



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, March 25, 2024 6:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Mayor - Joshua Ramsell
Mayor Pro Tem – Lawrance R. Gordon
Council - Arthur Apodaca, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez

Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the regular business meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Governing Body

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

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 by Apodaca to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
 Councilor Nelson
 Councilor Marquez
 Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Swearing in of Municipal Judge Helen Smith

District Judge Smith Sworn in New municipal Judge Helen Smith.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes for Regular Business Meeting March 11,2024

Approval of Accounts Payable

Amazon Business	123.58	Woodlands Hardware	95.11
Sharp Electronics Corporation	1,345.52	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2,497.73
Tabet Lumber Co, Inc.	441.26	Home Depot	128.73
Trenton Parnell	13,924.44	Rentokil North America Inc.	466.44
Universal Waste Systems, Inc.	364.98	Century Link	157.18
Napa Auto Parts	33.53	HDR Engineering, Inc.	35,372.90

Angel Armor, LLC.	1,293.00	411 Equipment, LLC	1,206.26
Code 3 Service	84,003.92	Unique Fleet, LLC.	5,964.02
Waterway of NM, LLC.	4,105.89	Maloy Mobile Storage Inc.	243.68
HEI, Inc	52,491.00	Armando Romero	1,181.32
Southern Tire Mart, LLC	3,201.77	NM Municipal League	15.00
CIVICPLUS	3,400.00	Albuquerque Publishing Co.	784.60
AT & T Mobility	1,001.92	USPS	320.00
NM Municipal Clerks & Finance Office	225.00	Seth Howe	654.15
Comcast Business	299.98		

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

Public Comment:

Michelle Kinsey talked about the animal ordinance, she also talked about the sexual business ordinance. She explained that this is a family community and the importance of keeping the city safe.

Derek Kinsey stated his concerns for the animals and families that need service animals, and all service animals serve a different purpose. He continued to talk about the sexual business in the community and hopes the city doesn't go that route.

Dick Irvin talked about the animal welfare ordinance. He explained that if the owner of the animals takes care of the animals properly, I don't see an issue. He talked about getting no engine brake signs, he then talked about the traffic on highway 304 and the vehicles speeding.

Peggy Gutjar congratulated Chief Nunez for the Spring Kickoff. She then talked about the number of animals that got vaccinated and how nice it was to see a Police table representing the City. She thanked Dr. Moore and Public Works for their help to make the Spring Kickoff a success.

Manager Report

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that the City is working on a animal welfare ordinance. Police Chief Nunez showed a recruitment video and explained the purpose for the recruitment video is to possibly get some applicants for the Police department. Councilor Apodaca thanked Dr. Moore for the training on Budget and Revenue. Councilor Nelson asked about the sexually oriented business ordinance and explained that it is already permitted under C-3.

Audit Report Presentation – SJT Group

Jeremiah Armijo went over the Audit. Dr. Moore explained that the city will draft a new policy that will help with the Fire Fighters stipend. He also explained that we have corrected the travel forms, and they are updated.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2024-02 Explaining Audit Findings

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve Resolution 2024-02 Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

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

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval For Public Works Use of Unincumbered Bill Brown Memorial Funds

Dr. Moore explained that public works will use the Bill Brown funds for Don Diego Road that needs to be repaired and can't wait for the grants to come through and stated the cost came to about \$33,000. He explained that they will put some boulders along the side of the road. Councilor Marquez talked about his concerns for the boulders that they are putting on Don Diego Road. Councilor Nelson asked what will be done with the boulders after the redesign of Horner. Councilor Gordon said thank you for getting Don Diego done. Councilor Marquez said that he thinks we should save the money from the Bil Brown fund and use it for a scholarship. The City Attorney explained that we would have to do some research to make sure it doesn't interfere with the anti-donation clause.

Motion by Councilor Gordon for the approval for Public Works use of the unincumbered Bill Brown Memorial funds. Seconded by Councilor Nelson

Voting Yea:

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

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Council Discussion

Councilor Marquez explained that the city should name the Library or a Park after Bill Brown. Councilor Nelson said he agreed on naming a park after Bill Brown. He thanked Chief Nunez for the Spring Kick off. He then explained that he is applying for a grant that is called a clean and beautiful grant. It has five goals it is to stop littering and put waste bins around the city, clean up graffiti and explained other things that can be done with the grant. Mayor Ramsell talked about prohibiting engine brake use. He explained it requires DOT approval and is something we could put in an ordinance.

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

Motion and roll call vote to go into close session

Motion made by Councilor Gordon with a roll call vote for the matters stated on the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca at 7:05pm.

Voting Yea:

- 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 Gordon to go back into the regular business meeting session with a roll call vote. Seconded by Councilor Nelson at 8:24pm.

Voting Yea:

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 25, 2024 a closed executive session was held for the purpose of discussion regarding limited personnel matters - complaints against the City Manager pursuant to NMSA SECTION 10 – 15-1(H)(2).

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

Voting Yea:


Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. With a unanimous vote the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 4-8-2024

Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



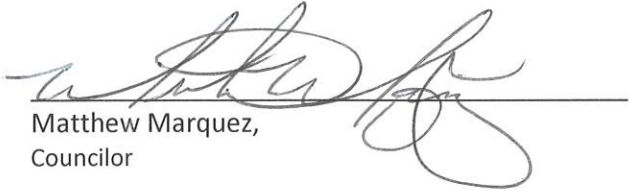
Lawrance R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor



Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor