

**LODGERS TAX BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes for Tuesday, May 9th, 2025**  
**City Council Chambers, 1700 N. Grand Ave., Las Vegas, NM 87701**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Krutik Bhakta - Absent  
Georgina Ortega-Angel - Present  
Helen Strader - Present  
Matt Martinez - Absent  
Elmer Martinez Present

**Others in Attendance:**

Scott Zunker – Community Development  
Charles Griego – Events Planner  
Thomas Fernandez -Marketing  
Morris Madrid - Finance Director  
Andrea Martinez -Community Development Admin Aide II  
Brooks Potts  
Tina Clayton

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Elmer Martinez led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Helen Strader made a motion to approve the agenda.  
Georgina Ortega-Angel seconded the motion.  
A voice vote was taken with all voting yes.  
Motion passed

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Public input was provided by Brooks Potts, a former Union Pacific Railroad freight conductor now based in Las Vegas, New Mexico (since 2023). Brooks explained his connection with the locomotive, noting significant community interest in preserving this historic asset.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Georgina moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2025 meeting.  
Helen seconded the motion.  
A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor.  
Motion passed.

**REPORTS FROM FUNDED EVENTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Review and make recommendations for Lodger's Tax Budget

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

There was extensive discussion on the draft budget provided by the Finance Department. The Finance Director was present during the preliminary part of the meeting and provided guidance. The Board discussed each line item, heard from staff and made recommendations thereof.

A motion was made to submit the recommended budget to the City Council for approval, allowing staff to make minor adjustments as needed.

Total Budget recommended \$1,298, 474.30

A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor

Motion passed

**OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

Georgina made the motion to adjourn.

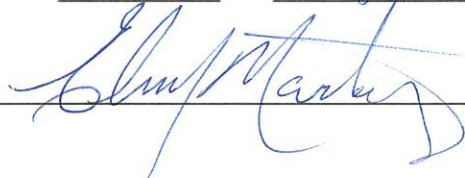
Helen seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor.

The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM

Approved this the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2025

Chairman:

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LODGERS TAX BOARD MEETING

MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1700 N. GRAND AVE, LAS VEGAS, NM 87701

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Krutik Bhakta-present

Georgina Ortega-Angel (arrived at 2:13 pm) present

Matt Martinez-present

Elmer Martinez-present

**Others in Attendance**

Mayor David Romero,-Lucas Marquez Community Development Director, Scott Zunker CD, Charles Griego Events, Andrea Martinez Admin Aide II, Thomas Fernandez Marketing coordinator,

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair, Elmer Martinez led the meeting in the pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Krutik Bhakta made a motion to approve the agenda, Matt Martinez seconded the motion

A voice vote was taken with all voting yes

Motion passed

**PUBLIC INPUT**

No one signed up for public comment

**Approval of minutes**

The approval of the meeting minutes from May 9th, 2025, was tabled due to the absence of two board members at the last meeting. Krutik Bhakta made a motion to table , Matt Martinez seconded the motion

A voice vote was taken with all voting yes

Motion passed

### **REPORT FROM FUNDING EVENT**

Scott Zunker gave a breakdown of the WeBE Racing event report. The report included details on participants, spectators, support crew, number of racers, and overnight guests, as well as the percentage of guests who stayed in hotels and detailed breakdown the marketing of the event . The board discussed the event's advertising and suggested more active communication with the local community about upcoming events. They were very pleased with the success of the recent Fourth of July event.

### **Unfinished business**

The status of the budget recommendations and the financial report for the 2024-25 fiscal year were not available for review. For this reason, the items have been tabled until the next Lodgers' Tax meeting.

### **New business**

(Motion to thank Helen Strader for her service to the Board.)

Matt Martinez made a motion to thank Helen Strader for her service to the board Georgina Ortega Angel seconded the motion

A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor

Motion passed

On behalf of the Lodger's Tax Board, they expressed their sincere gratitude for her dedicated service. They truly appreciated her contributions during her time on the Board As a token of our appreciation, Mayor Romero has signed a certificate of appreciation, which will be presented to her.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Review current funding application. There were no major changes in the Lodger's Tax application other then applicants will be required to submit a W-9 before a check can be issue to the applicant.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Matt Martinez made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Georgina Ortega Angel seconded the motion

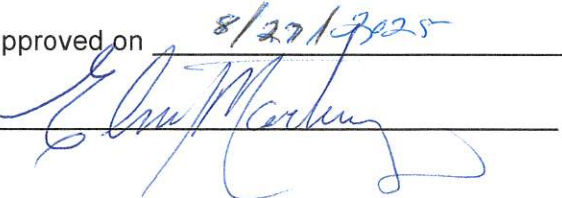
A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor

Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm

Minutes approved on

8/27/2025

Signature



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING / HEARING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025, AT  
4:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS. 1700 N. GRAND AVE.,  
LAS VEGAS, NM 87701.**

**I. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Oliver L’esperance led the attendees in the Pledge.**

**II. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by Oliver L’esperance, Chairman.**

**III. Roll Call:**

**Board Members present:**

**Oliver L’esperance  
Andrew Salazar  
Star Ford**

**Board Members absent:**

**Mike Sweeney  
Travis Regensberg**

**A quorum was established.**

**Also present:**

**Lucas Marquez, Community Development Director,  
Scott Zunker – Comm. Dev. City Planner  
Charles Ortiz, Planning & Zoning Coordinator  
A. Duran, F. Henrietta Duran, Valerie Duran, Robert  
Duran, Manny Duran, Stephen Reichert, Daniel Gettemy,  
Bea Archuleta and Basel Archuleta.**

**IV. Approval of Agenda:**

**Oliver L’esperance move to change the order of agenda items moving item VII to be item XIII and item XIII to be item VII. Star Ford seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor, the motion passed.**

**Star Ford moved to approve the agenda as amended. Andrew Salazar seconded the motion. A Voice vote was taken with all voting in favor. The motion passed.**

**V. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the June 30, 2025 meeting were not available. No action taken.

**VI. Public Comments: (limit to 3 minutes)**  
**NONE**

**VII. Public Hearings and Decisions:**

- 1. A. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding an application by Calvery Chapel for a zone change from R-1 (Single Family Residential Zone) to a C-3 (General Commercial Zone) at the location of Tract 1, S:15, T: 16, R: 16, Plat Bk 56 Pg 6, Las Vegas, NM 87701.**

Andrew Salazar moved to open the hearing and Star Ford seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor. Motion passed and meeting was opened.

Chairman L'esperance swore in Charles Ortiz, Stephen Reichert and Daniel Gettemy.

Andrew Salazar asked how the property was purchased and Mr. Gettemy said the congregation had saved up money and purchased the property with church funds. He stated their current location is behind the Legion Fire Station. Las Vegas Christian Academy will be using the future building and they hope to have a playground onsite.

Star Ford moved to close the hearing. Andrew Salazar seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor. The hearing was closed.

B. Star Ford moved to approve the application for a zone change. Andrew Salazar seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Oliver L'esperance:	Yes
Andrew Salazar:	Yes
Star Ford:	Yes

Motion passed and application for zone change was approved.

# **VIII. Discussion:**

Discussion will take place regarding the proposed neighborhood zone change on the block of East Prince to Railroad Ave. along Grand Ave.

Chairman L'esperance swore in Start Ford. Ms. Ford approached the City regarding the zone change and stated that 80-90% of the block is residential use. The City's Master Plan calls to eliminate spot zoning. Ms. Ford owns a property that is in that block and it is a residence and not a commercial property.

Chairman L'esperance swore in Robert Duran and Manny Duran. Robert Duran stated that New Mexico Department of Transportation created the Grand Ave. corridor. Both of the Durans stated they were against the zone change.

Chairman L'esperance swore in Lucas Marquez, Bea Archuleta and her son.

Mr. Marquez stated that the Community Development Department receives a good amount of applications requesting to be re-zoned from C-3 to R-3. The Archuletas stated they purchased a property on Prinz and want to switch their property to be used for residential. They would like to see a Mixed Use Zone.

Star Ford stated that the City of Las Vegas does not have any Mixed Use Zoning like Albuquerque does.

Oliver L'esperance stated that he believes that each individual should apply if they would like to change the zoning of their property. He and Andrew Salazar both stated that it should be up to the individual.

# **IX. Other Business:**

None

# **X. Adjournment:**

Star Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Salazar seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 P.M.

Minutes approved on 8/25/25

  
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