

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday August 17, 2010
3:30 pm
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr., Chairman
Councilor Tonita Gurulé-Girón
Ms. Christine Ludi, Member

Ms. Kathy Tapia, Co-Chairperson
Mr. Ernesto Salazar, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Gilbert Vallejos, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Pamela Marrujo, Interim Finance Director
Ms. Natasha Mtz. Padilla, General Acct.

Mr. Timothy Dodge, City Manager
Mr. Dave Romero, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Chairman called the Finance Committee to order at 3:34 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Ms. Natasha E. Martinez-Padilla, General Accountant. A quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Chairman entertained a motion to approve the agenda of August 17, 2010. Ms. Christine Ludi entered the motion which was seconded by Ms. Kathy Tapia, Vice Chair with an amendment to add a discussion item at the end. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 27th 2010

The Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr., Chairman noted that effective now the Finance Committee Packets will all be emailed instead of hand delivered. Mayor Ortiz also noted if the Committee would speak one at a time that would be appreciated and would also assist in the preparation of the Committee Minutes. Mr. Ernesto Salazar inquired on if the minutes were going to be highlights or verbatim. Also added that there was a misspelling in Christine Ludi, was in the minutes as Christian Ludi. Mayor Ortiz responded that the minutes will be highlights the verbatim was a onetime occurrence based on the conversations that were held that meeting, and the action that followed.

Mr. Ernesto Salazar entered the motion as amended which was seconded by Ms. Christine Ludi. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Interim Finance Director's Report

Pamela Marrujo started by explaining the General Fund Finance Report. Mr. Timothy P. Dodge added that he is currently working on a Franchise Agreement with Plateau Wireless. Ms. Marrujo went on to explain that we separated out all the our tax revenue. She also explained that we are going to receive 2 months this fiscal year of Cigarette Tax, and after that it will be discontinued. Mayor Ortiz pointed out how the Finance Committee should address the Finance Reports as

presented. Ms. Marrujo explained we will correct the expenses in General Fund we over expended in Police and not expended into Code Enforcement. Mr. Ernesto Salazar inquired on how the City of Las Vegas was able to decrease the Finance Department by such a large amount. Mr. Dodge answered by addressing involuntary transfers and employees working in one Department and getting paid out of another, also the decrease of two Full Time Employees (Computer Assistant and General Accountant). Ms. Kathy Tapia, Co-chairperson inquired about the Carnegie Library budget and employees at the library stating that there was no budget to purchase books. Various committee members also inquired and suggested ideas, Mayor Ortiz stated that the item would be looked into but not reported back to this particular Committee.

Ms. Marrujo explained the Enterprise Finance Reports, and mentioned that Administrative Charges had not been transferred.

Ms. Marrujo went on to explain the Recreation Finance Report, she directed the Committee's attention once again to the Cigarette Tax Revenue Line mentioning how we did not budget for it and will only be receiving one more month of revenue. She went on to explain that we had not and will not transfer from the General fund until final budget approval. Mr. Ernesto Salazar wanted to add that since the Mayor and City Manager present, that the summer program was excellent. The Mayor added that it was enjoyable to go over there and interact with the children.

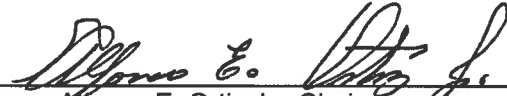
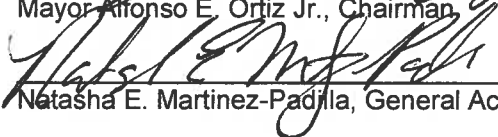
Discussion ensued on the matter opening a casino in this area.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – THE FUTURE OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Questions arose from the Finance Committee regarding the future of the Finance Department in regards to a permanent placement of a finance director, as well as the role of the Finance Committee in such an occurrence. Discussion ensued on this subject.

AGENDA ITEM #13 - ADJOURN

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr., Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting of August 17, 2010. Councilor Tonita Gurule-Jiron entered the motion to adjourn at 5:14pm. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ludi. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

 _____ Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr., Chairman	<u>10/15/10</u> _____ Date
 _____ Natasha E. Martinez-Padilla, General Accountant	<u>10/15/2010</u> _____ Date

*****Note: This version of the minutes is summarized, for a full copy of the recording please see the Finance Department. ******