

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Dodge, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk-Absent
Maire Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant At Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence in appreciation of our veterans who sacrifice their lives and their families for our freedom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Dodge requested that Business Item #2 be changed as a presentation and that Business Items; 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 be placed on consent agenda.

Councilor Tonita Gurule-Giroń made a motion to change Business Item #2 as a presentation and also to approve Business Items 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 to be placed on consent agenda. Councilor Joey Herrera 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
David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve minutes for April 9, 2014 and April 24, 2014. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. recommended the appointment of the following:

Natasha Rudolph-Library Advisory Board
Gloria Mejillas-Library Advisory Board
Michael Campbell-Library Advisory Board
Councilor Joey Herrera-Charter Commission Chairman
Councilor Tonita Gurule-Giroń-Charter Commission
Councilor Vince Howell-"Film Commission"
Joseph P. Baca-Lodger's Tax Board
Councilor Joey Herrera-Finance Committee

Councilor Tonita Gurule-Giroń-Housing Committee

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a request to be considered as an alternate for the Charter Commission.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. acknowledged her request to be considered for alternate and advised he would meet with the chairperson of the Charter Commission and he would recommend people that could serve on the Charter Commission.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve the recommendations of appointments. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

MAYOR’S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. recognized the following retirees of the City of Las Vegas for their dedicated service to the City of Las Vegas:

Edward Saavedra-Water Treatment Operator IV -25 yrs
Levi Lujan-Project Inspector Street Division-26yrs
Gregorio Apodaca-Custodian-9 yrs
Richard Ulibarri-Packer Driver III-25 yrs

PRESENTATIONS

Commander Juan Montano made the presentation of Appointment of Commander to Adrian Crespın.

Commander Juan Montano presented appointments of:

Lieutenants: to Juan Gonzales and Eric Padilla

Sergeant Promotions: to Matias Apodaca and Michael A. Padilla

Certificate of Appreciation: to Officer Johnny Ray Garcia and Officer David Trujillo

PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos presented the finance report ending April 30, 2014 collecting eighty two percent and expenditures were at seventy eight percent for the General Fund.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions and concerns on expenditures for the General Fund.

Finance Director Gallegos addressed the questions on the expenditures concerning the General Fund. Finance Director Gallegos advised the Recreation revenues were at seventy nine percent and expenditures were at eighty six percent.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had concerns on the expenditures for the Recreation Department.

Finance Director Gallegos addressed the concerns on the expenditures concerning the Recreation Department. Finance Director Gallegos advised the revenues for the Enterprise Funds were at eighty six percent and expenditures were at eighty percent. Housing Department revenue was at seventy one percent and expenditures were at eighty six percent.

Discussion took place on several concerns about the revenues on the Enterprise Funds.

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos addressed the questions and concerns on the Enterprise Fund.

Councilor Howell expressed his thanks to Finance Director Gallegos for answering his questions on the budget and finance reports.

City Manager Dodge expressed his thanks to all City employees for their efficient use of resources which resulted in lower costs.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Approval of Resolution #14-26 decommissioning of a Police Officer's primary duty weapon (side arm) upon retirement and transferring to the officer upon approval of the Chief of Police.

Resolution 14-26 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS
Duty Weapon Decommission Retirement Transaction

RESOLUTION NO. 14-26

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Police Department in recognition of an honorable and arduous career enforcing the laws and protecting the streets of our city will decommission a Police Officer's primary duty weapon (side arm) upon his retirement and transfer it to him providing that the requirements mentioned herein are satisfied

WHEREAS, said officer shall qualify by serving the Las Vegas Police Department and City of Las Vegas consecutively and continuously for twenty years (20) years or for the eligible time for retirement from law enforcement as per PERA requirements;

WHEREAS, Upon the Police Chief's approval that the officer is in good standing with the Department and the Officer falls within the State and Federal laws to own such weapon;

WHEREAS, only if the Department can manage to relinquish such weapon;

WHEREAS, the Officer may choose to reject this transaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas passes this resolution to decommission and conduct this transfer **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero, City Attorney

6. Approval of Resolution 14-31 submission of Application for financial assistance from the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Due to the length of document a copy can be obtained at City of Las Vegas City Clerk's Office.

7. Approval to reject Bid #2014-23 for the E. Romero Fire Station Renovation Phase 2 and Re-Bid.

9. Approval of Resolution 14-27 to submit an application for funding assistance to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Bradner Reservoir Enlargement Project and all related appurtenances.

Resolution 14-27 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 14-27**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW MEXICO WATER TRUST BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas desires to enlarge the Bradner Reservoir and all related appurtenances to assist in meeting the City of Las Vegas' water demand; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas desires funding assistance from the NM Water Trust Board to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the NM Water Trust Board desires to assure full support of the governing body of each entity desiring to submit such applications for funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to give complete and full public notice of the support;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing body of the City of Las Vegas does hereby authorize the submittal of a funding application to the NM Water Trust Board for the aforementioned project.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____,
2014.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

10. Approval of Resolution 14-28 authorizing the execution and delivery of a water project fund loan/grant agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation and Inspection project.

Resolution 14-28 was presented as follows:

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION NO. 14-28 OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
MAY 20, 2014**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SAN MIGUEL)

The City Council (the "Governing Body") of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico (the "Governmental Unit"), met in a regular session in full conformity with the law and the rules and regulations of the Governing Body at 1700 North Grand Ave., Las Vegas, New Mexico, being the meeting place of the Governing Body for the meeting held on the 20th day of May, 2014, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members were found to be present:

Present:

Mayor: _____

Councilors:

Absent:

Also Present:

Thereupon, there was officially filed with the City Clerk a copy of a proposed Resolution in final form, as follows.

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Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve consent agenda. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 14-32 Restructuring of the City of Las Vegas Organizational Chart.

City Manager Dodge advised that a budget hearing was conducted on May 8, 2014 at which time the Governing Body reviewed a proposed restructuring organizational chart and personnel specifications submitted by the City Manger.

Discussion took place on changes concerning the revised organizational chart.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń requested that a current analysis of Directors and Project Managers be provided.

City Manager Dodge advised they would obtain the information requested by council.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had concerns on the timing of the changes of the organizational chart.

City Manager Dodge addressed the concerns on the organizational chart to council.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve Resolution 14-32 Restructuring of the City of Las Vegas Organizational Chart. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Resolution 14-32 was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-32
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESTRUCTURING OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ATTACHED RESTRUCTURING ORGANIZATIONAL
CHART FOR THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS.

WHEREAS, a Budget Hearing was conducted and the Governing Body reviewed a draft proposed restructuring chart and personnel specifications submitted by the City Manager; and

1. **WHEREAS**, the attached restructuring organizational chart is found to be necessary and appropriate for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Restructuring of the Organizational Chart is allowed within the City of Las Vegas Charter in which is subject to approval of the Governing Body, the City Manager shall establish such departments as are necessary for efficient administration of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas passes the attached Restructuring Organizational Charts.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ OF _____, 2014.

Alfonso E, Ortiz Jr.

ATTEST:

City Clerk-Casandra Fresquez

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

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

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

2. Presentation of Budget Message for FY 2014-2015 in accordance with DFA.

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos advised that as required by the City Charter of the City of Las Vegas, this budget has been prepared by the City Manager in consultation with the Finance Director and shall submit the budget to the Governing Body with an explanatory budget message.

Discussion took place regarding the 2014-2015 budget goals and objectives.

3. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 14-30 to adopt the Preliminary FY 2014-2015 Budget for submission to DFA Local Government Division the City's oversight agency.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that the City of Las Vegas is required to develop, approve and adopt a Preliminary budget for submission to DFA Local Government by May 31, 2014.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had several questions and concerns on the 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget.

Finance Director Gallegos and City Manager Dodge addressed the questions and concerns with a detailed discussion of the concerned areas of the budget including the issues at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń requested a detailed report on the costs of Professional Service Contracts.

Finance Director Gallegos advised she would obtain the requested information on the Professional Service Contracts.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. expressed his concern of the importance on trying to increase the attendance at the Recreation Center.

Discussion took place on the budget in regards to placing high priority for public and employee safety in every department.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve Resolution 14-30 to adopt the Preliminary FY 2014-2015 Budget for submission to DFA Local Government Division the City's oversight agency. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 14-30 was presented as follows:

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO MUNICIPALITY
OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. #14-30
2014-2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, and

WHEREAS, said budget was developed on the basis of need and through cooperation with all department users, department supervisors, City Administration and elected officials, and

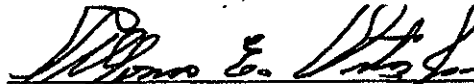
WHEREAS, the official meeting for the review of said documents was duly advertised on May ,2014 in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act, and

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this governing body that the preliminary budget meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2014-2015.

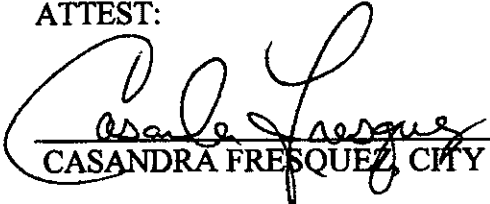
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico hereby adopts the budget hereinabove described and respectfully requests approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

RESOLVED: In session this 20th day of May 2014.

**MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY
LAS VEGAS, NEW ME 0**


ALPONSO E. ORTIZ, JR, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CASANDRA FRESQUEZ, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


DAVE ROMERO, CITY ATTORNEY

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

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

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

4. Approval/Disapproval to enter into agreement with Buxton Company and the City of Las Vegas.

Interim Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that Buxton Company is a customer analytics company that will provide us with economic growth strategies by providing us a retail leakage report for the City of Las Vegas and from this information we will be able to see where our community is spending their money, this in turn will assist us in what retailers may strive and be beneficial to Las Vegas. This item was previously discussed at the May 8th budget hearing.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń expressed her concerns on the timing of the request for approval to enter in to agreement with Buxton Company for the reason that Finance Budget had not been closed out.

Discussion took place on the advantages of approving the agreement with Buxton at this time as well as the disadvantages.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve to enter into agreement with Buxton Company and the City of Las Vegas. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	No	Vincent Howell	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	No

Recorder Maire Lopez advised Mayor Ortiz, Jr. there was a tie.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. voted Yes on the motion to break the tie.

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Manager Dodge advised that this was an investment for the community, and advised that an aggressive approach to reach the community would be taken.

8. Approval/Disapproval to award Bid #2014-22 Solid Waste containers to Wastequip and enter into agreement for the purchase of 6 and 8 cubic yard bins.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia advised that the City of Las Vegas Solid Waste Division received a grant through the New Mexico Environment Department in the amount of \$11,200 for the purchase of solid waste consisting of 6 and 8 cubic yard bins.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve to award Bid #2014-22 Solid Waste containers to Wastequip and enter into agreement for the purchase of 6 and 8 cubic yard bins. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Herrera expressed his thoughts on the duties of elected officials and the responsibility that they have to the community to help them in any way possible.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń responded that as a City Councilor she believes that she has far exceeded in her duties, and works diligently so that every decision made is consistent, and true to the City of Las Vegas and its constituents.

City Manager Dodge thanked council on having a civil meeting and for working well together.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. added that he was pleased with the outcome of the meeting and that the ultimate goal was to work well together.

Councilor Howell expressed his thoughts on the councils' passion for the community, the importance of input of different views and opinions and how it benefits in helping the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Dodge advised there was no need for executive session.

ADJOURN

Councilor Howell made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Gurule-Giroń seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

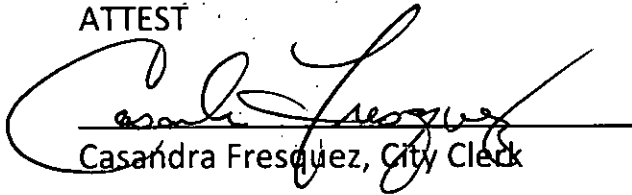
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk