

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 13, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurule-Giroñ

COUNCILORS: David A. Ulibarri Jr. - Absent
Vince Howell
Barbara A Casey
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Trujillo, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
H. Chico Gallegos, City Attorney
Juan Gonzales, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ advised Councilor Ulibarri Jr. was unable to attend the meeting as he had a prior commitment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for Councilor Casey to lead the moment of silence.

Councilor Casey asked everyone to silently pray for all the individuals that have lost their life the past week and to reflect on how each individual can make the community better.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

David L. Romero	Yes	Vince Howell	Yes
Barbara A Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	<i>Absent</i>

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ advised there were no appointments or reports at this time.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ advised there were no recognition or proclamations at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jae Dennis spoke to the Governing Body regarding animal welfare and fully educating the public and animal control officers on recognizing the signs of animal abuse. Ms. Dennis asked that individuals hired for positions for animal control are fully trained and educated. Ms. Dennis asked that laws that implemented to protect animals be enforced by the court system.

Carmen Holguin yielded her public input time for Ms. Dennis.

Mariano Ulibarri advised the Governing Body of the success the Parachute Factory has had with youth of the community through grant funding for programs and events. Mr. Ulibarri asked for the Governing Body to attend their programs and see how beneficial it is to the youth of the community.

Bruce McAllister spoke to the Governing Body regarding animal welfare and ordinances that are not enforceable. Mr. McAllister asked the members of the council to continue to move forward with the water issues in hopes of resolving them. Mr. McAllister advised the Police Department for a number of years have had computers in their vehicles, but IT has not installed the tower that would allow the department to utilize the computers.

Corie Weaver spoke to the Governing Body regarding the animal welfare problem in the community and how negatively it impacts the City of Las Vegas with regards to tourism and new business locating to the area. Ms. Weaver asked that the Governing Body support the efforts to care for the neglected animals of the community.

Sean Weaver spoke to the Governing Body regarding animal welfare in the community and the work that the volunteers have done to help the animals throughout the city.

Ras Zakaritas Tafart spoke to the Governing Body regarding the youth, the arts and the community and encourages everyone to be proactive with progress in the community.

Adelita Lujan spoke to the Governing Body about supporting the youth of the community and support the skate park location at the Gallinas River Walk. Ms. Lujan spoke about the activities offered through the Parachute Factory and grants that are being sought after through Santa Fe.

Debbie Morse spoke to the Governing Body regarding the animals of the community. Ms. Morse spoke of other communities that have dog parks available to the community and the safety one can experience while out walking their dogs. Ms. Morse advocated for the Animal Welfare Coalition and advised she volunteers her time and they have done a tremendous job on helping with the welfare of neglected animals. If the community is able to educate the youth of the community about proper animal care it would make a tremendous impact.

Lee Einer spoke to the Governing Body about lies that have been circulating around the community the last few weeks and he advised the Governing Body to move forward with City issues and to not get distracted by ridiculous rumors.

Brian Marquez spoke to the Governing Body to advocate for the skate park. Mr. Marquez advised the youth needed a youth area not only for the skate boarders but for the youth that BMX as well. Skateboarding and BMX are becoming increasingly popular and are attracting more youth to these sports.

Cathy Kahn stated she has also heard the rumors circulating the community and added that this is a new administration three months into becoming a whole Governing Body and as with any entity it will take some time to get everything in order and she has seen progress. Ms. Kahn advised she has heard rumors of animal cruelty, neglect and mismanagement of funds in the AWC. When there is fraud suspected the local police department needs to investigate.

Manny Martinez spoke to the Governing Body about historical preservation that is happening on the Plaza Park area. Mr. Martinez advised he as spoke with several business owners along the Plaza and they have concerns. Mr. Martinez asked if the Plaza was being turned into a strip mall and pointed out the façade of JC's Pizza. Mr. Martinez advised he contacted the Historical Preservation and advised they were not contacted about the changes that were made and the local city committee that reviews these changes was not informed.

Natasha Padilla introduced the local Law Enforcement Auxiliary and advised their main purpose is to remind the officers that are not alone. Ms. Padilla advised with loss of law enforcement lives and criticism throughout the world she asked that the Governing Body not let the local officers walk alone. Ms. Padilla had another individual read a poem written by a law enforcement wife.

Kelli Wallbourn spoke to the Governing Body regarding the status of the Animal Welfare Coalition. Ms. Wallbourn advised the AWC has helped her in many ways and hopes the Governing Body continues to support them. Ms. Wallbourn also advised there big safety concern with animals running at large and something needs to be done so people can walk around the community and walk their animals without fear of being attacked.

Debra Gage spoke to the Governing Body regarding law enforcement support and requested the community adopt a different observation of law enforcement. Just recently a peaceful protest ended with the loss of law enforcement lives. Ms. Gage advised today too many people are quick to judge based on short videos shared through media, law enforcement officers are sworn to uphold the law and many individuals have a sense of entitlement and feel they do not have to follow the law. Ms. Gage advised the officers should not be in fear of their lives as they go about their job or fear of false reports being made against them. Ms. Gage advised the job these men and women choose to do day in and day out is not an easy job and asked the community to take time out of their day and thank an officer for doing the job they do.

Jenny Nation spoke to the Governing Body regarding support of law enforcement. Ms. Nation advised the community expects officers to give their fullest effort each and every day without knowing what these officers go through on a daily basis and encouraged the community to educate themselves.

Meredith Britt spoke to the Governing Body about animal welfare in the community and also spoke about the gossip that is circulating around town and asked the Governing Body to keep the public more informed.

Kim Reed-Deemer spoke to the Governing Body regarding animal welfare in the community. Ms. Reed-Deemer spoke about the colony of feral cats that she along with help from the AWC has been able to spay neuter and relocate. Ms. Reed-Deemer advised she has never seen any indication of animal abuse within the AWC and hopes that the Governing Body isn't restructuring the Enforcement Division till it no longer exists.

Georgina Ortega advised the Governing Body to not lose focus and to prioritize issues as the operating budget will allow. Ms. Ortega advised she supported the administration and what they feel will be in the best interest of the community.

Sara Mathews spoke to the Governing Body regarding animal welfare and neglect in the community. Animal neglect needs to become a priority; the treatment of animals has improved since the AWC has been running the city owned shelter. Ms. Mathews advised there is a need in the community to address the number of vicious animals running at large and attacking not only other animals but people as well.

Bob Wessely spoke of the progress the Governing Body has been making since the new administration came on board. Mr. Wessely highlighted the progress and the projects the Governing Body has made, he again reminded Mayor and City Councilors not to lose momentum.

CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

City Manager Trujillo introduced Terry Bridges from the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Mr. Bridges gave a presentation introducing the purpose of the LEPC and the community groups that all play an active role in developing plans for emergencies within the city and surrounding county. Mr. Bridges spoke about the training and information they receive on handling of various chemicals such as propane that is routinely used with the community. Mr. Bridges listed the entities that will be participating in the 2nd annual LEPC Expo to be held on August 13, 2016. Mr. Bridges invites members of the Governing Body and the community to attend their meetings and attend the expo.

Community Development Director Velarde spoke to the Governing Body addressing some of the rumors that have begun circulating throughout the community and the City's support for various projects. The Farmers Market is being reviewed for conceptual plans to utilize the space at the old Safe Way parking lot known as Mural Park and the department is moving forward with looking for funding to assist with that project and asking for input from individuals involved with the Farmers Market as to their needs. Community Development Director Velerde advised San Miguel County has agreed to pay half of the youth coordinator position. This position would work with youth improvement projects such as the skate park, educational projects and animal care awareness.

PRESENTATIONS

Bill Hendrickson Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation gave a PowerPoint update on the 2015-2016 deliverables as per their contract and presented the 2016-2017 deliverables. Mr. Hendrickson gave a brief description of the website design and the information contained on the site. Mr. Hendrickson recognized the members of the EDC that were present in the audience.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Grant application through the Department of Justice for the Las Vegas Police Department.

Police Chief Montano advised the Governing Body that the Las Vegas Police Department is requesting approval to apply for funding in the amount of \$11,537.00 to purchase equipment for the police vehicles and funding towards a transport vehicle for the San Miguel County Sheriff's Office.

Councilor Howell asked what equipment would be purchased.

Police Chief Montano advised interior lights, exterior light bars and sirens.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Award request for bid #2017-01 for employee uniform – boot/work shoe to the low bidder.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised every year the City of Las Vegas must issue a new request for bids for employee uniforms. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised there was only one responsive bidder, Popular Dry Goods.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Award bid #2017-02 for employee uniform – trouser/coverall to the low bidder.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised Popular Dry Goods was the sole bidder and requested awardment.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Award bid #2017-03 for employee uniform – shirt-jacket to the low bidder.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised there were two bidders for these items and the company is based out of Albuquerque and the company would need to make the trip to size employees. Utilities Director advised overall total of purchase Popular Dry Goods was the lower bidder and Popular being the local company and have developed a good working relationship with them.

Councilor Casey pointed out the bid called for 100% cotton shirts and the other company provided pricing for a cotton blend.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

5. Award request for proposals #2016-37 for natural gas proving service to sole proposer Koons Gas Management.

Utilities Director Gilvarry and Gas Systems Manager Kenny Lucero advised the proving service entails verification that large commercial gas meters are within the tolerance zone to ensure accuracy for the customer and for the City. This

RFP will allow us to hire a company to do the field proving on our commercial gas meters which is a requirement of the Pipeline Regulation Commission.

Councilor Howell asked for clarification on the accuracy of their proving services and verification.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Trujillo advised there was no need for executive session.


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

Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Vince Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Barbara A Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Absent

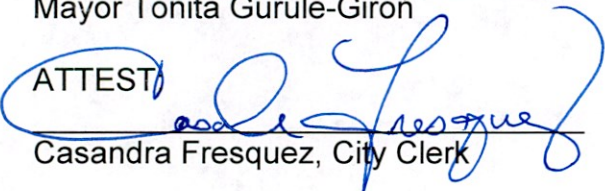
City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN



Mayor Tonita Gurule-Giroń

ATTEST



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk