

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 24, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: Barbara A. Casey
Vincent Howell
David L. Romero
Tonita Gurule-Giron

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez – City Manager
Casandra Fresquez – City Clerk
Dave Romero – City Attorney
Juan Montano – Sergeant At Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the importance of positive thoughts in our everyday lives and for hopes of improving our society.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

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

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that Mr. John Spencer would be reporting on the Tree Board Committee.

Mr. Spencer reported that Mayor Ortiz, Jr. had previously challenged the Mayor of Raton to complete some tree work in Raton, which resulted in receiving a \$500.00 grant from the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Spencer informed that an indoor/outdoor Educational Outreach Exhibit had been created at the Carnegie Library Park and thanked Mayor Ortiz, Jr. and the City of Las Vegas for their partnership and the efforts in obtaining the grant received from the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. Spencer advised that \$25,000.00 had been received from the Urban and Community Assistance Program, which was matched by the City and would aid in pruning and hazardous tree removal.

Mr. Spencer explained that the following goals had been pursued in collaboration with the New Mexico State Forestry, Jerry Montez with the Soil and Water Conservation Tree Board and the City of Las Vegas:

- Public Safety
- Preserving the legacy of trees
- Promoting the quality of life in the City of Las Vegas
- Renewing the community by planting and restoring trees

Mr. Spencer thanked everyone for their efforts in making our parks safer, more beautiful and more useful for the City of Las Vegas and took the opportunity to present the Tree City USA Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for the seventeenth year in a row and added that they celebrate the achievements of the past and they look forward to working as productively with the new Mayor and Council.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. praised the outstanding involvement in the community from the Tree Committee and acknowledged the success of receiving the Tree City USA Award for seventeen years in a row. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. thanked everyone involved for their volunteer services.

PUBLIC INPUT

City Manager Martinez advised that no one signed up for Public Input.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Martinez informed that at the last meeting, questions were asked regarding ambulance services and added that Chris Archuleta with Superior Ambulance was present to answer any questions from the Governing Body.

Mr. Chris Archuleta advised that Superior Ambulance had serviced the Las Vegas area for the past 8 years and informed that although Superior Ambulance had grown to be a large corporation; it was still family owned, family oriented and desired to stay involved with the community.

Councilor Casey had a question regarding the charges on patient transports out of town.

Mr. Archuleta informed that Superior Ambulances' fees were State regulated and depended on the situation and explained that the base rate for an emergency situation, Advance Life Support (ALS) transport to Santa Fe would cost about \$600.00 plus \$10.40 per loaded mile which would run up to a maximum of \$1,400 to \$1,500 including tax. Mr. Archuleta explained that a Non-Emergency base rate (BLS) would be \$289.00 plus \$10.40 per mile which would add up to about \$800.00 to \$900.00.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked how many people are present in the ambulance when a patient is being transferred.

Mr. Archuleta advised that there are always two people present, which were the EMT basic and the paramedic on every ambulance.

Councilor Howell took the opportunity to thank Mr. Archuleta and the Superior Ambulance Staff for the great care given to his mother-in-law at the time of her transport while suffering a stroke. Councilor Howell asked how the fees paid by the City affected transport services in the County area.

Mr. Archuleta informed that the County was on a different subsidy from the City of Las Vegas and added that it did not affect the City.

Councilor Howell advised Mr. Archuleta that Superior Ambulance was based in his ward and added that residents on Dalbey Drive had reported speeding ambulances in the area, without emergency lights on and asked Mr. Archuleta who the problems could be reported to.

Mr. Archuleta explained that the company frowns upon that kind of behavior and informed that the ambulances should only go through the One Way Street with the lights on; indicating that it is an emergency and advised that anyone can communicate any concerns with Albuquerque Area Manager Gabe Serna who is in Las Vegas on a daily basis.

Discussion took place on ambulance drivers using GPS systems to enhance locating areas in the City.

Councilor Romero had concerns on ambulance drivers taking a longer direction in route to the hospital when transporting patients, which had occurred in the past.

Mr. Archuleta advised that he did not agree with the ambulance drivers taking a longer route to the hospital when transporting patients and added that he would convey the message to the Superior Ambulance Supervisor. Mr. Archuleta informed that the company is audited on mileage and billing and reassured that the staff is encouraged to take the shortest route.

Mr. Archuleta informed that Superior Ambulance was the second ambulance service in the state that would be bringing a Critical Care Certified training to paramedics in the Las Vegas area. Mr. Archuleta added that it would allow paramedics to be at Critical Care level within the next six to eight months and added that there would be no additional costs to the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Martinez reported that a demonstration of the asphalt zipper had been performed by the Public Works Department with the result in completing pot hole patching in the area of Mountain View Drive.

City Manager Martinez informed that the process of inspections at the newly renovated Senior Citizens Center was taking place and were waiting on the Certificate of Occupancy. City Manager Martinez added that the Grand Opening Ceremonies would take place soon thereafter.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 16-16 adopting the City of Las Vegas' Section 3 Plan.

City Manager Martinez advised that the resolution is a Community Development Block Grant program requirement, and must be approved annually. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 encourages the use of small local businesses and the hiring of low income residents of the community.

Councilor Casey recommended that an error regarding the language on proposed Resolution 16-16 be corrected and to read "*WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas has prepared a plan that is in compliance with the CDBG requirements*".

City Manager Martinez apologized for the error and assured Councilor Casey that the error would be corrected on the Resolution.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that in order to encourage small businesses, he was making the recommendation of adding the language to Resolution 16-16 as follows: "*WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 encourages the use of small local businesses and the hiring of low income residents of the community*".

City Manager Martinez advised that with the motion of approval from Council, if desired, language would be included in the amendment to the Resolution.

There were no objections from the Governing Body regarding the amendment to Resolution 16-16.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked what projects had been identified for CDBG funding to date, under the Section 3 Plan.

City Manager Martinez explained that Public Input meetings were required by the CDBG as part of the closing process for the Senior Center Project and added that they consisted of reporting on the status of the Senior Citizens Center (CDBG Project) and the soliciting of Public Input for future projects.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń questioned if there were any proposed projects at the present time.

City Manager Martinez explained that the City solicits public input and based on the public input they determine if the projects qualify for CDBG funding. City Manager Martinez added that a group of projects that have been recommended by staff or community is brought to Council for selection and authorization of the application.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked how this project would be tied in to the ICIP ranking and rating process.

City Manager Martinez advised that as the ICIP is prepared every year, certain projects are identified in the ICIP that have potential for CDBG funding and are listed as such.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked who would be holding the Public Input meetings.

City Manager Martinez advised that usually the Public Works Department and Community Development Department work in collaboration regarding the process of the project. City Manager Martinez added that since Public Works Director Gonzales was the Project Manager for the Senior Center Project he was the designee and added that it depended on who was implementing the project to determine the designee.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń stated that it was important to make sure to use CDBG funding to benefit the low income communities.

Councilor Howell asked if there was a listing of the criteria for CDBG projects.

City Manager Martinez advised that the criteria would be discussed at the Public Input Meeting and added that essentially the projects need to benefit the low to moderate income families and spoke of several CDBG projects that had been completed that have benefitted the community.

Councilor Howell asked if any Youth projects had been considered and asked if the listing would be available on the City's website.

City Manager Martinez informed that anyone could propose youth projects if they fell in the area for youth and explained that basically the CDBG funding is utilized for the lower income communities to address issues of slum and blight. City Manager Martinez added that the listing of priority projects that the dollars can be used for was advertised in the Las Vegas Optic.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. stated that this Resolution needed to be approved in order to continue with current and future CDBG projects.

Discussion took place regarding applying for a planning grant for the Comprehensive Master Plan under the CDBG Grant.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution 16-16 adopting the City of Las Vegas' Section 3 Plan with the recommended amendments. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 16-16 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS ANNUAL CDBG REQUIREMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-16

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS
SECTION 3 PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is required to comply with Community Development Block Grant program requirements, and

WHEREAS, it is required that the City of Las Vegas' Section 3 Plan is adopted annually by resolution, and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 encourages the use of small local businesses and the hiring of low income residents of the community and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas has prepared a plan that is in compliance with the CDBG requirements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Las Vegas City Council that the City of Las Vegas' Section 3 Plan is approved for implementation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY

Dave Romero, Jr., City Attorney

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

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

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

2. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 16-17 adopting the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan.

City Manager Martinez advised that the resolution is a Community Development Block Grant requirement, and must be approved annually. In accordance with the 1987 revisions to the Housing and Community Development Act and in an effort

to encourage citizen participation, the City of Las Vegas is required to prepare and adopt a citizen participation plan.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to approve Resolution 16-17 adopting the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 16-17 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS ANNUAL CDBG REQUIREMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-17

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is required to comply with Community Development Block Grant compliance requirements, and

WHEREAS, it is required that the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan is adopted annually by resolution, and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 encourages the use of small local businesses and the hiring of low income residents of the community, and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas has prepared a plan that is in compliance with the CDBG requirements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Las Vegas City Council that the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan is approved for implementation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY

Dave Romero, Jr., City Attorney

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

Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

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

3. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 16-18 adopting the City of Las Vegas' Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

City Manager Martinez advised that the resolution is a Community Development Block Grant requirement, must be approved annually, and must certify that it has in effect and is following a "residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan". City Manager Martinez clarified that this plan was not same plan that the Housing Authority would utilize.

City Manager Martinez gave the example of the required Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan being utilized; as in the case of a street improvement project going through homes or a neighborhood.

Councilor Casey addressed the issue of the word "sufficiency" being misspelled on the Resolution.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution 16-18 adopting the City of Las Vegas' Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan with the correct spelling of the word "sufficiency". Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Resolution 16-18 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS ANNUAL CDBG REQUIREMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-18

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT
AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is required to comply with Community Development Block Grant program requirements, and

WHEREAS, it is required that the City of Las Vegas' Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is adopted annually by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas has prepared a plan that is in compliance with the CDBG requirements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Las Vegas City Council that the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan is approved for implementation; Residential Displacement and Relocation Plans applicable to the Las Vegas Housing Authority must be adopted by a specific and separate resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY

David Romero, Jr., City Attorney

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

David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

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

City Manager Martinez apologized to the Governing Body for the errors and oversights and explained that Boiler Plate Documents had been utilized for many by Directors and himself. City Manager Martinez added that the issue of reviewing documents more thoroughly would be corrected by Directors and himself.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Martinez advised that there was no need for Executive Session.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. informed that the Work Session and the Housing/Regular Meeting had been re-scheduled to April 20th and April 27th, 2015, in order to accommodate the new administration.

ADJOURN

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

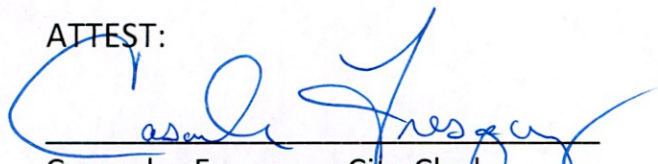
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes

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



Mayor Tonita Gurule-Giroñ

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk