

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MAYOR: David Romero

COUNCILORS: Marvin Martinez
Barbara Casey
Michael L. Montoya
David Ulibarri ***Absent (Excused)***

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Montgomery, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Caleb Marquez, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Martinez asked for a moment of silence to thank Mike Jaramillo, and Joseph Joey Herrera, two individuals who served the community as City Councilmen.

Councilor Casey asked for a moment of silence to pray for the souls of Mary Jean Lujan, and Steve Leger who were community members and have passed on.

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

Susan Tsyittee advised she was speaking on behalf of the Las Vegas First Board and that they strongly support the No. 11 Trolley company bringing economic value, tourism, and for their emphasis on delivering authentic well-researched historic and cultural education to their passengers. Ms. Tsyittee mentioned any reasonable accommodation for safety should be addressed as soon as possible. Ms. Tsyittee stated they would like to invite senior citizens, women's clubs and others to tour the community. Ms. Tsyittee stated that any safety provisions that the City can provide would be an asset. Ms. Tsyittee mentioned Trolley Tours would benefit the economy and City Sales Tax and would like to get a safe zone built for passengers as soon as possible.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Romero advised that he would forgo his appointments, reports and recognitions and proclamations due to the length of the agenda.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilors also advised that they would forgo their reports due to the length of the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS/POSSIBLE DIRECTION

Margo Segura advised No. 11 Trolley Tours was a local minority women-owned business that has been operating since July 2022. Ms. Segura advised Trolley Tours provides historical, cultural and educational tourism, as well as sight seeing

services in and around the City. Ms. Segura advised they are requesting safe passenger loading and unloading signs to accompany the yellow curbs. Ms. Segura discussed how Trolley passengers, transit tours, tour buses, school buses, RTD, and other future transportation could benefit from the safe zones. Ms. Segura stated that it would benefit passenger safety, traveler safety, community safety, and cleared streets for emergency vehicles and large trucks. Ms. Segura advised that Trolley Tours have been working with the Plaza Hotel, Parachute Factory, Castaneda Hotel, and El Fidel, to pick-up and drop-off Trolley passengers in their designated safety mark locations. Ms. Segura mentioned she would like to request new designated locations at the following areas; Carnegie Library, and Wilson Complex.

Maria Sanchez working with Mora/San Miguel Cooperative and T&D Services did not show up for the presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes from January 8th, January 15th Special Joint meeting and January 15, 2025 Regular meeting, with minor corrections. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked if all were in favor. All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez read the Consent Agenda (1-5) into the record as follows:

1. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #4061-24 with Hacienda Home Centers for building materials and related supplies.
2. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #4063-24 with Pat Romero Feed & Supply for building materials and related services.
3. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #4062-24 with BTU DO IT BEST for building materials and related services.
4. Request approval of Addendum #2 to Contract #3948-23 with Souder Miller & Associates for Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Management.

- Request approval to accept Project Agreement from the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Division in the amount of \$18,192.00.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (1-5). Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Marvin Martinez	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Conduct a Public Hearing and request approval of Ordinance No. 25-01 to amend the official zoning map of the City of Las Vegas by rezoning the property at 109 Grand Avenue from a C-3 (General Commercial Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone).

Councilor Casey made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing for Business Item 1. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Marvin Martinez	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez swore in Community Development Director Lucas Marquez and Representative John Martinez for Philip Warfield.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that the item was taken to the Planning and Zoning/Board of Adjustment Commission and they

recommended approval. Community Development Director Marquez advised Mr. Warfield's property was the only property on the block that was a commercial zone. Community Development Director Marquez advised per the Master Plan they need to start eliminating spot zoning areas. Community Development Director Marquez mentioned if the Ordinance was approved, the City would succeed in turning the whole block into a R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone). Community Development Director Marquez advised a house would be placed on the property.

Councilor Martinez asked if the property would be zoned for commercial and residential or only residential.

Community Development Director Marquez advised that it would be zoned as an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone).

Councilor Martinez made a motion to exit the Public Hearing and reconvene into regular session. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Marvin Martinez	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-01 to amend the official zoning map of the City of Las Vegas by rezoning the property at 109 Grand Avenue from a C-3 (General Commercial Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone). Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Ordinance 25-01 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete 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 L. Montoya	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
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Barbara Casey

Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

1. Request approval to enter into contract with Tierra Encantada Farmers Market.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that the MOA between Tierra Encantada was an annual contract and they requested for the entire 12 months due to a short season when construction began. Community Development Director Marquez advised that the west side of Las Vegas was a food desert and Tierra Encantada brings in goods to sell to the community.

Councilor Montoya asked if Tierra Encantada was a non-profit organization.

Shane Flores replied yes.

Councilor Montoya asked how things went last year.

Shane Flores advised not well considering the construction that took place year round.

Councilor Montoya asked City Manager Tim Montgomery how the reconstruction was going on the old Farmers Market on Hot Springs and Mills Avenue.

City Manager Montgomery advised he cannot speak on the subject being that he has not explored the site to identify any updates.

Councilor Montoya asked if it was only for the parking lot.

Community Development Director Marquez replied yes.

Councilor Casey asked if they requested portable restrooms.

Community Development Director Marquez replied yes and they would be providing a porta potty by the City of Las Vegas. Community Development Director Marquez advised that it would be their responsibility to maintain

cleanliness of the porta potty and the City would periodically empty the porta potty.

Councilor Martinez asked if there's any requirements needed in reference to insurance.

Shane Flores advised that there would be an upcoming Farmers Market Association meeting and the Farmers Market Association provides Farmers Markets with insurance through payments.

Councilor Martinez advised City Manager Tim Montgomery to do a site visit in reference to the reconstruction.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve to enter into a contract with Tierra Encantada Farmers Market. Councilor Montoya 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 L. Montoya	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Request approval of Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and the City of Las Vegas.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that the item was previously taken to Council and was approved, however after careful review there was an error on the date. Community Development Director Marquez advised it said 2024 instead of 2025, and Transportation Manager Marcelino Roybal had adjusted the corrections and was asking for re-approval.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and the City of Las Vegas. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

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

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Marvin Martinez	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Request approval to award RFP #2025-17 for Portable Flame Ionization to both Heath Consultants Inc. and Leak Detection Service Inc. and enter into contracts.

Gas Director David Marquez advised the reason for two vendors was to have options and for scheduling annually. Gas Director Marquez advised one of the vendors previously helped the gas department minimize gas leaks in a timely manner.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to award RFP #2025-17 for Portable Flame Ionization to both Heath Consultants Inc. and Leak Detection Service Inc. and enter into contracts. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Councilor Casey asked if the contract amount was for \$30,927.00.

Gas Director Marquez advised yes.

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

Barbara Casey	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Marvin Martinez	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

4. The International Association of Firefighters' (IAFF) has formally requested to open negotiations for two (2) economic articles and four (4) non-economic articles.

City Manager Tim Montgomery advised in accordance with article 39 terms of the agreement of the International Association of firefighters (IAFF) collective bargaining agreement, they're seeking approval from the Governing Body to move forward with open negotiations. City Manager Montgomery advised if approved notification will be sent out to the union to authorize open negotiations. City Manager Montgomery advised they have staff selected to sit on the committee and take them through the negotiation process. City Manager Montgomery advised those negotiations would then be presented to Council during executive session.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve to open negotiations for two (2) economic articles and four (4) non-economic articles. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked who would be negotiating on behalf of the City.

City Manager Tim Montgomery advised Fire Deputy Chief Randal Haugen, Human Resources, and Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez.

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

Marvin Martinez	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

5. Request approval of Resolution No. 25-02 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for the Cooperative Municipal Program Grant (COOP) for a total project amount of \$200,180.00.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised that the COOP project was selected and they applied for it last year but was unsuccessful. Public Works Director Lopez advised he would like to apply again for road improvement on Ridge Runner. Public Works Director Lopez advised it's a New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) fund opportunity and they would be applying for a match waiver if available.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-02 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for the Cooperative Municipal Program Grant (COOP) for a total project amount of \$200,180.00. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 25-02 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete 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 L. Montoya	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

6. Request approval of Resolution 25-03 to accept a Capital Appropriation Grant Offer in the amount of \$150,000.00 for fiscal year 2025 administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT).

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised that it was a Capital Appropriation Grant that was awarded and was requesting to receive the amount of \$150,000.00 for improvements on Lutheran Lane.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-03 to accept a Capital Appropriation Grant Offer in the amount of \$150,000.00 for fiscal year 2025 administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Resolution 25-03 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete 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:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Marvin Martinez	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

7. Request approval of Resolution No. 25-04 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for a total project amount of \$1,456,814.77.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised the resolution was for the reconstruction of the Riverwalk from Bridge Street to Mills Avenue. Public Works Director Lopez advised if approved he would do an elaborate pedestrian and cyclist crossing. Public Works Director Lopez advised that it was recommended that they apply for an additional amount to the \$1,456,814.77.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-04 to apply for and assuring of matching funds for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for a total project amount of \$1,456,814.77. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 25-04 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete 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 L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Marvin Martinez	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

8. Request approval to enter into negotiations and award RFP #2025-19 Diesel and/or Gasoline Maintenance and Repair to D.A.G. Enterprises of NM LLC.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised he followed the procurement process and advertised the RFP. Public Works Director Lopez advised only one business was interested and sent a proposal.

Councilor Casey asked why attachment A and the cost proposal was not included.

Public Works Director Lopez advised that he had attachment A and the cost proposal on hand. Public Works Director Lopez discussed the Diesel and Gasoline maintenance and repair services for the City of Las Vegas fleet being at an hourly rate of \$130.00, after hours rate is 1.5 times the hourly rate, holiday rate is 1.5 times the hourly rate and taxes are applicable. Public Works Director Lopez advised there is a 10% discount on parts, out of town service calls are \$130.00 per hour and an additional \$5.00 fee per mile for outside City limits.

Councilor Casey asked if this was on an as needed basis.

Public Works Director Lopez replied yes. Public Works Director Lopez mentioned they are a crucial component to keeping the City in operation. Public Works Director Lopez advised that he was proud of the work they provide.

Councilor Montoya thanked City Manager Tim Montgomery and his staff. Councilor Montoya advised two years ago the contract of \$700,000.00 was being abused and was glad changes had been made, along with the amount decreasing to \$350,000.00 per year.

Public Works Director Lopez advised his department only uses a contractor as needed and in house maintenance is done by his department if the job can be done.

Councilor Montoya advised he was thankful to have a contractor to work with the City of Las Vegas to fix issues.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to approve to enter into negotiations and award RFP #2025-19 Diesel and/or Gasoline Maintenance and Repair to D.A.G. Enterprises of NM LLC. Councilor Montoya 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 L. Montoya	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

9. Discussion/Selection and approval of project locations for the 2025/2026 Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) and the Transportation Project Fund (TPF).

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised that the MAP and TPF Program was a small fund opportunity and can be used for small improvements within the City. Public Works Director Lopez advised that he was requesting ideas as to where the money can be used for improvements and repairs if granted.

Councilor Montoya asked if there was funding for Park View Road behind Walgreens.

Public Works Director Lopez advised that Water Director Travis Martinez had done utility repairs on Park View Road and he would be able to answer that question.

Water Director Travis Martinez advised he was working with Finance Director Morris Madrid on a cost estimate. Water Director Martinez advised he was in contact with Mr. Lopez on the Park View repairs.

City Manager Tim Montgomery asked Water Director Martinez for an approximate dollar amount.

Water Director Martinez advised approximately \$125,000.00.

City Manager Montgomery asked if it had been budgeted.

Water Director Martinez advised no.

Councilor Montoya advised his recommendation would be to repair the street.

Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez advised that finance would be bringing forth a budget adjustment request to Council next week and with that budget they are transferring funds from general fund into miscellaneous street repairs fund.

Mayor Romero discussed the importance of safety, priorities and following the ICIP. Mayor Romero advised all Wards are in need of repairs and the biggest one on the ICIP would be Commerce Street.

Public Works Director Lopez advised Commerce Street would be a good candidate for the TPF which is usually in the millions.

Councilor Casey thanked Councilor Montoya for mentioning Park View Road. Councilor Casey advised that she's been trying to advocate money for Park View Road for some time due to the condition it's in.

Public Works Director Lopez advised if they're not granted they could resort to City funds.

Councilor Martinez advised that there are several areas in the City that are in need of repairs and areas that don't have sidewalks or good walking paths. Councilor Martinez advised the City needs to look at the small projects as well.

Public Works Director Lopez advised in the ADA Transitional Plan the City should be moving forward with ADA compliant sidewalks and buildings. Public Works Director Lopez advised that sidewalks are in bad shape on 6th Street, 7th Street and 8th Street.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to use the funding towards Park View and TPF funding towards Commerce Street. Councilor Casey 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 L. Montoya	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

10. Request approval to award RFB #2025-18 for the re-bid of standard aluminum sulfate for the water treatment chemical liquid aluminum sulfate to both Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC and Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc. and enter into contracts.

Water Director Travis Martinez advised he was asking to contract with both vendors who are well qualified to contribute to the water treatment plant. Water Director Martinez advised Chemtrade US LLC is the vendor they use but would like to establish relationships with Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc. Water Director Martinez advised there was a \$100.00 difference in the BID.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve to award RFB #2025-18 for the re-bid of standard aluminum sulfate for the water treatment chemical liquid aluminum sulfate to both Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC and Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc. and enter into contracts. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Casey asked how many loads are done per year.

Water Director Martinez advised they are every three to six months.

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

Marvin Martinez	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

11. Request approval of Resolution 25-08, a budget adjustment for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez advised he was requesting approval for a revenue expense transfer increase for miscellaneous drainage projects.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-08, a budget adjustment for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Resolution 25-08 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

Councilor Montoya asked how much was being transferred and what the projects were.

Deputy Finance Director Chavez advised that they were transferring \$100,000.00 per project. Deputy Finance Director Chavez advised that the Cinder Road project was quoted at \$91,729.00, and the Grassy Storm Drainage project between 8th Street and Cinder Road that was quoted at \$90,000.00.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised it was for plan and design, not construction monies. Public Works Director Lopez advised once they plan and design they would bring forward a cost estimate for the construction monies.

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

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Marvin Martinez	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

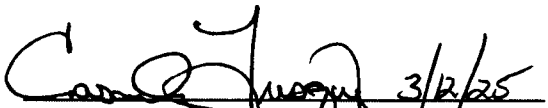
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.



Mayor David Romero

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez City Clerk