

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Tonita Gurulé-Girón

**COUNCILORS:** David G. Romero  
Barbara A. Casey  
Vincent Howell  
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager  
Danielle Sena, Deputy Clerk  
Christopher Lopez, Interim Chief of Police

**ABSENT:** David Silva, Acting City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilor Casey asked to remember the citizens that the community had lost and also the family of Annette Clancy at this time of sorrow, due to her passing and stated that she was a wonderful community member, an Air Force nurse who had given a lot to the community, volunteered her time and did a lot of good.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised of changes regarding Presentations/Discussion Items which included placing Animal Welfare Coalition before General Fund, and regarding Lodger's Tax, the President of the Advisory Board was unable to attend so the presentation would be presented by Ms. Marrujo.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Deputy Clerk Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

### **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega gave a presentation over general information on the proposed 2019 Preliminary Budget.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the budget.

Animal Welfare Coalition Marshall Poole spoke about their progress with the shelter, how far they have come and the Animal Shelter contract.

Discussion and questions took place regarding grants and the current contract for the animal shelter.

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos presented the budget for the Judicial department.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the departments' current budget and preliminary budget.

Interim City Manager Gallegos presented on behalf of the Executive department's budget and possible equipment for the City Manager.

Interim City Manager Gallegos presented on behalf of the City Clerk's department budget which mirrored last year's budget with the exception of not having the Election line item in the preliminary budget.

Interim City Manager Gallegos presented on behalf of the City Attorney's budget which also mirrored last year's budget.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the budget for employees in that department.

Interim City Manager Gallegos presented on behalf of the Human Resources department budget which mirrored last year's budget.

Discussion and questions took place regarding equipment for the Human Resource Manager and employees.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised changes for the final budget were recommended from DFA.

Interim Director Virginia Marrujo presented on positions available, those filled in the Community Development and Code Enforcement and the advised that the budget stayed the same.

Discussion and questions took place regarding those positions that were filled, cross training in that department and fiestas.

Interim Director Marrujo presented on Lodger's Tax budget.

Discussion and questions took place regarding positions, travel expense and fiestas.

Interim Police Chief Chris Lopez presented on behalf of the Police department and advised all positions have been filled and equipment replacement.

Discussion and questions took place regarding vacant positions, the need for vehicles and the opioid issue.

Fire Chief Billy Montoya presented on behalf of the Fire department's budget which mirrored last year's budget, implementing annual physicals, negotiations for a much needed pay plan and replacement of equipment.

Discussion and questions took place regarding positions in the department and the pay plan.

Public Works Interim Directors Christ Rodarte and Danny Gurule presented on behalf of the Public Works, Parks and Airport departments, they advised the budget stayed the same, spoke on the projects they would be working on that included LED lighting.

Discussion and questions took place regarding grant funding and priority planning.

Interim Library Manager Zachary Mcnellis presented on behalf of the Carnegie Library's budget which would stay the same with the exception for the repair or replacement of the elevator in order to be ADA compliant.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the cost of the elevator, the filling of the Library Manager position and the structural stability of the library.

Museum Manager Cabrini Martinez presented on behalf of the Museums budget which will stay the same and upcoming projects/events.

Discussion and questions took place regarding types of exhibits at the museum.

Recreation Manager Sonia Gomez presented on behalf of the Recreation Center's upcoming projects and current projects such as replacement of equipment, fixing the concession stand, replacing a water fountain in the fitness area, and the replacement of the HVAC system.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the youth sports programs.

I.T. Manager Kenny Roybal presented on behalf of the I.T. departments budget and on a new phone system.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the new phone system.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry and Accountant Supervisor Irene Archuleta presented on behalf of the customer service and cashiers department.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the utilities department.

Utilities Director Gilvarry and Waste Water Manager Ron Lujan presented on behalf of the Waste Water's budget, projects for the year and replacement of equipment.

Discussion and questions took place regarding training employees.

Utilities Director Gilvarry and Gas Supervisor Jude Herrera presented on the Gas department budget and current and future projects.

Discussion and questions took place regarding cost of projects and pricing for Zia Natural Gas pricing for the gas department.

Utilities Director Gilvarry and Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator Alvin Jiron presented on behalf of the Solid Waste department budget, stating that the budget was limited and also discussed future projects and Solid Waste staff.

Discussion and questions took place regarding use of equipment and update on the recycling program.

Utilities Director Gilvarry, Water Treatment Plant Manager Don Cole and Water Distribution Manager Travis Hern presented on behalf of the Water Treatment Plant and discussed changes in the Water departments, having their own separate budget with areas to track expenditures, vacancies in staff, and current/future projects.

Discussion and questions took place regarding fire hydrants in certain areas and projects.

Transit Manager Victoria Benavidez and Transit Operations Supervisor Marcelino Roybal presented on behalf of the Transportation department, stating that their budget stayed the same, their staff was fully trained and also discussed grants.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the price for gas and grant amounts.

Senior Center Manager Wanda Salazar presented on behalf of the Senior Center department, she stated that the budget would increase and replacement of equipment needed to take place.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the cost for each Senior Center and the cost for a Bingo machine flashboard.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised there was no one signed up for Public Input.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised there was no need to go into Executive Session.

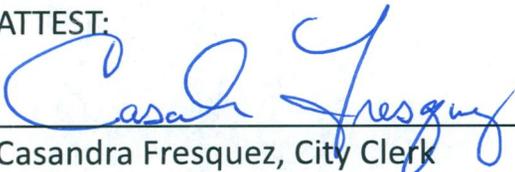
**ADJOURN**

Councilor Howell made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

Deputy Clerk Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

  
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Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:  
  
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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk