

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MAYOR: David Romero

COUNCILORS: Marvin Martinez
Barbara Casey *Via Cell Phone*
Michael L. Montoya
David Ulibarri **Excused Absence**

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 Casey gave thanks for all the good things that have transpired in Las Vegas during the Holiday season. Councilor Casey advised that we need to thank God and all the employees for their involvement in making last month special for the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez advised that she had an amendment to the agenda and advised there was an error under Approval of Minutes, it states December 11, 2024 and should state December 10, 2024.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Montoya 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		

PUBLIC INPUT

Susie Tysitee spoke about resolution 24-38 and advised that there was a desperate and immediate need of rehab centers, training centers, assisted living, group homes, etc. Ms. Tysitee asked to consider the homeless, rehabilitated drug addicts, and the newly single mothers.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Romero advised that they had a legislative breakfast with the Legislators along with both school districts, the City, San Miguel County, Luna Community College, New Mexico Highlands University, the hospital, and the DA’s Office. Mayor Romero advised that it went well and they heard everyone’s legislative priorities for the community. Mayor Romero thanked Police Chief Marquez and City Manager Montgomery for attending.

COUNCILORS’ REPORTS

Councilor Casey advised that she was contacted by constituents that live on 4th Street near Veterans Park regarding a stop sign that was placed near their driveway. Councilor Casey advised that she was under the impression the stop sign was going to be moved. Councilor Casey thanked the Police Department and Police Chief Caleb Marquez for keeping the community safe, for being attentive

and for his leadership to the community. Councilor Casey also thanked the Police Department dispatchers for all they do for the community.

Councilor Martinez thanked the New Mexico Department of Transportation for putting speed cameras on Grand and New Mexico Avenue, to ensure the safety of the community.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Tim Montgomery discussed the following:

- Welcomed new staff to the City of Las Vegas
- (6) pending recommendations for new hires
- What took place in 2024
 - Community Events
 - Conferences/Trainings
 - Projects and Improvements
 - Capital Outlay funding
 - 2.5 of the remaining balance of 3.9 million is for Rodriguez Park
 - The partial demolition of a building attached to the old City Hall
 - Working with New Mexico Highland University Art program
 - Engaging with the community
 - Mold clean up at City Hall
 - June 21, 2024 flooding, water hauling, sand bag distribution, Veolia Water System
- Staff recognition
 - Rosalie Romero, Library Clerk for 40 plus years
 - Judge Trujillo for 31 years
 - 12 employees for 20-30 years
 - 36 employees for 10-19 years
 - 36 employees for 5-9 years
 - 156 employees for 4 years or less
 - 242 staff members with the City of Las Vegas

City Manager Tim Montgomery thanked all City staff and the Governing Body for working together as a team.

Councilor Martinez advised that we are a community that continues to survive. Councilor Martinez thanked City staff, Mayor and Council for always moving forward. Councilor Martinez thanked City Manager Montgomery for his report and for what he brings to the community.

Councilor Montoya advised that it was a long and challenging year and thanked those who helped from the President, the Governor, the Senators, Representatives, San Miguel County, City Manager Montgomery, his staff and all those who donated.

Councilor Casey also thanked City Manager Montgomery for all he has done for the City and all the employees for hanging in there during difficult situations and circumstances.

Councilor Martinez also thanked Deborah Sulzer with the Sulzer Group as she was a big part of helping out the community this past year.

Mayor Romero thanked City Manager Montgomery and his staff.

PRESENTATIONS/POSSIBLE DIRECTION

Safety Officer Adrian Jaramillo gave a lengthy presentation on Safety and Risk Management. Safety Officer Jaramillo discussed both his and Personnel/Risk Management Officer Desaree Ortiz duties/tasks. Safety Officer Jaramillo discussed the importance of each employee's safety. Safety Officer Jaramillo advised that he was working on getting certified as an instructor so he can certify employees within the City of Las Vegas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Clerk Fresquez read into the record a closed meeting of the Governing Body that was called on December 18, 2024 for the purpose of discussing matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation pertaining to discussion with the Sulzer Group and Singleton Schrieber contracted by the City for services related to the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by

Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. After proper notice the meeting was convened at 4:30 p.m., roll call was taken and all members of the Governing Body were present with the exception of Councilor David Ulibarri. Only those matters mentioned were discussed and no action was taken, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024 with minor corrections, December 18, 2024 Closed Session, and December 18, 2024 Regular Meeting. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked if all were in favor, Councilor Martinez and Councilor Casey were in favor with the exception of Councilor Montoya.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval of Addendum #3 for Contract 3832-22 White Sands Drug & Alcohol Compliance.

Councilor Casey asked what the cost would be.

City Manager Tim Montgomery advised that they did not know the exact amount at the time, and they would email it to her as soon as they found out.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Addendum #3 for Contract 3832-22 White Sands Drug & Alcohol Compliance. 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.

2. Request approval to award GM Emulsions LLC for the construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, drainage and miscellaneous improvements on Mountain View Drive.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez asked to award GM Emulsions for construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, drainage and miscellaneous improvements on Mountain View Drive in the amount of \$358,317.30. Public Works Director Lopez advised that they utilized a general service contract for that particular improvement and they did not use an engineer.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to approve awarding GM Emulsions LLC for the construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, drainage and miscellaneous improvements on Mountain View Drive. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Mayor Romero asked if the quote was an accurate amount with no change order.

Public Works Director Lopez advised yes, they did specify the scope of work.

Councilor Montoya asked where the project would begin and end and when they anticipate the project to start.

Public Works Director Lopez advised it would be from where they left off from the previous improvement to 7th Street and weather permitting.

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.

3. Request approval of Addendum No. 2 for a six (6) month extension for the CDBG Project No. 21-C-NR-1-01-G-03 Hot Springs Blvd. Reconstruction Project.

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez asked for a six (6) month extension for the CDBG Project that's taking place on Hot Springs Blvd due to utility work being done at the same time. Public Works Director Lopez advised that it delayed the CDBG Project.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Addendum No. 2 for a six (6) month extension for the CDBG Project No. 21-C-NR-1-01-G-03 for the reconstruction on Hot Springs Blvd. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for a 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.

4. Request approval of Resolution No. 24-38, a City moratorium within the city limits of the City of Las Vegas.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that New Mexico Administrative Code changed as of July 2024. Community Development Director Marquez also advised that the moratorium would give the City some time to review the changes in order to be in compliance with the State of New Mexico and implement those rules and guidelines into the City of Las Vegas ordinances. Community Development Director Marquez advised that the New Mexico Administrative Code was title 8, ch. 37

Councilor Casey advised that State Statutes was misspelled in the first paragraph. Councilor Casey suggested reviewing the five (5) year strategic plan for the City of Las Vegas so the resolution could coincide with it.

Councilor Casey made a motion to table Resolution No. 24-38 until next week's Council meeting until they could review the code, the statutes and the resolution.

Mayor Romero asked for a second.

The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-38 for a six (6) month period. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Community Development Director Marquez discussed language that was added under number 3, Exceptions which stated, Businesses whose applications are currently pending approval for review and were submitted to the City of Las Vegas prior to the adoption of resolution and or any of the aforementioned businesses that currently hold both a valid City Business Licence and a State License at the registered address on their City Business license.

Mayor Romero asked for a roll call. Roll call vote was taken and reflected the following:

Marvin Martinez	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Barbara Casey	No		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

5. Request approval of Resolution No. 24-39, a budget adjustment for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Finance Director Morris Madrid advised that the resolution was to accept funding and appropriate it from legislative funding. Finance Director Madrid advised that

the funding derives from legislative funding and comes from the North Central Economic Development District. Finance Director Madrid advised that the total awarded amount was \$200,000 and the specific items to be funded are as follows:

- \$65,000 for professional services (4 spay and neutered clinics/training for volunteers)
- \$5,000 equipment/supplies
- \$60,000 shelter repairs
- \$70,000 for other conference costs, materials, supplies, I.T., stage/sound, speakers, for the purpose of education conference and humane carnival materials

Discussion took place regarding the appropriation, GRO funding and the plan and design for the new animal shelter.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-39 budget adjustment for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for a 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.

Mayor Romero advised that the City is doing as much as they can in regards to the animal crisis and stated that the funding would be used towards spay and neuter clinics and repairing the animal shelter

ADJOURN

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

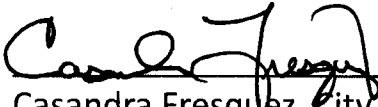
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.



Mayor David Romero

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk