

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 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: April Gonzales, Deputy City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Antonio Salazar, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Trujillo asked District Attorney Thomas Clayton to lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Ernestine Ortiz, and to all those who have passed away in the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Montoya 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:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Trujillo asked District Attorney Thomas Clayton and Ms. Archuleta to read a proclamation for “National Crime Victims’ Rights week”.

COUNCILORS’ REPORTS

Councilor Montoya discussed the event, Coffee with a Cop at Rollin Loves. Councilor Montoya advised the family shelter at Hanna Park was completed, along with tables and benches that need to be installed. Councilor Montoya thanked the Public Works Director Lopez and his staff for cleaning culverts. Councilor Montoya advised the Legion Drive road project would be starting mid May and will be a 3 or 4 month project from Grand Avenue to 7th Street. Councilor Montoya advised he attended a CES training at City Hall. Councilor Montoya thanked Helen Vigil and Deputy City Manager Gonzales for scheduling and organizing the training.

Councilor Romero acknowledged the Public Works Director Lopez and his staff for completing road issues. Councilor Romero discussed CES being great but the cost of fees need to be looked at. Councilor Romero asked where they stand with the RFP for a City Attorney.

City Manager Maestas advised he met with HR Director Arguello and Deputy City Manager Gonzales to discuss the RFP, what they want in the scope of work as discussed by Mayor and Council in regards to working 3 days in the office and attending all City Council meetings or any other board meetings. City Manager Maestas advised they worked on it yesterday morning and would have a draft by the end of the week.

Councilor Romero asked if it would be out by next week.

City Manager Maestas advised as long as the current contracted attorney reviews it and then would put out the RFP.

Councilor Romero advised the contracts for the contracted Attorneys were up in April.

City Manager Maestas advised they did renew the contracts for the contracted Attorneys until they have a semi permanent Attorney.

Councilor Romero advised he's asked but has yet to receive a breakdown of the ward park monies.

Councilor Casey advised there are so many wonderful departments that help the City function the best it can to provide services to the community. Councilor Casey thanked Police Chief Salazar and Code Enforcement for responding to her calls. Councilor Casey advised there are legal firms in town that are not clear and people are thinking they're with FEMA. Councilor Casey advised that Code Enforcement and Events Planner Griego were handling the building that was labeled Sheriff's Office downtown that was a movie prop due to some people thinking it was the actual Sheriff's Office. Councilor Casey asked for clarification regarding parking at Robertson High School by the Tennis Courts and who requested the "no parking" signs. Councilor Casey advised she appreciated all the City staff for being responsive and for all the work they do.

Councilor Ulibarri thanked all City staff for all the hard work they do.

Councilor Montoya advised he misspoke and stated that the Legion Drive project is a 120 day project not a 90 day project.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

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

- Field Operations Division (patrol) calls
- Need for In Car Cameras
- Communication Division (dispatch) calls
 - Staff attended City Safety Active Shooter Training

- 5 vacant positions
- Information Division (records)
- Street Crimes/Investigations/Narcotics Division
 - Evidence Seized
 - Meetings and trainings
 - District Court
 - Magistrate Court
 - Safe House interviews
 - MDT meetings
 - LEADS meeting
- Training/Travel/Recruiting/Hiring/Promotions
 - Successful hiring event
- Department vacancies (31)

Mayor Trujillo thanked Police Chief Salazar and his staff for all they do.

Councilor Montoya asked if the funding was available for the In Car Cameras.

Police Chief Salazar advised it would roughly be \$30,000 annually for the service contract, and they do have the funding for the annual cost.

Councilor Montoya asked how soon they could order those.

Police Chief Salazar advised they are working on having them in the new vehicles they purchased, and will work to upgrade cameras in the vehicles they currently have.

Councilor Montoya asked if the cameras would lower the cost of insurance.

Police Chief Salazar advised he was not sure but would look into it.

Councilor Montoya advised he didn't understand why there weren't cameras in the vehicles already and encouraged them to get them on as soon as possible.

Councilor Ulibarri asked how they are doing with the speed enforcement trailers.

Police Chief Salazar advised they are still in the process of gathering information and they are utilizing them to slow down traffic. Police Chief Salazar advised they will be utilizing them for the month of May for their Slow Your Roll campaign.

Councilor Romero asked if they got the system that issues the citation for speed enforcement trailers and when will they start issuing citations.

Police Chief Salazar advised in the month of May they will start to issue citations.

Councilor Romero stated that they didn't get the speed enforcement trailers for data.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Tasha Martinez discussed the advice from the Finance Committee regarding why they make transfers on a monthly basis. Finance Director Martinez advised the numbers from the Finance report are slightly inflated because they typically transfer what they need from different funds for operational needs. Finance Director Martinez reported on the month of March to the end of the fiscal year, the General fund revenues were at (\$11.1 million), expenditures (\$7 million), with a surplus of \$829,730, the Enterprise fund had a deficit of \$1.5 million due to a lot of transfers coming from this fund for other funds for operational needs, and does not mean we are in bad position, revenues were at (\$4.5 million), expenditures were at (\$6.1 million), the Recreation department revenues were at (\$510,251), expenditures were at (\$352,307), with a surplus of \$157,944, Lodger's Tax revenues were at (\$483,188), expenditures were at (\$449,778), with a surplus of \$199,966 and Cannabis revenues were at (\$72,975), expenditures were at (\$2,189), with a surplus of \$70,785.

Finance Director Martinez advised they were trying to be more efficient and eliminate unnecessary procedures within their office. Finance Director Martinez advised if they want them to report on a monthly basis then they can revert back at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Mayor Trujillo asked for guidance from the Finance Committee.

Finance Director Martinez advised it was a suggestion from the committee.

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

Finance Director Martinez advised not at the moment.

Councilor Romero advised last year's budget approval didn't go to Council approval until a week before it was due. Councilor Romero advised he would like to start the process sooner or else he won't approve it that way.

City Manager Maestas advised the process has already begun and they have been having budget hearings with each Director.

Councilor Romero advised he would like a public meeting to discuss the budget.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Finance Director Martinez for all her hard work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Clerk Fresquez advised this item was continued from the last meeting and for the record there were no errors after reviewing them.

Councilor Casey advised a closed meeting of the Governing Body was called on April 17, 2023 for the purpose of discussing matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation related to the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. She advised after proper notice, the meeting was convened at 2 p.m., roll call was taken and all members of the Governing Body were present with the exception of Councilor Michael Montoya who joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m. She advised only those matters were discussed and no action was taken, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2023. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Stephanie Romero with Fourth Judicial District Court introduced Chief Judge Flora Gallegos, District Attorney Thomas Clayton and CFO Brenden Murphy. Ms. Romero discussed applying for a grant through the sentencing commission in October 2022. Ms. Romero advised the grant would help train Law Enforcement Officers, Dispatch and EMS personnel in crisis intervention. Ms. Romero stated they had hosted a successful Crisis Intervention the first week of January and also plan to have a collaborative effort for an advanced Crisis Intervention on May 1st. Chief Judge Gallegos discussed the goals and support for the Pretrial Services program.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Ms. Romero and Chief Judge Gallegos and advised it was desperately needed in the community.

DA Clayton advised that Public Safety is important and Pretrial detention should only be for those who are failing to appear in court or pose a danger to the community.

Mayor Trujillo advised he worked with the students from the United World College on the Agua Pura project and was amazed at how smart they were and eager to learn. Mayor Trujillo discussed that Agua Pura was creating a filtration system that would convert effluent into drinking water.

Students from the United World College gave a lengthy presentation regarding information and the benefits of the Agua Pura water filtration system and how it would convert effluent into drinking water for the community. They discussed how Agua Pura would increase the supply of water, allow for higher consumption of water and would be funded by the Federal Government. They discussed blending

effluent water with river water and it being treated to meet EPA standards to increase water supply. They also discussed the cost of the Agua Pura system.

Mayor Trujillo thanked the students from the United World College and advised that they did an amazing job on their presentation.

Councilor Romero advised he was also amazed by their presentation. Councilor Romero asked if they had looked into the negative aspects from those who implemented the Agua Pura system.

The United World College advised Singapore had issues due to not informing the public ahead of time and the information was not portrayed correctly.

Councilor Casey commended them for their hard work.

Councilor Montoya thanked them for their presentation.

Councilor Ulibarri also thanked them and advised they did a great job.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that Mr. Romero with Cordova Construction was unable to attend and they would continue the item for the next meeting in May.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Councilor Romero made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing for Business Item 1. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez swore in Planning & Zoning Coordinator Maria Perea, Gary Gold and Salvador Higgins.

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and approval to adopt Ordinance #23-06, approving the Higgins Subdivision located at 1200 Taos Street, Las Vegas, NM.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Maria Perea stated she worked with Mr. Gold on behalf of Mr. Higgins, submitted all required information, and finalized the application. Mrs. Perea advised the Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval for the subdivision and that it be taken to the City Council. Mrs. Perea advised the lots in the subdivision would meet the lot size requirements. Mrs. Perea advised that Mr. Higgins has tried selling 2 of the 7 lots, and is transferring the others to family members and would also like the option to sell the other lots.

Councilor Montoya asked if they were aware when subdividing the properties, the City isn't guaranteeing utility services in the future, it would be separate issues.

Mr. Gold advised Mr. Higgins was aware.

Councilor Romero made a motion to exit the Public Hearing and reconvene into regular session. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and approval to adopt Ordinance #23-06, approving the Higgins Subdivision located at 1200 Taos Street, Las Vegas, NM.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-06, approving the Higgins Subdivision located at 1200 Taos Street, Las Vegas, NM. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Ordinance 23-06 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	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. MainStreet de Las Vegas' FY 2022-23 Third Quarter Report.

MainStreet Executive Director Michael Peranteau stated it has been a busy year, and advised over the last four decades, the MainStreet movement has proven that downtowns are the heart of the community. Mr. Peranteau gave a lengthy discussion regarding transformation strategies in the railroad district, economic development, trash pick up at the riverwalk, the city wide mural project, service requests, new businesses, community forum, First Fridays and a housing summit.

Councilor Montoya asked if they are on schedule for the 2 murals to be completed by the end of June.

Mr. Peranteau advised yes.

Councilor Montoya asked if they have acquired any funding for restrooms downtown by the Arts Council.

Mr. Peranteau advised no but they could apply for a USDA grant and could go through Capital Outlay. Mr. Peranteau advised he would like a Portland Loo, public restrooms that would be self cleaning.

Councilor Romero mentioned documents from events and if they have been received prior to making payments and if City Manager Maestas is reviewing those documents.

City Manager Maestas advised yes, they are reviewed before.

Councilor Romero advised that Council should also be included in discussion and decisions and not just the City Manager.

3. Discussion/Direction to move forward on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Miguel/Mora Fair Board Association.

Councilor Casey made a motion to move forward on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Miguel/Mora Fair Board Association to utilize parking.

Councilor Romero discussed there was not an official MOU in place but wanted staff to enter into an agreement.

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
David G. Romero	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

4. Request approval of Resolution No. 23-12, a budget adjustment for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

Mayor Trujillo asked if this item went before the Finance Committee.

Finance Director Martinez advised it did not due to canceling the Finance Committee meeting due to the Council having a closed meeting that day.

Finance Director Martinez advised that the City of Las Vegas is in need of making a budget adjustment in the 2022-23 fiscal year budget to include a rev/exp increase to Fund 266 Clean & Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$15,445, a revenue decrease to Fund 266 Clean & Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$30,721, an expense decrease to Fund 266 Clean & Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$11,009, a rev/exp increase to Fund 282 Senior Center in the amount of \$78,624, an expense increase to Fund 435 MainStreet in the amount of \$61,094 and a rev/exp increase to Fund 435 MainStreet in the amount of \$1,200,000.

Councilor Montoya asked that City Manager Maestas and Finance Director Martinez make sure that fund 435 regarding MainStreet in the amount of \$1.2 million for the Lincoln project, utilizes only one line item.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve resolution 23-12. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Resolution 23-12 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 23-12**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making a budget adjustment in the 2022-23 fiscal year budget to include a rev/exp increase to Fund 266 Clean & Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$15,445, a revenue decrease to Fund 266 Clean & Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$30,721, an expense decrease to Fund 266 Clean & Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$11,009, a rev/exp increase to Fund 282 Senior Center in the amount of \$78,624, an expense increase to Fund 435 Mainstreet in the amount of \$61,094 and a rev/exp increase to Fund 435 Mainstreet in the amount of \$1,200,000.

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

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

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this day ____ of April 2023.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

5. Request approval to award RFP #2023-12 for On-Call Services for Maintenance & Emergency Repairs to the City's Natural Gas System to Dub-I-ee.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve RFP #2023-12 for On-Call Services for Maintenance & Emergency Repairs to the City's Natural Gas System to Dub-I-ee. 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 Ulibarri	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

6. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$5,296.00 for marketing of Citizens Committee of Historic Preservation (CCHP) Places with the past & Heritage Week.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$5,296.00 for marketing of Citizens Committee of Historic Preservation (CCHP) Places with the past & Heritage Week. 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 Ulibarri	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

7. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$4,118.00 for marketing of the Las Vegas Hispano Chamber of Commerce Welcome Home Service event.

Councilor Casey made a motion to table this item until they can get more detailed information about the event. Councilor Ulibarri 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
Michael L. Montoya	No	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

8. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$14,821.00 for marketing of Las Vegas First Independent Business Alliance S I-25 & 518 Billboards (2 private).

Councilor Montoya asked about advertising for a 60 mile radius, whereas this is only 2 miles outside the City.

Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta discussed it being drive through traffic from different states in which they are trying to target.

Councilor Montoya voiced his opinion regarding better ways of spending Lodgers Tax monies than having so many billboards.

Mr. Bhakta advised he understands there are redundancies with the billboards.

Councilor Montoya advised that he questioned looking into the locations of the billboards.

Discussion took place regarding changing the vinyl of the billboards since they are charged a fee only if they decide to change the vinyl.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$14,821.00 for marketing of Las Vegas First Independent Business Alliance S I-25 & 518 Billboards (2 private). Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

9. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$18,132.00 for marketing of Las Vegas First Independence Business Alliance North I-25 & South I-25 Billboards.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$18,132.00 for marketing of Las Vegas First Independence Business Alliance North I-25 & South I-25 Billboards. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

10. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$15,993.00 for marketing of Las Vegas First Independence Business Alliance I-40 Billboards.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$15,993.00 for marketing of Las Vegas First Independence Business Alliance I-40 Billboards. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

11. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Las Vegas Art Council Summer Art Show & Crafts Fair.

Councilor Montoya asked who would be paying for the entertainment for the events.

Mr. Bhakta advised they are only paying for marketing.

Councilor Montoya asked if the events could be done with \$5,000 instead of \$10,000.

Mr. Bhakta advised it was for two separate events, \$5,000 for each event.

Discussion took place regarding the breakdown of the \$10,000.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Las Vegas Art Council Summer Art Show & Crafts Fair. 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.

12. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$19,890.65 for marketing of the City of Las Vegas Music in the Park Spring Session.

Events Planner Charles Griego discussed Music in the Park starting the first Friday of May until the last Friday in September. Mr. Griego advised the advertisements would be on the radio as well as print and tv.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$19,890.65 for marketing of the City of Las Vegas Music in the Park Spring Session. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Councilor Montoya asked what kind of music would be at the event.

Mr. Griego advised there would be a variety.

Councilor Montoya asked how individuals will know to apply for the event.

Mr. Griego advised it is currently on the radio, on print and internet; people can send in their music and applications.

Councilor Montoya asked when the event was.

Mr. Griego advised it starts the first Friday of May until the last Friday in September at the Plaza Park.

Councilor Montoya asked if there would be food stands.

Mr. Griego advised traditionally they have one.

Councilor Montoya asked if there would be restrooms.

Mr. Griego advised yes.

Councilor Montoya asked if any streets would be closed.

Mr. Griego advised they have a modified closure at the south end of the circle of the Plaza Park by JC's pizza.

Councilor Montoya asked Mr. Griego to create a packet with hotels and motels for those who would like to stay overnight.

Councilor Romero asked about the payment for entertainers.

Mr. Griego advised for the music series they get \$550, and for the Fiestas they have a budget of \$40,000.

Mayor Trujillo advised there was a motion and a second. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

13.Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$19,890.65 for marketing of the City of Las Vegas Music in the Park Summer Session.

Events Planner Griego advised they broke up the Music In the Park into three sessions, Spring, Summer and Fall.

Councilor Romero asked who was doing the commercials.

Mr. Griego advised KRQE, as well as print.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$19,890.65 for marketing of the City of Las Vegas Music in the Park Summer Session. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked about there being a \$5,000 cap.

Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta advised they did but they thought this would be a huge push to promote Las Vegas and embrace the series.

Councilor Montoya advised the Lodgers Tax Board is breaking their own rules as they set a cap. Councilor Montoya advised it didn't make sense to him and the cap should apply to everyone.

Mayor Trujillo advised there was a motion and a second. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

14. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$19,890.65 for marketing of the City of Las Vegas Music in the Park Fall Session.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$19,890.65 for marketing of the City of Las Vegas Music in the Park Fall Session. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

15. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the marketing of the City of Las Vegas 4th of July Fiestas 2023.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the marketing of the City of Las Vegas 4th of July Fiestas 2023. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Councilor Romero asked if they are counting those who are attending.

Events Planner Griego advised yes, last year they had over about 15,000 people in the park.

Councilor Montoya commended Mr. Griego and those involved in advertising.

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

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 of hiring a Parks and Recreation Director and City Manager's Evaluation. Councilor Ulibarri 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
Michael L. Montoya	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 of hiring a Parks and Recreation Director and City Manager's Evaluation and only those matters were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ITEMS ADDRESSED IN OPEN SESSION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Request approval to appoint Arturo Padilla as the Parks and Recreation Director.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Arturo Padilla as the Parks and Recreation Director. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya disclosed that the Padillas are related to his wife and advised Mr. Padilla Sr., did a fine job at the County and his son will do a fine job at the City.

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Mr. Arturo Padilla thanked the City Council, City Manager Maestas, Deputy City Manager Gonzales and Mayor Trujillo for giving him the opportunity to return to his hometown. Mr. Padilla discussed how he wants to help the community the best he can.

Councilor Romero thanked Mr. Padilla for applying and advised there is a lot of work to be done at the Recreation Center and the parks. Councilor Romero advised they want to move forward.

Mr. Padilla advised he has some ideas he wants to bring from Albuquerque and show what he has learned over the years.

Mayor Trujillo advised there was a motion and a second. All were in favor of adjourning.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk