

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CHAIRMAN: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COMMISSIONERS: David Romero Absent
Joey Herrera 5:33pm
Vince Howell
Tonita Gurule-Giron
Ember Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Pamela Marrujo, Housing Director
Barbara Padilla, Housing Manager Supervisor
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Elmer Martinez, City Manager

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Ortiz Jr. asked for a moment of silence. He stated the cold is still with us and there are a lot of people that are hurting for heat, for homes, for food. If there is anything we can do on our part, any contributions we can make, it will make us a stronger community, and stronger individuals.

Chairman Ortiz Jr. wanted it noted for the record that Commissioner Joey Herrera was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Vince Howell made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron and Commissioner Ember Davis seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Joey Herrera	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Yes
Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes
Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner David Romero	Absent

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Vince Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015. Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron and Commissioner Ember Davis seconded the motion. Chairman Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner Joey Herrera	Yes
Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Yes
Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner David Romero	Absent

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

PRESENTATION - FINANCE

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos presented the Housing Financial report thru December 31, 2015. This includes 50% of the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The report shows 60% of incoming revenues. One of the highest is the Dwelling Rent. Director Marrujo previously briefed the Commission on the reasons for that increase. The expenditures are at 42%, which is well below the revenues.

No questions were asked.

PRESENTATION - SMOKE FREE @ HOME

Shelley Cohen, Project Coordinator for Smoke-free @ Home, American Lung Association gave a presentation to the commission. Ms. Cohen explained that more and more Housing Authorities as well as private renters are going "Smoke Free". There are many benefits to going smoke free including, improving resident health and reducing operating costs. There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is especially harmful to children and elderly. Ventilation systems do not protect family members or neighboring residents from secondhand smoke. Going smoke-free reduces the risk of household fires, as well as operating costs. Apartment turnover costs can be two to seven times greater when smoking is permitted, compared to the cost of maintaining and turning over a smoke-free unit.

Ms. Cohen stated she will be available to assist Housing Director Marrujo if she needs anything as she continues the implementation of the "Smoke-Free Housing".

Commissioners thanked Ms. Cohen for the valuable information.

HOUSING DIRECTORS MONTHLY REPORT

Housing Director Marrujo thanked Shelley Cohen for coming to the meeting and sharing the information on Going Smoke-Free. Director Marrujo reminded the Commissioners that HUD will be requiring ALL Housing Authorities to go smoke-free in the near future. Ms. Cohen has been working with the HA for almost a year, providing literature and cessation information to tenants who wish to quit smoking in preparation for going Smoke-Free.

Director Marrujo reminded the Commission that there will be Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meetings and Public Input Meetings next month which are being advertised in the optic, relating to the De Minimis Project, the Annual Plan and CPF Budget.

Director Marrujo informed the Commission that staff is working on the Annual Plan to bring to the Commission for approval in March.

Director Marrujo informed the Commission that Housing signs were ordered for the Loudon site to more easily identify addresses. Director Marrujo stated she worked with the Police and Fire Departments and got their input for the signage. She invited the commission to take a drive up to Loudon once the signs are installed.

Director Marrujo advised the Commission that New Mexico NAHRO (National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials) will be holding their annual conference in Ruidoso, New Mexico in April. She stated there is a commissioner portion of the conference and would like to invite the Commission to attend. Once the agenda is finalized, she will share that information with the Commission. She stated that "Lead the Way" training is said to be provided.

Director Marrujo provided a quick reference handout to the Commission related to Skills: Assessing and Improving your PHA.

BUSINESS ITEMS

No business items

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Vince Howell stated he had received calls from residents on Sagebrush regarding bad parking conditions on Sagebrush. Director Marrujo informed Commissioner Howell that this has been budgeted in the HA's Annual Plan. She will inform the Commission next month of the plan on how this will be addressed.

Commissioner Gurule-Giron thanked Director Marrujo for getting signage for the Loudon site. She stated that there is a lot of trash accumulation in the Loudon area. Director Marrujo assured Commissioner Gurule-Giron that Maintenance will address the trash/debris issue immediately.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED SESSION

No need for executive session.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vince Howell seconded the motion.

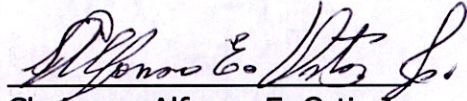
Chairman Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Yes

Commissioner Vince Howell
Commissioner Joey Herrera
Commissioner David Romero

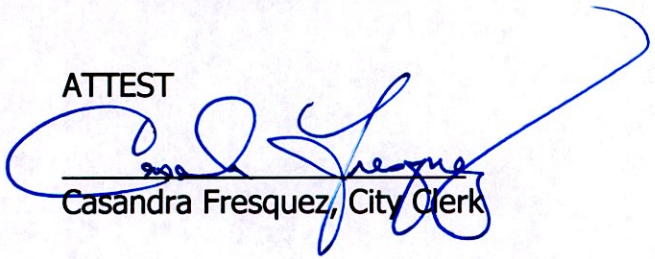
Yes
Yes
Absent

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



Chairman Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr.

ATTEST



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk