

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
ARRIL 12, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MADAM CHAIR: Tonita Gurule-Giron

COMMISSIONERS: Ember Davis Absent
David Romero
Vince Howell
Barbara Casey
David Ulibarri Jr.

ALSO PRESENT:
Carmela Martinez, Housing Director
Corrina Laszlo Henry, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Madam Chair Gurule-Giron asked Commissioner Ulibarri to offer the moment of silence. Commissioner Ulibarri stated, Dear God, thank you for bringing us back to our session. For our Lenten season, hopefully everyone will get out their rosaries and pray for us and the people of Las Vegas.

Madam Chair Gurule-Giron welcomed Corinna Laszlow-Henry as the new City Attorney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Barbara Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as is presented. Commissioner David Romero seconded the motion.

Madam Chair Gurule-Giron asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner David Romero	Yes
Commissioner Barbara Casey	Yes
Commissioner David Ulibarri Jr.	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Absent

Barbara Padilla re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval/Disapproval to Award and enter into contract for CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - Sagebrush Parking Lot / 2322 Calle Contenta, 2323 Calle Bonita, 2324 Calle Contenta Parking Lot Drainage.

Director Martinez stated the City of Las Vegas Housing Authority plans to redo the Parking lot in the Sagebrush area as well as redesign and structure the drainage for 2322 Calle Contenta, 2323 Calle Bonita, 2324 Calle Contenta Parking Areas. The HA is asking for approval to Award and enter into contract for construction services at these areas. The construction company is Carreon Construction LLC who was the lowest responsive bidder.

There was a typo on the agenda request, stating "(2) Unit Rehabilitation 408 Sandoval and 303 Sandoval". Natasha Martinez-Padilla explained that this information was for a future meeting but was accidentally left on the agenda request. It was clarified, for the record to remove the wording "(2) Unit Rehabilitation 408 Sandoval and 303 Sandoval" from the Agenda Request.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve to Award and enter into contract for Construction Services – Sagebrush Parking Lot / 2322 Calle Contenta, 2323 Calle Bonita, 2424 Calle Contenta Parking Lot Drainage. Madam Chair Gurule-Giron included that the award was given to Carreon Construction. Commissioner Barbara Casey seconded the motion.

Following the motion to approve, Commissioner Howell asked, were there no low quote, local contractors that bid on this project. Director Martinez stated that there were no contractors from the City of Las Vegas that submitted proposals. She also stated there was quite a bit of advertisement that went out. Director Martinez deferred to Natasha Martinez-Padilla who provided a listing of where advertisements were published which included Albuquerque Journal, (3x"s), Las Vegas Optic, and the City's website. At the pre-construction meeting, 4 local contractors were present. These contractors indicated they preferred working on the structures rather than landscaping and paving. Mrs. Martinez-Padilla stated 2 of the bidders did sub-contract locally but were not the lowest responders.

Commissioner Howell asked if there was a stipulation in the bid process stating that if they are going to get sub-contractors they would attempt to get local workers. Director Martinez said, no. Mrs. Martinez-Padilla stated that the way it is worded through Federal Funds, we ask for a Section 3 requirement, so that if they are hiring they consider hiring local low income individuals. Natasha Martinez-Padilla further stated the Davis Bacon wage rate for procurement purposes, as well as the Federal guidelines states that the PHA will evaluate the bids and response to the solicitation without discussions, and will award the contract to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the PHA, considering only price and any price related factors specified in the solicitation.

Commissioner Howell stated he understands selecting the lowest bidder, but he doesn't understand the sub-contracting for out of community companies for landscaping when we have many here.

Madam Chair Gurule-Giron asked can the PHA force the lowest bidder to hire local. Mrs. Martinez-Padilla stated, no.

Commissioner Howell stated he is not saying we need to force the lowest bidders, but we should encourage them to hire local workers. For any major construction that is happening out there, we should always stipulate that they need to choose our local contractors for sub-contracting, or encourage them to do so. Mrs. Martinez-Padilla stated to the Chair and Commissioners, the HA cannot stipulate that. Local contractors on our construction list are invited to the pre-construction meeting this way the contractors meet the potential construction companies that were going to bid on this project. In that sense the HA does make effort without violating any Federal Guidelines to bring all bidders together.

Madam Chair Gurule-Giron asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner David Ulibarri Jr.	Yes
Commissioner Barbara Casey	Yes
Commissioner David Romero	Yes
Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Absent

Barbara Padilla re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Housing Director Carmela Martinez introduced the Construction Company representative, Diego Cayetano Carreon, as well as the Architect Engineer, Design Office out of Santa Fe, Claudia Meyer Horn, PLA.

Commissioner Howell stated to Mr. Carreon that he hopes he understands his comment. We in our community would really appreciate any contractors coming in to select our local contractors for sub-contracting. Mr. Carreon stated he understands the comment, and the only reason they selected their sub-contractor, was that they were the only bid they received as far as the landscaping. They did not receive bids from any other landscape company locally.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED SESSION

No need for Executive Session

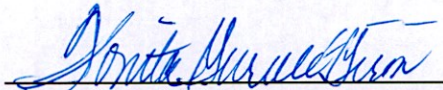
ADJOURN

Commissioner Barbara Casey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner David Ulibarri Jr. seconded the motion.

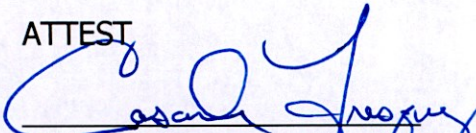
Madam Chair Gurule-Giron asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner David Romero	Yes
Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner David Ulibarri Jr.	Yes
Commissioner Barbara Casey	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Absent

Barbara Padilla re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.


Madam Chair Tonita Gurule-Giron

ATTEST


Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk