



**City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Monday, April 22, 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 meeting to order at 6:02pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**

**Governing Body**

Mayor Joshua Ramsell  
Councilor Lawrance Gordon  
Councilor Thomas Nelson  
Councilor Art Apodaca  
Councilor Matthew Marquez

**Staff**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Apodaca made a motion 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 Regular Business Meeting March 25,2024**

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

Code 3 Service	97887.60	Woodlands Hardware	185.68
Leadership New Mexico	1,000.00	Wilfred O. Chavez,	250.00
		Pharmacy Consul	
Pitney Bowes	601.00	Wells Fargo Financial	2,497.73
		Leasing	
Napa Auto Parts	113.83	TLC Uniforms	330.47
Valencia County Fiscal	1,593.75	Century Link	78.34
Office			
NM Local Government Law	4,324.91	Artesia Fire Equipment Inc.	149,872.60

TLC Plumbing & Utility Commercial S	2,141.35	Once a Day Marketing LLC.	7,771.67
HDR Engineering, Inc.	59,808.84	UniqueFleet, LLC.	2,155.17
Palmetto LLC	2,245.10	Albuquerque Publishing Co.	2,090.75
Amazon Business	237.05	Sharp Electronics Corporation	4,442.45
Comcast Business	299.88		

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:**

Jody Skelton addressed the Mayor, Council and City Manager. Several months ago Dr. Moore handpicked a committee to go over the ordinances there were many mistakes that needed to be corrected. Dr. Moore refused Citizens from the Community to sit on this committee. Our ordinances are very weak. She believes Dr. Moore has monopolized city hall by forbidding employees and elected officials to have conversations about different aspects of their daily duties and forbidding them to do their jobs properly and efficiently. She stated these individuals are threatened by him in the way he speaks to them. There have been several vacancies that have not been posted for over six weeks. She explained it is unethical for the City Manager to not have a Human Resource person a City Clerk or a Finance officer and the city is supposed to have an economic development committee as well. She demanded that Dr. Moore as City Manager making an excess of \$112,000 a year get this situation resolved within the next 30 days.

**Presentation – Sunny 505**

Joanie Griffin from Sunny 505 gave a presentation about the Website. There was discussion about the website and invoices.

**Presentation – Tommy Sanchez Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center (VRECC)**

Tommy Sanchez from VRECC gave a presentation about how Valencia Regional emergency Communications Center operates. There was a discussion.

**Public Hearing - For the purpose of Rio Holdings Replat Request**

**Motion and roll call vote to recess Regular Business Meeting session and to go into Public Hearing**

**Consideration of Rio Holdings Replat Request Proposed Location: Legal Description Tract: 3 S: 15 T:**

**5N R: 2E 22.77 ACRES 1998 REV UPC: 1010028270290000000**

Motion by Gordon into public hearing for the purpose of Rio Holdings replat request for proposed location. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca

Voting Nay:

Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 2-2 vote Mayor breaking the tie at 7:12pm.

A representative from Rio Holdings was not present.

City Manager Moore explained the parcel of land that was requesting a replat and explained it is an expedited replat request. He explained that the parcel of land has two zones on it.

Councilor Nelson stated that the application has C-1 not planned development.

Councilor Marquez stated since there is a mistake on the application it should go back to Planning and Zoning.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that it isn't a zone change, it is a replat request.

Councilor Nelson stated that the application needs to go back to Planning and Zoning.

City Attorney Van Vleck stated that Council did not have to send it back to Planning and Zoning that the members of Council could make the changes it was completely up to the members of the Governing Body .

**Motion and roll call vote to go back into Regular Business Meeting session**

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to go back into regular meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:25pm.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Rio Holdings Replat Request Proposed Location: Legal Description Tract: 3 S: 15 T: 5N R: 2E 22.77 ACRES 1998 REV UPC: 1010028270290000000**

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to send back to Planning and Zoning to make proper corrections on the application. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Manager Report**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that he has provided written updates and that there will be a Budget workshop on May 6, 2024. He then explained that there is someone here from Vocational Rehabilitation. He asked if she could introduce herself and explain what she does.

Vanessa Anderson introduced herself and stated she works with (DVR) New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation with the state division. She explained that she has been talking to Dr. Moore about working with students that have IEP's to work with the City and to learn about city government. She handed out some brochures with information on what they do. She explained that DVR will pay the students and the insurance while they're on city property.

### **Council Discussion**

Councilor Apodaca requested contact information for the boards he has been appointed to.

Councilor Nelson asked about the survey Once a Day Marketing did on outdoor recreation and asked why it hasn't been published. He then talked about signage on the front of City Hall. Councilor Nelson asked why the city doesn't spend funds out of Public works #2. Councilor Nelson talked about a city hall grant. We have IEPP 3250 that is to be spent on art. He then talked about the meeting with Universal Waste, job postings for a treasurer and take-home vehicle policies. He then asked to hear from the Code Enforcer. He then thanked the police department for their help with the blessing of the bikes. He stated that the Moose Lodge will be having a blood drive on Saturday May 11, 2024, from 10pm until 2pm.

Councilor Gordon thanked Lodie Silva and Chief of Police for their help with the flyers for the Chess Club.

Councilor Marquez talked about the appointments to the boards and asked for contacts. He also talked about the posting of finance and library positions not being posted on the marquee. He asked about the Chamartín drainage grant and asked if the city didn't use all the grant money. City Manager Dr. Moore stated that they are still working on getting reimbursement. Councilor Marquez asked about the park in Chamisa and what funds would the money be coming out of. City Manager Dr. Moore explained the funds come from a grant

He then asked about the park in Chamisa and asked where the money was coming from.

Mayor Ramsell thanked the Fire Department and the Police Department for all they have done.

### **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 Gordon to go into closed session, or the matters stated on the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:55pm.

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

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to go back into regular business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 9:59pm

**Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor:**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to accept statement by the Mayor. 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 at 10:00pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

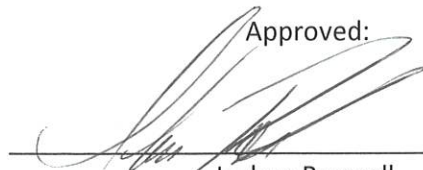


Dr. Martin Moore, (Acting) Municipal Clerk  
(Taken and Transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date:

June 10, 2024

Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor



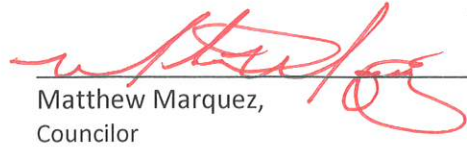
Lawrance R. Gordon,  
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,  
Councilor

 6-10-24

Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor

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Matthew Marquez,  
Councilor