

City of Rio Communities Workshop Minutes
Monday June 26, 2017

- Mayor Gwinn called to order the workshop at 10:00 am.
- Present: Mayor Mark Gwinn; Councilors Bill Brown and Thomas Scroggins.
Absent: Councilors Peggy Gutjahr and Arturo Sais.
Also, present: City Manager Bob Skerry, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair, EDC Chairman Jim Winters and City Treasurer Celina Benavidez.

1. Council reports & agenda items – 30 minutes

- Councilor Scroggins said the cleanup went well and people were lined up before the dumpsters were delivered. He then said they brought both at the same time and were all filled up and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown asked if the offer to consider the senior center gone.
- Manager Skerry said the County has a June 30th inspection and audit on the center and began a discussion on finances of the County.
- Councilor Brown said Theresa Scott from VIA last day is Thursday and continued the discussion on finances of both VIA and the County.
- Councilor Brown again asked if the offer is gone for the Senior Center.
- Manager Skerry explained that there has not been an offer and continued the discussion on the County.
- Councilor Scroggins asked if the money for the Senior Center goes to the County.
- Manager Skerry said the fiscal agent for the center is the County and continued the discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn said in the News-Bulletin there was an article regarding Bosque Farms & Peralta police contract and began a discussion on how other municipalities have contracts for police protection including us.
- Mayor Gwinn said over the weekend he had a NMML meeting and explained he was in a group of human resources, governmental operations and economic development and then further explained there are 35 resolutions being put together: one of the resolutions is annexation and de-annexation of properties and began a discussion on what is de-annexation and who is the best in the State on annexation.
- Mayor Gwinn explained that the NMML wants to bring up the election process once again it and will be trying to push it for the 30-day session. He then began a discussion on what is being proposed.
- Mayor Gwinn said he has gotten a lot of calls regarding why we are not banning fireworks this year.
- Mayor Gwinn said he has gotten some emails regarding recognizing Helga and Clarke as to what they have done for the community. He then said he feels we should also recognized Jason. He then asked to put it on the agendas for discussion on setting up a committee.
- Mayor Gwinn explained that Bill Fulginiti said they will be having a special session which will probably occur in October or November and began a discussion.
- Councilor Scroggins said online people do not want to pay sales tax because there are so many different tax amounts and began a discussion on what amazon is doing to elevate all the different amounts.

2. Format of workshop agenda – 90-day trial – discussion

- Mayor Gwinn explained that Lisa printed out a couple of different formats for the agenda and then said the dilemma that he feels could crop up would be the discussion on the budget coming back from DFA.
- Councilor Scroggins suggested regarding the budget make a statement after the item that no discussion on this item and began a discussion on the different formats.
- Mayor Gwinn asked would we like to put a limit to the amount of people allowed to speak.
- Councilor Brown said since this is a trial period do not put a limit on the number of speakers.
- Mayor Gwinn said I don't see this happening right now but later controversial items will start to pop up and began a discussion on what could happen with different types of agenda items.
- Clerk Adair suggested since this is a trial it can be changed and tweaked for every meeting.
- Councilor Brown asked to recheck the time frame for the trial period.

3. FY2018 Project Priority List

- Mayor Gwinn thanked everyone for giving their priority list in to Bob.
- Manager Skerry said he took the numbers from everyone and then explained that the top priority from everyone is the completion of the multi-use complex and began a discussion on the top 8 items the cutoff number is 4.33.
- Councilor Scroggins explained when he put down 5's he realized these are items that you just can't do alone and it will take some time.
- Manager Skerry explained everything has a time schedule and began a discussion on how long it took to get the fire department and Solar zone.
- Manager Skerry asked if everyone agrees with the top 8 items. He then went over items marked as 4's and 3's.
- Councilor Scroggins said he feels this is reasonable and then said he has faith in the City Manager to get them organized.
- Manager Skerry said he keeps hearing that the City is disconnected, is no longer progressing forward or has stalled and is not proceeding and feels it is an agenda being pushed by the same negative people.
- Mayor Gwinn said he is following other website and feels there are more and more people coming on board supporting the City.
- Manager Skerry said he wants the Governing body to understand that there was a game plan and we are following it and asked if everyone is on board with these priorities and continued the discussion.
- Manager Skerry explained getting contracts completed, scope of work, the street cleanup, the fire department repair and dealing with the insurance company.
- Manager Skerry said we will move forward with the list and then talked on the overall idea of money from grants and having a small staff that is well compensated with upper skill level to administer the grants.

4. Manager Report

- Manager Skerry explained where we have been, where we are going and said he has been talking with Ralph Nimes regarding getting new businesses in the City. He then explained we are trying to partner with Los Lunas regarding economic development and began a discussion on the municipalities and Counties in the Central New Mexico area.
- Manager Skerry said we are the number 1 in the State for growth, based on the last 3 years data and then explained the growth of Facebook and other industrial companies in the County and continued the discussion on the taxable history values for all the municipalities in the county.

- Mayor Gwinn explained that he was approached by someone 4-wheeling asking what is the dark shadow and he said that was the solar farm.
 - Manager Skerry said we are getting new signs that say Rio Communities City Limit because one of the things we are hearing economic development wise is people thinking we are a sub-division of Belen. He then explained our tax schedules and how to promote the City
 - Manager Skerry explained Celina has been talking with the auditor from the State and he has 36 cities that he manages. He then explained waiting for other types of inspections there are only 9 field inspectors for the entire state.
 - Manager Skerry said that the code enforcer had fell off a ladder and explained the injuries. He further explained that he will be on light duty and the public works department will not be available and began a discussion on how we were a bedroom community, we do have the roof tops, nice neighborhoods, a golf course and that is a sellable item and the assessed valuation in residential housing.
 - Mayor Gwinn said he meet with PNM and there is a situation off Horizon Vista regarding abandon vehicle through the alleyway and being unable to get through and began a discussion on what they can do.
- The City Council workshop was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Adair
Municipal Clerk

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

William (Bill) Brown,
Councilor

Arturo R. Sais,
Councilor

Thomas Scroggins,
Councilor

Date: _____