



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Tuesday, November 12, 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 6:03pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Nelson led the 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
Police Chief Felix Nunez
City Attorney Randy Van Vleck

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Ramsell requested to amend the agenda and take action item number 4 off the agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the amendments on the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – Regular Business Meeting September 9,2024, Special Business Meeting September 16, 2024, Regular Business Meeting September 23,2024, Regular Business Meeting October 15, 2024, October 21, 2024 (Workshop), Regular Business Meeting October 28, 2024

Approval of Accounts Payable

Swearing in of Officer Mendoza, Code Enforcer Damian Flynn, Librarian Amanda Carrasco, Court Clerk Derek Ross, Deputy Clerk Rachael Howe

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the Consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Chief Nunez introduced Stephanie Baca as Administrative Assistant, Code Enforcer Damian Flynn and Officer Mendoza.

City Manager Dr. Moore introduced Deputy Clerk Rachael Howe and Librarian Amanda Carrasco.

City Manager Dr. Moore swore in Administrative Assistant Stephanie Baca, Code Enforcer Damian Flynn, Officer Mendoza, Deputy Clerk Rachael Howe and Librarian Amanda Carrasco.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Manager Report

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that City Employees worked hard early in the morning during the snowstorm and talked about the power outage around the City. He explained that PNM had good communication with the City during the power outage. He then explained that the ICIP, Capital Outlay, is ready and requested a Special Meeting. Dr. Moore talked about possibly discussing the bypass road as well. He stated they are working on the agreement for the bypass road and the City is working with Arcosa. City Manager Dr. Moore explained that they are working with LEDA on the procurement of the road.

Mayor Ramsell suggested having a Special Meeting Thursday November 21, 2024, at 6:00pm and canceling the November 25th meeting.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – 2024-2025 Contract Amendment Request for NM Local Government Law

Action item removed.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2024- 12 Cooperative Agreement for Project Control Number LP30054

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that in September there was a resolution brought to you with a match waiver he explained that the City was not granted the grant waiver, and the City has the Money to cover the 5% that is requested. Dr. Moore explained that if the cost exceeds the total cost, then the city is responsible for that cost.

Councilor Gordon made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12 Cooperative Agreement for Project Control Number LP30054. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Council Discussion

Councilor Marquez talked about the winter storm and suggested that the city use the RC assist, and he did not see anything on RC assist.

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that City staff is not trained on that part of RC assist.

Councilor Marquez thanked Star Bucks and everyone that attended and showed up to the Veterans Day event, he suggested that the City sends thank you letters to all who were involved in this event.

Councilor Gordon thanked all the Council for all they did to make the Veterans Day event happen.

Councilor Nelson talked about the beautification grant is looking at having a Mesa clean up in the Spring. He thanked everyone for helping with the Veterans Day event.

Councilor Apodaca stated that there is a groundbreaking for the new hospital on November 20, 2024, at 2:00pm and gave an address of 200 Sand Sage Rd. NW Los Lunas NM. He then asked Dr. Moore for the last contact with the State representative on the zip code request and he would like to follow up and write a letter to get that moving forward.

There was a discussion.

Councilor Apodaca stated he wanted to get with the Fire Chief about getting pictures of Council and previous Council Members.

City Manager Dr. Moore recommended having pictures taken on November 21 at 4:30 before the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Ramsell explained that RC assist will only work if residents have the app downloaded, he explained that other Municipalities have another system that sends out text messages.

Marquez stated that they had talked about the fire department pushing the notifications out.

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Motion carried at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 12/18/2024

Approved:




Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



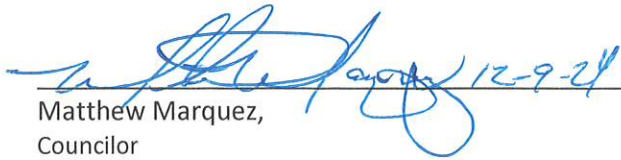
Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor



Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor