

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MAYOR: David Romero

COUNCILORS: Marvin Martinez
Barbara Casey
Michael L. Montoya
David Ulibarri ***Absent***

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Montgomery, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Caleb Marquez, Sergeant at Arms
Contracted City Attorney, Ambrosio Castellano

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Romero called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Casey asked for a moment of silence to consider all the wonderful things in Las Vegas, the beautiful history, culture, language and the people who make up the community.

Councilor Montoya asked to keep the family of Steven Gallegos who passed away in their prayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez advised that she had a few amendments to the agenda. City Clerk Fresquez advised Business Item 1 had a typo on the \$0.50 increase to the hourly rate of pay, which shows \$.050 and it should be \$0.50. City Clerk Fresquez advised the second amendment is removal of Business Item 17 for Lodgers Tax Board recommendation for Salute to the Troops. City Clerk Fresquez advised that the last amendment is to table Business Item 14 until the first meeting on October 9th.

Mayor Romero asked if those were recommendations from City Manager Montgomery.

City Clerk Fresquez and City Manager Montgomery advised yes.

Councilor Martinez asked to move Business Item 6 to after Presentations.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to move Business Item 6 right before Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Fresquez asked if the motion included City Manager's recommendations.

Councilor Martinez advised yes.

Councilor Montoya asked for Business Item 6 to be removed completely.

Mayor Romero advised that he had a motion on the floor to approve the agenda with City Manager's recommendations and move Business Item 6 right after Presentations.

Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to remove Business Item 6 from the agenda.

Mayor Romero advised that he already had a motion and a second on the floor. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Barbara Casey | Yes | Marvin Martinez | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | No | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to remove Business Item 6 from the agenda.

Contracted City Attorney Ambrosio Castellano advised that the motion was to approve the agenda with modifications and did not include that amendment and the agenda was approved by the vote.

PUBLIC INPUT

City Clerk Fresquez advised that there was no public input.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Romero stated for the record, the Governing Body should not be giving direction to employees and they should not be bullying employees and advised that it needs to stop. Mayor Romero advised that the only person that falls under the Governing Body is the City Manager. Mayor Romero advised that employees are covered under the Whistleblower Act. Mayor Romero further advised to follow the Chain of Command through the City Manager.

COUNCILORS’ REPORTS

Council decided to forgo their reports due to the length of the agenda.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Police Chief Caleb Marquez gave a detailed presentation regarding the statistics for the Month of August on the following:

- Field Operations Division (patrol) calls
- Communication Division (dispatch) calls
- Animal Care Center-updates/events
- Information Division/Records
- Street Crimes Division updates
- Travel/Trainings/Traffic Operation programs
- Recruitment updates
- Community Events
- Department vacancies (24)

Councilor Martinez thanked Police Chief Marquez for having traffic operations in town to target speeders.

Councilor Casey also thanked Police Chief Marquez for taking the time to not only call but meet with people to de-escalate situations.

Councilor Montoya advised that people have reported loud vehicles and speeders throughout the community and advised to keep up the good work with recruiting people.

FINANCE REPORT

Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez presented the revenue and expense report for the month of August. Deputy Finance Director Chavez reported in the General fund there was a deficit of \$413,462 partially related to insurance premiums being paid in August and three pay periods in the month of August. Deputy Finance Director Chavez advised in the Enterprise fund there was a deficit of \$4,207,064 due to the expense under Water (640) where they are charging all emergency procurement until a new line item was set. Deputy Finance Director Chavez advised the Recreation Center had a surplus of \$279,829, the Lodgers Tax fund had a deficit of \$11,724, the Cannabis fund had a surplus of \$18,733, the Opioid fund had a deficit of \$4,848 due to not receiving any funds this year and the FEMA fund had a surplus of \$15,706,000. Deputy Finance Director Chavez advised that the second line under revenue for FEMA should state \$140,000,000 instead of 98,000,000.

Councilor Montoya asked where they were with the funding for the Animal Shelter.

Deputy Finance Director Chavez advised that it was taken to Council and is in the budget.

PRESENTATIONS/POSSIBLE DIRECTION

Water Utilities Director Travis Martinez provided an update on Lead and Copper Rules & Revisions. Water Utilities Director Martinez advised that the City of Las Vegas was a couple of weeks ahead of schedule with letters sent out to all customers and will be completed by October 12th and all letters for the schools will also be sent out. Water Utilities Director Martinez advised that they received their inventory list, which would be sent to the attorney for review and then to EPA. Water Utilities Director Martinez discussed the Lead and Copper Act in regards to the drinking water which primarily enters through plumbing materials, health issues if exposed to lead and copper and the Lead and Copper Rule Revision requirements.

Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez advised that it was the recommendation of Finance Director Morris Madrid to provide Mayor and Council with an idea of what each person in the Finance department does, what their position is and who they are. Deputy Finance Director Dominic Chavez introduced himself and discussed his job duties, Anthony Trujillo introduced himself and discussed his job duties as General Accountant, Chastity Garcia introduced herself and discussed her job duties as General Accountant, Leon Trujillo introduced himself and discussed his job duties as Administrator of Computer Operations IT Technician, Anna Marie Ortega introduced herself and discussed her job duties as Accounts Payable Specialist and Jennifer Silva introduced herself and discussed her job duties as Purchasing Agent Supervisor.

BUSINESS ITEMS

6. Discussion/Direction regarding a waterline to the meat processing plant located at 27 Sale Barn Road, Las Vegas, NM.

Mayor David Romero advised that Mr. Brett Rizzi was working on purchasing the building but needed water for the facility. Mayor Romero advised that he understood there are ordinances in place but it makes no sense to give direction to the City Manager to work on the legal aspects if the Governing Body doesn't take it into consideration. Mayor Romero advised that it is only for direction to give the City Manager and staff to look into the possibilities and what falls within compliance of the ordinances and statutes.

Councilor Marvin Martinez advised that the item was brought to him by County Commission Chairman Harold Garcia. Councilor Martinez advised in the past the facility has been a meat processing plant and has had a couple of different owners. Councilor Martinez advised that he met with Chairman Garcia, Water Director Travis Martinez and Tim Hagaman to see what could be done and if the City is allowed to place a water tap at Dee Bibb Park. Councilor Martinez advised if the City allowed the water tap it would be the responsibility of the owner to get the water tap and permits to get the infrastructure in place. Councilor Martinez advised that Water Director Martinez did research regarding the amount of water usage on a weekly, monthly and annual basis.

Mr. Rizzi advised that they would be employing about 15-18 employees and would be open to the public to sell meat. Mr. Rizzi advised that he wants to make a presence in Las Vegas and advised it would be a great opportunity. Mr. Rizzi advised that he has not purchased the building and is waiting to see what the City decides regarding a waterline or the building would remain vacant. Mr. Rizzi advised that he was willing to do whatever it takes.

Councilor Martinez advised he would like to see a business come into Las Vegas that would be beneficial.

Mayor Romero advised that the item was for discussion and for the Governing Body to give direction to the City Manager so he could proceed with his staff to contact legal and things to look into to ensure they do things legally and ethically.

Councilor Montoya asked City Manager Montgomery if he was aware of the meeting between Councilor Martinez and staff.

City Manager Montgomery advised no.

Councilor Montoya advised that they had a meeting two months ago with Mayor Romero, City Manager, Mr. Rizzi and Chairman Harold Garcia at the property. Councilor Montoya advised that it was obvious that Mayor Romero was in favor and he was against it. Councilor Montoya advised that he wanted the item removed from the agenda because the City of Las Vegas has a moratorium in place where they cannot extend water lines or give water meters to anyone in the county. Councilor Montoya voiced his concerns regarding 2,800 potential customers in the ETZ zone and NMHU wanting to bring in additional housing. Councilor Montoya advised that the business would use 60,000 gallons of water a week, which would be 92 acre feet per year. Councilor Montoya voiced his concerns regarding issues with the water system.

Mayor Romero advised that the item was to give direction to the City Manager to look into all concerns. Mayor Romero advised that we are all one community regardless if they live one mile outside of town.

Mr. Rizzi advised that the meeting was about five months ago and the amount of water usage would be 600 gallons per week.

San Miguel County Commission Chairman Harold Garcia spoke on behalf of the proposed business and advised that they have discussed economic development jointly between the City and the County. Mr. Garcia advised that it makes no sense for him to be appointed to an Economic Development Committee for the City of Las Vegas if he's not able to participate on behalf of the ETZ of San Miguel County.

Mr. Garcia advised that he was a member of the community and strongly supports Economic Development within the community. Mr. Garcia advised during the flooding San Miguel County staff was there to help. Mr. Garcia voiced his concerns regarding how Tractor Supply got a meter if the moratorium was in place and the Daycare that just opened by the Drive-In. Mr. Garcia advised if help was needed inside city limits he would help and he hoped the Governing Body would also help if they needed it outside city limits. Mr. Garcia advised that he was in support of Mr. Rizzi and stated that the water meter could be installed inside the Industrial Park because its inside city limits. Mr. Garcia advised that Mr. Rizzi could tap into the water meter if installed at the Industrial Park which is allowed by ordinance.

Councilor Casey voiced her opinion on doing everything they can to promote new businesses and provide jobs for not only the Las Vegas proper but also San Miguel County residents. Councilor Casey advised based on what Mr. Rizzi stated regarding having 45 years of experience, he knows what he's doing. Councilor Casey advised that Mr. Rizzi is willing to work with the City and ensure that everything is done correctly. Councilor Casey asked if there was already a waterline in the area.

Mr. Garcia advised that there are two private lines in the area. Mr. Garcia advised that the meat plant was connected to the David Bibb waterline but the last two businesses compromised Mr. Bibb's account. Mr. Garcia advised that Mr. Bibb no longer would allow a tap onto his waterline.

Councilor Casey advised that she needed more information as to how much water would actually be used and how it would affect the water that the City provides for the community inside and ETZ areas. Councilor Casey agreed with Mr. Garcia regarding working together and advised that it would be beneficial not just for Mr. Rizzi but also for the community.

Councilor Casey made a motion to move forward and get more information on the water needs and other needs that are necessary for the business to move forward

before making a formal decision by the Council. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya advised that there's a reason for having a former Water Director, former City Manager and former Mayor as far as the other water taps outside of city limits. Councilor Montoya advised that he's there to take care of the citizens.

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

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| Barbara Casey | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | No |
| Marvin Martinez | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS

City Clerk Fresquez read the Consent Agenda (1-5) into the record as follows:

1. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #4025-23 with Miller Engineering Consultants, Inc. for engineering services for the Public Works Department.
2. Request approval of Addendum #1 to Contract #4024-23 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for engineering services for the Public Works Department.
3. Request approval to transfer two (2) 2011 animal control trucks to two other agencies, Mora County and Guadalupe County and approval to remove from the City's inventory.
4. Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Las Vegas and the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) for Government results and Opportunity (GRO) Appropriations.

5. Request approval of a Grant Agreement for the Backup Generator Project from the State of New Mexico – Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (1-5). Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Marvin Martinez | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | Yes |
| Barbara Casey | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval of a salary increase of \$1.50 to the regular hourly rate of pay to all non-bargaining unit employees (excluding At-Will employees) who have successfully completed a 6-month probationary period, to include part-time employees with at least one year of continuous employment with the City of Las Vegas and a \$0.50 increase to their regular hourly rate of pay at their anniversary/annual date of hire.

HR Director Darlene Arguello advised every year following the approval of bargaining unit increases, they request a salary increase for all non-bargaining unit employees. HR Director Arguello advised that it helps to stay consistent with salaries across the board. HR Director Arguello advised that the salary increase would be \$1.50 to the regular hourly rate of pay to all non-bargaining unit employees excluding At-Will employees and probationary employees. HR Director Arguello advised it would include those who completed a 6-month probationary period, part-time employees that completed at least one year of continuous employment with the City of Las Vegas and also include a \$0.50 increase to their regular hourly rate of pay at their anniversary/annual date of hire. HR Director

Arguello advised due to the elimination of longstanding vacant positions there should be no budget impact for FY 2025.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve of a salary increase of \$1.50 to the regular hourly rate of pay to all non-bargaining unit employees (excluding At-Will employees) who have successfully completed a 6-month probationary period, to include part-time employees with at least one year of continuous employment with the City of Las Vegas and a \$0.50 increase to their regular hourly rate of pay at their anniversary/annual date of hire. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked what the average percentage was for the rate increase.

Deputy Finance Director Chavez advised between 7-10 percent.

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

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| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | Barbara Casey | Yes |
| Marvin Martinez | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Request approval of Resolution No. 24-29 for acceptance of the FY2025 New Mexico Firefighter Recruitment Fund Grant in the amount of \$131,250.00.

Fire Chief Steven Spann advised that the New Mexico Firefighter Recruitment Fund was legislative money that was passed last year and is a one time event. Fire Chief Spann advised that the \$131,250.00 was for one paid position over a three year period. Fire Chief Spann advised that the position was in the organizational chart and was budgeted for the year and is reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-29 for acceptance of the FY2025 New Mexico Firefighter Recruitment Fund Grant in the amount of \$131,250.00. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 24-29 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

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

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| Marvin Martinez | Yes | Barbara Casey | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Request approval of Resolution 24-28A to accept a grant offer in the amount of \$2,218,847.64 for fiscal year 2025 Transportation Program Fund (TPF).

Public Works Director Arnold Lopez advised that the grant was administered by the NMDOT with their share being 95% and the City of Las Vegas would have a 5% match. Public Works Director Lopez advised that it was for the plan, design, construction, construction management, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, drainage improvements, ADA compliant curb and ramps, and miscellaneous construction to El Creston Circle.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution 24-28A to accept a grant offer in the amount of \$2,218,847.64 for fiscal year 2025 Transportation Program Fund (TPF). Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 24-28A was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

Councilor Montoya thanked the NMDOT and City staff for working together.

Mayor Romero thanked Public Works Director Lopez and Public Works Manager Danny Gurule.

Councilor Martinez also thanked the NMDOT and City staff.

Public Works Director Lopez advised that they would be advertising bids soon.

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

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| Marvin Martinez | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | Yes |
| Barbara Casey | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

4. Request approval of Resolution 24-28B to apply for a match waiver in the amount of \$110,942.38 or 5% of the total project amount of \$2,218,847.64.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 24-28B to apply for a match waiver in the amount of \$110,942.38 or 5% of the total project amount of \$2,218,847.64. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 24-28B was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

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

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| Marvin Martinez | Yes | Barbara Casey | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

5. Request approval for Out-of-State Travel for Mayor David Romero and Lucas Marquez, Community Development Director to attend the PastForward 2024 National Preservation Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Consultant Robert Archuleta advised that the conference was a National Historic Conference. Mr. Archuleta advised that he wrote a grant for the E. Romero Fire Museum to include the repair of the bell structure, installation of a solar light, installation of a shade structure, repairs to the stucco in the back and repair to the second floor window that faces Bridge Street. Mr. Archuleta advised as part of the same grant, two people were allowed to attend the National Preservation Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Archuleta advised that he budgeted for \$6,000, \$3,000 for each person to include flights, hotel and mileage.

City Manager Montgomery advised that he was not going to be available during the dates of the conference which was why Mayor Romero and Community Development Director Lucas Marquez would be attending.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Out-of-State Travel for Mayor David Romero and Lucas Marquez, Community Development Director to attend the PastForward 2024 National Preservation Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Casey advised that she was excited that the City of Las Vegas gets to participate and advised there are a lot of educational sessions. Councilor Casey asked where the money would be coming from.

Consultant Archuleta advised the Department of Cultural Affairs and was a Certified Local Government Grant. Mr. Archuleta advised that they qualify for 10% of funds that are passed down from the National Historic Parks Program. Mr. Archuleta advised as per the scope of work attendees must provide a trip report and receipts for all expenditures from the trip.

Councilor Casey asked if Mayor Romero and Community Development Director Marquez would provide a brief presentation regarding what they learned and information they may be able to utilize for Community Development.

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

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| Barbara Casey | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | Yes |
| Marvin Martinez | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

7. Discussion/Direction and Possible Action regarding Dia De Los Muertos event.

Mayor David Romero advised that he received a call from Martha Johnson regarding the previous Mayor presenting a proclamation that stated he would be taking on the event. Mayor Romero advised that after speaking with Ms. Johnson's group was asking for support from the City.

Ms. Johnson advised that she had always wanted to have a community event and last year she recruited teachers who are resourceful and creative. Ms. Johnson advised that they only expected about 30-40 people to participate and about 400 people showed up last year for the event. Ms. Johnson introduced some of the members from her group.

Jackie Aragon discussed the successful Dia De Los Muertos event from last year. Ms. Aragon advised that they hope to make the event bigger than last year and advised that they're seeking support from the City.

Councilor Casey advised that she was fortunate to attend an educational demonstration from Ms. Johnson and asked how much money they requested from Lodgers Tax.

Ms. Johnson advised she requested \$4,800, \$3,000 would be used for a group called Noella y sus santos and the remainder would be for promoting the event. Ms. Johnson advised last year the committee financed everything for the event.

Councilor Casey advised that it's a wonderful community event and it's part of our culture.

Ms. Johnson advised that the event would be on November 2nd.

Councilor Montoya thanked Ms. Johnson and advised that the committee has done a good job with the event.

8. Request approval of Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$3,505.63 to the Las Vegas Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation (LVCCHP) to be used for their Holiday Home Tour event.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$3,505.63 to the Las Vegas Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation (LVCCHP) to be used for their Holiday Home Tour event. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked what City Manager Montgomery's recommendation was.

City Manager Montgomery advised that he reviewed the application and went through the budgeted items which were acceptable. City Manager Montgomery advised one member of the committee who owns the SDC Broadcasting station but he abstained from the vote.

Discussion took place regarding how many home tours they had, how much the tickets are and what the money is used for.

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

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| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | Marvin Martinez | Yes |
| Barbara Casey | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

9. Request approval of Lodger’s Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$28,461.90 to MainStreet de Las Vegas for the purchase of additional benches and trash cans to be placed within the City.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised after discussing the placement of the trash cans and benches, they have to make sure they aren't placed within the historical districts and if so it would need to go through the Design & Review Board for permission.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Lodger’s Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$28,461.90 to MainStreet de Las Vegas for the purchase of additional benches and trash cans to be placed within the City. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked if it went before the Planning & Zoning Commission or the Design & Review Board.

Community Development Director Marquez advised no, they still need further discussion on the placement of the trash cans and benches.

Councilor Montoya voiced his concerns regarding it not going through the Design & Review Board first.

Discussion took place regarding who would maintain the trash cans and having the benches higher like the ones on the Breezeway.

Mayor Romero asked Contracted City Attorney Ambrosio Castellano if it would be fair to approve the item based on concerns.

Contracted City Attorney Castellano advised it was fair based on the way the agenda was worded for the purchase of additional benches.

Mayor Romero asked if it was the Lodgers Tax Board recommendation.

Community Development Director Marquez advised yes.

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

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| Barbara Casey | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | Yes |
| Marvin Martinez | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

10. Request approval of Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Tarjama Ensemble LLC to be used with their world Dance Music Festival event.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that the request was for publicizing, advertising and promoting the event through flyers and posters.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Tarjama Ensemble LLC to be used with their world Dance Music Festival event. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Discussion took place regarding one of the Lodgers Tax Board members owning a radio station, abstaining from votes and withdrawing from conversations regarding advertisements on his radio station.

Community Development Director Marquez advised that those on the Lodgers Tax Board have abstained and stated if there's some kind of interest.

Councilor Montoya voiced his concerns regarding a conflict of interest regarding the approval from one of the Lodgers Tax Board members.

Councilor Casey asked if the old town Mission Community Center was big enough for the event.

AnaMeg York advised that the capacity at the venue was about 125. Ms. York advised she was thinking of using KUNM and KHFM, the classical music station and student station.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding someone from the Finance department and possibly an attorney being present during Lodgers Tax meetings and also what the Lodgers Tax Board can and cannot accept.

City Manager Montgomery advised that he discussed having consistency with Lodgers Tax applications with the Community Development department.

Councilor Casey suggested having some educational training for the members of the Lodgers Tax Board.

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

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| Marvin Martinez | Yes | Barbara Casey | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

11. Request approval of Lodger’s Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used with the 3 on 3 Hoops Tournament event.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that the event is new and would be a two day event in the Douglas area.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Lodger’s Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used with the 3 on 3 Hoops Tournament event. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Casey advised that the application was poorly done and the application was not fully complete.

Community Development Director Marquez agreed that the application was poorly done.

Councilor Casey advised that the rules should be followed when filling out a Lodgers Tax application just like everyone else and if it is not done correctly, the application should not be considered.

Councilor Montoya agreed with Councilor Casey and advised that there was no consistency. Councilor Montoya advised when the event would take place.

Community Development Director Marquez advised possibly the end of October or November this year.

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

Michael L. Montoya

No

Barbara Casey

No

Marvin Martine No

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

12. Request approval of Lodger’s Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$28,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used with the highway Billboard for the 2024-2025 year.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised that the billboard used to belong to the Las Vegas First Business Alliance and now it was given to the City of Las Vegas after the passing of John Goodwin.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to disapprove the Lodger’s Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$28,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used with the highway Billboard for the 2024-2025 year. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Councilor Casey advised that the application doesn’t specify where on I-25 or what the billboards would be. Councilor Casey advised that John Goodwin would present the amount of each billboard, the exact location and what the billboard would look like. Councilor Casey expressed disappointment in the poor presentation of the application and asked for it to be redone with adequate information.

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

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| Barbara Casey | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | Yes |
| Marvin Martinez | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

13. Request approval of Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used for promotion during the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised it would be for promotional items for the Balloon Fiesta, which would take place on October 5-13, 2024.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used for promotion during the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Councilor Casey asked what two 50 inch TVs with stands would be used for.

Community Development Director Marquez advised they would be displaying a 30-60 second loop of ads showing activities that happen in Las Vegas.

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

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| Barbara Casey | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | Yes |
| Marvin Martinez | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

15. Request approval of Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used for the Electric Light Parade.

Councilor Casey made a motion to disapprove the Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas

to be used for the Electric Light Parade until the application is completed in a more professional manner. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

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

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| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | Barbara Casey | Yes |
| Marvin Martinez | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

16. Request approval of Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used for Luces en el Rio.

Community Development Director Lucas Marquez advised the cost would be for decorations.

Councilor Montoya asked if there would be enough time to bring the application back fully complete and with more specific information as to what the money would be used for.

City Manager Montgomery replied yes.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to table the Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used for Luces en el Rio until the next Council meeting. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Marvin Martinez | Yes | Barbara Casey | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Romero advised that City Manager Montgomery and himself also had concerns regarding the Lodgers Tax applications but they decided to bring them before Council because they need to make a decision as a team.

18. Request approval of Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Councilor Casey asked what happened to the decorations from previous years or if they buy new decorations every year.

Public Works Director Lopez advised that they do save the decorations from previous years depending on the condition they are in. Public Works Director Lopez advised that they purchased a conex box to store all the decorations.

Councilor Martinez voiced his concerns regarding the application being vague regarding what kind of decorations would be purchased.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to table the Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used for the Tree Lighting Ceremony until the next Council meeting. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

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

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| Barbara Casey | Yes | Marvin Martinez | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | No | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

19. Request approval of Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used for the Turkey Trot.

Councilor Casey made a motion to table the Lodger's Tax Board recommendation for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the City of Las Vegas to be used for the Turkey Trot until the next Council meeting due to the lack of itemization of the cost of each item. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion. Mayor Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | Barbara Casey | Yes |
| Marvin Martinez | Yes | | |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN


Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Martinez seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.



Mayor David Romero

ATTEST:


Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk