

City of Rio Communities Workshop Minutes
July 9, 2019

- Mayor Gwinn called to order the city council workshop at 10:00 am
- Present: Mayor Mark Gwinn, Councilors; Peggy Gutjahr, Arturo Sais and Joshua Ramsell
Absent: Councilor Bill Brown.
Present: City Manager Leisa Haynes and Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair.

Council reports & agenda items – 30 minutes

- Councilor Ramsell said he will be driving around this week making note of any potholes and get a potential list together.
- Councilor Sais asked if the budget ready for this fiscal year.
- Manager Haynes said yes, the budget has been approved.
- Councilor Sais said he would like to see us get priorities, fire department and police are number one but we don't always have control over those, he would like to see parks and others things come in.
- Mayor Gwinn said we do have money to do the park study to see the best locations would be. The discussion continued.
- Councilor Gutjahr gave an update on the Citizens Patrol and said only one new person appeared and said we need to have at least 10 to start. She then passed out a new flyer for the next week and began a discussion about how they would be mailed out and the rate.
- Councilor Gutjahr said the fireworks were terrible this year.
- Mayor Gwinn said the State lifted the ban and they were not enforcing height rules and began a discussion.
- Councilor Gutjahr gave Councilor Ramsell complements about the PR on the solid waste in NextDoor, he handled the criticism well and gave good explanations.
- Councilor Ramsell explained some of the conversations that were going on, the majority did not understand the Ordinance and how an RFP works, and that is a process.
- Councilor Gutjahr said there is a difficulty using our website and wondered if someone could do a tutorial to explain how to use it and began a discussion.
- Councilor Gutjahr said October is the health fair and would like to make sure we do not construction on the inside of the building going on then.
- Mayor Gwinn said there will be some changes at the Health fair, code medical providers for those over 65 will be there to answer questions.
- Mayor Gwinn asked where APIC is at regarding the streetlights.
- Manager Haynes said they worked for 2 days and not all of them are on she'll check into it and began a discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn said we did get the DOT grant approved for \$222,000, \$166,000 from the State, and \$55,000 is our match. He then asked if we could have Gregory Martin's people to place a bid for procurement and began a discussion on the road projects.
- Councilor Sais asked if the sidewalk on the east side of Hwy 47 was going to be done.
- Mayor Gwinn said that it is a DOT project that we are waiting for the okay to do it since it is State right of way and continued the discussion.
- Manager Haynes said talking with Jill Mosher about putting a path/sidewalk and continued the discussion.

- Mayor Gwinn said he will not be at the cleanup on the 20th and talked about some items that needed to be picked up.
- Mayor Gwinn said he talked with the County Manager Monet about the FEMA resolution, we do have people doing things in the flood plain but there is no one to oversee that, we are going to piggy back on Los Luna's Resolution, which will have their inspector to see if our citizens are doing it right, because we don't have the staff. The discussion continued.
- Mayor Gwinn said that PNM wants to rehash the ownership and condition on 304 & 47 streetlights and explained he wants him and the City Manager to appear at the meeting.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked when this meeting would happen.
- Mayor Gwinn said that he doesn't know at this time.
- Mayor Gwinn said he has an individual for the personnel board, Syl Saavedra, who will provide me with a resume, and he will be at the next meeting. The discussion continued.
- Mayor Gwinn explained that he would like to attach solar power speed signs on stop signs and began a discussion.

Manager Report

- Manager Leisa Haynes explained that budget has been turned in and approved, it now needs adjusted and turned in by July 31.
- Manager Haynes said the girls are working hard together to get the financials, the audit will be August 12th and 13th.
- Manager Haynes said the building money has been turned in and the money should be expected soon.
- Manager Haynes said she and Angela will be attending procurement training.
- Manager Haynes said she is meeting with Undersheriff tomorrow and explained some of the areas that they will be discussing. The discussion continued.
- Manager Haynes said the picture of the Council will be taken on the 23rd so the public will see the whole council together.
- Manager Haynes said that tractor supply pulled out of the deal in Belen and said we are going to look into getting them to come here.
- Manager Haynes said the City Manager conference was amazing and explained some of the events and began a discussion.
- Manager Haynes said Danny Quintana LG State Director said there is money on the table and gave stats of appropriations and began a discussion.
- Jim Winters said there is such a thing as having a partnership with a private water company, we might be able to form a partnership, and both apply for the grant.
- Manager Haynes explained at the Managers conference there was a section on the lodging tax and began a discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn explained at PNM they have approved a 3rd person to do lights for PNM lighting.
- Manager Haynes said she met an engineer at the Manager Conference and explained this would be great for the storm water survey and began a discussion.

Accounts payable report

- Mayor Gwinn went over the accounts payable report with council.

Location for Future Dumpster placement at City Hall – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn explained that we have had the dumpsters in front of City Hall and then started a discussion on putting the dumpster on the new parking lot.

Public input/questions (3) minutes to address the Council

- Charles suggested putting 2x4's down on the ground to keep the dumpsters from scarring the pavement.
- Mayor Gwinn suggested trying to put them on the out area of the parking lot and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Sais asked what is going on across from Keter.
- Mayor Gwinn said it is going to be a sanctuary for wild ponies

Election Question – Mil Levy – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn said we need to figure out if we want to put a yes or no question on the Mil Levy
- City Clerk Adair said we have to pass the resolution and have it to the County from August 27th to Sept 3rd. She suggested there would be a meeting on the August 13th to write the resolution and pass it on the first meeting.
- Mayor Gwinn said it would be put it in as public safety and began a discussion.

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- No public input was made.

Increase of GRT – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn said we are the lowest Municipality in Valencia County and then said if we would decide to bump up a 1/8 or 1/4 it wouldn't go into effect until January 2020 and began a discussion.
- Manager Haynes asked if we got a grocery store would that help us.
- Mayor Gwinn explained that yes and no, we do not tax on Groceries and medicine.
- Jim Winters explained his calculations if we raised the GRT by a ¼ it would be \$42,000 a year and if we raised them again it would be \$84,000.
- Council began a discussion on the increase of the GRT.
- Jim Winters said the gross receipt tax is a fraction of a penny, but the Mil Levy is a big number and continued the discussion.
- Manager Haynes asked about the process of passing the GRT.
- Mayor Gwinn explained the process and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Ramsell said then we are going to move forward with the GRT and began a discussion.

ICIP/Comprehensive plan – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn explained that the natural gas is pumping out and the State is going to be looking at a windfall on natural gas and began a discussion on the past ICIP's.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked about the fire department and continued the discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn said what would be great to have a rec center and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Gutjahr said if we attached the rec center to something else you could have a small park and continued the discussion.

Council Priority List update – Discussion

- Councilor Gutjahr began a discussion on the priority list.

- Manager Haynes said she will be having a meeting with the undersheriff on July 10th.
- Mayor Gwinn said the retainer for the attorney, he is looking into finding a municipality lawyer.
- Council continued with the discussion.
- Manager Haynes asked what the process is for the annexation and continued the discussion.
- Clerk Adair went over the fee schedule and asked to continue until September workshop.
- Council continued to discuss priority list.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked about the abatement plan.
- Jim Winters explained it is still an ongoing discussion with P&Z about the legal impact of abatement.
- Councilor Sais asked about a flagpole or recognition for volunteers.
- Councilor Gutjahr said it would be added to the priority list and continued the discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn explained that the traffic calming maybe done on Rio Communities Way and continued with the discussion.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked for an update with the fuel cards.
- Mayor Gwinn explained the he should have an answer with Conoco/Phillips this week.

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- No public input was made.

- The City Council workshop was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

 Lisa Adair, Municipal Clerk
 (Transcribed by Amy L. Lopez, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

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