

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 8, 2015 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

**COUNCILORS:** Tonita Gurule-Giroñ  
Vince Howell  
Joey Herrera  
David L. Romero

**ALSO PRESENT:** Elmer J. Martinez, City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk  
Dave Romero, City Attorney  
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a moment of silence for the many Veterans who fought and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Vince Howell	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

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

Vincent Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Absent	David L. Romero	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None at this time.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Approval/Disapproval to award Bid for Senior Center Remodel to the most qualified bidder.

City Manager Martinez advised that this was a CDBG project for the purpose of remodeling and expanding the Senior Center at 500 Sabino Street. Two bids were received, based on bid tabulations, Council is asked to award the project to the lowest qualified bidder Anissa Construction.

City Manager Martinez advised that they were working closely with Local Government Division and added that the contract was amended in order to get the project completed.

City Manager Martinez informed that the project had been on-going since December 2014 and January 2015 and have met all the qualifications to continue with the project and advised that the bid came in from TFC Construction at \$834,990.00 and Anissa Construction came in at \$638,000.00 without GRT, therefore made the recommendation to go with Anissa Construction.

City Manager Martinez informed that the grant amount received was for \$500,000.00 and that the city had set aside \$118,000.00, however, based on the

the guidelines they are following regarding property that have been declared a nuisance and require cleanup and there are some items on the agenda that relate to this.

Councilor Herrera expressed his concern that liens on properties that have been abated by the city are not being paid and the City is losing the money from the cleanup.

City Manager Martinez and City Attorney Romero advised there are steps within the court system where the City can receive a judgment on the property and obtain the title and sell the property.

Discussion took place regarding the abatement fund and the status of the funds available and all pending cases the City Attorney's office currently has.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Resolution No. 15-23, Abatement of nuisances located at 1215 Pecos Street.

Code Enforcement Officer Levy Lujan gave the governing body an overview of the nuisances located on 1215 Pecos Street to include a burnt mobile home and litter from inside the home is now outside of the home. Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised he sent notification to the property owner and issued certified red tags on the property. Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised he has received calls that there are children playing the mobile home and it is becoming a safety issue for the neighborhood.

Questions were asked the procedure of notification as the property owner is deceased.

City Attorney Romero advised notice is posted on the property for any individuals who have an interest in the property.

Discussion and questions were asked what the City does when a property owner is deceased and how to notify the individual who has rights to the property.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised he would like to start publishing the notice of abatement in the paper to do a little more notification to the public. Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised he had checked with the County Clerk on this property and there are no heirs listed for the property so the next step he would like to do is publish in hopes of an heir coming forward to claim the property.

2. Resolution No. 15-24, Abatement of nuisances located at 915 Tilden.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised the property has several nuisances, both property owners are deceased and the property has not been cleaned or maintained for several years. The neighbors presented a petition concerning the property.

3. Resolution No. 15-25, Abatement of nuisances located at 710 Tilden.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised he was informed the property was previously owned by Tony Ortega who sold it to Donald and Davida Garcia. Noticed has been sent to the property owners and he has not received any response. Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised he was made aware the intent of the property was to place a mobile home but the set back requirements were not met for the placement of an electric pole and the owner has not been to the property since.

Questions were asked if the property owner could have applied for a variance to place a mobile home.

City Manager Martinez advised the property owner could have applied for a variance through Community Development.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan assured the governing body that he will do his best in his position and will be bringing more resolutions to the governing body. Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised he does not want to take away properties he hopes that owners will take an interest in their property again once they've seen them improved and continue the upkeep.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. thanked the governing body for how well they are working together to get things accomplished for the City.

City Clerk Fresquez asked the governing to address the Special Meeting that is to be held the 29<sup>th</sup> of July to address the final budget and an appeal regarding offsite auto sales.

The governing body agreed to have the meeting at 10:00 am.

Councilor Howell thanked the Police Chief Montano for the service his officers provided to a gentleman that was having a medical issue during the fiestas.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ advised she would not be attending the Special Meeting as her son had a doctor's appointment.

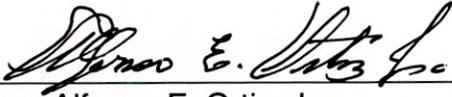
**ADJOURN**

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

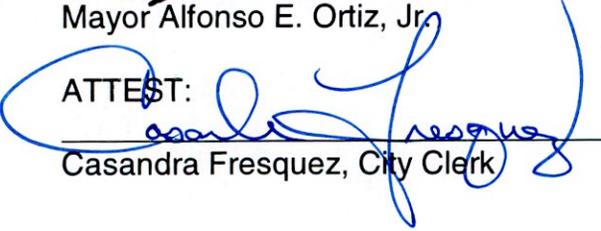
Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vince Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



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Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk