

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo

COUNCILORS: Barbara Casey
Michael Montoya
David Ulibarri
David Romero

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 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo asked that prayers continue for the community, that the Governing Body would be guided in making hard but fair decisions that affect the community. He gave thanks for all the hard working City employees and asked for prayers for the families who had recently lost loved ones.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of moving Business Item #5 before Business Item #1. 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 Montoya	Yes	David Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jeanne Rubin - Ordinance 22-07
Terra Liddil - Ordinance 22-07
Anthony J. Romero - Samaritan House
Perla Romero - Samaritan House/Lincoln Park
Rae Dawn Price - Samaritan House
Patricia Halverson - Samaritan House
Mark Saiz - Samaritan House
Arnell David Arellanes - Samaritan House
Diane Applebee - Samaritan House
Patrick G. Alire - Samaritan House
Rebecca Moore Maldonado - Samaritan House
Kallie Wilbourn - Samaritan House
Eileen & Irene Geoffrion - Samaritan House
Susie Tsyitee - Samaritan House & Ordinance 22-07
John Arnold - Samaritan House
Mary Romero - Samaritan House
Bernadette Lujan - Samaritan House
Rose Contreras - Samaritan House

City Clerk Fresquez read the following Public Input received via email:

Carol Cutler Linder - Samaritan House
Katrina Immerman - Samaritan House
Karyl Lyne - Samaritan House
Julie O - Samaritan House
Rev. Katie Palmer - Samaritan House
Thomas K. Trigg - Samaritan House
John L. Geffroy - Samaritan House
Phillip Martony - Samaritan House

Mayor Trujillo advised that there were a few people who walked in that might not have signed up for public input, that he would not allow them to speak, only to state if they were for or against the Samaritan House.

Charlie Sandoval - Samaritan House

John Liddil - Ordinance 22-07

Diane - Samaritan House

Erica Chavez - Samaritan House

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None at this time.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

None at this time.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Antonio Salazar gave a detailed Police Report for the month of June 2022.

Chief Salazar introduced Ms. Beatriz Gallegos (Manager) and Jason Lasell (ACC Tech.) as the new hires for the Animal Care Center.

Councilor Ulibarri asked how many calls they received regarding the Lincoln Park area.

Chief Salazar advised the number of calls would be discussed in the business item.

Brief discussion and questions took place regarding abandoned calls and police calls and speed trailer cameras.

Councilor Romero thanked the new Animal Care Center new hires for their commitment to that department and advised them that the Governing body was there to support them in any way possible.

FINANCE REPORT

Interim Finance Director Dominic Chavez presented the Finance Report for the month ending June 30, 2022 (12 of 12 months), reporting the General Fund revenue at 109%, expenditures at 75% and a surplus of \$24,609. He advised the Enterprise Funds revenue came in at 103%, expenditures at 82% and a surplus of \$2,312,930.26. Recreation Department revenue was 57%, expenditures at 59% and a surplus amount of \$101,083. Mr. Chavez reported the Lodgers Tax revenue at 481%, expenditures at 60% with a surplus of \$236,385.

Mayor Trujillo asked Mr. Chavez if there were any concerns regarding the report that should be brought to the Governing body's attention.

Interim Finance Director Chavez advised there were no concerns in regards to the report.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez read the consent agenda as follows:

1. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3782-21 with James, Cooke & Hobson, Inc. for professional pump, motor, mechanical and electrical services.
2. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3783-21 with Molzen Corbin for professional engineering services for natural solid waste facility.
3. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3784-21 with Molzen Corbin for professional engineering services for the waste water system.
4. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3785-21 with Souder Miller & Associates for professional engineering services for the waste water system.
5. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3786-21 with Souder Miller & Associates for professional engineering services for the solid waste system.
6. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3787-21 with Alpha Southwest for repair services on pump, motor and mechanical on an as needed basis.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call.

Councilor Romero asked City Manager Maestas if the contracts were being reviewed by the Finance Department in regards to payment amounts matching the contract.

City Manager Maestas explained the Finance Department is reviewing the billing amounts with what was originally on the RFP.

Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Romero	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David Ullibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. Request approval to Publish Ordinance No. 22-07 An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas by adding a new subsection C to Chapter 330-2 entitled "Purpose", and adding new subsections 23 and 24 to Chapter 330-4 (A) entitled "Prohibited acts".

City Attorney Scott Aaron advised this Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Sections 2.02 of the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, and is an exercise of the City of Las Vegas home rule powers.

Councilor Montoya asked to include to Section C. of the Ordinance, City Parks and Gallinas River Park, to include that the individual that breaks the Ordinance be penalized by being banned from the parks for one year, also to add the citation fees.

Police Chief Salazar stated that the traffic ordinance included the citation fee which was \$20.00 for illegal parking.

Councilor Montoya informed City Manager Maestas he would like to see a sign created stating a 90 minute parking limit for these types of vehicles and also to state that violators will be towed at the owner's expense.

Councilor Montoya asked City Manager Maestas to revamp the ordinance and to consider adding a parking meter system allowing parking fees in order to create revenue.

Councilor Romero advised he had seen these vehicles throughout many city streets and asked if the Council would be in favor of including "all city streets" to the ordinance.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the various changes to the proposed unpublished Ordinance 22-07.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 22-07, An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas by adding a new subsection C to Chapter 330-2 entitled "Purpose", and adding new subsections 23 and 24 to Chapter 330-4(A) entitled "Prohibited acts" with the amendments to include City Parks and Gallinas River Park, 90 minute parking limit for these types of vehicles and also to state that violators will be towed at the owner's expense. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call.

City Manager Maestas informed that the proposed amendment regarding all city streets would not be allowed to be made to this ordinance due it pertaining to parks and the River Walk and it would be best to place it on another ordinance.

Mayor Trujillo asked the City Attorney for his advice on the matter at hand.

City Attorney Aaron stated it could be placed in another ordinance as well.

Councilor Romero advised Council was giving direction to City Manager and City Attorney in regards to addressing the city streets next month and would not be part of Councilor Montoya's motion.

Councilor Montoya stated he did not object to Councilor Romero's recommendation.

Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Michael Montoya	Yes	David Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya explained to the residents that this would be a process and it would take some time to complete the Ordinance process.

Councilor Romero clarified that the hearing would be at the next Council meeting.

1. Discussion/Direction regarding Samaritan House and Lincoln Park.

Mayor Trujillo advised that he believed in the mission of the Samaritan House which was taking care of the homeless, drug addiction and mental awareness although he did not believe in the current operation of the Samaritan House. He spoke of various issues that were occurring at the Samaritan House and Lincoln Park and felt it was a public nuisance for the residents in that neighborhood. Mayor Trujillo indicated that there should be day programs and counseling for their clients and the focus should be on improving services, a better location for the homeless shelter and protecting the residents and the park. He stated that homeless shelters were protected by Federal Law and the City had no say so on where they can or cannot go but we can be partners in trying to find a solution and we have to take care of people but not at the expense of an entire neighborhood.

Chief of Police Antonio Salazar gave a detailed report on Police Calls received from 2021-2022 and Region 4 Narcotics in regards to the Samaritan House/Lincoln Park areas.

Fire Chief Stephen Spann gave a detailed report of Fire Service Calls for Service in regards to the Samaritan House/Lincoln park areas from 7/1/21-7/1/22.

Councilor Romero advised that Council and City Hall also received many calls regarding the Samaritan House/Lincoln Park and stated this was a big issue and that the Governing Body was trying to address them although he felt that the

Samaritan House management and staff were not doing enough in fulfilling their commitments. He advised that they could not wait and something needed to be done because waiting could result in one resident getting hurt and he could not live with that on his conscience.

Councilor Casey stated that this problem was not only a Samaritan House problem, that it was a community problem. She advised that the Samaritan House could not be solely blamed for a problem that big and we need to work together regarding this issue. She stated that the City of Las Vegas has always been a loving and kind community and we needed to accept the people from the Samaritan House, work together and give them mental health, drug addiction services and medical services regardless of their mental or financial state. Councilor Casey advised that it was our job to work together and come up with solutions regarding this issue.

Councilor Montoya stated there were many issues with the Samaritan House and they had worked with them before with prior administration to address some concerns. He advised some were breaking ordinances although they had nowhere to go and stated the contract had expired in 2022 and felt the dollar amount should be increased. He agreed it was not a good location because of the park belonging to children and he felt there should be more services available to the homeless. Councilor Montoya spoke regarding the contract with Samaritan House and it stated that the Mayor should be creating a board with individuals from Highlands University, City of Las Vegas, Samaritan House, NMBHI and social services to come up with some solutions.

Lengthy discussion took place of the issues at hand regarding the homeless and the mentally ill, the safety of the Lincoln Park area residents/business owners and the City coming up with solutions with the Samaritan House as soon as possible to move forward and the process of safely opening up Lincoln Park.

Mayor Trujillo advised Mr. Saiz that he would hold a meeting regarding the Samaritan House issues on Monday at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilor Casey asked Mr. Saiz to provide a list of services currently provided to the Samaritan House residents and to advise of any gaps in services that the

Samaritan House could not provide in order for the City to work with entities or professionals that could provide services.

Mayor Trujillo advised he was willing to move forward in doing the work and to have meetings. He informed he wanted to meet with Chief of Police, City Attorney, City Manager, Parks Director and Fire Chief to discuss the cleaning/disinfecting, getting rid of litter and the closure of Lincoln Park; he also gave direction to immediately remove the trash bin off the sidewalk.

2. Request to demolish the existing gazebo at Lincoln Park due to emergency conditions.

Community Development Director Amy Weiser advised that the original stone bandstand will remain. The base of the gazebo is structurally acceptable and only a small amount of effort is required to restore this portion. However, the top portion of the gazebo, mainly all the wood members are deteriorated and damaged beyond repair and are required to be removed in their entirety. She stated they were requesting the approval to remove the non-historic gazebo from the historic stone bandstand.

Brief discussion took place of different options and the process of the restoration of the bandstand.

Councilor Romero made a motion to demolish the existing gazebo at Lincoln Park due to emergency conditions as recommended by the DRB. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

City Manager Maestas added that they had already asked the architect to start looking at the design to see if the structure would be feasible to take down to the mortar, if it was structurally sound for that, however right now they were only

removing the lid again. He stated that they would give the city further direction if the structure would even sustain removing the bench.

Brief discussion took place regarding the availability for public input at the Design Review Board meeting regarding the new structure of the gazebo.

3. Request approval of Lodgers Tax budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Community Development Director Weiser advised that the proposed Lodgers Tax budget projected amount is \$733,000.00. She informed that the Design Review Board (DRB) met Monday and they were not a part of creating this budget, however they were working on having a fully functioning DRB by next year.

Brief discussion and questions took place regarding City marketing.

City Manager Maestas informed that these numbers were derived with Interim Finance Director Chavez and himself working with allowable amounts that were tied to Lodgers Tax, the percentages that could be put toward infrastructure, contractual services, overtime for First Responders, Public Works and Solid Waste during city events.

Mayor Trujillo requested a listing of Special Events noting which events were funded by Lodgers Tax funding and keeping track of organization of the Special Events.

Councilor Romero thanked City Manager Maestas for his work on the RFP for marketing the City. He asked if the decision was made regarding New Mexico True's offer of a one to one based off of the fire recovery.

City Manager Maestas advised that they had not finalized the amount however they were looking to see what they were offering and they would have more answers next month.

Councilor Romero thanked Ms. Weiser for coming in and taking on many issues that were undone and was very appreciative of her hard work.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Lodgers Tax budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Romero	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

4. Request rejection of bids received for RFB #2022-25 for the Las Vegas Water Treatment Plant SCADA Integration project.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that the request to reject RFB #2022-25 was due to the lack of funding for the project, explaining they had half a million dollars in funding and the lowest bid was over 1.4 million and that NMFA had verbally committed to help the city get the rest of the funding which would take several months so it would be brought back.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the rejection of bids received for RFB #2022-25 for the Las Vegas Water Treatment Plant SCADA Integration project. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	David Romero	Yes
Michael Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked if all were in favor of the motion. All were in favor.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk