



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, February 26, 2024 6:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Mayor - Joshua Ramsell
Mayor Pro Tem – Lawrance R. Gordon
Council - Arthur Apodaca, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez

Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Nelson led the pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Councilor Lawrance Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Marquez

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore
Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon
Police Chief Felix Nunez
Fire Chief Andrew Tabet
City Attorney Randy Van Vleck

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to add executive session regarding limited personal matters of considering limited personnel matters complaints against the Finance Officer, City Manager and the reassignment of the Assistant to the City Manager pursuing to NMSA SECTION 10 – 15-1(H)(2).
Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Approval of Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes for Special Workshop and Regular Business Meeting February 12,2024**
- 2. Approval of Accounts Payable**

Andrew Tabet	138.00	NM Municipal League	60.00
Boundtree Medical	912.73	NM Public Procurement	200.00
		Association	
Comcast Business	78.59	Penguin Management, INC	1,692.85
Gallegos Group, LLC. dba	1,699.98	TLC Plumbing & Utility	2,141.35
ABQ Guns		Commercial S	

Home Depot	127.62	TLC Uniforms	357.94
Wells Fargo Financial	2,635.82	Greg Gallegos	150.66
Leasing			
Woodlands Hardware	87.03	Griffin & Associates	2,512.56
		Marketing, Inc.	
Amazon Business	1,063.11	Lawrence R. Gordon Jr.	356.53
HDR Engineering, Inc.	51,126.52	Lexipol, LLC.	1,833.40
McKesson Medical-Surgical	280.43	Palmetto LLC	5,328.56
Governm			
Sanchez Demolition Inc.	9,422.10	Savant Learning Services	207.00
Sharp Electronics	1,886.71	Staples Contract &	137.36
Corporation		Commercial, LLC.	
Wagner Equipment Co.	5,000.00	Pitney Bowes	601.00

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Public Comment:

Dick Irvin said he thinks the Mayor should assign more people to the Planning & Zoning Commission and requested to change the time of the Planning & Zoning meeting. He then talked about a road repair that is needed on Western Dr.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Update signors on City's Checking account

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that the signers that are currently on the Checking account are no longer with the City, and need to be taken off and the new Mayor Pro Tem needs to be added.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to update checking account signature cards. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion – Committee and Board assignments

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that there are openings for our Rural Metro Board also on the Metropolitan Transportation Board of Directors and the Council of Governments Board of Directors. He recommended that the Mayor fill the vacancy on the Council of Governments Board of Directors with mayor Pro Tem being the alternate. There is also a vacancy on the Chambers of Commerce board.

Council Discussion

Councilor Marquez talked about his concern to Dr. Moore about a hostile work environment. He continued to request draft copies of security protocols. He also requested copies of standard operating procedures. He then requested a copy of all IPRA's from January 1, 2023, until December 31, 2023. He talked about protocols for employees' chain of command. He talked about his concern about the turnover of employees. He continued to explain the librarian position has been taken off the website and billboard.

Councilor Nelson asked the police chief if he had received any applications and if the position isn't filled do we lose the funding.

Chief Nunez explained that we may have to refund that money back and there isn't much clarification on how it will be returned. He continued to explain that recruitment for officers is low all over the state.

Councilor Nelson addressed Dr. Moore with concerns about the Finance Officer resigning I she would be able to finish the financial training, he also asked if the City has had any applications for City Clerk and when the City will be posting the treasure job opening. He then asked if staff is ready to assume other duties and it

Executive Session - For the purpose of considering limited personnel matters complaints against the Finance Officer the City Manager and the reassignment of the Assistant to the City Manager pursuant to NMSA SECTION 10 – 15-1(H)(2).

Motion and roll call vote to go into close session

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to go into executive session for the purpose of limited personnel matters regarding complaints against the Finance Officer the City Manager and the reassignment of the Assistant to the City Manager pursuant to NMSA SECTION 10 -15-1(H)(2). Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

With a 4-0 vote Council went into executive session at 6:33 pm.

Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor- The Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, New Mexico, hereby states that on February 26, 2024 a closed executive session was held for purpose of discussion only regarding complaints against the Finance Officer, the City Manager and the reassignment of the Assistant to the City Manager pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2)

Motion and roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to go back into regular business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

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Councilor Apodaca

With a 4-0 vote Council went back into the regular business meeting session at 9:09pm.

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Nelson. With a unanimous vote the regular business meeting session was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

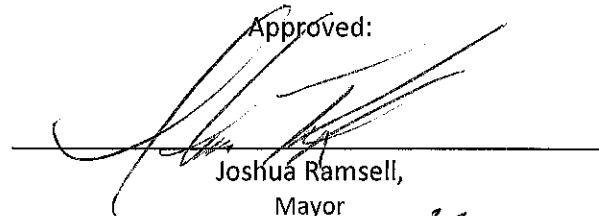
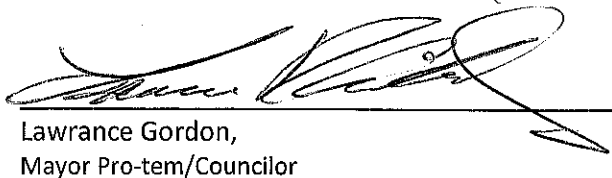
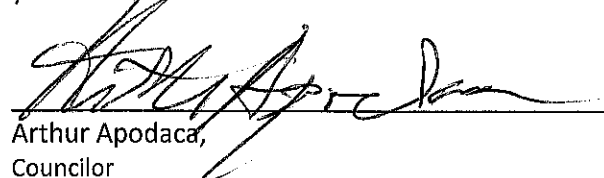
Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 5/4/2024

Approved:


Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor
Lawrence Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor
Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor
Thomas Nelson,
Councilor
Matthew Marquez,
Councilor