



**City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Monday, April 08, 2024 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

**Mayor - Joshua Ramsell**

**Mayor Pro Tem - Lawrence R. Gordon**

**Council - Arthur Apodaca, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez**

**Call to Order**

6:03pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

**Governing Body**

Mayor Joshua Ramsell

Councilor Lawrence 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 made by Councilor 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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes for March 25, 2024**

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

	2,725.06	Melodie Good	90.00
Amazon Business			
Tabet Lumber Co, Inc.	1,167.33	Ray's Fire Extinguishers	266.65
State of Emergency	994.95	AT&T Mobility	2,019.88
Upfitting			
H&M 116 Rock Products, LLC	1,186.00	Bank of America, N.A.	934.35
Napa Auto Parts	26.67	Stericycle Inc.	163.75
McKesson Medical-Surgical	227.67	Bound tree Medical	284.46
Government			
Aqua3, LLC.	42.60	Ortega and Son's Propane Services,	608.00
HEI, Inc	16,245.00	Maloy Mobile Storage Inc.	487.36

Woodland Hardware	508.44	Unique Fleet, LLC.	592.89
Wells Fargo Financial	138.09	WOLFCOM Enterprises	125.00
Leasing			
Chad Good	90.00	Comcast Business	578.39
Adelina Benavidez	30.00	NM Gas Co	794.65
Richard Henderson	90.00	NM Water Service Company	412.90
Craig Independent Tire Co.	3,073.26	PNM	2,120.78
Gayle A. Jones	1,800.49	Verizon Wireless	524.85
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	782.84	WEX Bank	2,516.85

Motin 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:**

No comments.

**Manager Report**

Dr. Moore explained he will be putting a written managers' report in the packet. City Manager Moore talked about having a meeting with Universal Waste to go over the contract and asked members of the Council to be a part of that meeting. He then talked about having a Community meeting for Don Diego on Wednesday to go over the design. Councilor Nelson volunteered to be on the committee for Universal Waste. Councilor Marquez asked about the fence in Chamisa. Dr. Moore explained the park is still being worked on and anything that needs to be corrected will be. Councilor Gordon volunteered to be on the Universal Waste committee.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Emma Sanchez Out of State Travel for WI Law Enforcement Administration Professional Training Conference "LEAP" in Green Bay Wisconsin**

Chief Nunez explained the WI Law Enforcement Administration Professional Training Conference "LEAP" and stated Mrs. Sanchez is the administration assistant for the Police Department and the NTCJC offers this training that will provide a wide range of training for Mrs. Sanchez.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Emma Sanchez' out of state travel for WI Law Enforcement Administration Professional Training Conference "LEAP" in Green Bay Wisconsin not to exceed \$2,500. 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 Contracting with Beasley, Mitchell & CO. Certified Public Accountants**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained in the process of looking for a finance officer Beasley Mitchell was suggested to us by the State Department of Finance and Administration. Mrs. Garcia explained the contract. Mayor Ramsell asked if we hire a finance officer before the contract ends will we continue to be charged. Mrs. Garcia answered no you will the city be charged the hourly rate. Councilor Marquez asked how many other cities they work with. Mrs. Garcia explained that currently she is working with five but over the years it has been about five to ten a year. Councilor Marquez asked the average size of cities that they work with. Mrs. Garcia explained about 2,000 the largest was with Santa Fe. Councilor Apodaca asked for a timeline on hiring a finance director. Dr. Moore explained that he has not put out for a recruitment. Councilor Apodaca asked for a prediction. Dr. Moore said I cannot give a prediction it may take a few months to get the right person. The discussion continued.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon at the rate of \$160.00 hourly rate not to exceed \$59,999. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Councilor Nelson made a motion to amend Councilor Gordons motion to hold the contract to the end of the fiscal year not to exceed \$59,999. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca for the amendment to the end of the fiscal year.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

## **Council Discussion**

Councilor Apodaca talked about the property where the flag is located and is collaborating with the owner to turn it into a Veterans Memorial. Councilor Nelson asked Dr. Moore if he has posted job openings on Municipal League. Councilor Nelson thanked the Fire Department Auxiliary board for the Easter egg hunt and the Spaghetti dinner and stated the Auxiliary board will be hosting a Childs CPR/First aid class. He then asked when the park in Chamisa would be finished. Dr. Moore explained that they are waiting on PNM and the water department, and I cannot give you a hard date. Councilor Nelson talked about the Blessing of the Bikes on April 14, and he requested the police help with that and also that the Moose is having a blood drive and would like for the City to be a part and also it be put on the Marque. Councilor Gordon talked about having an adult chess program on Wednesdays after his children's chess class. Councilor Marquez thanked the Fire Department for the assistance on God Friday and thanked the Police Chief for all he has been doing on building the police department. Councilor Marquez asked about the trailers in chamise. Police Chief Nunez said we are working on an open investigation and that it is not falling on def ears. Councilor Marquez asked about 101 Rio Communities. Dr. Moore explained that he could not give too much information on that property. I can tell you the property owner has met with. Mayor Ramsell talked about the Don Diego road project on April 10, 2024, at 6:00pm. He thanked the Fire Department for their help during Good Friday events and thanked the Police Department for their help in getting the City Cleaned up.

**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 with a roll call vote made by Councilor Gordon to go into closed session for Limited Personnel Matters - Complaints Against the City Manager Pursuant to NMSA SECTION 10 – 15-1(H)(2). Seconded by Councilor Nelson at 6:56pm.

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 with a roll call vote made by Councilor Gordon to go back to the regular business meeting. Seconded by Councilor Nelson at 7:51pm.

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:**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the Mayors statement. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Executive Session - For the purpose of Discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8)**

Motion with a roll call vote by Councilor Apodaca to go into closed session for the purpose of Discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8). Seconded by Councilor Gordon at 7:53pm.

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 with a roll call vote made by Councilor Nelson to go back to the regular business meeting.  
Seconded by Councilor Gordon at 9:00pm.

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:**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the Mayors statement. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.


Voting Yea:  
Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Adjourn**

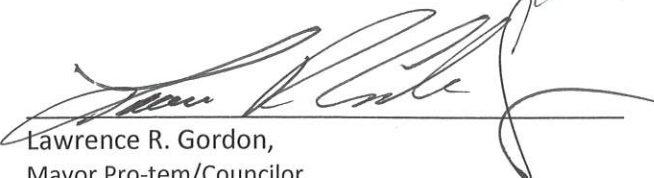

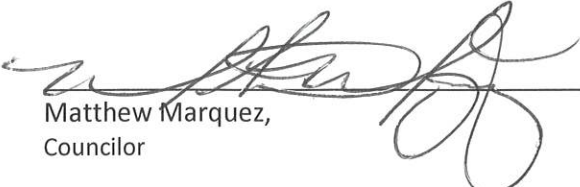
Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. With a unanimous vote the regular business meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: 4/8/2024

Approved:

  
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Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor  
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Lawrence R. 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