



City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, October 07, 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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Governing Body

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

Staff

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

Approval of Agenda

Councilor Nelson made a motion to amend the executive session and add it to the regular meeting. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilor Marquez

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Public Comments

Geroge Torres Chico Place: he stated he has lived there for a long time. He talked about the lack of street maintenance and the City not taking immediate action regarding the safety of roads in the Del Fuego area. He explained the South side of Del Fuego is getting flooded. He stated he has been working with the Public Works Supervisor and he is going to get the issue on Chico place fixed and asked why has there been such a delay in getting this done.

Dick Irvin Western Drive. Stated he has some questions on the bypass road and wants to know how the City knows the trucks won't be carrying hazardous materials and will it affect the housing in the area and the impact. He asked who is paying for the construction of the bypass road and who is responsible for maintaining the road. He asked where the bypass road is going.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Purchase of Pickup Truck using Capital Appropriation Grant Agreement 24-1 3201 Public Works Equipment and Heavy Equipment.

Andy Quintana Public Works Supervisor stated that one of the City's work trucks is old and breaking down and he is requesting to purchase a new truck.

Councilor Nelson asked why he wants a half ton.

Mr. Quintana stated it is smaller and will use less fuel and will be better to use around the City.

Councilor Nelson stated that he believes a bigger truck is better.

Councilor Marquez asked how much oil it burns and what else is wrong with the truck.

Mr. Quintana stated several things and explained the truck was donated and it is old.

Councilor Gordon asked what they would use the truck for.

Mr. Quintana explained it will be used to spray weeds, towing, and other things around the City.

Councilor Apodaca stated he trusts the Public Works Supervisor and what he needs as a department head.

Councilor Marquez asked the difference between a half ton and a quarter ton.

Mr. Quintana stated it would be about a \$20 K difference.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the purchase of a pickup truck using Capital Appropriation Grant Agreement 24-1 3201 Public Works Equipment and Heavy Equipment. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Marquez

Voting Nay:

Councilor Nelson

Motion passed with a 3-1 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Valencia and the City of Rio Communities to Provide GIS Addressing and GIS E-911 Services for City of Rio Communities.

City Manager Dr. Moore explained the agreement from the County for the GIS E-911 addressing.

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve memorandum of understanding between the County of Valencia and the City of Rio Communities to provide GIS addressing and GIS E-911 services for City of Rio Communities. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion regarding a Truck Byway

City Manager Dr. Moore explained where the byway will be. He stated the City is expecting the designs within a week to a week and a half for the council to review. He explained the road will not be adjacent to any residential housing and the connections where the trucks come onto those roads will be built to with stand 2 tons trucks. He stated plans have gone through 3 different engineers for review and once he gets the documents he will provide them to Council.

Councilor Nelson asked if there would be streetlights on this road.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated he didn't think so and he would bring it to the design team.

Mayor Ramsell stated he would like to see a stoplight.

There was a discussion.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Nelson. Motion carried at 6:43pm.


Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 12/9/24

Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

John 12-9-24

Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor