

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**MAYOR:** Louie A. Trujillo

**COUNCILORS:** David G. Romero  
Barbara Casey  
Michael L. Montoya *via google meets*  
David Ulibarri

**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 1:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Trujillo asked for a moment of silence to thank all City employees who are working hard and advised Las Vegas wouldn't be the same without all the hardworking employees. Mayor Trujillo asked to pray for guidance and miracles to come our way.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Fresquez advised she had an amendment to the agenda for Business Items 2 and 3 regarding the resolution numbers being reversed, Business Item 2 should read resolution 22-33 and Business Item 3 should read resolution 22-34.

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Request approval of addendum #1 to contract #3739-21 with American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc. (AMR).

Fire Chief Spann advised AMR is at their one year mark and as stated in the contract it can be renewed up to three years.

Discussion took place regarding how the contract is being evaluated, who was evaluating it and why they should continue with the contract.

Mayor Trujillo asked for a contract evaluation form to be completed for all contracts within the City based on their deliverables.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve addendum #1 to contract #3739-21 with American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc. (AMR). Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Request approval of Resolution 22-33, the final quarter report for 2021-2022 for submission to the Department of Finance & Administration Local Government Division.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Interim Finance Director Chavez and all his staff for all their hard work.

Interim Finance Director Chavez advised the information provided was the recap and summary from the DFA system. Interim Finance Director Chavez advised our system Tyler tied into the revenue and expenditures that were entered and submitted for DFA purposes.

Councilor Romero asked if the final has been submitted.

Interim Finance Director Chavez advised they can't submit it until the resolutions are approved by Council.

Councilor Romero voiced his concerns regarding not having a public meeting before approving the final budget like they did in the past. Councilor Romero also voiced his concerns about starting salaries being low and hurting us in regards to recruiting personnel and suggested using some of the vacancies to increase some wages and thanked Human Resource Director Arguello for having a rapid hire event.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve resolution 22-33. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-33 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO**  
**Resolution No. 22-33**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL FY 2021-2022 DFA REPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body in and for the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed the Final Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the final quarterly report has been reviewed and approved to ensure the accuracy of the beginning balances used on the fiscal year 2022-2023; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby certified that the contents in this report are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and that this report depicts all funds for fiscal year 2021-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the majority opinion of this governing body the Final Budget meet the requirements as currently determined of Fiscal Year 2022-2023; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the aforementioned final quarterly report request and respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this day \_\_\_\_\_ of July 2022.

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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST: Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk      Scott Aaron, City Attorney

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

- 3. Request approval of Resolution 22-34, to adopt the Final Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for submission to DFA Local Government Division.

Mayor Trujillo asked for an analysis to be done to see what it would take to bring all starting entry positions to \$15 for the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilor Casey advised she went over the vacancies in each department and counted over 100 vacancies and stated the issue was probably the low starting

salaries. Councilor Casey voiced her concerns regarding the discrepancies in salaries between the top 2 people in departments and how it's not fair that the top person makes \$40,000 more than the #2 who has just as much responsibilities.

Councilor Montoya thanked Interim Finance Director Chavez for stepping up, the Finance Committee for being very active and for Interim Finance Director Chavez catching things that other Finance Directors hadn't. Councilor Montoya also thanked them for money being put into the Recreation Center and into the Public Works department. Councilor Montoya mentioned in August the City's investments are due.

Discussion took place regarding money to be used to help and support Veterans with things they may need.

Councilor Romero mentioned the entry level salaries for Fire and Police personnel being brought up.

Human Resource Director advised they are in the middle of negotiations.

Councilor Casey advised she was disappointed with the Unions and how they don't do enough to represent employees.

Councilor Ulibarri thanked Interim Finance Director Chavez and his staff for all their hard work and asked to come up with a solution regarding employees salaries.

Councilor Romero advised he means no disrespect towards City Manager Maestas and Interim Finance Director Chavez by voicing his concerns. Councilor Romero advised it's not fair to employees who have been here for many years and someone new comes in making close to or more than that employee and that causes the morale to go down. Councilor Romero advised they need to consider compensating and appreciating their employees but also holding them accountable.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve resolution 22-34. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya commented on behalf of the Finance department, staff, Mayor and Council, this last year was a very difficult year and advised they did try to help their employees by giving them a \$1,000 bonus and also picked up the minimum wage as required by the state.

Resolution 22-34 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO  
Resolution No. 22-34**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body in and for the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; and

**WHEREAS**, said budget was developed on basis of need through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors, City Administration and elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the official meeting for the review of said documents was posted publicly on July 20, 2022 in compliance with State Open Meetings Act; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the majority opinion of this governing body the Final Budget meet the requirements as currently determined of Fiscal Year 2022-2023; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the aforementioned final budget request and respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this day \_\_\_\_\_ of July 2022.

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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk      Scott Aaron, City Attorney

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

David Ulibarri

Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for executive session.

Mayor Trujillo advised an important guest had arrived and welcomed Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales.

Lieutenant Governor Morales discussed their support regarding the water situation and advised the emergency declaration was approved by the Governor and was sent out by the State. Lieutenant Governor Morales advised 3 emergency declarations would be utilized to assist with some of the much needed resources. Lieutenant Governor Morales advised the Governor issued 3 executive orders that would be coming to the City of Las Vegas. Lieutenant Governor Morales advised they will be holding the Federal Government accountable.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Lieutenant Governor Morales for being there and for delivering the good news and for the Governor being so attentive by working with our community. Mayor Trujillo advised this is a huge problem that Las Vegas is facing. Mayor Trujillo asked Lieutenant Governor Morales to relay their gratitude to the Governor.

Lieutenant Governor Morales advised it will take an ongoing collaborative effort and thanked everyone for allowing him to be there.

Mayor Trujillo advised Lieutenant Governor Morales that he is always welcomed in Las Vegas.

### **ADJOURN**

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.



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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk