

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes  
Regular Business Meeting  
Tuesday June 27, 2017

**1. Call to Order**

- Mayor Gwinn called to order the regular business meeting at 6:00 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

- Jim Winters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

- Present: Mayor Mark Gwinn; Councilors Bill Brown and Thomas Scroggins.  
Absent: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr and Arturo Sais.  
Also, Present: City Manager Bob Skerry, City Treasurer Celina Benavidez, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair and EDC Chairman Jim Winters.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

- Councilor Scroggins moved to accept the agenda as written. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. With a 2-0 vote the agenda for the regular business meeting of June 27, 2017 was approved as presented.

**5. Approval of Workshop Minutes**

- Councilor Scroggins moved to accept the workshop minutes of Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as written. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. With a 2-0 vote the workshop minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup> was approved as written.

**6. Approval of City Council Minutes**

- Councilor Brown moved for the acceptance of the city council minutes of May 9, 2017. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. With a 2-0 vote the minutes for the city council regular business meeting held on May 9, 2017 was approved as written.

**7. Public Comment:**

- No public for comments.

**8. Accounts Payable -- City Treasurer Celina Benavidez**

- Treasurer Benavidez requested permission to pay the following bills totaling: \$29,076.20

PayDay Inc.	\$ 9.44	PayDay Inc.	\$ 4,968.73
PayDay Inc.	\$ 1,935.91	Sharp	\$ 111.00
PDS Pest Defense Solutions	\$ 143.95	Rio Communities Service St.	\$ 77.19
Valencia County	\$ 1,767.15	Card Service Center	\$ 1,365.65
AC Disposal Service	\$ 360.00	Universal Fuel Card	\$ 11.94
PNM	\$ 51.75	Bob Skerry	\$ 41.06
Earth Tech	\$ 10,069.75	Gusto	\$ 0.77
Elizabeth Adair (court clerk)	\$ 262.95	PayDay Inc.	\$ 5,662.78
PayDay Inc.	\$ 2,140.88	PayDay Inc.	\$ 95.29

- Mayor Gwinn asked regarding the animal control charge for Valencia County how many were picked up.
- Treasurer Benavidez said that 3 dogs were picked up and 8 brought in by the public.
- Mayor Gwinn asked are we charged for the animals the public brings in.
- Manager Skerry said yes if someone brings in an animal from the city limits we must pay for it.

- Mayor Gwinn asked regarding the Earth Tech charges did the right-a-ways get completed.
- Treasurer Benavidez said yes it has been completed
- Councilor Brown moved for the acceptance of payables for June 15 – June 21. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. Vote: Councilor Scroggins-yes and Councilor Brown-yes. With a 2-0 vote accounts payable was approved for payment.

#### **9. FY 2018 Project Priority List**

- Manager Skerry explained as of yesterday's workshop he would like to have a motion on the accepting of the first 8 items on the priority list and continued to explain the 8 projects.
- Manager Skerry said the cleanup of the right-of-ways has been completed.
- Mayor Gwinn asked if they worked on Craig Place.
- Manager Skerry said yes. He then began a discussion on looking at the new roads to repair especially the arterial roads.
- Manager Skerry explained we need to decide on whether we want to continue with chip-n-seal the roads and then said how can we inexpensively get 5-7 years on your roads. He then continued the discussion on whether we want to go after MAP funds, doing another fog seal and the cost of what can be spent outside of the grants.
- Mayor Gwinn asked what is being considered for Don Diego road.
- Manager Skerry said that is a full re-do and continued the discussion.
- Manager Skerry said he will be asking Council for money once we figure out a viable plan on further road repair and continued the discussion on doing another batch of right-of-way cleanups.
- Mayor Gwinn said are we still working off the list that P&Z put together.
- Chairman Winters said yes and the one for next year we will use the same list since they are already rated.
- Councilor Scroggins said Carmel is deteriorating rapidly.
- Manager Skerry said Carmel and the cul-de-sac is in the co-op agreement.
- Manager Skerry continued the discussion on what roads will be repaired on this next co-op grant.
- Councilor Scroggins moved for the eight highlighted for the FY 2018 project priority list be approved to move forward. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Scroggins-yes. With a 2-0 vote the FY2018 top 8 Project Priorities was approved to move forward.

#### **10. City Manager Report**

- Manager Skerry explained Jim and himself will be talking with the State regarding annexation of the industrial park and developing a LEDA ordinance and began a discussion on the process and Belen's situation with Loves.
- Councilor Scroggins said his understanding was this is a private deal and so there are no LEDA funds.
- Mayor Gwinn said the land part is a private deal.
- Manager Skerry said it may or may not have any LEDA funds but it is using tax payer's money by Steve Tomita doing the leg work and making all the decisions and continued the discussion on EDC getting into shape, LEDA and annexation.
- Councilor Scroggins asked is EDC writing a LEDA ordinance.
- Chairman Winters explained that EDC has written parts of it and they are working on trying to write some hard rules on how do they analyze the data.
- Mayor Gwinn asked if the State has to approve the ordinance.

- Chairman Winters said yes.
- Manager Skerry explained that it is their format and continued the discussion on the overall total picture of a LEDA plan.

**11. Councilor Reports**

- Councilor Scroggins said we had a good cleanup on Saturday.
- Councilor Brown had nothing to report.
- Mayor Gwinn said July 15<sup>th</sup> will be the next city cleanup.
- Manager Skerry said Celina just ordered 30 vests, gloves, heavy duty bags and rakes for the next cleanup.
- Mayor Gwinn said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is coming up and then asked if there are illegal fireworks are being shot up can Taylor shut them down.
- Manager Skerry explained last year we swore Taylor in to be able to write citations but Jason Gonzales was our appointed chief fire inspector by ordinance and Taylor has not been given that designation yet.
- Mayor Gwinn said hopefully we will have some people there in case we have a brush fire.
- Manager Skerry said they defiantly will be patrolling and will have the brush trucks out and explained the difference between taking care of fires as opposed to writing citations for illegal fireworks.
- Mayor Gwinn said to have a safe holiday.

**ADJOURN**

- Councilor Brown moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. With a 2-0 vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth (Lisa) Adair  
Municipal Clerk

Approved:

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Mark Gwinn,  
Mayor

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Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,  
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

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William (Bill) Brown,  
Councilor

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Arturo R. Sais,  
Councilor

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Thomas Scroggins,  
Councilor

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