



City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, May 20, 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

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:14pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell

Councilor Lawrence Gordon

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

ABSENT

Councilor Thomas Nelson

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 Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote

Action Items

Public Hearing - FY Tentative budget

Motion and roll call vote to recess Council Special Business Meeting session and to go into Public Hearing.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to recess the Special Business Meeting and go into a public hearing for the Tentative Budget 2024-2024 budget. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Marquez

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that this is a tentative budget until the final budget is approved. He continued to explain that this is an estimated budget. He then went over the City Organizational Chart. He explained that the city is an administrative form of government. Dr. Moore explained that services provided to residents come out of the general fund and went over the departments in the city. He talked about contracts that the city has with Valencia County. He continued to explain that there is a significant amount of home-based business and explained that the state is working on making sure the city is getting GRTs from online sales. Dr. Moore went over franchise taxes and changes with the Municipal courts. He went over the breakdown of the general fund. He explained that gross receipts come to the city from contractors that build homes in the city and explained that the city is under 10k in population and gets small cities assistance as well.

Dr. Moore continued to explain that our public works, police and fire department can do more now than they have in the past. He explained that most of the revenue is based on grants. Dr. Moore went over the budget (see packet.) He explained that this year we are presenting a flat budget. He walked through the budget and explained the numbers will change for the final. Dr Moore continued to explain that the tentative budget is not the final budget.

Dr. Moore explained that having a zip code for the City is very critical and the city is working on that.

Councilor Apodaca thanked Dr. Moore for all his efforts in the tentative budget and for looking at it conservatively.

Councilor Gordon thanked Dr. Moore for looking at the budget in a conservative light.

Councilor Marquez had nothing to say at this time.

Mayor Ramsell explained that this isn't the final budget and explained that without reoccurring revenue we are limited in what the City can do.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to go back into Regular Business meeting Session. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca 7:46 pm

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote 7:46pm

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision -

Marquez motioned to postpone the decision for the Tentative 2024-2025 budget until the next business meeting. There was no second on this motion.

Motion made by Gordon to approve the Tentative 2024-2025 budget. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca

Voting Nay:
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 2-1vote 7:46pm

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Reschedule of the May 27, 2024 City Council Meeting to May 30, 2024

Councilor Apodaca made a motion to reschedule the May 27th City Council Meeting to May 30, 2024. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca

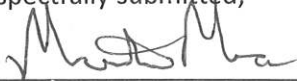
Voting Nay:
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 2-1vote

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: July 22, 2024

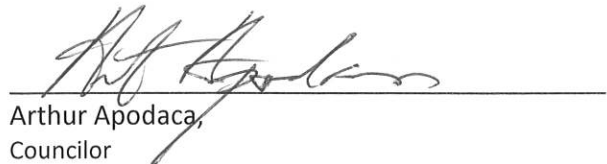
Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



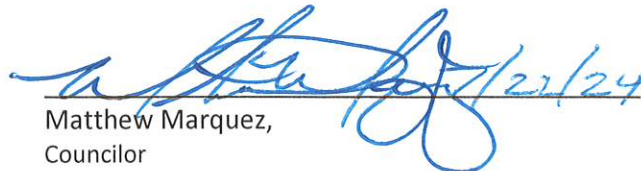
Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor



Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor