

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023 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 ***Absent***

ALSO PRESENT: Leo Maestas, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Antonio Salazar, Sergeant at Arms ***Absent***

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trujillo called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo asked for a moment of silence for everyone to be safe during the winter storm and for everyone to have safe travels to and from Las Vegas.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

City Clerk Fresquez advised there was no public input

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Presentation/Discussion and Consideration to move forward in creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation and the City of Las Vegas.

Mayor Trujillo welcomed and thanked the members from Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation for taking time to be there.

Michael with Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation discussed being a 501C3 nonprofit organization and what their mission was, which is families that are focused on growing their communities, climate change and animals that are affected. Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation discussed Council supporting a collaborative plan with a two tiered approach, the first tier are all items on the priority list and the second tier are the secondary priority lists. Doug with Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation discussed examples of what they've done in the past in Williston North Dakota regarding 812 acre limited housing development and 238,000 acres in Wyoming regarding workforce housing.

Mayor Trujillo asked that they discuss how they focus on energy and water efficiency.

Doug with Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation advised they've done xeriscaped, along with solar and wind energy and pre-manufactured housing. Doug further discussed large sports facilities and various other projects they've completed.

Discussion took place regarding the following;

- Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation contracting out for contractors to do the work
- The Master Plan for expanding the airport to become a hub
- The need for more air traffic
- The need for infrastructure (water supply line, sewer service)

Councilor Montoya spoke about how the US Forestry used the airport during the wildfires and some upgrades that have been done such as the lighting and signage and runways. Councilor Montoya advised it's his understanding that the airport is one of the best in the nation and is big enough for bigger planes. Councilor Montoya voiced his concerns regarding what exactly Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation's proposal is.

Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation advised they are proposing to collaborate with the City of Las Vegas along with their conversations with Luna and Highlands and propose a special committee as a taskforce to assign and prioritize the list. Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation spoke about EV charging that they are doing across the country and globe.

Councilor Montoya asked if they contract from out of state or in state.

Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation advised they use both.

Discussion took place regarding finding the workforce, working with the colleges to have certification program opportunities.

Councilor Romero spoke about the water infrastructure through capital outlay for the rapid response fire training facility at the airport, the procurement process to do an RFP, and asked where the MOU came from.

City Manager Maestas advised the MOU was created by Marylee Simon Rogers and their organization and would need to be reviewed by the City's attorney. City Manager Maestas advised there is no financial burden on the City and advised he would get clarification on if they need to put it out for an RFP or Sole Source.

Councilor Romero voiced his concerns with making sure to follow procurement.

Mayor Trujillo clarified that the MOU was not meant to be a final MOU.

Families 4 Philanthropy Foundation advised the MOU did not list a statement of work or scope of services.

City Manager Maestas discussed Doug's engineering firm doing work with New Mexico entities strictly from his firm and directly with the schools. City Manager Maestas advised the school districts employ them.

Councilor Casey asked for clarification regarding the Families 4 Philanthropy side and the other side where things are paid for from somewhere else.

Families 4 Philanthropy advised they engage those that work for them as an ambassador, then it gets submitted to the special committee and they establish criteria, timelines and milestones.

Councilor Casey asked if the MOU would be with Families 4 Philanthropy and would there also be a separate contract with the entity that is doing the work.

Families 4 Philanthropy advised yes, they would build that together and it could be a separate project coordinator, a single point of contact that reports back.

Councilor Casey asked if they would find the money for that.

Families 4 Philanthropy advised they do.

Councilor Casey asked if the City would have to pay them anything.

Families 4 Philanthropy advised no.

Councilor Casey advised she had the same concerns as Councilor Romero regarding the procurement process.

Discussion and questions took place regarding statements written in the sample MOU, the need for having an appropriate MOU and having it reviewed by several attorneys.

Mayor Trujillo asked if the City should create a committee to work with them to produce an MOU and at a later date would be approved by the City Council.

Councilor Romero asked within their 501c3 non-profit, if they have done that type of work in New Mexico

Families 4 Philanthropy advised no, they have not.

Councilor Romero advised that any redevelopment or planning needs should be done through a Request for Proposal (RFP), then people apply for it and then the MOU is created.

Families 4 Philanthropy advised they have not completed anything as a 501c3 through their foundation but have done work with Families 4 Philanthropy with the State of New Mexico, as they started the top of the call which was the equipment for the temporary solution for the water and wastewater treatment through the state.

Discussion took place regarding going through legal counsel on how to proceed, where they established their 501c3, how many people are on their 501c3 board, the need for verification of their 501c3 and the importance of following the procurement process.

Mayor Trujillo stated he appreciates Families 4 Philanthropy wanting to help Las Vegas, however the City will need to get legal counsel to see how they should proceed with the RFP process. Mayor Trujillo advised City Manager Maestas and himself would work on contacting the attorneys for their advice on how to move forward and would be in contact with them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Montoya 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 Casey seconded the motion. 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		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene into regular session after being in 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 and only those matters were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. 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		

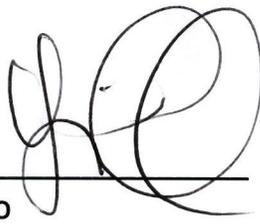
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk