

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 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
Danielle Sena, Deputy City Clerk
Scott Aaron, City Attorney
Antonio Salazar, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Trujillo congratulated Councilor Casey and Councilor Ulibarri for their victory in the election.

Mayor Trujillo asked Councilor Casey to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo asked for a moment of silence to remember all those who are dealing with the fire and may God bless all the firefighters and residents in the area. Mayor Trujillo asked to pray for the winds to stop and may we all come together as a community to help those in need and that no lives or homes are lost.

Councilor Montoya asked to keep the family of Councilman Frank Berged III in our prayers.

Mayor Trujillo recognized and welcomed members of the NMHU Basketball team who were there to observe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Romero 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:

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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised there was no public input.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Trujillo gave a brief report regarding the Hermit's Peak Fire, the lodging available in town, the water usage at Bradner Dam, and concerns regarding the ash run off into Storrie Lake.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Romero acknowledged Public Works Director Arnold Lopez and his staff for filling potholes around town. Councilor Romero mentioned as a representative of the City with Northern Cog, he spoke with CEO Monica Abeyta regarding possible funding available for the Film Studio.

Councilor Casey spoke about a letter from Mr. Arellanes regarding issues at Lincoln Park, to include the public feeling threatened, afraid and unable to utilize Lincoln Park due to constant harassment from some people who stay at the Samaritan House. Councilor Casey advised things need to be addressed more strongly and public safety needs to patrol the area on a regular basis. Councilor Casey thanked the Streets department for all they've done.

Councilor Ulibarri thanked all the City employees that helped during the clean up in Ward 1, for installing street lights and playground equipment and for filling potholes.

Councilor Montoya asked that the Organizational meeting be scheduled for the first meeting in May or a Retreat.

Mayor Trujillo advised he would be sending out notices regarding a Retreat.

Councilor Ulibarri thanked all the residents that came out to vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Maestas welcomed the re-elected officials.

City Manager Maestas gave a report on the following:

- Welcomed new employees to the City of Las Vegas
- The Congressional Direct spending applications for sewer and wastewater projects
- Application submission of the FY23 Cooperative Marketing Advertisement program with NMTrue.
- Project updates
 - Road projects
 - Romero/Salazar Streets
 - Great Blocks Project
 - Legion Drive
 - Hot Springs Blvd.
 - Plaza Project
 - El Creston Park
 - Lincoln Park
 - South Pacific Park
 - Hanna Park Solar Lighting
 - AOS-Old City Hall
 - Assessment done on Lincoln Park Gazebo
- Playground installation
- Update on Hermit's Peak fire

- Water Management Plan
- Monitoring City Water due to contamination from ash

Councilor Romero asked for clarification regarding the City of Las Vegas not increasing water rates because of the fire.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they will not be increasing the water rates.

Councilor Montoya asked where the water is being monitored.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they are monitoring it above the diversion area.

Councilor Montoya asked if the water could become contaminated.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they are planning for the worst but hoping for the best.

Councilor Montoya asked if there was an MOU in place with the Forest Service for taking water out of Bradner Dam.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised yes, as of last Friday and they have taken 34,000 gallons of water from Bradner Dam.

Discussion took place regarding water restrictions, and helping the firefighters with water resources to put the fire out.

City Manager Maestas advised there is an MOU for housing firefighters at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes for March 9th and March 16, 2022, with an error that was corrected. 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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Request permission to apply for the Law Enforcement Protection Grant Fund.
2. Request permission to accept a budget amendment from the Department of Finance and Administration for the E-911 in the amount of \$218,484.00 for enhanced 911 services and equipment.
3. Request to award Request for Proposal (RFP) #2022-22 for the Architectural & Engineering Services to Molzen-Corbin & Associates, and Suina Design Architecture.
4. Request to award RFP #2022-23 for Printing and Mailing Services to the Master's Touch, LLC.
5. Request approval of amendment to correct Article 39 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4625 agreement.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (1-5). 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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval of Resolution 22-17, acceptance and approval of the FY 2021 Audit Financial Report.

Finance Director Baquera advised the auditors were not there and requested to postpone the item until the end of the meeting in case they show up or until the April 20, 2022 Council meeting.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to table business item 1 for the April 20, 2022 Council meeting, unless they show up before the meeting ends. Councilor Casey

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
Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

2. Conduct a Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-02, an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas by adding a new Section 4 to Chapter 22 to be entitled "Expenditure Accounting Report".

Councilor Romero made a motion to enter into Public Hearing to discuss business item 2. 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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk Sena swore in City Attorney Aaron.

City Attorney Aaron advised they needed to republish the ordinance due to changes being made.

Councilor Romero briefly discussed the purpose of the Expenditure Accounting Report.

Councilor Romero made a motion to exit Public Hearing and return to regular session. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. 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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

2. Conduct a Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-02, an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas by adding a new Section 4 to Chapter 22 to be entitled "Expenditure Accounting Report"

Councilor Romero made a motion to adopt ordinance 22-02. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Ordinance 22-02 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 Ulibarri	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

3. Request approval of two (2) Professional Services Agreements; one between the City of Las Vegas and Holcomb Law Office and the other between the City of Las Vegas and New Mexico Local Government Law, LLC.

Human Resource Director Arguello advised they solicited five quotes for professional services specializing in Human Resource Law and Labor Relations. Human Resource Director Arguello advised they have both provided services for the City of Las Vegas before. Human Resource Director Arguello advised New Mexico Local Government Law was the lowest bidder but they could use them both.

Discussion took place regarding utilizing the Municipal League before using other attorneys, how much was used towards other attorney fees, the types of services Randy Van Vleck would be handling and the structure regarding what goes to City Attorney Aaron first before going to the other attorneys.

City Attorney Aaron advised at times when cases get close to litigation that could become a conflict of interest for him, these other attorneys could help with that.

Discussion took place regarding if they anticipate going over the \$20,000.

Councilor Casey asked if they could vote on each contract separately.

City Attorney Aaron advised they could make a motion to vote on each one separately.

Councilor Casey made a motion to vote on each contract individually. 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
Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Holcomb Law Office professional service agreement. Councilor Montoya 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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the New Mexico Local Government Law, LLC professional service agreement. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised there was a tie.

Mayor Trujillo voted yes and broke the tie.

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

4. Request approval of Resolution No. 22-13, a resolution to certify fixed asset/inventory for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Finance Director Baquera advised the resolution was presented last month but the recommendation was to go through the list and clean up the list regarding items from before the year 2000 or items that were no longer there.

Councilor Casey advised during her last council meeting in 2020, they talked about the possibility of having an online auction regarding selling properties or items on the fixed asset/inventory list.

Finance Director Baquera advised properties could not, but other items have been auctioned off during an online auction.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve resolution 22-13. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-13 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 22-13

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY FIXED ASSET/INVENTORY FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Las Vegas has in performance of our duties, and pursuant to 12-6-I-NMSA 1978 Article 6 Audit Act; and

WHEREAS, the city of Las Vegas has compiled the Fiscal Year 2021 Fixed Assets and Inventories and is ready to be certified by Mayor and Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, Certify the Fiscal Year 2021 Fixed Assets and Inventories.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of April 2022.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

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. Romeo	Yes

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

5. Request approval of Resolution 22-18, budget adjustment for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Finance Director Baquera advised the resolution was for fund 213 for the Library and fund 217 for the Senior Center.

Councilor Ulibarri made a motion to approve resolution 22-18. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-18 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 22-18

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Las Vegas has developed a budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, said budget was developed on basis of increases in revenues, expenditures and transfer (in) out through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors. Please see attached schedule: and,

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making a budget adjustment in the 2021-2022 fiscal Year budget to include an increase to revenue and expenditure increase to Fund 213 State Library Grant in the amount of \$17,828, An increase to revenue and expenditure to Fund 217 Special Legislative in the amount of \$5,562 and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that the budget adjustment request should be as it meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2021-22, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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 request approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of April 2022.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

6. Request approval of Resolution 22-16 to accept a grant offer administered by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$436,177.00.

Public Works Director Lopez advised the resolution was for rehab of airfield signage and lighting at the Municipal airport.

Discussion took place regarding if the item went through the Finance Advisory Committee.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve resolution 22-16. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-16 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Resolution No. 22-16

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT OFFER ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") has received an FAA Grant Offer for the airfield signage and lighting rehabilitation for the City's Municipal Airport;

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Grant is \$436,177.00, with the FAA share being \$392,559.00 (90%) NMDOT share being \$21,809.00 (5%) and City's share being \$21,809.00 (5%) of the Grant offer;

WHEREAS, the City shall pay for all costs, if any, which exceed the total amount of \$436,177.00; and

WHEREAS, the Grants will be used directly for the rehabilitation of airfield signage and lighting upon the FAA issuance of a Grant offer.

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 hereby accepts the Grant Offer administered by Federal Aviation Administration.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2022.

Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

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

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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

7. Discussion/Direction on all Boards, Commissions and Committee (BCC) meetings.

Mayor Trujillo asked for preferences regarding direction on all Boards, Commissions and Committee (BCC) meetings.

Councilor Romero recommended having meetings in-person and to continue having meetings recorded to go back and watch them to see what is happening.

Mayor Trujillo asked logistically if it is possible.

IT Armijo advised yes it is possible to upload the videos to YouTube and watch them at a later time.

City Manager Maestas advised coordinating with each chairman to have their meetings recorded and uploaded the next day.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that the Utilities Advisory Committee prefer to meet at the Utilities department and they could set up a laptop to record the meetings from there.

Councilor Montoya advised he enjoyed seeing all the meetings online and liked being informed on what was happening. Councilor Montoya also recommended going back to live meetings.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to give direction to City Manager Maestas to have all Boards, Commissions and Committee meetings return to in-person meetings and to be recorded/uploaded on YouTube. 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
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

8. Request approval to proceed with a new Professional Services Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and Arch Consulting.

City Manager Maestas advised the previous contract with Arch Consulting had an error on the contract and they gave notice to Arch Consulting. City Manager Maestas advised they did agree with canceling the existing contract and to move forward with the new contract eliminated the errors.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the new Professional Services Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and Arch Consulting. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

Councilor Casey asked when he plans on having Arch Consulting start doing work.

City Manager Maestas advised he has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to meet with him.

Councilor Casey advised that was good as they have missed out on deadlines for federal monies that were available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Romero 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 Montoya 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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

Councilor Romero 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 Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

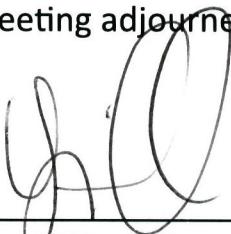
Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

Deputy City Clerk Sena advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk