

City of Rio Communities Workshop Minutes
October 8, 2018

- Mayor Mark Gwinn called to order the city council workshop at 10:03 am.
- Present: Mayor Mark Gwinn, Councilors; Bill Brown, Arturo Sais and Joshua Ramsell.
Absent: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr.
Present: City Manager Leisa Haynes, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair, Finance Officer/Treasurer Stephanie Finch and Finance Clerk Angela Valadez.

Council reports & agenda items – 30 minutes

- Councilor Ramsell had no report.
- Councilor Sais asked what is going on with the flagpole donation from the County.
- Manager Haynes said she has a meeting next week and will follow-up on that.
- Councilor Sais asked if any debates are being set-up.
- Mayor Gwinn explained that there is one setup at Abundant Life Church, October 21 at 6:30 and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown passed out an email from Christopher from Charge Point then read and explained the email.
- Councilor Brown said in the Albuquerque Journal about charging stations and electric vehicles and quoted “there are now only 21 charging stations open to the public in New Mexico,” and continued to read the article and explained he is concerned about getting the grant finished in time.
- Councilor Brown said on August 22 he had put a citizen complaint form to Gordon to about the line of site issue on Horner to see if the complaint would go through but has not heard anything back and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown read a letter from Xfinity ad wonders if the City has been receiving a franchise fee and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown said in our accounts payable report there was travel pay and began a discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn said he heard from Frank from EDC who said there was a donation sent to the City for the Welcome Wall and the Founder’s Group wants to know if it will be for them to use for the wall.
- Manager Haynes said there was \$500 given for the Landscaping and began a discussion.
- Treasurer Finch explained that we will have to pay for the supplies and explained the process.
- Mayor Gwinn explained Abundant Life Church will host a Forum October 21 at 6:30.
- Mayor Gwinn said at the cleanup the pilot club will be helping that day, we may need a third dumpster.
- Mayor Gwinn said he would like to start requiring within 2 years to get their MOLI and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown said the older Americans program meeting will be changed to October 22 at Del Rio Senior Center.

Manager Report

- Manager Leisa Haynes passed out a manager’s report synopsis.
- Manager Haynes explained we are going with Sharp for our server, we are leasing the equipment.
- Manager Haynes explained the conference she attended for economic development.
- Manager Haynes said the solid waste RFP is almost done, so is the engineering RFP.
- Manager Haynes said the LED on Golf Course road is \$8,000 and they are ordered.

- Manager Haynes explained that she has had a meeting with the water company regarding their sewer and water capacity would not withstand development and began a discussion.
- Manager Haynes said she will be setting up a meeting with the County on the Animal MOU.
- Manager explained the meetings she will be having will go over the MOU's because we cannot get our \$20,00 for our Law enforcement Protection Fund and began a discussion.
- Manager Haynes further explained the park study will be here November 12 and continued with her report.
- Manager Haynes said there will be a Thanksgiving meal November 20 for Council and spouses.
- Manager Haynes said on November 7, 8:30 we will be having a breakfast about to discuss the census with community members.
- Manager Haynes explained the cost for a new roof is \$500,000 and we will be making repairs.
- Manager Haynes said the fire department needs more land for their new trucks and began a discussion of the property next to the fire department and began a discussion.
- Manager Haynes explained the #3 pump is out and it will cost \$1,000 for a new pump and continued the discussion.
- Manager Haynes said our newsletter had some repeats and would like it to reflect what we are doing and then explained they will meet to go over what should be in there.

Accounts payable report

- Finance Officer/Treasurer Stephanie Finch started to explain that she will be giving a report on actual cash balance and began a discussion.
- Finance Officer Finch said she would like to close the fire departments bank account because the new system will keep it separated.
- Finance Officer Finch said that she would like to see City Clerk Adair be added to the account because it is difficult to get checks signed and began a discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn said he would like to continue the same way so we can witness what is going on and continued the discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn asked regarding the accounts payable have the credit cards been taken away from the fire department.
- Finance Officer continued with the accounts payable for the fire department.
- Finance Officer continued with the accounts payable for the City.
- Councilor Sais asked if it can be explained tonight at the city council meeting and began a discussion.

Ordinance 2019 - GRT Increase – 14-day review

- Mayor Gwinn explained that we will be taking this to a 14-day review tonight if it is approved and began a discussion.
- City Clerk Adair said it will not be effective until July 1st and began a discussion.

Calming Traffic – Rio Communities Way – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn said he would like to move forward on this on Rio Communities Way.
- Councilor Brown passed out a sketch and began a discussion on how to reduce speed on Rio Communities Way.

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

- No public for comments.

Clerk asking to move the workshop for the October 22nd to Council Chambers – due to early voting

- Mayor Gwinn said we are wanting all meetings during election time to be moved to Council Chambers and began a discussion.

Council Priority List – Discussion

- Tabled till the October 22nd.
 - Public input/questions (3) minutes per person to address the Council**
 - No public for comments.
- The City Council workshop was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: _____

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
Councilor

Arturo R. Sais,
Councilor