advised yes.

Councilor Romero asked if he felt that the City was in compliance with that.

City Manager Maestas advised he believed in most cases yes, and there haven't been any increases lately that have gone through outside of four percent increases that are given for certifications and longevity pay.

HR Director Arguello advised they are working on getting lists from departments regarding certifications for those who qualify for four percent raises.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

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

- Field Operations Division (patrol) calls
- Code Compliance calls
- Animal Care Center updates
 - Refrigerator for vaccines/medications
 - Open PO for vaccines/medications
 - Cat shed-electrical supplies requested by Public Works (received)
- Department vacancies (27)

Mayor Trujillo stated he appreciated all the work Code Enforcement is doing.

Discussion took place regarding the difference in pay from other agencies.

Councilor Romero asked Police Chief Salazar to share their internal policies regarding when an officer writes a report and when an officer doesn't write a report.

Police Chief Salazar advised if a victim of a crime chooses not to file charges or doesn't want a report made, the officers then do not have a crime to document a report.

Councilor Romero asked if the Governing Body as policy makers have a say.

Police Chief Salazar advised anytime a call for whatever reason is sent to dispatch its documented into their CAD system. Police Chief Salazar advised it would fall on State Statute, they wouldn't document a crime if there is not a crime or the victim chooses not to press charges.

Councilor Romero advised they should be updated on policies since as a Governing Body they are policy makers. Councilor Romero suggested sharing that policy with the public to be transparent.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Tasha Martinez reported on the month of July, the General fund revenues exceeded the expenditures resulting in a surplus of (\$164,652), the Enterprise fund revenues exceeded the expenditures resulting in a surplus of (\$556,288), the Recreation department expenditures exceeded the revenues resulting in a deficit of (\$15,764), Lodger's Tax expenditures exceeded the revenues resulting in a deficit of (\$11,919) and Cannabis revenues exceeded the expenditures resulting in a surplus of (\$8,482).

Mayor Trujillo asked if there was anything they needed to be made aware of.

Finance Director Martinez advised no, there was not.

PRESENTATIONS

Timothy Shields with NMBHI provided an update on their services. Mr. Shields discussed the five different divisions they have at NMBHI such as the Adult Psych Division, Forensic Division, Community Based Services, Adolescent Care unit and Meadows Long-Term Care facility. Mr. Shields discussed decreasing barriers to access to help those more quickly, decrease in mandatory overtime and pay band improvements.

Councilor Montoya thanked Mr. Shields for coming to Las Vegas and for serving the community.

Councilor Romero thanked Mr. Shields for putting himself out there and changing

the image of NMBHI and advised without NMBHI the community wouldn't survive.

Councilor Casey thanked Mr. Shields for being there and advised he's done a tremendous job.

Ken Abeyta, La Plaza Little League President, provided an update of the tournaments that took place this season at Rodriguez Park, Keyes Park and West Las Vegas High School fields. Mr. Abeyta discussed the turnout they had during district tournaments. Mr. Abeyta thanked the La Plaza Little League Board, Las Vegas Little League board, the City of Las Vegas Parks and Rec department and the umpires. Mr. Abeyta discussed issues they encountered such as crowd issues, trash issues, issues with the fields, and water issues on the fields.

Mayor Trujillo asked if Mr. Abeyta had a debriefing with the Parks and Rec department regarding his issues.

Mr. Abeyta advised yes, and stated he would like to have monthly meetings with the Parks and Rec department and the new Little League Board.

Mayor Trujillo gave City Manager Maestas a directive to set up monthly meetings with Parks and Rec Director Padilla and both Little League board members to make sure the issues discussed are taken care of now and not at the last minute.

Discussion took place regarding the black rocks on the field and placing a concrete walkway to prevent the black rocks from going onto the field.

Councilor Romero asked if Cordova Construction would warranty the damage done to the turf.

City Manager Maestas advised he would have to look at it because he hadn't seen any damage other than getting the rocks on the grass. City Manager Maestas

advised he was not aware of the concerns or issues but they could meet to address the issues.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Mr. Abeyta for all he's done, Police Chief Salazar, Leroy "Tusa" Ortega and the Solid Waste department for all their help.

Councilor Montoya thanked Mr. Abeyta and everyone who put in the effort to make the fields presentable and also thanked Leroy "Tusa" Ortega and his crew for volunteering to help the City of Las Vegas.

Dr. Brandon Kempner with NMHU spoke on a forum that will be open to the community explaining the process for selecting a new president for NMHU that will be held on August 21, 2023.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval of Resolution No. 23-25 adopting an infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve resolution 23-25, adopting an infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 23-25 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23-25

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2025-2029 INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP)

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas recognizes that the financing of public capital projects has become a major concern in New Mexico and nationally; and

WHEREAS, in times of scarce resources, it is necessary to find new financing mechanisms and maximize the use of existing resources; and

WHEREAS, systematic capital improvements planning is an effective tool for communities to define their development needs, establish priorities and pursue concrete actions and strategies to achieve necessary project development; and

WHEREAS, this process contributes to local and regional efforts in project identification and selection in short and long range capital planning efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico that:

1. The City of Las Vegas has adopted the attached FY 2025-2029 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan, and
2. It is intended that the Plan be a working document and is the first of many steps toward improving rational, long-range capital planning and budgeting for New Mexico's infrastructure.
3. This Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 22-41

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the governing body on this 16th Day of August, 2023.

Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

Attest:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Review and Request approval of the 2023-2024 Contract between MainStreet de Las Vegas and the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Romero discussed items in the scope of work from previous years not being completed and advised they should have gone before council to amend the scope of work if they knew an item would not be finished on time.

MainStreet de Las Vegas President Tasha Martinez advised that Mr. Peranteau had sent an email to the Mayor and Council letting them know they were going to be late on completing the murals due to issues with the texture of the building and one drawing was not what was requested. Ms. Martinez advised they need clarification on when they should come to Council when there are delays but they

believed by submitting an email notifying Mayor and Council about the delay was sufficient. Ms. Martinez advised they are moving as fast as they can but can't force contractors to complete projects.

Councilor Romero advised an amendment to the contract should have been done and not just an email.

Ms. Martinez advised that was the clarification they needed to know so they could follow up and continue to provide updates. Ms. Martinez discussed the scope of work having the remaining two murals and the other two murals would be up for bid next month. Ms. Martinez advised they hope to finish them as soon as possible.

Councilor Romero advised it does fall under an audit finding and provided City Clerk Fresquez with the dates of 9/21/22 and 4/19/23 where all those items were discussed.

Councilor Montoya advised he had similar concerns and the deadlines keep getting pushed farther back.

Ms. Martinez advised they agreed to have the two murals completed by this year and the other two murals finished in 2023/2024.

Councilor Montoya advised it was delayed due to the pandemic and then again because of the fire and they were supposed to have two completed by June 30th of this year. Councilor Montoya advised he would like to be involved in installing a gateway structure. Councilor Montoya advised they should have four gateways to Las Vegas and to the park. Councilor Montoya asked if MainStreet de Las Vegas was working with the City Manager on the Great Blocks Railroad district construction.

Ms. Martinez advised they try their best to stay in contact and have spoken with the City Manager to schedule meetings.

Councilor Montoya recommended that Councilor Casey be a part of those meetings since it's in her ward.

Councilor Montoya asked about a certificate of insurance to the City.

Ms. Martinez advised she would have Mr. Peranteau forward it.

Councilor Romero asked MainStreet to help with the facade at the Parish Hall.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 contract between MainStreet de Las Vegas and the City of Las Vegas. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

Councilor Romero advised the change to the contract was not brought before the Governing Body.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Request approval of Resolution 23-26 repealing and replacing all previous resolutions by amending the City of Las Vegas' Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy.

HR Director Darlene Arguello advised the only deficiencies were the updates to the policy. HR Director Arguello advised they were given the opportunity to incorporate those into the drug and alcohol policy that way they could submit a no findings response.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve resolution 23-26, repealing and replacing all previous resolutions by amending the City of Las Vegas' Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Resolution 23-26 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 23-26

A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING ALL PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS BY AMENDING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS' ZERO TOLERANCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY FOLLOWING A PHMSA AUDIT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to a DOT-PHMSA (Pipeline) audit, updates to our Zero Tolerance Drug & Alcohol policy are needed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") is committed to the safety, health and well being of all employees and the public, therefore we must continue to maintain an updated policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference, and the City Council hereby approves the aforementioned updates and maintains a Zero-Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy and directs its distribution to all employees.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of August, 2023.

Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

4. Consideration to approve the restructuring of the Executive Department Organizational Chart by removing the Deputy City Manager position and adding an Executive Office Manager position.

Councilor Romero asked if the Executive Office Manager title was in place before.

HR Director Arguello advised yes, they had an Office Manager and an Administrative Assistant.

Councilor Romero asked if they had a job description and a salary schedule in place for that position.

HR Director Arguello advised they did.

Councilor Montoya asked who determines the salary of the position and when it would go before Council.

HR Director Arguello advised the salary would not have to go before Council for the Office Manager position, the Deputy City Manager position should have gone before Council because it was a higher position.

Councilor Montoya asked how they would know if it would impact the budget.

HR Director Arguello advised they would make the Council aware of what salary they are looking at and the position with pay would be posted on the website.

Councilor Montoya advised it would be nice to see what the salary would be in order to approve the item.

Councilor Romero made a motion to table the restructuring of the Executive Department Organizational Chart and asked to have a salary schedule and job description presented to them.

Due to the lack of a second the motion died.

HR Director Arguello advised the position is not an exempt position so they wouldn't need to bring it back for approval of the salary.

Councilor Casey asked who was the previous Executive Office Manager.

HR Director Arguello advised it was Gloria Medina.

Councilor Casey advised that the position wasn't in existence for a long time but did exist and asked if the salary would be the same as it was back then.

HR Director Arguello advised they would have to look at the previous salary and possibly bring up the rate. HR Director Arguello advised it would be a decrease from the Deputy City Manager position.

Councilor Casey asked if the position would be advertised.

HR Director Arguello advised they would follow the process and advertise it in-house for five days and then out to the general public if they don't get qualified candidates that apply in-house.

Councilor Romero asked what the justification was to change the Executive Office Organizational Chart.

City Manager Maestas advised when they had the Deputy City Manager position they saw obstacles with the authority in the position because the Charter does not give that position any type of authority. City Manager Maestas advised they figured they would revert back to how it was in the past as an Executive Office Manager position.

Councilor Romero asked what the job description would entail.

HR Director Arguello advised it would be similar to what they have in place with the Deputy City Manager position and they felt like they did not have a big enough entity to have a City Manager and Deputy City Manager.

Councilor Romero asked if they would have the same responsibility.

HR Director Arguello advised basically yes.

Councilor Romero advised they have no pay plan in place and it's important for them to know what the specific job description is and what the salary would be.

City Manager Maestas advised they looked at comparable cities, Espanola had an Executive Office Manager and they looked at their job description. City Manager Maestas advised the job description in Espanola looked like it would fit the existing job description at the City of Las Vegas. City Manager Maestas advised

they would have a salary savings because it wouldn't be the same rate of pay as the Deputy City Manager position.

Councilor Casey asked if they haven't had an Executive Office Manager in nine or ten years why would they need one now.

HR Director Arguello advised they did have Gloria Medina, April Gonzales and herself serve as the Office Manager and they also had two Administrative Assistants.

Councilor Casey asked what Ms. Arguello's duties were when she served as the Executive Office Manager.

HR Director Arguello advised it was basically what the Deputy City Manager did, it was a step up from an Administrative Assistant. HR Director Arguello advised she would oversee the office in general and worked for Mayor, Council and City Manager.

Councilor Casey asked if the Administrative Assistant could apply for the Office Manager position.

HR Director Arguello advised yes.

Councilor Casey asked if the Office Manager could be an Administrative Assistant also and if the position is necessary. Councilor Casey advised they could save more money with an Administrative Assistant II instead of an Executive Office Manager. Councilor Casey advised it was concerning to her that there had been so many changes to the Organizational Chart.

HR Director Arguello advised with the Deputy City Manager position the salary was at about \$85,000 and with the Executive Office Manager position the salary would be at about \$60,000.

Mayor Trujillo advised that position was meant to assist the City Manager with daily operations.

HR Director Arguello advised yes.

Councilor Montoya agreed to have the Executive Office Manager position and advised they might have overstepped themselves with the last position.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the restructuring of the Executive Department Organizational Chart by removing the Deputy City Manager position and adding an Executive Office Manager position and advised he was happy with the range of the salary if it was the amount Ms. Arguello stated. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Barbara Casey	No
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David G. Romero	No

City Clerk Fresquez advised there was a tie.

Mayor Trujillo voted yes and broke the tie.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

5. Discussion/Direction regarding the property on the corner of 7th Street and Lee Drive that was donated by the Litherlands.

Councilor Casey advised the Litherland family had wanted to donate a piece of property on the corner of Lee and 7th Street in May of 2022. Councilor Casey advised they would like some type of Memorial Garden or an area that would honor their parents. Councilor Casey advised they also were going to give the City \$25,000 of seed money to design and plan something for that area. Councilor Casey advised when she spoke with Mr. Litherland, she had mentioned the consideration of a dog park. Councilor Casey advised that Mr. Bill Hendrickson had sent her an email about the Realtors and how they would like to donate a chunk of money to the City to do what they want with it.

Councilor Casey advised they need to discuss what might be done with that piece of property so it could be utilized and not let the donation go to waste. Councilor Casey asked if the \$25,000 was received.

City Manager Maestas advised no.

Councilor Casey advised they're probably waiting for the City to do something with it to receive that money.

Councilor Ulibarri advised he was in support of a dog park in the area.

Councilor Montoya thanked City Manager Maestas for cleaning up the lot and advised he didn't think it was a good area for a dog park because it's a very busy area with a lot of businesses in the area. Councilor Montoya advised the area next to City Hall to the left would be nice for a dog park with some improvements. Councilor Montoya advised he would like to see something more beneficial for the community. Councilor Montoya advised there are a lot of traffic accidents in the area. Councilor Montoya advised the area across from the Utilities building on Mills would also be a perfect place for a dog park.

Mayor Trujillo advised after visiting every park this week they can't have another park in town because they can't take care of the parks they do have.

Councilor Romero asked where would the funding for a park come from because there was \$200,000 put into El Creston Park.

City Manager Maestas advised it wasn't in the budget so they would have to look at reserves to see what could be moved into the budget to design it and then construct something. City Manager Maestas advised he imagines it would cost about \$250,000 to get the bare minimum.

Mayor Trujillo asked about the possibility of a Police substation.

Councilor Casey mentioned a welcome sign with a cement slab, picnic tables, a canopy and an information board about Las Vegas.

Discussion took place regarding a Food Truck park with tables in the middle.

Councilor Montoya advised he would like to be part of the discussion for planning and stated the money from the Litherlands should go towards the memorial for them.

Mayor and Council were in consensus for Councilor Casey to speak with Mr. Hendrickson to let him know they are leaning towards a Food Truck park.

6. Consideration to support and possibly fund the Fast Cars, Hot Bikes and Film Fun Event.

Councilor Romero discussed the car show being an opportunity to get those into a database for when film productions come to Las Vegas. Councilor Romero advised it was too late to ask for funding from Lodgers Tax but the Chamber was able to secure donations for trophies.

Mayor Trujillo asked if they could use money from the Cannabis fund to help with music or whatever they may need.

Angie Lyster discussed the car show helping to create a database for those interested in having the film industry use their vehicles.

Councilor Romero advised the City of Las Vegas would pay a sponsorship for a band or DJ to bring in individuals from out of town.

Mayor Trujillo asked what the process was for using Lodgers Tax monies.

City Manager Maestas advised he would have to speak with the Lodgers Tax Board to see if they could have a Special meeting to entertain the idea to use Lodgers Tax monies for the event.

Anthony Baca discussed the community being excited for the event and having local sponsors from the community. Mr. Baca discussed working with the film industry during "Outer Range" and advised they were bringing cars from Albuquerque and Colorado. Mr. Baca advised this is an opportunity to keep it local.

Councilor Montoya discussed applying for Lodgers Tax for Police detail, Solid Waste services and advertising. Councilor Montoya advised they would not be able to use Lodgers Tax monies for a band or DJ.

Councilor Romero advised it wasn't for Lodgers Tax request, they're asking from the General fund like any other event where the City pays for bands.

Councilor Montoya advised that those are City events and this event is not a City event.

Mayor Trujillo asked for City Manager Maestas and Finance Director Martinez to see what they could do.

City Manager Maestas asked how much they were asking for.

Councilor Romero advised a DJ costs about \$600-\$650.

City Manager Maestas advised they have funds within Community Development for special events that they could use to potentially procure a band or DJ.

Councilor Montoya asked about having a contract with the Chamber of Commerce.

City Manager Maestas advised no they would have a contract with the musician.

John Ludi discussed some funding they could use regarding charging \$10 per car and they are expecting at least 100 cars which could pay for the DJ.

Mayor Trujillo gave direction for City Manager Maestas and Finance Director Martinez to find \$1,000.

Councilor Romero made a motion to legally fund the Fast Cars, Hot Bikes and Film Fun Event in the amount of \$1,500. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David G. Romero	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 limited personnel matters, as permitted by section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, regarding Discussion on Professional Service Contract for Police Chief and Community Development Department audit. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	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 limited personnel matters, as permitted by section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, regarding Discussion on Professional Service Contract for Police Chief and Community Development Department audit,

and no action was taken. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEM

1. Discussion/Possible Action on the Professional Service Contract for Police Chief Antonio Salazar.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the Professional Service Contract for Police Chief Antonio Salazar in the amount of \$90,000 per year.

City Clerk Fresquez asked Mayor and Council if they wanted to change the term of the contract since it's for March 2024 or leave it as is.

Mayor and Council agreed to leave it as is and they would look at it again when it's time.

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

David G. Romero	No	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Consideration to move forward with an audit in the Community Development Department.

Councilor Romero made a motion to move forward with an audit in the Community Development Department. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

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

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

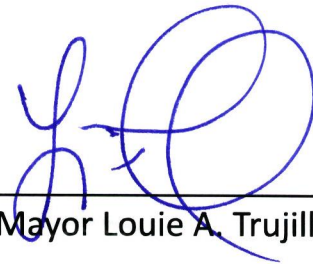
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

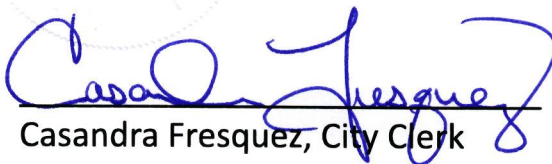
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk