

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

MAYOR: David Romero

COUNCILORS: Marvin Martinez
Barbara Casey
Michael L. Montoya
David Ulibarri

ALSO PRESENT: Robert A. Anaya, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Caleb Marquez, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Ulibarri thanked the residents and City staff for their participation in the 2025 Rough Rider Motorcycle Rally.

Councilor Martinez asked for a moment of silence to honor David Bibb, who recently passed away, and to offer prayers for his grieving family.

Councilor Casey asked for a moment of silence to pray for those around the world who were suffering from starvation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
Michael Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

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 July 2 and July 9, 2025 with minor corrections. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked if all were in favor. All were in favor.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval of Resolution No. 25-27, the final quarter report for 2024-2025 for submission to the Department of Finance & Administration, Local Government Division.

Councilor Ulibarri thanked Finance Director Morris Madrid and City staff for all they had done.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-27, the final quarter report for 2024-2025 for submission to the Department of Finance & Administration, Local Government Division. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 25-27 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

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

David Ulibarri	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Request approval of Resolution No. 25-28 to adopt the Final Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Mayor Romero asked if the Finance Committee had approved the final Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Finance Director Morris Madrid stated that suggestions and recommendations had been made by the Finance Committee and mentioned they had approved of it.

City Manager Robert A. Anaya mentioned he had met with department directors individually to discuss their budgetary concerns.

Finance Director Madrid discussed the following recommended changes to the FY 2025-2026 Budget:

- An amount of \$7,500 was restored to the Municipal Courts budget, allocated for Other Professional Services that was justified by Municipal Court Judge Eddie Trujillo.
- The City Managers budget was adjusted to reflect City Manager Anaya's salary.

- The City Clerk's department received additional funds for publications/advertisements and salary/benefits.
- The Police Department's budget was adjusted by \$140,000 for Subscriptions/Dues, an amount that was not included in the interim budget.
- The Code Enforcement budget was adjusted to cover the new employee's salary and was justified by the department director, City Manager Anaya, and Finance Director Madrid.
- The Animal Shelter's budget was adjusted to include a \$1,000 increase for travel, \$1,600 for training, and \$10,000 for Publications/Advertising.
- The Fire Department's budget was increased by 6% to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- The Parks Department budget was adjusted to reflect the director's salary.
- City Manager Anaya justified a budget adjustment to the Governing Body's budget to include carrying over the remaining balance of the Council members Ward funds, in addition to the \$250,000.
- The General Services budget was adjusted to include the salary for a Project Coordinator/Fleet Supervisor.
- The State Fire Grant Fund 203 was adjusted to its original funded amount, including the carryover from the previous fiscal year.
- The Hot Springs Blvd., project required an adjustment to the DFA Capital Projects Fund which accounted for an additional \$1,000,000 and funds carried over from the previous fiscal year.
- Funding for the MainStreet Great Blocks fund had been restored.
- The budget for Natural Gas was adjusted to include a \$700,000 increase to accommodate a new building.
- The Gas/Construction Fund was restored to its original amount including the carryover balance designated for the gas line replacement project spanning from Porter Street to Salazar Street.
- The Solid Waste budget for the expansion of the facility's building structures and land was reduced to \$450,000, to align with current cash projections.
- The Water Department budget was increased in two line items: Safety in the amount of \$30,000 and Electricity in the amount of \$350,000.

- The IT department required an increase in their budget to cover the Infrastructure Manager's salary.
- The Transportation grant required an adjustment to incorporate the initial funding and an additional \$30,000 from the City's matching funds for vehicle maintenance and repairs.

City Manager Anaya mentioned that funding for the Public Works, Streets and Solid Waste departments budget had been reduced in order to balance other City projects and the cash flow. City Manager Anaya advised the funding would be re-evaluated during the fiscal year, with the aim of restoring the deducted funds.

Councilor Montoya voiced his concern regarding the City of Las Vegas' lack of agreement with the State of New Mexico for the February 2025 water crisis. Councilor Montoya also mentioned there were outstanding invoices from water consultants spanning from January to July, along with missing invoices from March through May 2025. Councilor Montoya advised that the City of Las Vegas had to construct a plan for the Water Treatment Plant due to the payments of \$34,000 per month and \$22,000 per week for the Veolia System. Councilor Montoya asked City Manager Anaya to re-evaluate the raised concerns. Councilor Montoya also mentioned that the Finance Committee reported that the City of Las Vegas had not fully spent its Lodger's Tax funding during the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Councilor Montoya mentioned he did not need an explanation or comment until the issues in question had been re-evaluated.

Councilor Martinez thanked City staff for all their hard work in putting together a budget that would benefit the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Casey stated she did not vote to approve the preliminary budget due to an increase in City employee salaries without the Governing Body's approval or knowledge. Councilor Casey thanked City staff for all they had done.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-28 to adopt the Final Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 25-28 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

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

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes

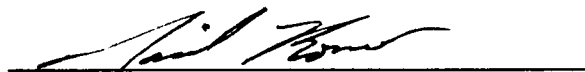
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Romero recognized the Finance department staff and City Manager Anaya for all they had done.

ADJOURN


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

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.



Mayor David Romero

ATTEST:


Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk