

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo ***Absent***

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero - Mayor Pro Tem
Elaine Rodriguez
Michael L. Montoya
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Leo Maestas, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Scott Aaron, City Attorney
Matias Apodaca, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Romero called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pro Tem Romero asked for a moment of silence for all of those who have passed away in the community and also that the City Council make the best decisions for the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Elaine Rodriquez	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion and Prioritize General Fund surplus.

City Manager Maestas discussed cash balances, reserves and surplus for a total of two million two hundred thirty four thousand five hundred fifteen dollars which is the surplus that Council can choose to use. City Manager Maestas advised some of the items that were discussed during the retreat did not qualify to use the Recovery Act monies but instead could use surplus monies. City Manager Maestas discussed the much needed technology upgrade in the Council Chambers.

Discussion took place regarding what was on Councilor Rodriquez's list of priorities.

City Manager Maestas advised possibly using surplus monies for the surveying estimate for the Rodriguez Park Sports Complex surveying estimate otherwise some of the 3.5 million dollars awarded would need to be utilized for such survey.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero advised there were flaws in the budget that City Manager Maestas and staff identified regarding insurance issues that weren't properly figured in. Mayor Pro Tem Romero advised he believes the amount was about five hundred thousand.

City Manager Maestas advised he believed it was about four hundred thirty eight thousand dollars for the benefits that were not identified correctly within the budget and had been in there for at least two years.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero thanked City Manager Maestas for coming across that error before spending any of the money.

Councilor Montoya asked for the error to be documented as to when it occurred, when it was found and why it happened. Councilor Montoya also suggested having a system in place so that doesn't happen again.

Discussion took place regarding what was on Councilor Montoya's list of priorities and consideration for public restrooms to be placed somewhere on Bridge Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero suggested looking at bigger projects first like roads/sidewalks, parks and public safety so they don't fall short on funding.

Discussion took place regarding what could be done with the Recovery Act monies.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero suggested a 15 minute recess to set-up an excel spreadsheet.

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., made a motion to recess. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding projects that all Councilors were in agreement with to be completed with General Fund surplus monies in various amounts.

City Manager Maestas recommended getting exact amounts for the projects that were chosen and taking the total amount to council to see how much money would be left over.

Discussion took place regarding a suggested plan for a time clock management system.

Councilor Montoya volunteered forty five thousand from his ward for roads/sidewalks to the Gallinas Riverwalk.

Council agreed on the following projects to be completed with General Fund surplus of \$2,234,515.00:

- Audio upgrade in the council chambers (\$150,000.00)
- Moreno/South Pacific Street demolition (\$50,000.00)
- Roads/Sidewalk projects for each ward(\$1,380,000.00 - \$345,000.00 per ward)
- City Hall building improvements (\$25,000.00)
- Picnic Shelters for parks in each ward (\$300,000.00 - \$75,000.00 per ward)
- Police active shooter vests (\$71,000.00)
- Rodriguez Park survey (\$38,000.00)
- Snow plow (\$10,132.00)
- Mulcher attachment (\$26,000.00)
- Police department training (\$20,000.00)
- Mold/asbestos remediation at the Library (\$87,000.00)
- Tractor (\$45,000.00)
- Gallinas River Park (\$45,000.00 from roads/sidewalks)
 - Balance \$32,383.00

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the General Fund surplus monies to be used on the expenditures as presented. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Elaine Rodriquez	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Discussion and Prioritize projects regarding Recovery Act monies.

City Manager Maestas advised the three hundred eighty six thousand eight hundred and four dollars was already deducted for revenue loss. City Manager Maestas advised the Recovery Act monies can be used on premium pay, water and sewer updates.

Discussion took place regarding each Councilor agreeing on a one time premium pay for full time employees.

Discussion took place regarding when the second half of the Recovery Act monies would be received, and the need for Water and WasteWater line projects to be completed.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero suggested calling Utilities Director Gilvarry to present on the listing of Water and WasteWater line projects.

Discussion took place regarding funding for sprinkler lines at Marrujo and Hanna park being utilized with Recovery Act monies and also some of the water line projects on the ICIP that would be going to the legislature for funding.

City Manager Maestas suggested a recess until Utilities Director Gilvarry arrived.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to recess. Councilor Rodriquez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem thanked Utilities Director Gilvarry for being there.

Utilities Director Gilvarry discussed water and wastewater line projects in need of repairs.

Discussion took place regarding each Councilor's recommendations for water and wastewater line projects.

Council agreed on the following projects to be completed with Recovery Act monies of \$1,208,223.00:

- A one time premium pay for full time employees (\$232,000.00)
- WasteWater line project on Church Street (\$75,000.00)
- WasteWater line project on Independence/South Pacific Street (\$251,704.00)
- Water line project on Parkway Road (\$475,000.00)
- Water line project on Baca Avenue in phases (\$486,000.00)
 - Balance -\$311,481.00

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the Recovery Act monies to be used on the following projects, Baca Avenue, Church Street, Independence/South Pacific Street, Parkway Road and the one time premium pay for full time employees. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Elaine Rodriquez	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes

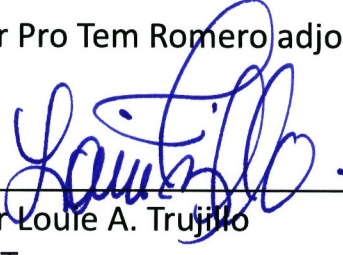
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for executive session.

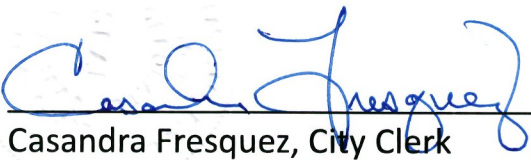
ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Romero adjourned the meeting at 11:36 am.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk