

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: Andrew Feldman
Tonita Gurule-Giron
Diane Moore
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Dodge, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Dave Romero City Attorney
Ken Jenkins, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz called the Special Council 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 in appreciation of life and looking at the positive aspect of life.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Dodge requested the removal of Business Item 1. Councilor Feldman moved to approve the agenda with the removal of Business Item 1. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Diane Moore	Yes	Andrew Feldman	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes	David Romero	Yes

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Bruce McAllister encouraged Mayor and Council to approve the application for financial assistance for grant funding.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 12-05 to submit application for financial assistance to the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency grant for the Peterson Dam Enlargement project.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia stated that as part of a fund raising effort to repair and enlarge Peterson Dam, a number of applications have been made, one being to the Water Trust Board and the City did make the selection list by the Water Trust Board for 3.5 million dollars for the Peterson Dam projects and the Desalination project with a total of 7 million dollars.

Utilities Director Garcia added that the application to the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation is for 1.5 million dollars for a WaterSMART grant. The City is required to match the grant; therefore the City will have to also pay 1.5 million dollars toward the project. Utilities Director Garcia pointed out that one of the key requirements for the WaterSmart grant is improvement of efficiency of the water system and Peterson Dam is inefficient. A resolution is also required as part of the application, therefore Council was asked to consider the application as well as the resolution on behalf of the grant.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked when the deadline for the application was due. Utilities Director Garcia stated it was due on January 19, 2012.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń also asked when the ranking would take place and Utilities Director Garcia advised within the next couple of months.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked when the award for funding would be and Utilities Director Garcia advised the first award would be for \$750,000 and the date has not yet been determined and depending on appropriations additional funding would be within three years.

Councilor Feldman advised that usually the Federal Agencies will review grant applications submitted within six months and date of award is usually announced during that period. Councilor Feldman moved to approve Resolution No.12-05. Councilor Moore seconded the motion.

Resolution 12-05 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 12-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A WATERSMART: WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas desires to rehabilitate Peterson Dam and enlarge the reservoir and;

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas desires funding assistance to complete this project from the United States Bureau of Reclamation and;

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation desires to assure full support of the governing body of each entity desiring to submit such applications for funding assistance and;

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is prepared to meet the application requirements set forth by the United States Bureau of Reclamation 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 the submittal of the WaterSMART grant application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the aforementioned project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

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

David Romero	Yes	Andrew Feldman	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Diane Moore	Yes

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Dodge stated there were no items for Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Councilor Feldman made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Moore seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call vote. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	David Romero	Yes
Diane Moore	Yes	Andrew Feldman	Yes

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



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk