

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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: Lucas Marquez, Acting City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Caleb Marquez, Sergeant at Arms/Acting City Manager

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Ulibarri asked for a moment of silence for those who have passed and thanked City staff for all their hard work.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked if all were in favor. All were in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- Recognition Certificates for RHS Championship Athletes.

Mayor Romero recognized the RHS Championship Athletes and coaches.

Mayor Romero and Council thanked the RHS coaches and athletes for participating in sports and for representing the community.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Ulibarri stated he received complaints from residents regarding several pot holes on Lopez Street. Councilor Ulibarri asked what the time frame for the construction on University Avenue was.

Public Works Director Lopez advised once the contractors finish the construction on 7th Street and weather permitting the project should be complete by the end of the month.

Councilor Montoya advised that the City was in need of crosswalks as it raises safety concerns.

Public Works Director Lopez advised they were in the process of painting crosswalks throughout the City and stated they would be presenting to Council for approval next week on utilizing money to repair the crosswalk.

Councilor Montoya asked if the crosswalks were going to be embedded.

Public Works Director Lopez advised yes.

Councilor Casey asked if they could fix the dip in the road on Raynolds Avenue in front of Rogers Mortuary and the dip on 6th Street between Lowe's and Starbucks.

Councilor Martinez asked that the public stay vigilant of the construction sites around the community. Councilor Martinez suggested to Public Information Officer Amanda Salas to advertise PSAs to inform the community on what's taking place.

Councilor Ulibarri thanked the Public Works department for all their hard work and asked if they could try to finish the crosswalks before the next school year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Managers Lucas Marquez and Caleb Marquez discussed the following:

- Approved filter beds at the Water Treatment Plant
- Evaluation of the water levels
- An RFP was issued for debris removal
- Finalized (2) Union contracts
- Supervised all departments to maintain a steady work flow

Councilor Martinez thanked Acting City Managers Lucas Marquez and Caleb Marquez for taking on the Acting City Manager duties and overseeing all departments.

PRESENTATIONS/POSSIBLE DIRECTION

- Presentation by Travis Martinez giving an update on the Peterson Dam project.

Water Director Travis Martinez advised that the overall project was approximately 5% complete and the final design site visit was conducted and stated the following to be recent and ongoing activities; Geotechnical work, Design and Technical development, Hydrology and Environmental compliance and Coordination and project management. Water Director Martinez advised that the next steps taking

place were to initiate drilling, continue final design, advance environmental permitting, update schedule and budget projections. Water Director Martinez discussed the following reasons why the Arch Dam was selected; geographical studies that were taken, the dam increased in storage by 100 acre feet, and the estimated time frame of completion for the final design would be November 2025 if AECOM, New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, and the City all came to an agreement.

Councilor Montoya asked if Director Martinez could give a breakdown of the funding in the amount of \$3,139,909.29.

Water Director Martinez advised that the total amount for Phase III was \$2.5 million and will have to get back to Council with an itemized print out.

Councilor Montoya asked when they will have a layout and scope of work for the project.

Water Director Martinez advised that the plan and design had to be completed to get a clear picture of when and what was going to take place.

Councilor Montoya asked if everything had been approved by the State Engineers Office.

Water Director Martinez advised everything had been cleared by the State Engineers Office.

Mayor Romero clarified that the estimated time frame for completion for November 2025 was for the plan and design. Mayor Romero asked if the design would include the experience they endured last year.

Water Director Martinez advised he met with AECOM to conduct (2) task orders.

Mayor Romero advised they had met with Debra Sulzer with the Sulzer Group a week prior and she requested a funding amount to list as a project.

Councilor Ulibarri asked what the condition of the treatment plant was.

Water Director Martinez advised that all storages were 97% full and the Water Treatment plant was running at 100% and producing at 50%.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes from April 16 and April 29, 2025 with minor corrections. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked to change the wording “advised” to “disclosed” on page 3 in the April 29, 2025 minutes.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes from April 16 and April 29, 2025 as amended. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez read the Consent Agenda (1-2) into the record as follows:

1. Request approval of Addendum #2 to Contract #3972-23 with Arthur Regional Landfill, Inc. for solid waste tipping fees.
2. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #4093-24 with Parson’s Lawn & Landscaping Inc. for lawn and ground maintenance.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (1-2). Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. 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 motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval to award RFP #2024-23 for Concrete Work Services to Magnum Welding & Construction, Northeastern, GM Emulsion and JJ & Sons Excavation and enter into contracts.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to award RFP #2024-23 for Concrete Work Services to Magnum Welding & Construction, Northeastern Construction, GM Emulsion and JJ & Sons Excavation and enter into contracts. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Casey asked if the contractors were on an as needed basis.

Water Director Martinez advised yes they are on an as needed basis.

Discussion took place regarding the following; the bidding process, the RFP being based on the highest to lowest score, it being a City wide contract for each department to utilize if needed and a task order based on the scope of work and not exceeding the cap amount given.

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

Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised motion carried.

2. Request approval to award RFP #2024-22 for Access Control & Camera System Services to Next Level, CamNet Inc. and Albuquerque Cabling and enter into contracts .

Councilor Casey made a motion to award RFP #2024-22 for Access Control & Camera System Services to Next Level, CamNet Inc. and Albuquerque Cabling and enter into contracts. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked if it included cameras for the Police Department.

Police Chief Caleb Marquez advised he was unsure but it had been taken care of over the years and the contract was City wide if they wanted to utilize them.

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 motion carried.

3. Selection of a project to be budgeted and constructed in FY25/26.

Public Works Director Lopez discussed their plans to apply for additional funding through the CDBG Grant application.

Mayor Romero asked if each of the projects that were recommended would be completed with \$1 million.

Public Works Director Lopez advised for the Hot Springs Blvd Phase II project it would only complete the next phase, the Grassy Storm Drainage would come in under the amount, Keen/Socorro Street would possibly be completed, and a portion of the City streets sidewalk improvements would be completed.

Mayor Romero asked Finance Director Madrid if the selected project would still be budgeted and constructed in FY25/26.

Finance Director Madrid advised yes.

Councilor Casey asked what area the Grassy Storm Drainage was located.

Public Works Director Lopez advised from 8th Street to Old National.

Councilor Montoya asked if the Grassy Storm Drainage project was tied into the 8th Street project.

Public Works Director Lopez advised yes, both projects were going to tie into one another.

Councilor Montoya asked if the Grassy Storm Drainage and Hot Springs Blvd projects would be completed with the \$1 million.

Public Works Director Lopez advised no, only one project that was recommended could be funded with the allocated money. Public Works Director Lopez advised they met with Northeastern Regional Transportation Project Organization and presented a project request, the funding source from New Mexico Department of Transportation - TPF and the project that was presented was the Commerce Street project.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the Hot Springs Blvd Phase II project to be budgeted and constructed in FY25/26. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised motion carried.

4. Update on the After Action review/investigation of the February water incident.

Stevie Nichols with Ortiz & Zamora, Attorneys at Law, LLC stated there were (18) individuals scheduled to be interviewed as part of the investigation with (9) interviews completed. Ms. Nichols advised that the remaining interviews would be completed at the end of the week and the final After Action review/investigation report would be presented to Mayor and Council at the first City Council meeting in June.

Councilor Montoya asked if she would be present to give the end results.

Ms. Nichols advised yes.

Councilor Montoya asked if former City Manager Tim Montgomery was interviewed.

Ms. Nichols advised that he was on the list to be interviewed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Casey made a motion to convene into executive session as permitted by New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) for the purpose of discussing Limited personnel matters: Discussion of hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual public employee: Discussion on appointing a City Manager and Discussion on investigation of a former utility employee. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene into regular session after being in executive session as permitted by New Mexico Open

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to waive the Charter rules Section 5.01 "City Manager Appointment and General Provisions" which reads the following: "The Mayor shall provide a list of not less than (2) qualified candidates for the position of City Manager for the Council to review, the Council shall select a City Manager from the (2) candidates provided by the Mayor. The Governing Body shall enter into contract with the City Manager which shall establish among other matters compensation, benefits, duties and responsibilities." Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Request approval to appoint Robert A. Anaya for the position of City Manager.

Councilor Casey made a motion to appoint Robert A. Anaya for the position of City Manager. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

City Clerk Fresquez advised motion carried.

Mr. Anaya thanked Mayor and Council for giving him the opportunity to work for the City of Las Vegas and take leadership within the community.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Anaya for stepping into the City Manager position in a time of need.

Councilor Montoya thanked Acting City Managers Lucas Marquez and Caleb Marquez for taking action as the Acting City Manager and its duties in a time of need.

ADJOURN


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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.



Mayor David Romero

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk