



**City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Thursday, November 21, 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 6:01pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Marquez 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

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Gordon made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Public Comment:**

No public comments

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Amendments to the ICIP Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan FY 2026-2030**

City manager Dr. Moore explained that they went over the changes that the Council talked about in previous meetings and explained the outline of the ICP.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the amendments to the ICIP Infrastructure Capital Improvement plan FY 2026-2030. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

### **Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Capital Appropriation Submittals**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained the Capital request and went over the request and stated that they are recommending 750k for streetlights, 870k for public safety and 750k for public works land. He explained that this is a lot larger of amount then what the City has asked for in previous years. He suggested that the City have a nuisance property cleaned up and show the Governor that we are using the money.

Mayor Ramsell asked if the \$250k would be for nuisance property.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated it is to clean up nucinces like abandoned buildings where the homeless are camping out.

There was a discussion.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the Capital Appropriation Submittals with adding \$250,000 in community clean up and \$250,000 for housing. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

#### Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

### **Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Other Legislative (Non-Capital Request)**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that they call it a junior bill and explained this is going to help us focus on our public safety and public works. He talked about the new hires in the City and the step-down grants the City is utilizing and stated that this is money that can help supplement that.

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve Other Legislative (Non-Capital Request). Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

#### Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

### **Council Discussion**

Police Chief Nunez stated that he has been running into someone in the Community. He is green and known as the Grinch who has been mischievous. He stated the City is having a Christmas event on December 7, 2024, he explained that theme is to catch the Grinch and there will be door prizes, food and lots of fun. He also stated they will be showing the Grinch movie. He explained that there will be videos on the City's Facebook for the Children to watch to help catch the Grinch and invited the public and the Council to come.

Councilor Marquez stated he didn't have anything at this time.

Councilor Gordon attended the groundbreaking for the hospital, and he is glad to see the County moving forward.

Councilor Nelson requested to put 303 Horner on our next agenda to address as a nuisance property.

Councilor Apodaca stated that last week he attended the AREA regional Boards banquet and met some great contacts.

Councilor Marquez talked about the trucks from Arcosa driving over a piece of the median and asked when they will be fixing it.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that the City did request those repairs and i will have more anserws after the meeting tomorrow.

Councilor Marquez asked about Christmas Light and the Christmas tree.

City Manager stated they will go up as soon as possible.

Mayor Ramsell requested to have a decoration day with the community and have them contribute to the decoration of the tree.

There was a discussion.

Mayor Ramsell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Motion carried at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 12/19/2024


Approved:




Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor



Lawrence R. Gordon,  
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,  
Councilor



Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,  
Councilor