

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk  
Scott Aaron, City Attorney  
Antonio Salazar, Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trujillo called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilor Montoya asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all those who have passed away and for the one hundred million victims who have died from the epidemic of drugs and opiates. Councilor Montoya asked to take a moment to be thankful for the gifts we have received.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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**

Mayor Trujillo discussed the production of a video regarding an update on the water crisis and major projects that the City is working on. Mayor Trujillo advised the video will be available to the public by Monday or Tuesday next week. Mayor Trujillo advised it will be a Youtube video and will be available on all social media platforms.

City Manager Maestas introduced Tim Hagaman with the State Economic Development Department.

Mr. Hagaman discussed programs and initiatives their department has put together. Mr. Hagaman advised they just finished a wildfire grant program through their department and utilized 1.5 million dollars out of their collateral support program to award up to 160 applicants from businesses that were affected by the fire from Mora, San Miguel, Colfax, Lincoln, and Valencia County.

Councilor Montoya asked how many businesses in Las Vegas took advantage of the grant.

Mr. Hagaman advised he has a list that he can get to Councilor Montoya tomorrow.

Discussion took place regarding how many projects are from San Miguel County or Las Vegas and the hopes to push forward utilizing water lines to the airport.

## **COUNCILORS' REPORTS**

Councilor Casey spoke about the calls she received regarding the smell from the water that is being distributed and advised that City Manager Maestas has asked

FEMA for boxed water but FEMA stated we get whatever they provide. Councilor Casey suggested sending out a PSA informing people that we have no control over that and it's a FEMA issue. Councilor Casey advised there's nothing wrong with the water and for people to take the water out from the plastic so it can get rid of the smell. Councilor Casey advised people requested a receptacle to recycle plastic bottles. Councilor Casey advised they need to address the number of animals running at large.

Councilor Romero asked that they meet to discuss a consolidated housing plan between the City and County. Councilor Romero clarified the reason for Friday Al Fresco's being canceled was due to the Lodger's Tax application stating "applying for money to attract out of town visitors". Councilor Romero advised the application was submitted and was intended for the 60 mile range tourists.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

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

- Field Operations Division (patrol)
  - Community Events
    - Assigned Personnel Honor Guard
    - Public Safety at Friday Al Fresco
    - Elks Drug Awareness Program Kids Event
    - Personnel conducted active shooter presentation at Los Ninos Elementary School
- Code Enforcement calls
- Animal Care Center
  - Started with 13 dogs, 19 cats
  - Total intakes in August 72
- Information Division (records)
- Communications Division calls
- Street Crimes/Narcotics Division
  - Evidence Seized
  - Meetings and trainings
- Training/Recruiting/Travel
  - Attended NMDOT Media Relations & Public Information Officer training

- Attended Defensive Tactics Departmental Instructor Course
- Attended online training:Homicide Investigation & Crime Scene Management training
- Attended DTRS Subscribers meeting
- Attended webinar: Tracking Cell Phone & Google Geo Fencing training
- Attended NMML Annual Conference
- Recruiting/Hiring/Promotions
  - Interviews conducted for (2) Animal Control Officers
  - (1) Communications Specialist attended PST Academy
  - Interviews conducted for (4) Recruits & (1) Communication Specialist
  - (4) Police Personnel assigned to Honor Guard
  - (1) Sergeant promoted to Interim Lieutenant
  - (1) Officer promoted to Interim Sergeant
  - (1) Animal Control Officer Hired
  - (3) Recruits hired
- Department vacancies (19)

Councilor Romero asked where they stand regarding the Las Vegas City Schools offering them the Legion Elementary School.

Police Chief Salazar advised they worked out a lease and figured out the utilities and they were looking at the possibility of using it as a training facility.

City Manager Maestas advised they are looking at how much the utilities would cost and what the main usage would be used for.

Discussion took place regarding the assigned Public Safety at Friday Al Fresco, trailers reported on 7th, 8th and 9th Street area on City right of ways, loose dogs in those areas and personnel assigned to the Honor Guard.

Councilor Montoya asked what is being done to keep the kids safe during Halloween.

Police Chief Salazar advised officers will be patrolling the high traffic areas.

Councilor Montoya asked if Police Chief Salazar was working with Events Planner Griego and City Manager Maestas on the Trunk or Treat.

Police Chief Salazar advised the Police department had a booth last year where they passed out candy at the Safeway parking lot but have not yet discussed this year's Trunk or Treat.

Councilor Montoya asked to have the business community involved with the Trunk or Treat and asked to send them a notice to see if they would like to participate.

City Manager Maestas advised the date they're looking at for the Trunk or Treat would be the Saturday prior to Halloween at the Safeway parking lot. City Manager Maestas advised they would disseminate the message to the business community.

Councilor Romero suggested working together to provide a task for the Police Advisory Committee to work on.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Interim Finance Director Chavez reported on the month of August, General fund revenues were at 13% (\$1.9 million), expenditures were at 12% (\$2 million), with a deficit of \$63,536.24, the Enterprise fund revenues were at 15% (\$2.6 million), expenditures were at 11% (\$2.1 million), with a surplus of \$487,913.17, the Recreation department revenues were at 11% (\$82,000), expenditures were at 8% (74,900), with a surplus of \$7,247 and Lodger's Tax revenues were at 18% (\$130,000), expenditures were at 13% (\$93,000), with a surplus of \$37,378.

Mayor Trujillo asked for Interim Finance Director Chavez and City Manager Maestas to set up an audit for the Lodgers to ensure they are paying and what they are paying is the correct amount.

Interim Finance Director Chavez advised yes, they can do that.

Councilor Romero asked to look into the Airbnb's because only one is registered.

Mayor Trujillo advised Councilor Casey has been asking for an expense report and asked that she get one on a monthly basis.

Interim Finance Director Chavez advised it was sent to the City Manager's office.

City Manager Maestas advised he would provide it.

Councilor Montoya discussed recommendations to hire a Finance Director.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Interim Finance Director Chavez and asked if there was anything he needed to alert the Council about.

Interim Finance Director Chavez advised there were no concerns.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes from August 30, 2022 with minor corrections. 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.

Mayor Trujillo thanked City Clerk Fresquez and her staff for their hard work and efficiency when producing the minutes.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

City Clerk Fresquez read the Consent Agenda (1-4) into the record as follows:

1. Request approval of Resolution No. 22-47, submittal of an application for funding through the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (“NMDHSEM”) **for a new water treatment plant facility.**

Resolution 22-47 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO  
Resolution No. 22-47

**A RESOLUTION ALLOWING CITY STAFF TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR A NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY.**

Whereas, City of Las Vegas ("Governmental Unit") is a qualified entity and the City Council ("Government Body") has the authority to authorize public projects for benefit of the Governmental Unit; and

Whereas, on April 6, 2022 the U.S. Forest Service initiated a prescribed burn on federal land in the Santa Fe National forest in San Miguel County, New Mexico, when erratic winds were prevalent in the area that was also suffering from severe drought after many years of insufficient precipitation;

Whereas, on April 12, 2022, the prescribed burn, which became known as the "Hermit's Peak Fire", exceeded containment capabilities and became characterized as a wildfire;

Whereas, on April 29, 2022, the Calf Canyon Fire, also in San Miguel County, New Mexico, began burning on federal land;

Whereas, on April 27, 2022 the Hermit's Peak Fire and the Calf Canyon Fire merged;

Whereas, by May 2, 2022 the merged fire had grown causing evacuations in multiple villages and communities in San Miguel County;

Whereas, the merged fire resulted in loss of federal, state, local, tribal and private property including thousands of acres of the watershed for the Gallinas River;

Whereas, the Hermit's Peak Fire and the Calf Canyon Fire left a significant burn scar along the Gallinas River watershed, leaving thousands of acres of scorched forest, ash and fire debris;

Whereas, the large burn scars from the fires also present an additional risk of flooding for the City of Las Vegas;

Whereas, the substantial precipitation that has recently occurred caused flooding and large amounts of ash and other fire debris to be deposited into the Gallinas River;

Whereas, with each precipitation event in the Gallinas River watershed, large amounts of ash and other fire related debris, including trees and rocks, are deposited into the Gallinas River;

Whereas, the City of Las Vegas relies almost exclusively on water from the Gallinas River for its municipal water source;

Whereas, the large amounts of ash and turbidity in the Gallinas River have prevented the City from pulling water off the Gallinas River, as the City's municipal water treatment facility is not able to treat water containing such large amounts of turbidity;

Whereas, the City of Las Vegas has been severely impacted by the Hermit's Peak Fire and the Calf Canyon Fire;

Whereas, this disaster requires resources to minimize economic or physical harm and to take actions necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare;

Whereas, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("NMDHSEM") has instituted a program for funding and has developed an application procedure whereby the Governing Body may submit an application ("Application") for financial emergency assistance from NMDHSEM for public projects; and

Whereas, the Governing Body recommends that an application be filed with NMDHSEM for a new Water Treatment Plant facility to provide a reliable water supply source.

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 filing of an application to NMDHSEM is hereby authorized.

1. That all action (not consistent with the provision hereof) heretofore taken by the Governing Body and the officers and employees thereof directed toward the Application and the Project, and the same is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
2. That the Application authorized by the Governing Body, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.
3. That the officers and employees of the governing Body are hereby directed and requested to submit the completed Application to the Board for its review and are further authorized to take such other action as may be requested by the Board in its consideration and review of the Application and to further proceed with arrangements for funding or financing the Project.
4. All acts and resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded, annulled, and repealed.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the filing of an application to the NMDHSEM for funding is hereby authorized and that the City Manager is designated as the City of Las Vegas representative to act on behalf of this application and project.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of September 2022.

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Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

**2. Request approval of Resolution No. 22-49, submittal of an application for funding through the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("NMDHSEM") for a pre-treatment system in the Gallinas Canyon.**

Resolution 22-49 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO  
Resolution No. 22-49**

**A RESOLUTION ALLOWING CITY STAFF TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR A PRE TREATMENT SYSTEM IN THE GALLINAS CANYON**

Whereas, City of Las Vegas ("Governmental Unit") is a qualified entity and the City Council ("Government Body") has the authority to authorize public projects for benefit of the Governmental Unit; and

Whereas, on April 6, 2022 the U.S. Forest Service initiated a prescribed burn on federal land in the Santa Fe National forest in San Miguel County, New Mexico, when erratic winds were prevalent in the area that was also suffering from severe drought after many years of insufficient precipitation;

Whereas, on April 12, 2022, the prescribed burn, which became known as the "Hermit's Peak Fire", exceeded containment capabilities and became characterized as a wildfire;

Whereas, on April 29, 2022, the Calf Canyon Fire, also in San Miguel County, New Mexico, began burning on federal land;

Whereas, on April 27, 2022 the Hermit's Peak Fire and the Calf Canyon Fire merged;

Whereas, by May 2, 2022 the merged fire had grown causing evacuations in multiple villages and communities in San Miguel County;

Whereas, the merged fire resulted in loss of federal, state, local, tribal and private property including thousands of acres of the watershed for the Gallinas River;

Whereas, the Hermit's Peak Fire and the Calf Canyon Fire left a significant burn scar along the Gallinas River watershed, leaving thousands of acres of scorched forest, ash and fire debris;

Whereas, the large burn scars from the fires also present an additional risk of flooding for the City of Las Vegas;

Whereas, the substantial precipitation that has recently occurred caused flooding and large amounts of ash and other fire debris to be deposited into the Gallinas River;

Whereas, with each precipitation event in the Gallinas River watershed, large amounts of ash and other fire related debris, including trees and rocks, are deposited into the Gallinas River;

Whereas, the City of Las Vegas relies almost exclusively on water from the Gallinas River for its municipal water source;

Whereas, the large amounts of ash and turbidity in the Gallinas River have prevented the City from pulling water off the Gallinas River, as the City's municipal water treatment facility is not able to treat water containing such large amounts of turbidity;

Whereas, the City of Las Vegas has been severely impacted by the Hermit's Peak Fire and the Calf Canyon Fire;

Whereas, this disaster requires resources to minimize economic or physical harm and to take actions necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare;

Whereas, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("NMDHSEM") has instituted a program for funding and has developed an application procedure whereby the Governing Body may submit an application ("Application") for financial emergency assistance from NMDHSEM for public projects; and

Whereas, the Governing Body recommends that an application be filed with NMDHSEM for a pre treatment system in the Gallinas Canyon to provide a reliable water supply source.

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 filing of an application to NMDHSEM is hereby authorized.

1. That all action (not consistent with the provision hereof) heretofore taken by the Governing Body and the officers and employees thereof directed toward the Application and the Project, and the same is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
2. That the Application authorized by the Governing Body, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.
3. That the officers and employees of the governing Body are hereby directed and requested to submit the completed Application to the Board for its review and are further authorized to take such other action as may be requested by the Board in its consideration and review of the Application and to further proceed with arrangements for funding or financing the Project.



Whereas, the merged fire resulted in loss of federal, state, local, tribal and private property including thousands of acres of the watershed for the Gallinas River;

Whereas, the Hermit's Peak Fire and the Calf Canyon Fire left a significant burn scar along the Gallinas River watershed, leaving thousands of acres of scorched forest, ash and fire debris;

Whereas, the large burn scars from the fires also present an additional risk of flooding for the City of Las Vegas;

Whereas, the substantial precipitation that has recently occurred caused flooding and large amounts of ash and other fire debris to be deposited into the Gallinas River;

Whereas, with each precipitation event in the Gallinas River watershed, large amounts of ash and other fire related debris, including trees and rocks, are deposited into the Gallinas River;

Whereas, the City of Las Vegas relies almost exclusively on water from the Gallinas River for its municipal water source;

Whereas, the large amounts of ash and turbidity in the Gallinas River have prevented the City from pulling water off the Gallinas River, as the City's municipal water treatment facility is not able to treat water containing such large amounts of turbidity;

Whereas, the City of Las Vegas has been severely impacted by the Hermit's Peak Fire and the Calf Canyon Fire;

Whereas, this disaster requires resources to minimize economic or physical harm and to take actions necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare;

Whereas, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("NMDHSEM") has instituted a program for funding and has developed an application procedure whereby the Governing Body may submit an application ("Application") for financial emergency assistance from NMDHSEM for public projects; and

Whereas, the Governing Body recommends that an application be filed with NMDHSEM for a pre-treatment system at the Storrie Lake pump house to provide a reliable water supply source.

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 filing of an application to NMDHSEM is hereby authorized.

1. That all action (not consistent with the provision hereof) heretofore taken by the Governing Body and the officers and employees thereof directed toward the Application and the Project, and the same is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
2. That the Application authorized by the Governing Body, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.
3. That the officers and employees of the governing Body are hereby directed and requested to submit the completed Application to the Board for its review and are further authorized to take such other action as may be requested by the Board in its consideration and review of the Application and to further proceed with arrangements for funding or financing the Project.
4. All acts and resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded, annulled, and repealed.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the filing of an application to the NMDHSEM for funding is hereby authorized and that the City Manager is designated as the City of Las Vegas representative to act on behalf of this application and project.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of September 2022.

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Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

**4. Request approval of Resolution No. 22-51, submittal of an application for funding through the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (“NMDHSEM”) for new generators at the WasteWater treatment plant.**

Resolution 22-51 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO  
Resolution No. 22-51**

**A RESOLUTION ALLOWING CITY STAFF TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR NEW GENERATORS AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Whereas, City of Las Vegas ("Governmental Unit") is a qualified entity and the City Council ("Government Body") has the authority to authorize public projects for benefit of the Governmental Unit; and

Whereas, the Waste Water treatment plant is an essential part of the City of Las Vegas sewer system;

Whereas, the Waste Water treatment plant has suffered power outages in the past;

Whereas, the Waste Water treatment plant is required to run 24 hours a day and has backup generators to do so for the health and safety of the community;

Whereas, the current generators at the Waste Water treatment plant do not meet the power requirement of the facility;

Whereas the generators need to be replace to ensure continuity of operations in the event of power outages;

Whereas, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("NMDHSEM") has instituted a program for funding and has developed an application procedure whereby the Governing Body may submit an application ("Application") for financial emergency assistance from NMDHSEM for public projects; and

Whereas, the Governing Body recommends that an application be filed with NMDHSEM for a new generators at the Waste Water treatment plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are incorporated herein by reference, and filing of an application to NMDHSEM is hereby authorized.

1. That all action (not consistent with the provision hereof) heretofore taken by the Governing Body and the officers and employees thereof directed toward the Application and the Project, and the same is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.



Interim Finance Director Chavez discussed briefly what the Budget Adjustment was for.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-39. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-39 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO  
Resolution No. 22-39**

**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 an increase to expense for Fund 217 Special Legislative Appn, (ALTSD # A20E5281) in the amount of \$181,923, a decrease to Fund 217 Special Legislative Appn, (Riverwalk Construction – E2692) in the amount of \$5,261, an increase in expense to Fund 217 Special Legislative Appn, (LV Park Improvements) in the amount of \$64,943, an increase to rev/exp to Fund 217 Special Legislative Appn, (El Creston Park – 22-ZG9109) in the amount of \$100,000, an increase to rev/exp to Fund 106 (Santa in the Park) in the amount of \$5,000, an increase to rev/exp in Fund 101-4800 (GF - PD) in the amount of \$50,601, a rev/exp decrease to State E-911 Enhancement Fund 294 in the amount of \$26,976.00, an increase to rev/exp to Fund 282 (Senior Center) in the amount of \$35,263, a transfer of budget from Comm. Dev. to Executive in the amount of \$29,620, a rev/exp increase to Fund 217 Special Legislative Appn. (Lincoln Park Improv. – 22-G2967) in the amount of \$65,000, an expense increase to Fund 610 Waste Water in the amount of \$600,000, an expense increase to Fund 613 Waste Water Const. in the amount of \$300,000, an expense increase to Fund 620 Gas in the amount of \$600,000, an expense increase to Fund 627 Gas Const. in the amount of \$700,000, an expense increase to Fund 630 in the amount of \$300,000, an expense increase to Fund 633 in the amount of \$350,000, an expense increase to Fund 640 Water in the amount of \$200,000, an expense increase to Fund 640 Water Dist. in the amount of \$500,000, an expense increase to Fund 647 Water Acquisition in the amount of \$500,000, a rev/exp increase to Fund 241 Seizure/Donations in the amount of \$7,345 and a transfer of budget from Comm. Dev.to Code Enforcement in the amount of \$231,587

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body finds the budget adjustment request should be as it meet 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 September 2022.

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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Review and Request approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Contract and Scope of Work between MainStreet de Las Vegas and the City of Las Vegas.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Community Development Director Weiser for all her hard work.

Community Development Director Weiser discussed the redline version of the final draft of the MainStreet contract and scope of work. Community Development Director Weiser advised they made changes to solidify dates and deliverables.

Councilor Romero asked for the language to be removed in the second whereas regarding the location of the office space.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve of the 2022-2023 Contract by removing language on the second Whereas on pg. 1 that states "office space located at 500 Railroad Avenue" and instead have it state "office space". Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

MainStreet President Reina Fernandez asked for clarification on the scope of work pg. 3 item #6 regarding the statement "As requested by the City, assist with community wide Holiday events within the MSLV district such as Boo Fest, Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting. Easter Egg Hunt, etc," and what they had in mind regarding that statement.

Councilor Romero advised it would be for promoting and for their attendance as an organization.

Community Development Director Weiser asked MainStreet President Fernandez if she wanted that clarified in the scope of work.

MainStreet President Fernandez advised no that it was fine.

Councilor Montoya advised within 6 months if they know they won't complete something in the scope of work they need to meet with City Manager Maestas or Community Development Director Weiser so they can see what can be done, instead of waiting until the last minute.

Mayor Trujillo advised there was a motion on the floor by Councilor Romero with the amendment and a second by Councilor Ulibarri. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo thanked MainStreet for all they do.

3. Request approval of Resolution No. 22-52 for a one year extension to grant offer Control No. L4000558 with the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-52. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-52 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO**  
**Resolution 22- 52**

**A RESOLUTION FOR AN EXTENSION TO CONTRACT AGREEMENT NO. D18899, CONTROL NO. L400558 WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("NMDOT")**

Whereas, the City of Las Vegas (City) and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) have entered into a grant agreement under the Municipal Cooperative Agreement (COOP) for surface seal, hot poured crack sealing, cold milling and miscellaneous paving to Douglas Avenue BOP Grand Avenue to EOP 12<sup>th</sup> Street and National Avenue from BOP Grand Avenue to EOP 8<sup>th</sup> Street; and

Whereas, improvements are needed to Douglas Avenue and National Avenue for the safety and well being of residents and visitors of Las Vegas New Mexico; and

Whereas, the total awarded amount of the grant being \$86,757.00

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 approves a one year extension for Grant Agreement No. D18899, Control No. L400558, for road improvements on Douglas Avenue and National Avenue.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of September 2022.

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Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

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.

Mayor Trujillo showed his gratitude for all that is being done with streets.

- 4. Request approval of new fitness equipment at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center for a cost of \$101,699.54.

Parks and Recreation Director Aragon discussed purchasing state of the art equipment due to the current equipment breaking. Parks and Recreation Director Aragon advised previous equipment hasn't been commercial or professional equipment. Parks and Recreation Director Aragon advised the new fitness equipment he is requesting would be professional equipment.

Councilor Montoya asked if the cost would come out of the General Fund or the Recreation fund.

City Manager Maestas advised it would come from the Recreation budget.

Councilor Montoya asked if equipment would be replaced or added.

Parks and Recreation Director Aragon advised it would add to the strength training and would replace the current treadmills.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the new fitness equipment at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center for a cost of \$101,699.54. 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.

5. Request approval of Resolution No. 22-56 restructuring the City of Las Vegas Organizational Chart.

Human Resource Director Arguello discussed a change to the Public Works department organizational chart. Human Resource Director Arguello advised during the last council meeting Council approved the Administrative Assistant to be promoted to Office Manager. Human Resource Director Arguello advised after further evaluation and in the best interest of the City they are requesting that it be changed back to Administrative Assistant.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-56. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-56 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO  
Resolution No. 22-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 22-40 RESTRUCTURING OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas (the "City") is required to abide by the provisions set forth by the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter adopted March 2, 2012 ("the Charter"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council passed Resolution 22-40, which reorganized the City's structure; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5.07(B) of the Charter states "Each department shall be under the supervision of a department director, subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter permits the City Manager to establish such departments as are necessary for efficient administration of the City and modify the City organizational structure upon City Council approval.

**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 repeals Resolution No. 22-40 and replaces it with this Resolution, including the attached reorganizational chart.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2022.

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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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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	Barbara Casey	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya requested that every department have evaluations of employees as per personnel rules and all supervisors start giving merit raises as needed or required. Councilor Montoya advised they need to reward those who are doing their job as the City can't afford to lose anyone.

Mayor Trujillo asked how evaluations have gone.

Human Resource Director Arguello advised they're seeing some minor issues but are getting addressed.

6. Request approval for Out-of-State travel for City Manager Leo Maestas and Councilor David Romero to attend the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) National Policy Institute on the Latino Workforce and Economic Opportunity.

Councilor Romero advised he’s been an active participant in NALEO and suggested it to City Manager Maestas. Councilor Romero advised NALEO is paying for the rooms and travel and thought it would be a good opportunity.

City Manager Maestas advised it would be a great opportunity to be able to collaborate with other Municipalities from across the nation.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the Out-of-State travel for City Manager Leo Maestas and Councilor David Romero to attend the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) National Policy Institute on the Latino Workforce and Economic Opportunity. Councilor Casey 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	Abstained

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo advised the City is not encumbering any expenses for the trip and is fully funded by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

Councilor Casey asked for them to report on what they learned when they return.

7. Request approval of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4625 agreement.

Fire Chief Spann discussed the adoption of a Fatigue Risk Management plan, drug and alcohol testing, Article 30 allowing employees to obtain one copy of their personnel record annually at no charge and thereafter pay a fee, and Article 32 Compensation regarding the proposed pay plan and the fiscal impact.

Mayor Trujillo asked if Interim Finance Director Chavez was part of the negotiations.

Fire Chief Spann advised yes, and City Manager Maestas assigned them as a team, along with HR, City Attorney Aaron and himself.

Discussion took place regarding if the current budget could accommodate the proposed pay scale and how much of an adjustment would it take.

Councilor Montoya asked if other departments are paying double time and a half on holiday pay.

IAFF Union President LA Sena advised Santa Fe County has it in their contract.

Discussion took place regarding the double time and a half on holiday pay and educational pay.

Councilor Romero asked if the contract was just for the current fiscal year until June 30th.

IAFF President Sena advised yes.

Councilor Romero advised the only impact they would have is the \$91,000 and asked Interim Finance Director Chavez if he was okay with that.

Interim Finance Director Chavez advised yes.

Councilor Romero voiced his concerns regarding firefighters making more once the contract is approved compared to the leadership. Councilor Romero advised it could lead to a gap in leadership if they get paid less.

Fire Chief Spann advised he has discussed it with City Manager Maestas but he is trying to keep their foundation by keeping guys in the department instead of them leaving to other towns.

Discussion took place when the contract would be in effect.

Councilor Montoya asked if overtime and double time and a half was covered.

Interim Finance Director Chavez advised they could cover it and there aren't a lot of holidays to cause concerns.

City Manager Maestas advised the contract was through June 30, 2023.

Fire Chief Spann advised it's December 31, 2023 and they go into negotiations in March.

IAFF Union President Sena stated as far as the fiscal impact and compensation in Article 32 which has been stated in prior contracts that it is per fiscal year and is acknowledged and recognized by the Union.

City Manager Maestas asked if that language was in the contract.

IAFF Union President Sena advised yes.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4625 agreement. Councilor Ulibarri 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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Fire Chief Spann and IAFF Union President Sena for all their hard work and a swift negotiation. Mayor Trujillo advised their team deserved it.

Fire Chief Spann thanked the management team, Interim Finance Director Chavez, Human Resource Director Arguello and City Manager Maestas for all their help.

### **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. 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

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 discussing limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 and only those matters were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

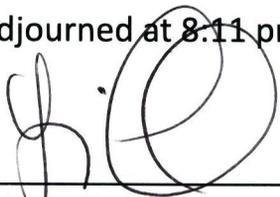
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

### **ADJOURN**

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

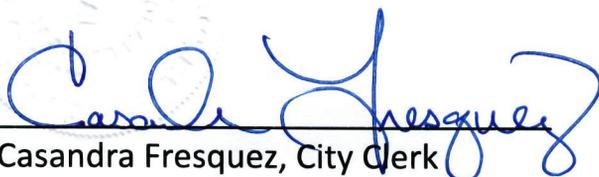
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.



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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

  
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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk