

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019 AT 5:30 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-*Absent*
Danielle Sena, Recorder
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney
Martin Gallegos, Deputy Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Howell asked to keep in mind and in our soul to help our community, community leaders, community businesses and keep in mind the community members we have lost.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Kyra Geissler spoke about her concerns with the Carsons and Barnes Circus at the Santa Fe Events Center on May 2nd and 3rd. Ms. Geissler advised they did research and found a long list of animal abuse and neglect committed by the circus and in some cases resulted to paying fines to the USDA for animal neglect. Ms. Geissler advised some videos show trainers sinking bullhooks, long sticks with sharp pointed ends into the belly of elephants until they screamed in pain. Ms. Geissler advised the documented cases of animal abuse was not specific to Carsons and Barnes Circus but are standard practices in the circus industry.

Ms. Geissler advised aside from pure animal abuse, the nature of the business itself is harmful to both animals and humans. Ms. Geissler advised they do not want circuses in their community and passed out flyers to circus goers with information on animal abuse the circus has committed. Ms. Geissler advised they made a petition urging local governments to no longer permit circuses. Ms. Geissler advised other local governments banned exotic animals from circuses in Las Cruces and Santa Fe. Ms. Geissler advised they are asking to do all that is in the governing body's power to stop circuses from coming.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Crack sealing project on Mills Avenue from Grand Avenue to Hot Springs Boulevard. Total amount \$61,844.37.

Interim Public Works Director Daniel Gurule advised the crack sealing will help to prolong the life expectancy of roads. Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised

Dismuke Construction is the only contractor in New Mexico that does crack sealing.

Discussion and questions took place regarding potholes along Grand to Hot Springs.

Councilor Howell asked if Grand to Hot Springs belonged to NMDOT.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised no, that NMDOT gave it to the City and the City maintains it.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised Dismuke will address all the potholes in those areas.

Councilor Romero asked how they determined that was the road most needed for crack seal.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised they had Dismuke go out and assess the roads at no cost and see which roads could be crack sealed.

Discussion took place regarding the process of crack sealing.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Award request for bid #2019-10 for the solid waste tipping fees for municipal solid waste per ton to GGH Wagon Mound, LLC, as the primary landfill and Waste Management of NM, Inc. as the secondary landfill.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised there were 2 respondents, GGH out of Wagon Mound and Waste Management of NM out of Rio Rancho. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they also contacted Estancia who was a previous backup provider and they did not submit a bid.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised Waste Management of NM came back at \$2.06 less expensive than Wagon Mound but due to the distance to Rio Rancho, the overall cost of a trip is less expensive to Wagon Mound than it is to Rio Rancho.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised a truck load to Wagon Mound and back would take a 2 hour period, whereas to Rio Rancho and back would take a 5 hour period and would not be able to keep up with the amount of trash they get.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they can make 3 trips to Wagon Mound with one vehicle, whereas they would only make one trip in a normal work hour, so she recommends to the council to approve Wagon Mound as their primary landfill and would also like Waste Management of Rio Rancho as their secondary landfill.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised due to high winds in the Wagon Mound area there are several times when they can't deliver due to winds but in Rio Rancho they rarely shut down so having them as a backup would be beneficial to the City.

Discussion and questions took place regarding how much a trip costs to Wagon Mound and back and to Rio Rancho and back, how many trips a month they go to the landfill and if it was budgeted.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Resolution 19-20 of the Governing Body authorizing the application submission of a New Mexico Community Development Block Grant Program to the Department of Finance and Administration and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Las Vegas as the authorized Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Interim Community Development Director Virginia Marrujo advised they need a resolution to submit the application and the deadline for the application is June 20th.

Discussion and questions took place regarding using the money for paving when it was first mentioned a year ago.

Interim Community Development Director Marrujo stated it was part of the ICIP plan.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Esther Garduno Montoya advised there was no need for executive session.

ADJOURN

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

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

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk