

City of Rio Communities Workshop Minutes
Tuesday December 12, 2017

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

Council reports & agenda items – 30 minutes

- Councilor Scroggins said Universal did the 3 courts off Carmel and it looks like they did a good job.
- Councilor Sais said he would like to have a Post Office drive-up mail box put in front of City Hall.
- Councilor Brown said would like to bring up once again having public input during the regular business meeting at our next workshop.
- Councilor Brown said he feels waiting so long to hire a new code enforcer is not a good thing.
- Councilor Brown said at the last P&Z meeting they had talked about parks and trails and they stated they are dependent on the survey results and he feels we need to get that to them before their next meeting, so they can start tracking it. He then asked for an update on the audit during manager report.
- Councilor Brown said at last years' budget discussion there were some real needs that we did not address and said this next budget session we need to address them and gave examples of the need to add more staff, put some money into contract expenditures, adding a line item for contract services and legal retention and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown said he has completed his research on eminent domain and abatement and a proposed draft will be given to the City Manager.
- Councilor Gutjahr said she went to her health crunch and explained a couple of points she found interesting was what emergency personnel sees in general; 25% goes to the ER and the rest can really be taken care of in the community in a different way and said they talked to Presbyterian from the urgent care center and seeing the frequent user, they are beginning to look at going into the patient's homes. She then further explained the Belen urgent care has expand their focus and they have an actual ER Dr. on staff and began a discussion.
- Councilor Gutjahr said this crunch was focused on physical health and the next one will be on mental health.
- Councilor Gutjahr said she wondered if we can have a workshop on the budget and issues we are all having and further explained her issues would be on legal, increase police protection or adding a two-year plan, cleaning up the community and funding for HR.
- Mayor Gwinn asked would this be a special or a regular workshop and continued the discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn said he has been following up on retaining an attorney and explained how much a retainer could be, how the retainer is used and then said as the attorney works on things they never reinvent the wheel and continued
- Mayor Gwinn said he had a complaint regarding the pothole on Manzano and has already been taken care of. He then explained P&Z has completed their task on solid waste and we should be getting more feedback from them tonight.
- Mayor Gwinn explained in the News last evening Espanola fired their City Manager and began a discussion.

- Councilor Gutjahr said she received a call from Chamesa and she said she was told they have brought all the documents to turn over the street lights and asked if this is correct and began a discussion
- Manager Skerry explained how the homeowner's association must petition and prove that they own the lights and continued the discussion.

Resolution 2017- __ Official Holidays – Discussion

- Clerk Adair explained that this is like the previous resolution we passed last year with the dates having been changed.
- Mayor Gwinn asked if this is adopting what the State approves as their legal holidays.
- Clerk Adair said yes.
- Councilor Sais asked how many days are given off.
- Clerk Adair said 10 days.
- Councilor Sais asked if City hall is closed on Fridays what happens if a holiday lands on that Friday.
- Manager Skerry explained the processes of City hall hours and closures then continued the discussion.
 - a) Public questions (3) minutes to address the Council**
 - No public for comments.

Cancel/Reschedule Workshop and City Council Meeting of December – discussion

- Mayor Gwinn said he would like to cancel the workshop and meeting for December 26th and began a discussion.
- Councilor Scroggins said then the next meeting will be the 9th of January if we canceled December 26th.
- Mayor Gwinn said it is on the agenda this evening to cancel if we wish.
 - a) Public questions (3) minutes to address the Council**
 - No public for comments.

Resolution 2017- __ PNM support – Discussion

- Manager Skerry explained that PNM is wanting support from some of the municipalities concerning going for a bond issue and needs the legislature to make it possible for PNM to get low interest bonds and began a discussion.
- Councilor Sais asked would we be setting up a precedence if we support PNM to enhance their infrastructure and would we have to do this for all utilities.
- Manager Skerry said it would be up to Council to choose who they wish to support and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Gutjahr said about a year and a half ago there was a big uproar on the Water Company rate hike and we said we would stay out of it and then asked would this be the same thing. She then said in the past we had setup a precedence to not take a stand.
- Manager Skerry explained this would not be taking a stand but making a statement that you are for infrastructure replacement and you would want to see the overall infrastructure remain in good operating condition and continued with the discussion.
- Councilor Brown said we have not received the verbiage on the support they are requesting.
- Manager Skerry explained an infrastructure can be, wires, roads, water systems and could also be employees and continued the discussion.

- Manager Skerry explained he is asking not to support rate increases but to support growth, progress and infrastructure improvement and continued with the discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn explained when he talked with Kristen he thought they were looking for municipalities to support growth and go through the legislature for that support.
- Councilor Gutjahr agreed with Councilor Brown regarding needing the verbiage or the actual resolution of support and continued the discussion.

a) Public questions (3) minutes to address the Council

- No public for comments.

Employee Benefit Package – Discussion

- Manager Skerry explained that we have the HR person looking at our job descriptions and we will be having a staff meeting with the HR personnel to go over concerns of the staff.
- Manager Skerry began a discussion on what is set aside for an attorney in the budget and then asked everyone to get their own personal wish list and bring it to the workshop.
- Manager Skerry said he started with the budget which now leads into the personnel benefit package, wage and salary scale and job description adjustments and the money is going to go up. He then explained the HR persons is very experienced in personnel matters but not in municipal personnel.
- Manager Skerry began a discussion on PERA, who has PERA and the list of the minimum plan of what PERA offers.
- Councilor Sais asked if the vast majority of the municipalities throughout the State are PERA.
- Manager Skerry said they all are involved with PERA and continued the discussion on what plans they are on.
- Manager Skerry will be asking Council if they would like him to go forward with considering PERA, getting a representative of PERA to come talk with Council and vote on that tonight.

a) Public questions (3) minutes to address the Council

- No public for comments.

Manager Report

- Manager Skerry said that P&Z will be on the agenda tonight and will be bring up to council their mission statement and questions being asked regarding solid waste and passed out both to Council to review. He then read the mission statement and began a discussion on the questions that P&Z have come up with.
- Manager Skerry passed out to Council from Tax and Rev the GRT list and began a discussion on the County and our growth.
- Manager Skerry said we will be having a workshop on building the budget and said we only have 3 years of budget growth and are on our 5th year since being incorporated.
- Manager Skerry said the newsletter is getting ready to be put out and Sandy Schauer will be here tonight. He then said she will be attending all meetings from now on.
- Manager Skerry said tonight he will be giving a calendar year end report and is requesting the managers' report at tonight's meeting be moved to the end of the departmental reports.
- Manager Skerry began a discussion on the need of a full time EMS personnel for the fire department and a positive explanation on what is going on at the fire department.
- Councilor Gutjahr said in her point of view people tend to relate more to the emotional aspect and not the good things that have been going on at the fire department and continued the discussion.

- Manager Skerry explained his position is, we need to promote the good things going on and continued the discussion
 - Councilor Gutjahr said that we need to acknowledge the persons pain but don't base your business on that pain and continued the discussion.
 - Manager Skerry explained all the street signs have been completed, having them subbed out through the County and then said he has another list of signs that need to be ordered.
 - Manager Skerry said there will be a large bill tonight for Universal for pothole repairs during accounts payable report and began a discussion on what they have completed and what is next on their work schedule.
- The City Council workshop was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Adair
Municipal Clerk

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

William (Bill) Brown,
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Arturo R. Sais,
Councilor

Thomas Scroggins,
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Date: _____