



**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES**

October 18, 2023  
4:00 p.m., Council Chambers,  
2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North,  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Goynes-Brown** called the meeting into order at 4:04 P.M.

**WELCOME**

**Mayor Goynes-Brown** welcomed all who were attending the meeting

**VERIFICATION**

**City Clerk, Jackie Rodgers** confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mayor Goynes-Brown  
Mayor Pro Tempore Black  
Councilman Barron  
Councilman Cherchio  
Councilwoman Garcia-Anderson

## **STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager Ryann Juden  
City Attorney Micaela Rustia Moore (Via Phone)  
Land Development and Community Services Director Alfredo Melesio  
Public Works Director Dale Daffern  
City Clerk Jackie Rodgers

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor Jacob Perez, Calvary Chapel - Lone Mountain

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - BY INVITATION**

Led by **Mayor Pro Tempore Black**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation Recognizing Dignity Health and Engelstad R.E.D. Rose Program

## **COUNCIL ITEMS**

**Councilman Barron** reported the following:

- Thank you to everyone who participated in our month-long celebration of Hispanic Heritage!
- Thank you to our Library team for organizing "Loteria Night" last Thursday, Oct. 12, here at the City Hall Library; big thanks to fashion designer Enrique Montes for providing the grand prize quinceanera dress.
- Spoke at the Alliance for Concerned Citizens meeting yesterday, Oct. 17, with Councilman Cherchio
- Harvest Fest Trunk or Treat at the Neighborhood Recreation Center on Oct. 28, 10am to 2pm

**Councilman Cherchio** reported the following:

- Thank you to our staff from Parks and Recreation, Public Works, NLVPD, Library, and Mayor & Council Office for all the hard work you put in for Paws in the Park last Oct. 7. Thank you to Hearts Alive Village, NV Energy, Bob's Market, Juan's Flaming Fajitas, Pinkbox Donuts, Tail Waggers Club, Club K9, volunteers from Shadow Ridge High School and Victory Outreach North Las Vegas Campus, all the

vendors, costume contestants, paw-rade participants, and everyone who attended the event!

- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Military Veterans & First Responders Appreciation Day, this Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10:30am to 4pm at Craig Ranch Regional Park

**Mayor Pro Tempore Black** reported the following:

- Attended NLVPD's National Faith & Blue event, October 11
- Rode 29 miles with 12 NLVPD officers for the Annual Ride to Remember Bicycle Ride, Oct. 14
- **Mayor Pro Tempore Black** and Friends at SMRC Senior Center with Parks Superintendent Chris Vasquez, yesterday Oct. 17
- Silver Mesa Recreation Center Harvest Fest Trunk or Treat this Saturday, Oct. 21, 10am to 2pm

**Councilwoman Garcia-Anderson** reported the following:

- Privacy Fence Installation at Quannah McCall ES, October 9
- Tour of our Municipal Court, October 10
- Rode with our Code Enforcement team to check on progress of their neighborhood beautification efforts, October 11
- Step up for Kids event at Alexander Library, October 14
- Nevada Health Link's Halloween-themed Resource Event, today, October 18

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Mayor Goynes-Brown** opened the meeting to receive public comments. No comments were offered.

### **AGENDA**

1. City Council Regular Meeting Agenda of October 18, 2023. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

**MOTION:** *Mayor Pro Tempore Black moved to approve the agenda as presented.*

**ACTION:** **APPROVED**

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Beer-Wine-Spirit-Based Products Off-Sale Business License for 4Santoshi, LLC dba 7-Eleven Store #41998A, 4020 North Martin L. King Boulevard, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032. (Ward 4-Cherchio) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
3. Restricted Gaming Business License for Short Line Gaming, L.L.C. dbat Short Line Express Market #3, 3965 North Martin L King Boulevard, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032. (Ward 2-Garcia-Anderson) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
4. Restricted Gaming Business License for Short Line Gaming, L.L.C. dbat Short Line Express Market #9, 2865 West Cheyenne Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032. (Ward 2-Garcia-Anderson) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
5. Restricted Gaming Business License for Short Line Gaming, L.L.C. dbat MLK Arco AMPM, 1570 West Cheyenne Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032. (Ward 2-Garcia-Anderson) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
6. Secondhand Dealer Business License for Guzman Endeavors Inc. dba Shino's Discount Appliances, 2802 East Lake Mead Boulevard (Ward 1-Barron) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
7. Bid Number 1653; Citywide Air Filter Replacement Services to DRZ, LLC dba Air Filter Sales and Service and Enter Into Related Agreement for a Term of (2) Two-Years in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$116,161.25. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve and Award)
8. Bid Number 1687; Construction Contract with Las Vegas Paving Corporation in the Amount of \$10,375,000, Funded by the Utility Enterprise Fund for the Sloan Channel RCB Repair Project, CIP Project No. S0042. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve and Award)
9. Construction Change Order No. 1 to Increase Construction Contract by \$1,800,000. Increasing the Contract Total from \$19,719,510 to \$21,519,510, and Additional Expenditure of \$1,800,000 from the Utility Enterprise Fund for the WRF Flow Equalization Basin Project, Bid Number 1649, CIP Project No. S0036. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

10. Construction Change Order No. 2, to Increase the Construction Contract with the Las Vegas Paving Corporation from \$1,090,000 to \$1,140,000 from Traffic Cost Participation Funds for the Cheyenne Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard Improvements Project, Bid Number 1639, CIP Project No. 10266. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
11. Emergency Project for the Installation of 24 Inch Insertion Valves on Centennial Parkway at Palmer Road in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000; and City Manager to Issue Any Additional Contracts Necessary to Complete the Emergency Project, CIP Project No. W0061. (Ward 2-Garcia-Anderson) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Ratify and Authorize)
12. Fourth Amendment and First Renewal to the Purchase Agreement for Ferric Chloride with Pencco, Inc. to Increase the Not to Exceed Amount of the (2) Two-Year Option Term to \$1,215,000 and to Extend the Purchase Agreement to January 15, 2026. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
13. Interlocal Agreement between the City of North Las Vegas and the Southern Nevada Water Authority for Water Efficient Technologies Projects in Multiple Locations Throughout the City; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Any Documents Required to Accept Incentive Payments for Each Project from the Southern Nevada Water Authority. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve and Authorize)
14. Professional Services Agreement with Wunderlich-Malec, Engineering Inc., in an Annual Amount Not to Exceed \$95,000 to Supply System Control and Data Acquisition (“SCADA”) Support for the Construction of the Water Reclamation Facility’s Flow Equalization Basin Project, CIP Project No. S0036. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
15. Interlocal Contract with the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 Funded by The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada for Construction of the Safety Upgrades Program at Camino Al Norte Project, CIP Project No. 10491-23. (Ward 2-Garcia-Anderson) (Ward 4-Cherchio) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
16. Rate Change for Service to Collect Septage and Chemical Toilet Waste for Cost Recovery. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
17. Recommended Revisions to Fee Structure for Various City of North Las Vegas Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

18. Rule 9 Line Extension Agreement with NV Energy in the Total Amount of \$201,306 for the West Cheyenne Well Rehabilitation Project, CIP Project No. W0069. (Ward 2-Garcia-Anderson) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
19. Special Improvement District No. 66 (Villages At Tule Springs Village 1) Apportionment Report and Final Assessment Roll Amendment No. 1 Based Upon the Subdivision and Merger of Numerous Parcels of Land Necessitating the Apportionment of the Assessments on which an Improvement District is Levied. (Ward 4-Cherchio) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

**MOTION:** *Councilman Barron moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

**ACTION:** *APPROVED*

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

20. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for the Reallocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds in the Amount of \$476,295.09; and Authorize the City Manager or His Designee to Enter into Appropriate Agreements of Approved Programs and Projects as Required; and Administratively Approve Any Revised Final Funding Allocations or Contract Amendments as Needed. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

[4:20 P.M.] **Mayor Goynes-Brown** opened the public hearing to receive public testimony. No testimony was offered.

[4:20 P.M.] **Mayor Goynes-Brown** closed the public hearing to receive public testimony.

**MOTION:** *Mayor Pro Tempore Black moved to approve.*

**ACTION:** *APPROVED*

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

## **BUSINESS**

21. Update and Presentation by the City Clerk on the Wordly Language Translation System. (Citywide) (For Discussion) *(The video presentation is available for viewing on the City's website at <https://northlasvegassnv.new.swagit.com/videos/277017>)*

**City Clerk Jackie Rodgers** provided a brief presentation on Wordly.AI Language Translation Software, and introduced **Laksham Rathnam, CEO Wordly, Inc. and Kirk Hendrickson, C.O.O., Wordly, Inc.** as the City's point of contact with the product.

**Mr. Rathnam** stated the mission of Wordly is to build communities by including everyone. Inclusion does not end with just providing everyone a seat at the table. We believe that they need to understand what is being said and more importantly, they need to be understood. What better way to do this other than by providing language, inclusivity? Our research indicates that there's a strong desire to provide language inclusivity for all organizations, but traditional methods do not scale and are not under exclusive by nature of the solution.

Wordly has changed this paradigm and has made it super easy to enable language inclusivity. The solution is available in the palm of your hands, affordable and can be set up in a matter of minutes. As you can see, people can come and speak their own language. Attendees can follow in their own language and they can all follow in their own devices. With the world more connected and with experts residing in communities, seamless communication where people can express their thoughts and ideas is important. The solution is available today in the palm of your hands. We should all plan and be prepared for this.

He thanked the City of North Las Vegas for their leadership in taking this initiative and being amongst the first in the nation to adopt this solution and showing the way for other cities and municipalities. This to make it easier to include their communities in discussions and decision making process.

**Mr. Hendrickson** stated I would just like to say I had the privilege of working with your staff to implement the solution and it was absolutely delightful to work with the City Clerk's staff, along with Assistant City Manager Rebecca Gipson, and members of the IT Department to help bring this to being. We are delighted to be here today to see it in action. He was particularly delighted when the Council member spoke in Spanish, as we were all able to easily follow along in English.

***ACTION: DISCUSSION ONLY***

22. **Resolution No. 2710**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of North Las Vegas, Nevada, Concerning the Submission to the Clark County Debt Management Commission of a Proposal to Maintain a Special Elective Tax to Fund Street Maintenance, Parks, and Fire Stations. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation- Pass and Adopt)

**Mayor Pro Tempore Black** stated this is a very important initiative that we're embarking upon. Our community is just, as you just saw with the previous item, with Wordly, we are innovating. We are growing. We have tremendous momentum. However, a city is not really a viable place without public safety and investment in that. These items continue maintaining the investment that our residents are already making into the future. That enables us to continue to hire police officers and build fire stations and keep our community safe.

**Councilman Barron** stated the city is not looking to raise taxes on anyone. This is a measure that to continue maintaining the same override that allows us to provide safe streets and community. There is no additional cost. Taxpayers are not going to be suffering any additional increase in tax.

**Councilman Cherchio** stated he agrees with his colleagues on this this item, as well as the one following. He sits on Debt Management Commission, and he knows a lot of work went into this. He is confident that my colleagues on the Debt Management Commission will see the need for that over here in North Las Vegas, and will agree to vote to have it passed in the next meeting. He thanked **City Manager Dr. Juden** and his team for working on this. He also thanked our fabulous Clerk's Department as well for the work spent to organize a schedule to ensure everything was organized and aligned. This is a very important issue that we need the community support on so that we can continue the services that you deserve and that you need.

**MOTION:** ***Mayor Pro Tempore Black moved to approve Resolution No. 2710.***

**ACTION:** **APPROVED**

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

23. **Resolution No. 2711**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of North Las Vegas, Nevada, Concerning the Submission to the Clark County Debt Management Commission of a Proposal to Maintain a Special Elective Tax to Fund Operating Expenses and Equipment for Public Safety. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation- Pass and Adopt)



**MOTION:** *Councilman Cherchio moved to approve Resolution No. 2711.*

**ACTION:** **APPROVED**

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

### **APPOINTMENTS**

24. Reappointment by Mayor Pamela Goynes-Brown of Jeff Alpert to the Clark County Community Development Advisory Committee for a Term Ending September 5, 2024. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Appoint)

**MOTION:** *Mayor Goynes-Brown moved to appoint Jeff Alpert to the Clark County Community Development Advisory Committee for a Term Ending September 5, 2024.*

**ACTION:** **APPOINTED; JEFF ALPERT**

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

25. Discussion Regarding the Appointment of a North Las Vegas Resident to Serve as the City of North Las Vegas Representative on the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Pursuant to AB175, Passed During the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session. (Citywide) (For Discussion and Possible Action)

**MOTION:** *Mayor Goynes-Brown moved to appoint Councilman Isaac Barron as the City of North Las Vegas Representative on the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Pursuant to AB175, Passed During the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session*

**ACTION:** **APPOINTED; COUNCILMAN BARRON**

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

26. Appointment by Councilman Isaac Barron of Esmeralda Villeda to the Charter Committee for a Term Ending November 30, 2026. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation Appoint)

**MOTION:** *Councilman Barron moved to appoint Esmeralda Villeda to the Charter Committee for a Term Ending November 30, 2026.*

**ACTION:** **APPOINTED; ESMERALDA VILLEDA**

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

27. Appointment by Councilman Richard Cherchio of Jimmy Vega to the Charter Committee for a Term Ending November 30, 2024. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation Appoint)

**MOTION:** *Councilman Cherchio moved to appoint Jimmy Vega to the Charter Committee for a Term Ending November 30, 2024.*

**ACTION:** **APPOINTED; JIMMY VEGA**

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Dr. Juden** had no further business to report.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Chris Vela** stated The La Ronda de Las Vegas, which is a media conglomerate, and they go ahead and we have an outreach of about 2 million people across the United States. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for all the hard work you have done to bring inclusivity into council and public meetings. This is the future of North Las Vegas. He greatly appreciate the work that has been done in the city. He wished Happiest of Birthday to **Ms. Maggie Mora**.

**Mary Wolfrom** stated that she works as a surveyor or what to do with my dog Nevada.

This last year we have spoken with hundreds of street vendors about that 92 and now we are supporting the implementation process. We are here to suggest essential points regarding the creation of ordinances related to SB 92. We believe that the Southern Nevada Health District, known by its acronym SNHD, and the City of North Las Vegas, should create a licensing and permitting process that is affordable and meaningful. A meaningful system will empower local vendors to reduce bureaucratic issues and create a more vibrant local economy.

**Mauricio Garcia-Lopez** stated he is a resident of North Las Vegas and grew up with his parents working as street food vendors. He believes the current distance requirement for a food vendor card stipulates they must be 500 ft. away from school businesses and churches are excessive, and limits vendor's ability to operate successfully. By contrast, Reno has adopted a zero feet distance requirement. We propose that the City of North Las Vegas adopts a similar approach and significantly reduced the current requirement. Property owners, like businesses and churches, should also have the autonomy to allow vendors on their premises if they choose to do so.

**Elizabeth Velasquez** commented on SB 92 I have talked to and made friends with over 60 street food vendors in Las Vegas. As part of my job, as a community organizer with a cowboy. Every street food vendor I have spoken to has told me that they are looking for the process without planning, not with assistance in applying for licenses. The City of Reno has changed the business license from a privileged license to a standard. Additionally, we are also advocating for accessible licenses and permitting processes through the county and the Southern Nevada Health District, SNHD. When it comes time to be pro to pass ordinances at the city level, we look forward to working with you to ensure that our community and our street vendors are treated fairly during the implementation process of SB 92.

**Maria Reyes** stated I am president of the Mexico City Federation here in Las Vegas and I am a person who likes to work with the community. Our focus points are education, culture, education, culture, economic development, health and environmental protection. And I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the great support we have had from our Councilman Barrón. She thanked the city for its support to the Mexico City Federation.

**Luis Morales** thanked the City for the translation program, as it has made it possible for the Latino community to participate in local government.

**Kathleen Dominguez** commented on SB 92 as the bill currently hurts street vendor's ability to make a living. The city of North Las Vegas should adopt mechanisms, warnings and fines that are fair. Vendors should receive warnings in their preferred language to ensure understanding and compliance. In addition, sellers must have the opportunity to be able to move carts and not have fines assessed.

**Yajaira Rimendes** stated she is a member of Make the Road, Nevada, SB 92 audiences are currently being written and we want affordable license and permitting process through the county and the Southern Nevada Health District. We are also assistance with purchasing carts for vendors with funding from SB 118, which provide 13.35 million to the southern Nevada Health District for service for public health needs. Nothing in the bill prevents them from using these funds to purchase carts or help with the cost of licenses.

**Rico Ocampo** thanked the city council for its leadership in implementing an application like Wordly, because of your leadership, our community can participate in this civic process and for that I thank you. I also hope that when we come with recommendations, suggestions about the application, how to improve it, that you take our recommendations, suggestions seriously. Second, I want to thank Maggie Mora for inviting our organization, our community, to this meeting. You have heard phrases like SB 92 You have heard phrases like street vendors and that is the reason why you have heard those words at the beginning of this year we wanted to fight for a community, The community of street vendors, many of them who sell here in northern Las Vegas, they sell corn, fruit on the corner and they are just trying to sell to put food on the table for their families. We want you to hear from street vendors. Let them hear their concerns and that we also involve everyone, everyone who is involved in the licensing process like the County Health, like the police, like the community and especially the street vendors.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Goynes-Brown** adjourned the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 P.M.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of the City of North Las Vegas City Council Regular Meeting held on October 18, 2023. I further certify that a quorum was present.

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Jackie Rodgers, City Clerk