

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: Barbara A. Casey
Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Trujillo, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
David Silva, Acting City Attorney
Chris Lopez, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked for a moment of silence to remember and keep in our prayers, those who had recently lost loved ones.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gurulé-Girón made a recommendation to amend the agenda to include the appointment of Tana Vega as Interim Finance Director, which had not been included.

Councilor Casey made a motion to amend the agenda to include the appointment of Tana Vega as Interim Finance Director, as Business Item I I. 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 L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

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

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

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

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

Councilor Howell made a motion to further amend agenda to add an additional Executive Session prior to Business Items to discuss personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call and reflected the following:

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

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Robert “Rob” Larranaga spoke not as a member of the Fish and Wildlife Service or Storrie Water Users Association but as a concerned citizen of the City of Las Vegas, residing on 3rd Street. Mr. Larranaga thanked the Governing Body for working in the past with the Water Association to purchase water and have water storage at Storrie Lake and advised that he had worked countless hours both personally and professionally for the need of secure water storage for the inevitable drought in the future. He asked for the support and consideration of the Governing Body regarding the potential long term water storage in Storrie Lake for the benefit of the City of Las Vegas.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that David Silva was serving as Acting City Attorney and Commander Chris Lopez as Acting Chief of Police.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into regular session and advised that only personnel matters were discussed as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Romero and Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Ann Marie Gallegos as Interim City Manager.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.01 (D), states the Mayor shall appoint subject to Council approval, an acting City Manager for any absence exceeding thirty (30) days.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón spoke on behalf of the Council regarding the terms of the Interim appointments which would only run until the time of election or the run-off election.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve appointment of Ann Marie Gallegos as Interim City Manager. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

Ann Marie Gallegos thanked and advised the Governing Body that she would accept the position of Interim City Manager and do her very best for the City of Las Vegas.

2. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Tana Vega as Interim Finance Director.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.01 (D), states the Mayor shall appoint subject to Council approval, an acting Interim Finance Director.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve appointment of Tana Vega as Interim Finance Director. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

Tana Vega thanked and advised the Governing Body that she accepted the position of Interim Finance Director and hoped to do a great job.

3. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Christopher Lopez as Interim Chief of Police.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.01 (D), states the Mayor

shall appoint subject to Council approval, an acting Chief of Police for any absence exceeding thirty (30) days.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve appointment of Christopher Lopez as Interim Chief of Police. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

Christopher Lopez thanked and advised the Governing Body that he would accept the position and would be honored to serve as Interim Chief of Police for the Las Vegas Police Department.

4. Approval/Disapproval to renew amended contract for the City Clerk, Casandra Fresquez.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.05 (A), states as follow. "There shall be a city clerk who shall serve as clerk to the Governing Body".

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve to renew amended contract for the City Clerk, Casandra Fresquez.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Councilor Howell to explain the term of the contract. She advised that the term was up to the election or the run-off.

Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

City Clerk Fresquez thanked the Governing Body for their continued support.

5. Removal of City Attorney, Corinna Laszlo-Henry.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.04 (E). The city Attorney, whether contracted or employee, serves at the pleasure of the governing body and may be suspended or removed without cause at any time by the Mayor, subject to approval of the council, or by majority of all members of the Governing Body.

Councilor Ulibarri made a motion to approve the removal of City Attorney, Corinna Laszlo-Henry. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by Section 10-15-1(H) (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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

Councilor Casey made a motion to reconvene in to Regular Session and advised that only discussion took place pertaining to matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 and advised no action was taken. Councilor Romero 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
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

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

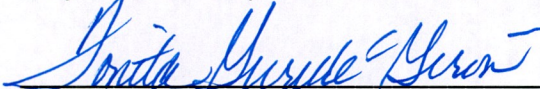
Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that there would be a Special Meeting held on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and thanked Mr. Domenici and Mr. Silva for being present. She addressed those who would need to be present at the meeting and congratulated City Manager Trujillo on his retirement, which would take effect the next day.

ADJOURN

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

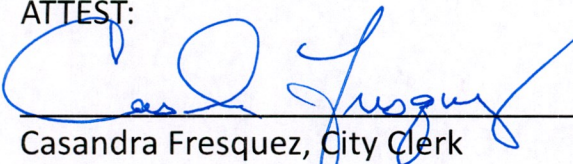
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

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



 Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



 Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk