

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MAYOR: David Romero

COUNCILORS: Barbara Casey
Michael L. Montoya
David Ulibarri

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Montgomery, Interim City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Caleb Marquez, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Romero called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Casey asked for a moment of silence to think about the work that everyone does for the city and every citizen who works in some way to make the city a better place to live. Councilor Casey asked to give thanks to everyone that shows up to work everyday and does what is needed and for those who are retired or ill to call on them for help.

Mayor Romero asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Bonnie Bolton who was a very good person in the community and for Andrew Quintana who also passed away.

Councilor Montoya wished his brother Ernest Martinez a Happy Birthday.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2024. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval to appoint Marvin Martinez to the Ward four (4) Council seat.

Mayor Romero spoke about Mr. Marvin Martinez and advised that he's been a businessman in the community for many years and he had the opportunity to work with Mr. Martinez on the school board. Mayor Romero advised that Mr. Martinez is a person who is independent, who can make his own decisions and who won't be influenced by politics. Mayor Romero advised that in selecting individuals he looked at who was the best fit in serving the community and who knows individuals in the community.

Mr. Martinez advised that he has been a lifelong resident of Ward 4 and wants to make sure the aging community is taken care of. Mr. Martinez advised that he wants to represent the City of Las Vegas by not only representing Ward 4 but the whole community. Mr. Martinez advised that he has the experience and knowledge to do a good job for the City. Mr. Martinez advised that he served on the West Las Vegas School Board for close to nine years.

Councilor Casey advised that Mr. Martinez has helped many people with the business that he runs and his heart is with the community.

Mr. Martinez spoke about working for Pendleton Oil & Gas for close to fourteen years and working with his dad for twenty years before that.

Mayor Romero advised that the citizens of Ward 4 won't have someone representing them if the position of Ward 4 is not filled. Mayor Romero advised that Ward 4 should have a voice regarding the appointment of a City Manager and a Police Chief.

Councilor Montoya advised that he's known Mr. Martinez and his family forever. Councilor Montoya advised that the City Charter was outdated and since the City opted into the Regular Local Election, the Secretary of State advised that the City of Las Vegas could not hold a Special Election for the Ward 4 seat. Councilor Montoya advised that it is up to the Mayor to appoint and the Council to approve the appointment according to NM State Statute. Councilor Montoya advised that there was a list of thirteen applicants that applied and wasn't publicized, two of the applicants didn't qualify, one applicant withdrew and one was not accepted. Councilor Montoya thanked all those who applied for the Ward 4 position and advised that there are people who still care in the community.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the appointment of Marvin Martinez to the Ward four (4) Council seat. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

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

David Ulibarri	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Romero thanked Council for approving the appointment of Marvin Martinez to the Ward 4 Council seat. Mayor Romero also thanked those who applied and for showing interest. Mayor Romero congratulated Mr. Martinez and advised him to meet with City Clerk Fresquez to schedule his swearing in.

Mr. Martinez thanked Mayor and Council for their trust, confidence and vote. Mr. Martinez pledged to do the best for Ward 4 and for the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for executive session.

ADJOURN

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

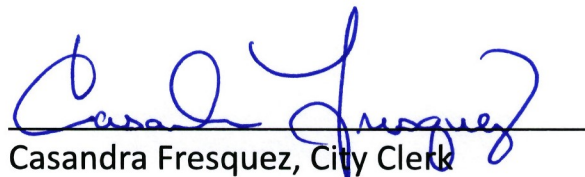
City Clerk Fresquez advised that the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.



Mayor David Romero

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk