



**City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Monday, September 23, 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 6:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Nelson led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call**

**Governing Body**

Mayor Joshua Ramsell  
Councilor Lawrence Gordon (Absent)  
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**

Mayor Ramsell requested to make a change to the agenda and move the action item #9 Donation of Property from Valencia County to Build a Park to the top of the agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Apodaca  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes for Regular Business Meeting April 22 ,2024**

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Apodaca  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

**Public Comment:**

Kambrie Sanchez representing Sanchez Demolition stated that they are a local business and are seeking information to become a roll of dumpster vendor in the City of Rio Communities.

Leroy Chavez La Paz St. stated that he talked to the City Manager about 2 months ago about a street issue on Kegan Loop and nothing has been done about the issue.

**Manager Report**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that the meeting on the agenda for October 27th should have said October 7th and requested a Special Meeting and a Workshop. He then talked about Changing the date of the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to October 15<sup>th</sup> due to October 14<sup>th</sup> being Indigenous People Day.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Donation of Property from Valencia County to Build a Park**

Johnatha Aragon stated that the County owns a piece of property in the City of Rio Communities and was told that it was a potential property that could be used for a park and stated that the County would like to donate this piece of property to help the City with the infrastructure and participation in building a park for the City of Rio Communities. Mr. Aragon stated that the County Commission approved this unanimously and he has a copy of the recorded deed and some maps of the property.

Councilor Nelson asked so the public knows where the property is located.

Mr. Aragon showed the Council the map of the property

Mayor Ramsell stated for anyone one in the audience or watching from home this is a 3-acre parcel located off of Avenida Del Fuego surrounded by Sombrero Loop and the remainder will be off of NM State Highway 304.

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve the donation of property from Valencia County to build a park. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

- Councilor Apodaca
- Councilor Nelson
- Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Purchas a of Street Sweeper Using Capitol Appropriation Grant Agreement 24-I 3201 Public Works Equipment and Heavy Equipment**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that the Public Works Supervisor Andy Quintana. Would like to purchase some equipment for the Public Works Department using the Capitol Appropriation Grant.

Public Works Supervisor Andy Quintana explained the Public Works department would like to purchase a street sweeper for the City and stated that there is a lot of construction coming up and he would like to keep our streets clean. He explained the model of the street sweeper and stated that it has everything the City will need to keep the streets clean.

Charles Montoya stated that this will not fall under CES or State agreement prices due to it being a rush order and them holding for the City it will not be covered under CES.

Dr. Moore explained that this would have to go out to bid and stated that Mr. Quintana will be asking not to exceed \$275,000.

There was a discussion.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to put this action item out to bid not to exceed \$275,000. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Councilor Apodaca made a motion to reconsider Action Item #4. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase of a street sweeper not to exceed \$275,00 following State Procurement rules and regulations if one cannot be found that way we would go out to bid. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Purchase of Dump Truck using Capital Appropriation Grant Agreement 24-I 3201 Public Works Equipment and Heavy Equipment**

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase of a dump truck using Capital Appropriation grant agreement 24-I 3201 Public Works equipment and heavy equipment. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Findings and Recommendation Letter for Marvik Special Use Permit Legal description UPC100902733648600000 Subd: LAND OF HI MESA Tract: 1 4.46 ACRES 2010 REV, 101 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities NM 87002 Regarding a Fueling Station**

Councilor Nelson stated that in the recommendation letter it has the entire parcel not the part that was subdivided.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that the Council could amend that now.

Councilor Marquez stated his concern on item #11 and stated that it has the wrong Ordinance.

Councilor Nelson made a motion to move on to action item 7 and 8 and come back to this item after corrections are made. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the Findings and recommendation letter for Marvik Special Use Permit legal description UPC1009027336486000000 Subd: LAND OF HI MESA Tract: 1 4.46 ACRES 2010 REV, 101 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities NM 87002 regarding a fueling station as amended and corrected. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

**Discussion – Police Department Policies**

There was a discussion.

**Discussion – Uniform Traffic Code and Fees**

There was a discussion.

**Council Discussion**

Councilor Nelson stated that he heard from some residents' concerns about the Main streets needing to be cleaned up. He then asked for take home vehicles policies for all departments. He then asked about addressing. City Manager Dr. Moore explained that we have come up with a draft and we are waiting to hear back from the County. He then explained that he is working with Valencia County Regional Emergency Communications Center Director Tommy Sanchez so the City can temporarily assign address. Councilor Nelson asked about having a ribbon cutting for the Chamisa park. He then asked about having a check list for applications when it comes to special use permits and if there is a timeline the City has to follow. He then asked Dr. Moore to include in his Managers report of any special use permit applications that the City has received.

Councilor Apodaca gave an update on the Veterans day memorial and stated Judge Chavez will not be available on that day.

Councilor Marquez asked about the open seat on Planning and Zoning. He then stated that he talked to the National Guard, and they will be happy to attend and assist with raising the flag. He requested to be included in the new phase of Horner.

Mayor Ramsell stated that if any Council members see something that is wrong or need corrections on any documents to let the City staff know and have it corrected before the meeting. He then thanked the Fire Department for their quick response on the trash truck fire.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to adjourn. Seconded by Council Nelson. Motion passed at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 11-12-2024

Approved:




Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor



Lawrence R. Gordon,  
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,  
Councilor

 11-12-24

Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,  
Councilor