

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Barbara A. Casey
Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Danielle Sena, Recorder
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney
David T. Bibb III, Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón advised for a moment of silence she usually gives the honor to one of the Councilors but she would be doing it. Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised Councilor Howell's mother passed away and there are so many that have passed away during this time of year. Mayor Gurulé-Girón offered her heartfelt condolences to Councilor Howell and his family and knows how difficult it is to lose your mother. Mayor Gurulé-Girón offered her heartfelt condolences to anyone who has passed during or close to the holiday season and pray for them and their family as she does for Councilor Howell and his family. Mayor

Gurulé-Girón advised to pray for Councilor Howell and his family for strength and that they get through this and for all those who have passed.

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised her condolences from the staff as well.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Wid Slick spoke about tourism being a bright spot in the Las Vegas economy for the last seven years. Mr. Slick advised over seven years Las Vegas increased annual Lodger Tax collections from 226,000 to 384,000 a year. Mr. Slick advised that an average increase of six percent per year. Mr. Slick advised full profit businesses are happy with six percent per year increase in sales and revenues and the City too should be happy to see tourism businesses show a six percent annual increase because tourism is a city business. Mr. Slick advised July to October 2019 Lodger Tax collection increased at an average of eight percent per month. Mr. Slick advised Lodger Tax collections measures overnight visitor spending and over seven years have increased annual overnight visitors spending from 9.6 million to 13 million which is twelve percent of the total economy. Mr. Slick advised its a good time to fill vacancies on the Lodger's Tax Advisory Board.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised she got applications from individuals that were interested and will be interviewing them and also advised for Mr. Slick to provide his report to Interim Finance Director Tana Vega to follow up regarding Lodger's Tax increases due to discrepancies so Interim Finance Director Vega could confirm it.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Out of state travel to Canon City, Colorado.

Police Chief David T. Bibb III advised they are requesting approval to send their Firearms instructor Sergeant David Lautalo to attend the Glock Armorer School. Police Chief Bibb advised it would enable the department to make repairs to department issued sidearms rather than having to send them out to an Armorer outside of the City.

Councilor Howell asked if Sergeant David Lautalo would be a certified Armorer.

Police Chief Bibb advised he would be certified by Glock.

Discussion took place regarding who they sent repairs to before and the entire firearm being swapped out.

Councilor Howell asked if it is less expensive.

Police Chief Bibb advised it is less expensive to repair a firearm than it is having to swap it out for a new firearm.

Councilor Howell asked what the cost would be if they had an Armorer.

Police Chief Bibb advised just the cost of the parts.

Councilor Casey asked about mileage and if he would be going in his own vehicle or a City vehicle where the mileage would be paid for by the City.

Police Chief Bibb advised he is requesting to use a City vehicle and the mileage is absorbed by the City gas card.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked if the Police Department primarily uses Glock and stated it's top of the line.

Police Chief Bibb advised yes, Glock is their department issued sidearm and yes it is a top of the line firearm.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Out of state travel to Quantico, Virginia.

Police Chief David T. Bibb III read a letter from FBI Albuquerque inviting Commander Eric Padilla to attend the FBI National Academy's 279th section.

Councilor Romero asked if he would be co-commissioned through the FBI.

Police Chief Bibb advised no, its an executive level training section where issues of National Security, terrorism and forensic science are taught.

Discussion took place regarding APD officers being co-commissioned who are in a task force.

Councilor Casey asked since Commander Padilla would be gone for seventy two days if he would still be paid his regular pay while gone.

Police Chief Bibb advised that is what they are requesting and his salary and cost of gas would be the only cost to the City, while everything else is paid for by the FBI.

Councilor Casey asked if he had to drive there.

Police Chief Bibb advised he doesn't have to but it was recommended that he has a vehicle there since Quantico is in a remote area.

Councilor Howell advised this training won't make him an FBI agent.

Police Chief Bibb advised no, and stated it's the first time ever that a Las Vegas Police Officer has been accepted into the FBI National Academy and considering how many police agencies there are not only in the United States but around the world.

Discussion took place regarding the active shooter program that Highlands got certified for.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Police Chief Bibb for supporting his staff, and stated she wondered who was going to cover but it was clearly addressed in his memorandum and attached it to the agenda for Council to be aware.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Police Chief Bibb for doing a good job.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Reject Bid 2020-03 Rocky Road Construction due to bid being over budget.

Interim Public Works Director Daniel Gurule advised he is seeking approval to reject a bid from Rocky Road for the West National and Keen Street project due to being over budget.

Councilor Romero asked if they were the only bidder and how they advertised it.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised yes they were the only bidder and they advertised on the Las Vegas Optic, Albuquerque Journal and the website.

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised if approved to reject the bid they would go back out for bids.

Councilor Howell asked if the only reason for rejecting the bid was because they over bid and not because of their performance work and also if they should consider a local person.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised they don't have what they over bid for in the budget and the engineer is going to try to cut down the project and see if they can get other vendors to come out to bid.

Councilor Howell asked what happens if they don't achieve that and if the engineer can rebid.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised they would leave it up to the engineer to figure out what they could do to get the money spent and advised yes they can rebid.

Councilor Romero asked what happens if Rocky Road gets mad about being rejected and doesn't bid again the next time and they have no bidders.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised they would leave it up to the engineer and advised the engineer said a lot of vendors did pick up plans but did not turn them in, possibly because of the weather during the bid opening.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised possibly in December they can put it out to rebid again and awarded by January.

Councilor Romero asked if it changes the timeline for the project.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised no it shouldn't change the timeline.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked when they put out the bids if they check if contractors have been red flagged.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised they did look at his credentials and how they are with the State and if he was up to date with taxes and he did check out.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked if they check work that he's performed locally.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised they can't go that far and advised they have to make sure they are following the specs of NMDOT.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised under section 12.26, if he isn't the lowest responsive bidder he can be disqualified and that's something they would have to look at.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Romero made a motion to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Romero made a motion to reconvene into Regular session after being in Executive session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, and advised only those matters specified in the motion for executive session were discussed, no other matters were discussed and no decisions were made. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:


Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk