



**City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Monday, February 12, 2024 6:00 PM**

**Minutes**

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

**Call to Order**

Mayor Ramsell called the Regular Business meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Apodaca led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

**Governing Body**

Mayor Joshua Ramsell  
 Councilor Lawrance Gordon  
 Councilor Marquez  
 Councilor Nelson  
 Councilor Apodaca

**Staff**

Manager Dr. Martin Moore  
 Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon  
 Finance Officer Stephanie Finch (Virtual)  
 Police Chief Felix Nunez  
 Fire Chief Andrew Tabet  
 City Attorney Randy Van Vleck

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon  
 Councilor Nelson  
 Councilor Marquez  
 Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of Minutes for January 29,2024**

**2. Approval of Accounts Payable**

Amazon Business	207.39	NM Self Insurers' Fund	5,000.00
Sharp Electronics Corporation	4,053.06	AT & T Mobility	969.18
Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc.	650.48	Total Glass Solutions, LLC	1,500.00
AMTEC Less Lethal Systems	223.70	Albuquerque Publishing Co.	1,031.39
Desert Fox, LLC.	637.28	Shred-it US JV LLC	274.71
Universal Waste Systems, Inc.	364.98	Boundtree Medical	179.99
Napa Auto Parts	53.33	Maloy Mobile Storage Inc.	487.36

Valencia County Fiscal Office	2,362.15	NM Local Government Law	2,947.85
Aqua3, LLC.	57.20	Ortega and Son's Propane Services,	781.26
HEI, Inc	8,053.66	Bank of America, N.A.	5,856.56
Woodlands Hardware	157.55	Comcast Business	952.85
Paul Baca	3,008.47	NM Gas Co	2,291.59
Gayle A. Jones	866.40	NM Water Service Company	412.90
UniqueFleet, LLC.	4,953.94	PNM	2,106.79
Comcast Business	1,050.70	Verizon Wireless	536.48
NM Municipal League	60.00	WEX Bank	2,392.30

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

- Councilor Gordon
- Councilor Nelson
- Councilor Marquez
- Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Public Comment:**

Dick Irvine had some questions about the agenda. He explained that there were other applicants for the planning & zoning commission and wanted to know if they were interviewed or given a reason why they were not considered and why only Jim Winters was on the agenda.

Claudine Montano stated that they need a speed bump on Hillandale to keep the kids safe and asked what the city is going to do about the livestock in the city.

**Manager Report**

City Manager Dr. Moore talked about having a revenue workshop on February 26, 2024. He proposed to finish the training on February 26, 2024, and a Special Workshop on March 11, 2024.

Councilor Nelson will not be available on that date.

Councilor Marquez will not be available on that date.

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that they could do the training and revenue workshop together on March 11, 2024.

Council agreed.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Reappointment of Melodie Good for Planning & Zoning Commission**

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to re-appoint Melodie Good for Planning & Zoning Commission.  
 Motion seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

- Councilor Gordon
- Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Reappointment of Chad Good Planning & Zoning Commission**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to re-appoint Chad Good to Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Appointment of Jim Winters for Planning & Zoning Commission**

Councilor Gordon made a motion to appoint Jim Winters for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca  
Mayor Ramsell

Voting Nay:

Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-2 vote Mayor breaking the tie.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Authorize one additional fulltime Fire/Emergency Medical Technician position**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that in preparation for ISO inspection we are asking to utilize funds from unfilled positions to accommodate hiring an EMT.

Fire Chief Tabet explained that ISO is where the Fire Department gets their funding. With this position he is requesting he feels the City is critical need of this EMT position Rio Communities is a busy district averaging a little over 100 calls a month. He explained that he plans to ask for one more position next fiscal year.

Councilor Marquez asked if Dr. Moore knew about the elimination of the Librarian position prior to the meeting. City Manager Dr. Moore explained that they are not eliminating the Librarian position, they are requesting to utilize unused funds to be able to fill the position for an EMT for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to authorize one additional full-time Fire/Emergency Medical technician position. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Council Discussion**

Mayor Ramsell welcomed Councilor Apodaca back and thanked the Fire department and the police department and the staff for all their hard work.

Councilor Apodaca thanked everyone for their concern during this difficult time.

Councilor Nelson read a post from the Next-Door app From a resident thanking the Deputy Clerk Lalana Aragon for taking time to add her to the email list.

Councilor Marquez talked about the appointment of Commissioners for Planning & Zoning and explained that there were other applicants, and their applications should have been reviewed properly. He then requested the city reach out to the other applicants to let them know they haven't been selected and that the city should have a deadline for the applications.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to adjourn at 6:31pm. Motion carried.

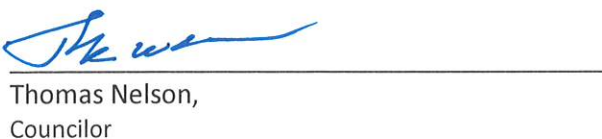
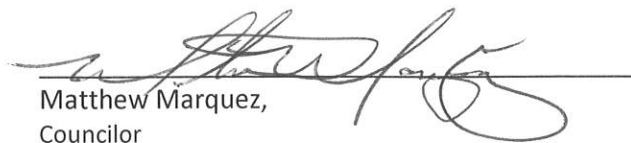
Respectfully submitted,



DR. Martin Moore, Acting Municipal Clerk  
(Taken and Transcribed by Lalana Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: 2/26/2024

Approved:

  
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Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor  
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Lawrence Gordon,  
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor  
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Arthur Apodaca,  
Councilor  
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Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor  
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Matthew Marquez,  
Councilor