



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, March 11, 2024 6:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Mayor - Joshua Ramsell

Mayor Pro Tem - Lawrence Gordon

Council - Arthur Apodaca, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez

Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Councilor Lawrence Gordon (Virtual)
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Marquez (Virtual)

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore
Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon
Police Chief Felix Nunez
Fire Chief Andrew Tabet
City Attorney Randy Van Vleck

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca 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

Approval of Minutes for Special Workshop and Regular Business Meeting February 26,2024

Approval of Accounts Payable

Amazon Business	821.28	TLC Uniforms	7,732.93
H&M 116 Rock Products, LLC.	2,240.00	Aqua3, LLC	98.20
Napa Auto Parts	809.27	Design Silk Screen Printers, LLC.	7,140.00
Valencia County Fiscal Office	3,040.35	NM Local Government Law	5,359.73
eSchedule, Inc	2,358.72	Woodlands Hardware	265.52
Sharp Electronics Corporation	3,342.11	TLC Plumbing & Utility Commercial S	409.37
Craig Independent Tire Co.	22.21	HDR Engineering, Inc.	2,902.82
HDR Engineering, Inc.	2,902.82	Comcast Business	478.28

Gayle A. Jones	1,450.41	Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	198.54
Albuquerque Publishing Co.	1,875.51	Garcia & Sons Security	174.65
Sherman & Howard, LLC.	14,036.28	Able & Willies One Stop Shop, LLC	505.00
Boundtree Medical	174.93	Maloy Mobile Storage Inc.	243.68
UniqueFleet, LLC.	10,130.32	Comcast Business	578.39
NM Gas Co	1,513.29	NM Water Service Company	408.76
PNM	2,256.05	Verizon Wireless	524.85
WEX Bank	2,791.94		

Motin made by Councilor Nelson 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:

Rob Raucci requested a t-post with a reflector by the speed bump on Hillandale he also talked about the shot gun blasted “no dumping sign” on the Mesa and requested to replace it with a small metal sign. He then talked about his concerns of the old car dealership on Highway 47 and Manzano Express way and the old carwash. He explained it is a black eye for the city. He then talked about Universal Waste garbage trucks leaking hydraulic oil all over the streets. He then said he loves living in the city of Rio Communities and wants to see it succeed.

Dick Irvin talked about his concerns of democracy and transparency. He also talked about a crack on Western Dr. He then talked about the appointment of the Judge.

Manager Report

City Manager Dr. Moore talked about the progress of the sidewalks in the city and explained that Public Works is working on them. He then gave an update on the playground at Chamisa park and safety issues the City is working on. He then talked about an item on the agenda for the Department of Transportation co-op grant and he will disuse that at that time. He then talked about getting some training.

Councilor Apodaca asked if there was an update with getting a zip code. City Manager Dr. Moore responded that we have not had any response from the post office or the Governor at this time.

Councilor Marquez asked if the City has gone over our budget for the park. City Manager Dr. Moore explained the city has not.

Councilor Nelson asked about the Universal Waste contract. City Manager Dr. Moore explained that it is up for the first renewal, and we will need to have a discussion regarding renegotiation of terms.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to apply for NMDOT Road Grant with 25% Local Match

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that we are looking to apply for a Co-Op grant for Damon St. and Horner St. with New Mexico Department of Transportation. The estimated amount is 250,000 with a 25% match. Our goal is to get a mill and repave.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve to apply for the NMDOT Road Grant with a 25% local match not to exceed 62,500. 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 – To fill the Municipal Judge Vacancy

Mayor Ramsell explained that there are two individuals that showed interest in being our Municipal Judge. One of the individuals lives outside of the city limits so that would preclude them from being our Municipal Judge, Helen Smith has also submitted a resume and a letter of interest.

Motion made by Apodaca to declare the vacancy of Municipal Judge. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to fill the Municipal Judge vacancy with Helen Smith. 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 – Appointments of Boards and Committees Rio Metro Board, Mid-Region Council of Governments, Transportation Program Technical Group, Transportation Coordinating Committee, Transportation Board, Greater Valencia County Chambers of Commerce, Albuquerque Regional Economic Alliance

Rio Metro Board – Council Apodaca with Councilor Nelson as alternate, Mid-Rio Grand Council of Governments - Mayor Ramsell with Councilor Marquez and Councilor Gordon as alternate, Transportation Program Technical Group - Councilor Nelson with Councilor Marquez as alternate. Transportation Coordination Committee - Councilor Nelson with Councilor Gordon as alternate. Transportation Board - Councilor Nelson with Mayor Ramsell as alternate. Greater Valencia County Chambers of Commerce - Councilor Apodaca with Councilor Marquez as alternate. Zoning Task Force - Councilor Gordon with Councilor Marquez as alternate.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the volunteers of the boards listed on the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Council Discussion

Councilor Nelson congratulated Kaylee Dons and Kendal Good on their promotions. He then read a statement from Next Door App. thanking our Public works for their hard work at the City Clean up on Saturday morning. He congratulated the Fire Department and the Public Works staff for their hard work. He then asked if we knew where the location for the level 3 EV charger is going to be that we should be getting later this year. Dr. Moore explained that we have suggested an area here in front of City Hall. As soon as we get word from the Secretary of Transportation, I will let you know and provide a site plan with the proposed spot. Councilor Nelson explained that he is working on a beautification grant for the city.

Councilor Marquez asked about Don Diego and asked for an update on the repairs. City Manager Dr. Moore explained that they are looking at a type of concrete gravel mixture and we are recommending a community meeting for the redesign of Don Diego. In the next few weeks, we should be seeing some repairs. Councilor Marquez asked about the trailers in Chamisa. Police Chief Nunez explained that there is an open investigation, and we are requesting written complaints. We are in the process of revamping our ordinance with our Municipal Judge we can move forward. As far as the movie site we haven't had any documentation. Councilor Marquez explained he has some ideas for areas for some parks. One is on Horner and the other is across from City Hall. He then talked about our animal ordinance.

Executive Session - For the purpose of discussion considering limited personnel matters - complaints against the City Manager and the Assistant to the City Manager pursuant to NMSA SECTION 10 – 15-1(H)(2).

Motion and roll call vote to go into closed session

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca with a roll call vote for the matters stated on the agenda.
Seconded by Councilor Gordon at 7:12pm.

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Motion and roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to go back into the regular business meeting session with a roll call vote. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca at 9:12pm.

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor: The Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, New Mexico, hereby states that on March 11, 2024 a closed executive session was held for the purpose of discussion regarding limited personnel matters - complaints against the City Manager and the Assistant to the City Manager pursuant to NMSA SECTION 10 – 15-1(H)(2).

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve the statement by the Mayor as read. Seconded by

Councilor Nelson.

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez


Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to adjourn. Seconded by councilor Apodaca. With a unanimous vote the regular business meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.


Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Martin Moore, (Acting) Municipal Clerk
(Taken and Transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: 3/25/2024

Approved:




Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor



Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor