MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Trujillo asked Joan Krohn to assist with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo asked for a moment of silence for thanksgiving for moving forward on so many projects in the City. Mayor Trujillo advised he felt so blessed with all

the staff in the City and for Council working together. Mayor Trujillo asked for a special blessing for Darlene Arguello for her Birthday.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

City Clerk Fresquez advised there was no public input.

MAYOR LOUIE TRUJILLO'S 2023 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Trujillo advised Las Vegas has been through so much over the last couple of years and will never forget 2022. Mayor Trujillo advised it was both challenging and a blessing in so many ways for him. Mayor Trujillo asked the Council if they would like to speak.

Councilor Ulibarri spoke about the devastation in Las Vegas in 2022 and COVID. Councilor Ulibarri thanked everyone for the good job they did during the wildfire and for working together to make the City better.

Councilor Casey welcomed everyone who was in attendance at the meeting. Councilor Casey advised many of the projects being done are focused on public safety and projects that will benefit the people of Las Vegas. Councilor Casey spoke about the City Council working together as a team to ensure that everyone throughout the city is benefiting from the work that is being done. Councilor Casey mentioned street repairs getting done, LED lights installed, waterlines, sewer lines and gas lines being installed. Councilor Casey stated that the council sometimes doesn't agree with each other but they still have a professional relationship and they all get along professionally. Councilor Casey further stated it was heartwarming to see so many people attending the Council meeting and

invited citizens of Las Vegas to join them in person, on YouTube or by calling the Councilors for their input on what they can do better. Councilor Casey advised the public to not hesitate to contact her if they have any issues or concerns and stated she is listed in the phonebook and also provided her phone number, 505-454-1117. Councilor Casey also stated she is proud to represent and be of service to the people of Las Vegas.

Councilor Romero thanked Mayor Trujillo for giving them the opportunity to speak. Councilor Romero thanked everyone who was in attendance and all the employees. Councilor Romero advised that the public will hear about many accomplishments but will wonder about other issues that may not be addressed, but they are working on them. Councilor Romero stated despite the fire, flooding and COVID, this Governing Body has gone above and beyond. Councilor Romero also stated that without the employees, progress would not happen. Councilor Romero further stated that at the end of the day they respect each other regardless if they have different opinions.

Councilor Montoya thanked the community and advised it was a tough year with many challenges. Councilor Montoya stated they were elected to make tough decisions and they look at the future of Las Vegas. Councilor Montoya thanked Mayor and Council for working together, City Manager Maestas for his accountability and City Clerk Fresquez and HR Director Arguello for all they do. Councilor Montoya advised they hired a new Finance Director, compensated employees and Union contract negotiations were done for the Fire and Police departments. Councilor Montoya advised there have been many projects to account for within Las Vegas from streets, parks and departments being improved. Councilor Montoya stated that it took a team effort from many entities such as San Miguel County, the Sheriff's Office, Police and Fire departments during the wildfire. Councilor Montoya spoke about Governor Lujan Grisham and her staff helping with the water situation we were in.

Mayor Trujillo stated that 2022 was a year we will never forget due to the largest forest fire in the state's history that caused a lot of devastation in and around Las Vegas. Mayor Trujillo spoke about the contamination of the Gallinas River, the water shortage and water conservation. Mayor Trujillo further spoke about the countless hours City employees worked around the clock and throughout the night. Mayor Trujillo thanked Deputy City Manager Gonzales for keeping City Hall going during those challenging times, and also thanked all city employees for their

dedication to the residents and the City of Las Vegas. Mayor Trujillo thanked everyone for their help with the water distribution. Mayor Trujillo thanked Governor Lujan Grisham for her support and for sending her entire cabinet to help Las Vegas. Mayor Trujillo thanked the State and National Delegation for assisting the residents by passing legislation that will help the community for years to come. Mayor Trujillo thanked the hardworking Council for making Las Vegas a great place to live, making tough decisions and for passing ordinances that will make the community stronger and safer. Mayor Trujillo advised the city still continues to thrive and will be embarking on the largest water projects the community has ever seen. Mayor Trujillo stated they are moving the city forward in a positive direction and soon Las Vegas will be known as the water technology center of the entire state. Mayor Trujillo thanked all those who helped and reached out to help with the water crisis.

Mayor Trujillo honored Fire Chief Spann and his department, Police Chief Salazar and his department, LouElla Marr-Montoya, NMHU President Sam Minner, Dr. Victoria Mora, Jim and Joanne Ortiz, Frank Casey and Sean Sinclair with Buen Vecino Awards.

City Manager Maestas thanked the community for their patience during the past year and introduced Deputy City Manager Gonzales and stated the office wouldn't be as successful as it is without her. City Manager Maestas reported on the following;

- Projects that have been completed and those that are in the process of being completed
- Land & Equipment Use Agreements during the fire between the National Forest Service
- Stafford Act (FEMA)-Emergency Response Measures
- Reimbursements from Capital Outlay
- Improvements to Old City Hall
- Sewer Rehabilitation project
- RFP-Rebranding & Marketing
- Post Fire Marketing Strategies

Deputy City Manager Gonzales reported on the following;

- The process of projects coming together and what it entails
    - Project Management
    - Director's approval
    - Procurement
    - Finance
    - Staff

Community Services Director Wanda Salazar reported on the Accomplishments and Goals for the year to include;

- Senior Center Programs (Las Vegas, San Miguel and Pecos sites)
    - Fresh foods being cooked at the San Miguel site
    - Pilot programs (Homemaker and Chore)
    - Additional funding to operate Senior Center programs
    - Nine tours through the Riverwalk (Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance)
    - 2022 Golden Chile Award
    - Projects for all sites (parking lots, vehicles, center equipment, etc)
    - Audits were met
- Carnegie Library
    - Hired Library Manager (Jeff Rudolph)
    - Installed media center and security cameras
    - Finalized asbestos and mold clean up in the Children's Library
    - Added computers in the Children's Library
    - Projects(roof and pillars)
- Rough Rider Museum
    - Closed for a period of time to clean
    - Focus was on getting the Fire Museum opened
    - Projects(asbestos and mold removal)

Community Services Director Salazar advised should anyone have questions they can contact her at 505-425-9139 or 505-617-5069. Community Services Director Salazar thanked all her staff.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry reported on all the Utility Divisions;

- Solid Waste Division (Utilities Director Gilvarry thanked Solid Waste Manager Lucas Marquez and his staff)
    - Installed a modern fires suppression system
    - Hauled over 12,731 tons of trash to the landfill
    - Held 6 saturday cleanups & 5 Amnesty days
    - Pecos St. abatement
    - Work on Clean & Beautiful KAB projects
    - Work on landfill hauling projects
    - Improve security cameras
    - Work on additional abatement projects

- WasteWater Division (Utilities Director Gilvarry thanked WasteWater Tim Nix and Bernadette Gold and their staff)
    - Pump replacements
    - Headworks repairs
    - Clarifier Motors replaced
    - Aeration Basin Mixer replaced
    - 500+ collections calls for sewer line maintenance
    - WLV Manhole repaired
    - Acquired a service truck and jetter trailer
    - Work on replacing collections vehicles
    - Work on replacing facility generators
    - Work on cover disc filters
    - Work on improving headworks
- Gas Division (Utilities Director Gilvarry thanked Gas Manager Kenny Lucero, Superintendents Jude Herrera and David Marquez and their staff)
    - 104 annual detection leaks found and repaired by city staff
    - Regular maintenance on 149 leaks found and repaired by city staff
    - 4 employees took the Operator Qualification Test
    - Participated in the Pecos St. abatement
    - Work on replacing 4,619 ft of gas line on Porter St.
    - Work on Mullins regulating station repairs
    - Work on equipment shop project
    - Work on Utilities parking lot fencing project
- Water Treatment Facility (Utilities Director Gilvarry thanked Senior staff members Dominic Mares and Jesus Hathaway and their staff)
    - Staff worked 24/7 at the facility during the fire
    - Replaced numerous valves and actuators at Luna and WTP
    - Installed disinfectant softener, heater and brine tanks
    - Replaced chemical feed system
    - Installed Peterson water level radio communication system
    - Installed a temporary sediment removal system at Storrie Dam
    - Work on blower replacements, filter actuator and modulator replacements
    - Work on Clearwell actuator replacement
    - Work on recycle process water
    - Work on sample port installations
    - Work on replacing WTP office

- Water Distribution (Utilities Director Gilvarry thanked Manager Travis Hern, Superintendent Archie Allemand and Supervisor Jonathan Solano and their staff)
    - Staff are out during freezing temperatures
    - Installed over 400 ft of C-900 waterline
    - Repaired 56 emergency water leaks
    - Renewed and installed over 60 meter services
    - Ten employees certified in NMDOT Traffic Control
    - Work on replacing East Drive waterline
    - Work on replacing waterline behind Pinos
    - Work on NM Ave from Rio Arriba to Valencia waterline
    - Work on 7th from Lori to KBobs waterline
    - Work on alley between Douglas/Lincoln from 6th to 10th St waterlines
- Customer Service (Utilities Director Gilvarry thanked Manager Jodi Marquez, Supervisor Caleb Trujillo and Field Customer Service Supervisor Jared Jaramillo and their staff)
    - Submitted 85 applications for utility billing assistance
    - Field crews performed 1,180 line locates and 26 audits
    - 25 high consumption adjustment
    - Work on improving the advanced metering system
    - Work on improving public parking
    - Work on geographic information system
    - Work on computerized maintenance and asset management system
- Project Management (Utilities Director Gilvarry thanked Marvin Cordova and his staff)
    - About $7.5 million between last year and this year on projects
        - Accomplishments
            - SCADA
            - N. Gonzales waterline replacement
            - Hanna Park effluent line installed
            - Church St. sewer line completed
            - WTP filter for rehab completed
            - Installed VFD & new pump at Storrie Lake
            - Repaired Gallinas components burned in the fire
            - Baca waterline replacement
            - Parkview waterline replacement

- Goals
    - Work on Independence sewer line replacement
    - Finish Hot Springs Waterline replacement
    - Work on Enchanted Hills sewer line replacement
    - Work on Kemm Dr. sewer line replacement
    - Work on Keen St. sewer line replacement
    - Work on NM and Perez St. sewer line repair
    - Work on Independence to Alamo replacement
    - Work on Luna hill sewer line repair and manhole replacement
    - Work on storm drain on Keen St. and Rosenwald
    - Work on Perez and WLV sewer line
    - Work on PRV Replacement
    - Work on Trac Vac replacement
    - Work on high speed pump install
    - Work on supervisory control and data acquisition
    - Work on infiltration and inflow study
    - Work on SW grading and drainage
    - Work on SW maintenance shop
    - Work on sediment basin improvement
- Water System projects (FEMA)
    - Canyon sediment removal
    - Storrie sediment removal
    - WTP Facility PER
    - Agua Pura PER
    - Alternate Diversion point

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised the snow water equivalent in Wesner Spring as of 1/17/23 was at 5.7" compared to 1/17/22 at 4.8". Utilities Director Gilvarry advised the reservoirs are fairly full, Storrie Lake was at 100%, Bradner was at 91% and Peterson was at 74%, which is much more than we've had in the past. Utilities Director Gilvarry spoke about the 2022 Awards and Certifications her staff received. Utilities Director Gilvarry thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to continue to serve as the Utilities Director and advised she could be reached at 505-454-3832.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Utilities Director Gilvarry for all her hard work and also thanked the citizens who have conserved water.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez thanked Public Works Manager Daniel Gurule, Facilities Manager Ernest Jaramillo, Airport Manager John Aragon, Administrative Assistant Rebecca Martinez, Christopher Rodarte and all Public Works staff, Facilities staff and Airport staff for all they do.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez reported on the following accomplishments and goals;

- Accomplishments
    - Various grants awarded
    - Chip seal applied on City streets
    - City streets were milled and overlaid
    - Crack seal completed in Douglas and National Avenue
    - Pothole patching throughout City streets
    - Purchased a new tandem dump truck with plow and salt spreader
    - Ordered a skid steer with attachments for road improvements
    - Replaced signage throughout the City
    - Replaced outdated signage and lighting at the Airport
    - Purchase 140M3 Motor Grader
- Goals
    - Continue to provide safe driving surface on City streets
    - Replace fading traffic signs and street name plates
    - Continue to provide clean swept streets
    - Provide upkeep to City owned buildings
    - Apply for all available funding opportunities
- Update on Road Projects
    - Romero and Salazar reconstruction 95% completed
    - Dee Bibb Industrial Park 90% in planning stage
    - Great Blocks 80% completed
    - Legion Drive 100% design completed, proceed to Bid stage
    - Hot Springs 100% design, proceed to Bid stage
    - Douglas & National Avenue crack seal completed
    - University Avenue currently in design stage
    - East Drive and Country Club Drive, COOP grant
    - Airport Lighting and Signage construction-Electric Horseman
    - Bernalillo St., Lopez St., Calle Dulce, Peggy Lee Lane, Garfield St., Logan St., Olguin St., Silva, McRae & Dolores-mill and overlay 100% completed

- W. National to NM Ave.,-mill and overlay 95% completed
- Concrete improvements
- Mountain View Dr., MAP project
- Ridge Runner Road-COOP grant
- Riverwalk Bridge St. to Mills Ave., reconstruction if awarded
- El Creston Circle project

Public Works Director Lopez advised it was his pleasure to serve as their Public Works Director, and his department looks forward to serving them in 2023. Public Works Director Lopez advised the department can be reached at 505-426-3294.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Public Works Director Lopez and his staff for all the street and lighting improvements.

Parks and Recreation Interim Director Loretta Abreu Martin thanked the Mayor and Council for having the confidence in her to be the Interim Director for the Parks and Recreation departments. Parks and Recreation Interim Director Martin thanked all her staff for all the work they have done during a challenging year.

Parks and Recreation Interim Director Martin reported on the following accomplishments;

- Accomplishments (Parks)
  - Park improvements (38 parks)
  - Riverwalk improvements
  - Padilla Park improvements
  - Rodriguez Park Complex-Baseball fields completed June 2023
- Accomplishments (Recreation)
  - Housed firefighters and evacuees during Fires and flooding
  - Water Distribution site
  - Hosted Youth Basketball program
  - Participated in Biker Rally (concession tent)
  - Hosted annual Arts and Crafts Fair
  - Purchased new equipment for fitness center
  - LED lighting
  - Cameras installed
- Park Projects
  - Riverwalk (install benches and trash cans)
  - Installation of signs in 24 parks

- Installation of tables, trash cans and benches in several area parks
- Recreation Programs
  - Youth basketball
  - Looking forward to bring back local senior olympics
  - Racquetball tournament
  - Assist Las Vegas Little League (District and State tournaments)
  - Summer Day Camp
  - After school program
  - Looking forward to implementing flag football, jr. wrestling and boxing
  - Facility rentals
  - Swimming pool improvements
  - 8 week fitness challenge

Parks and Recreation Interim Director Martin thanked the Public Works department for working with them and helping them complete their projects. Parks and Recreation Interim Director Martin advised that the department can be reached at 505-426-1739. Parks and Recreation Interim Director Martin stated she was blessed and honored to serve as a representative for the Parks and Recreation departments and to also have the opportunity to work and serve the community.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Parks and Recreation Interim Director Martin for all her effort.

Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez thanked both the Finance and IT staff for all that they do.

Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez and Finance Director Tasha Martinez reported on the following;

- Completed and submitted FY2022 Audit
- On track to submit the second quarter report to DFA
- Payroll and Accounts Payable are working on W-2s and 1099s
- Internal budget planning with all departments for FY2024
- Information Technology department-completed full system upgrade in the chambers (working out issues)
- Looking into purchasing new timekeeping system

Mayor Trujillo thanked Deputy Finance Director Chavez for stepping in and for all the hard work he's done.

Finance Director Tasha Matinez thanked Deputy Finance Director Chavez for assisting her when she came on board and for the staff being very welcoming.

Police Chief Antonio Salazar thanked the entire Police department staff

Police Chief Salazar reported on the following accomplishments and goals;

- Accomplishments (Operations)
    - Upgraded entire fleet with 2022-2023 patrol vehicles (11)
    - Purchased 2 speed enforcement trailers
    - Managed public safety during wildfires and floods
    - Upgraded 30 rifle scopes
    - Officers completed advanced specialized training (42)
    - Successfully completed Region IV cases in regards to narcotics
    - Closed out on the cities largest narcotics cases in recent years
    - Met the enforcement requirements on all traffic grants
- Accomplishments (Public outreach)
    - Started drug awareness program with schools
    - Sponsored 1st time traveling trophy for school districts
    - Coffee with a cop (5)
    - Assisted in all major city events
    - Attended community events such as balloon fiestas and job fairs
    - Voting member on the board for Domestic Violence Shelter
    - Battle of the Badges
- Accomplishments (Animal Care Center)
    - Over 225 dogs and 40 cats have come through the shelter
    - Adoptions have been slow (10 dog and 8 cats adopted)
    - Foster to adopt
    - Returned 40 dogs to owners
    - 14 behavioral euthanasias and 12 medical euthanasias
    - Software program to help track animals coming in and going out
    - Maintained and managed a well functioning Animal shelter
    - Received multiple donations
    - Hosted a spay/neuter clinic
    - Workshop for fearful/feral dogs
    - Transferred over 153 puppies to Lifeline Puppy Rescue

- Accomplishments (Records)
    - Completed 10 years of destruction orders
- Accomplishments (Code Enforcement)
    - Worked through the abatement process clean up and eliminated a long time nuisance (El Alto Club)
    - Abatement process on a property which caused nuisances and liabilities for the city (Pecos)
- Goals (Operations)
    - Plans to establish traffic division
    - Update communications system
    - Update shooting range
    - Working on a training facility
    - Continue public outreach
    - Continue Battle of the Badges
    - Get involved in Special Olympics and raise awareness for donations for the Special Olympics
- Goals (Records)
    - Digitize records system
- Goals (Animal Care Center)
    - Develop a more efficient adoption program
    - Start a trap and neuter release program for feral cats
    - Host low cost microchip clinics and other clinics
- Goals (Code Enforcement)
    - Continue to work on other problem properties
    - Make public aware of overgrowth weeds

Police Chief Salazar stated on behalf of the Police department they look forward to serving the community and if there are any questions or concerns reach out to 505-454-7504 or make an appointment.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Police Chief Salazar for all the work they do.

Fire Chief Steve Spann thanked his staff for all their hard work this past year and advised his staff slept at the Water Treatment facility during the fire to protect it.

Fire Chief Spann reported on the following;

- Accomplishments
    - Calls for service 1004 EMS Calls & 407 Fire Calls

    - Permit Revenue
        - Operational 86 issued
        - Cannabis 4 issued
        - COF 2 issued
    - Inspections completed 124
    - Trainings
        - 2235 in house training hours
        - 1432 Certification training hours
    - Implementation of Residential Knox Box Loan Program
        - Keys are secured for senior citizens
    - Implementation of X-Tinguisher X-Treme Aerosol suppression tool
        - 10 units currently in the fleet
        - Reduces water usage by 80%
    - Awarded NMSFMO grant for Type 5 Wildland Engine
    - Procured 10 sets of swift water rescue equipment
    - International Association of Fire Chiefs-Wildland Urban Interface Mentorship Program
- Projects & Initiations
    - IAFC-WUI (help strengthen abilities and protection against wildland fires
    - Swift Water certification training
    - Tactical Medic certification training for EMS and PD personnel
    - Initiation of application process for PRC
        - Certification for Ambulance Service Rescues
    - Application for various grant funding for replacement of Aerial Apparatus
    - MOU with San Miguel County for emergency response and training

Fire Chief Spann advised should there be any questions he can be contacted at 505-425-6321 and stated that it has been an honor serving as their Fire Chief.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Fire Chief Spann and his staff for keeping the city safe during the fires and flooding.

Human Resource Director Darlene Arguello recognized and thanked her staff for all their hard work and for their support and motivation.

Human Resource Director Arguello reported on the following accomplishments and goals;

- Accomplishments
    - Hiring Event
    - Policy updates
    - 2022 Union negotiation successful completions
    - Began safety trainings for employees
    - Successful summer youth program
- Goals
    - Hold more hiring events/recruitments
    - Minimum wage increases
    - Improve employee retention
    - More training and development
    - Improve performance management and employee relations
    - Improve the overall culture
    - Applied for Laserfiche system through capital outlay
- Bargaining Unit Negotiations in progress
    - AFSCME
    - LVPOA
    - IAFF
- Job openings
    - 58 vacancies
    - Job listings available at lasvegasnm.gov

Human Resource Director Arguello thanked the Mayor, Council, and all departments for their support and advised it has been a pleasure serving as their Human Resource Director and she could be contacted at 505-454-1401 ext 1301.

Mayor Trujillo thanked the District Attorney's Office for always supporting the City of Las Vegas, for being at all the events and making themselves open to the public.

Mayor Trujillo advised the State of the City Address was demonstrated this way to show all the work that is happening and all the people who are doing the hard work. Mayor Trujillo thanked all the Directors for making the City of Las Vegas great and advised the administration has been working well with all the departments. Mayor Trujillo advised he wants everyone to feel secure in their jobs. Mayor Trujillo thanked the citizens of Las Vegas for conserving water and for helping each other and advised it has been a pleasure serving as Mayor and looks forward to a nice, healthy and exciting 2023. Mayor Trujillo recognized those who serve on the committees, boards and commissions.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #3710-21 with D.A.G. Enterprises of N.M., LLC.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve addendum #1 to Contract #3710-21 with D.A.G. Enterprises of N.M., LLC. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya discussed issues with contracts, RFPs and MOUs coming before council for approval after they were expired. Councilor Montoya advised when a contract expires that's it, it can no longer be extended through addendums and work must be stopped. Councilor Montoya advised when a contract is awarded through an RFP it is awarded for only one year with the option of addendums up to three years, for a total of four years, provided that the City does the addendums within a reasonable timeframe before the original contract or previous addendum expires. Councilor Montoya advised they shouldn't be placing any contract on the agenda that's expired. Councilor Montoya advised that every director in each department should be responsible for their own contracts and making sure they don't expire.

Councilor Romero clarified that contract #3710-21 with D.A.G. Enterprises of N.M., LLC., hadn't expired.

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

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

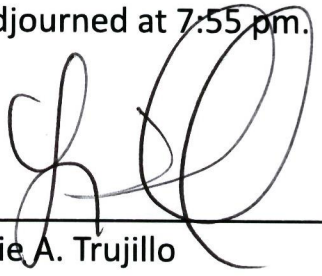
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk