

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON JULY 16, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer Martinez-Acting City Manager
Casandra Fresquez-City Clerk
Dave Romero-City Attorney
Eugene Garcia-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 Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence and recognized that the City of Las Vegas had violated the practices regarding the flag and took this time to apologize and to show the respect we have for our flag and the opportunities we have before us to enhance our lives.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Elmer Martinez Acting City Manager made a recommendation to remove the Recognition of Retirees and Presentations and move to next month's meeting due to lack of time and to place Business Items #1 and #2 for consent agenda.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. acknowledged his recommendation and apologized to the individuals that it would affect.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to remove Recognition of Retirees and Presentations and place Business Items #1 and #2 on consent agenda. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve minutes for June 16, 2014 and June 25, 2014. Councilor Romero 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-Giron	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

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

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

None at this time.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised he would be attending a Hunger Summit in Albuquerque and recognized several businesses that donated to the cause. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised the funds would be directed to the Food Depot in Santa Fe which would distribute funds to local chapters in the community.

City Clerk Fresquez read a proclamation proclaiming July 14th through July 18th 2014 as "New Mexico Hunger Week" in the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the proclamation as read.
Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

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

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

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

Acting City Manager Martinez gave a brief presentation regarding the Rough Rider Motorcycle Rally Organization presenting Mayor Ortiz, Jr. and Council with a patch and a pin in appreciation for their support. Acting City Manager Martinez added that Fire Chief Phillip Mares organizes one of the biggest blood drives for New Mexico during this time of year with Blood Services on New Mexico.

Discussion took place about the success of previous Rough Rider Motorcycle Rallies and how it has grown through the years and is even recognized nationwide.

PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos presented the finance report ending June 30, 2014. Finance Director Gallegos advised the General Fund collected ninety nine percent and expenditures were at ninety four percent. Revenues for Recreation Department were at ninety seven percent and expenditures came in at ninety eight percent. Enterprise Funds revenue was at eighty four percent and expenditures were at eighty nine percent.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had a question on transfers in and transfers out for the Recreation Center.

Finance Director Gallegos addressed the question asked by Councilor Gurule-Giroñ.

Mayor Ortiz thanked Ms. Gallegos and Acting City Manager Martinez for being dedicated employees, for all their hard work and putting extra hours in order to get their job done and wished he could thank other employees doing the same for their dedication to the City of Las Vegas as well.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ asked how the city of Las Vegas finished the year on reconciliations.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that the reconciliation reports would be presented on July 28th.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Consent Agenda

City Clerk Fresquez read the consent agenda Business Items into the record to include Business Items one and two.

1. Approval of Resolution 14-41 to enter into agreement with the State of New Mexico Office of the State Engineer for capital appropriations.

Resolution 14-41 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS RESOLUTION NO. 14-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE BRADNER DAM PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas has applied for grant funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing and expanding the Bradner Dam to assist in meeting the City of Las Vegas' water demand; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas was awarded \$4,000,000 in grant funding through capital appropriations during the 2014 Legislative Session to assist in completing this project; and

WHEREAS, the City must enter into agreement with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer to receive the grant funding; 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 entering into agreement with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the purpose of completing the Bradner Dam 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

2. Approval of Resolution 14-42 to enter into agreement with the State of New Mexico Office of the State Engineer for capital appropriations.

Resolution 14-42 read as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 14-42**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE BRADNER DAM PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas has applied for grant funding in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing and expanding the Bradner Dam to assist in meeting the City of Las Vegas' water demand; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas was awarded \$6,000,000 in grant funding through capital appropriations during the 2014 Legislative Session to assist in completing this project; and

WHEREAS, the City must enter into agreement with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer to receive the grant funding; 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 entering into agreement with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the purpose of completing the Bradner Dam 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

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve consent agenda as read into record.

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

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

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

3. Approval/Disapproval of out of state travel for (3) officers to attend a Defensive Tactics instructor course to become certified instructors in Arlington TX, August 11-15, 2014.

Deputy Chief Eugene Garcia advised that the Las Vegas City Police Department respectfully requests permission to send 3 officers to Defensive Tactics training in Arlington, TX with funding provided through the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions and concerns on the Police Department budget summary.

Deputy Chief Garcia addressed the questions and concerns on the budget summary.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve out of state travel for (3) three officers to attend a Defensive Tactics instructor course to become certified instructors in Arlington, TX, August 11-15, 2014. 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	Joey Herrera	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

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

4. Approval/Disapproval of Memorandum of Understanding between City of Las Vegas and San Miguel County and San Miguel County Office of Emergency Management in support of the Communications Center upgrade.

Deputy Chief Garcia advised that the City of Las Vegas was awarded a grant through Homeland Security in the amount of \$122,858.66. The City of Las Vegas approved a resolution to support the Communications Center upgrade in the amount of \$146,045.42. At this time the City of Las Vegas Police Department is requesting an MOU between San Miguel County and the City of Las Vegas to transfer the amount of \$130,000.00 to San Miguel County to San Miguel County to be used secondary and in conjunction of the Homeland Security Grant for the Communications Center upgrade. Any remaining funds will revert back to the City of Las Vegas.

Discussion took place regarding several issues on the upgrade of the Communications Center.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to approve of MOU between City of Las Vegas and San Miguel County and San Miguel County Office of Emergency Management in support of the Communications Center upgrade. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

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

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

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

5. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 14-43 assigning official representatives and signatory authority for the 4 million and 6 million dollar grant agreements with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer.

Resolution 14-43 read as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 14-43**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND SIGNATORY AUTHORITIES

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Las Vegas of San Miguel County of the State of New Mexico shall enter into grant loan agreements with the State of New Mexico Office of the State Engineer and;

WHEREAS, The City Municipal Charter as adopted March 2, 2012, provides for powers and duties of official City representatives related to succession and;

WHEREAS, the grant agreements are for \$4,000,000 (14-2158) and \$6,000,000 (14-1587) separately to plan, design, construct and enlarge the Bradner Dam.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the named applicant that:

Elmer J. Martinez, Acting City Manager, or his successor is authorized to sign the agreement for this Project, and

Kenneth L. Garcia, Utilities Director or his successor is the OFFICIAL BORROWER REPRESENTATIVE who is authorized to submit any documents pertaining to the project and act as the single point of contact, and

Elmer J. Martinez, Acting City Manager and Ann Marie Gallegos, Finance Director or their successors are the SIGNATORY AUTHORITY who are authorized to sign reimbursement requests and other documents requiring a signature for submittal to the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer.

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

 Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

 Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

 Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

Project Name **Bradner Enlargement-
 (4M)**

Project No. **14-2158**

Borrower Representative(s)	
Name	Kenneth L. Garcia, Utilities Director
Title	
Signature	
Address	905 12 th Street Las Vegas, NM 87701
E-mail	kgarcia@ci.las-vegas.nm.us
Phone	505-426-3314
Name	
Title	
Signature	
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E-mail	

Borrower Signatory Authority(ies)	
Name	Elmer J. Martinez, Acting City Manager
Title	
Signature	
Address	1700 North Grand Ave. Las Vegas, NM 87701
E-mail	bromero@ci.las-vegas.nm.us
Phone	505-454-1401
Name	Ann Marie Gallegos, Finance Director
Title	
Signature	
Address	1700 North Grand Ave. Las Vegas, NM 87701
E-mail	amgallegos@ci.las-vegas.nm.us

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Project No.	14-1587

Borrower Representative(s)	
Name	Kenneth L. Garcia, Utilities Director
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Phone	505-426-3314
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Borrower Signatory Authority(ies)	
Name	Elmer J. Martinez, Acting City Manager
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Signature	
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Utilities Director Ken Garcia advised that this resolution is required by the funding agency to assign representatives and signatory authority for the grant agreements.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve Resolution 14-43 assigning official representatives and signatory authority of the 4 million and 6 million dollar grant agreements with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer. 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
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

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

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Howell advised he had received several phone calls from the community in regards to the landscaping (weeds) throughout the City of Las Vegas and also mentioned that the weeds in front of the city offices would need attention in order to avoid any hazardous situations.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. expressed his concerns on the city streets and advised that they would be addressed.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised that he and the Public Works Department are working on ways to address the streets issues as they are in dire need of repair.

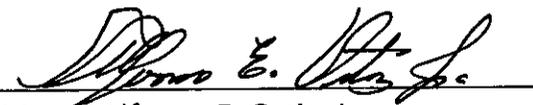
ADJOURN

Councilor Gurule- Giroń made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion.

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

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

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



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk