



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, May 13, 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 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ramsell 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

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Voting Nay:

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 2-2 vote Mayor broke the tie

Approval of Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes for Regular Business Meeting April 22 ,2024

Approval of Accounts Payable

Amazon Business	1,379.24	Woodlands Hardware	615.86
Sharp Electronics	292.06	Wells Fargo Financial	138.09
Corporation		Leasing	
Pitney Bowes	175.58	Wagner Equipment Co.	152.97
NM League of Zoning	250.00	Municipal Emergency	5,026.00
Officials		Services Inc.	
Trenton Parnell	2,250.00	Surety Bonds	175.00
Chalmers Ford	369.06		
Universal Waste	729.96	Lalena Aragon	413.84
Systems, Inc.			
Napa Auto Parts	377.85	UniqueFleet, LLC	1,858.60
Valencia County Fiscal	925.85	Evident Inc.	857.68
Office			

Aqua3, LLC.	94.00	Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	200.34
NM Local Government Law	7,058.05	Blue Corn Landscape	13,383.71
SJT Group LLC	7,340.03	AT & T Mobility	16.48
García & Sons Security	15.00	Shred-it US JV LLC	31.16
Gayle A. Jones	1,028.85	Blue Corn Landscape	13,383.71
Boundtree Medical	1,311.52	Rentokil North America Inc.	285.85
Emergency Services Marketing Corp.	3,187.00	Maloy Mobile Storage Inc.	243.68
Angela Valadez	354.84	Comcast Business	877.88
NM Water Service Company	2,101.44	PNM	2,116.30
Verizon Wireless	524.81	WEX Bank	2,287.25
NM Gas Co	440.65		

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table the Minutes on the consent agenda due to errors in the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve accounts payable. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Public Comment:

Dick Irvin, talked about the last meeting to where members of the council passed the rezoning. He talked about the vision of money they have coming in and stated that any big business will not want to pay property taxes for years. He then talked about the Council going into executive session at the last meeting that three of the Council members went into executive session. He then talked about the Council not listing to the residence. He talked about the water that manufacturing business will use. He then thanked the Fire Chief for the coin he gave him.

Sophia Zaharias, talked about the Public Hearing for her business being canceled due to a clerical error and requested a Special meeting to conduct a public hearing for a special use permit. She stated that she lost some revenue.

An out of order discussion was held.

Jody Skelton stated that the above public comment was disappointing, and she stated that the City needs to hire employees so it can run if an employee gets sick. She asked why Councilors can't come in and answer phones and stated that the Police Chief shouldn't have to answer phones.

Ron Gentry asked who oversaw the city grant program. He talked about the design on Goodman and stated that the water will spill down onto his property and that he talked to the engineers and Dr. Moore and has not heard a word since the meeting and that he has come to City Hall to make an appointment and the City was closed.

An out of order discussion was held

Manager Report

Police Chief Nunez gave an update on Code Enforcer he talked about Andrew Good and stated that he wore many hats. He stated that Andrew has excelled that past few months and is trying to develop and organize a structural code enforcement and they are reviewing different models. He talked about revising the cities ordinances. He stated that in the last 30 days the city has 30 open code enforcement violations, some are buildings that were not approved, overgrown weeds and abandoned vehicles. He stated that Code Enforcement is here to educate the community and give them all the resources they can to assist the residents that have disabilities. He stated that the Judge will be busy on the Code Enforcement side. He then stated that Andrew Good is also the evidence technician. He stated that Andrew also has IT experience and has helped with that part of the Police Department, and he is also a certified drone pilot and can help get a better visual of properties.

Councilor Marquez talked about ordinances that need to be updated. He asked if there was a plan to update the traffic ordinances.

Chief Nunez stated that the Governing Body can raise fines internally. On the code enforcement side, it is a fine of 0-\$300. On the traffic enforcement side, the legislator passed a law that took the Municipal Courts to suspend licenses. He continued to explain the cost of speeding tickets and stated that the Governing Body will have to raise the fines and also be reasonable to our residents. He talked about revising our ordinance.

Councilor Nelson stated that if they have any residence that needs help cleaning the yards he is willing to help.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that Judge Smith has a person in mind to nominate as a Judge Pro-tem.

Action Items

Council Discussion

Councilor Apodaca talked about attending his first Greater Valencia County Chamber of Commerce meeting and he picked up some of the new 2023 annual report and talked about the articles that are in the report and stated that he picked up extra copies for Council and for the residence if they would like on.

Councilor Nelson talked about not being informed about the Budget meeting being canceled and stated that he showed up and no one was there. He stated that as a Councilor he should be informed when City Hall is closed. He talked about the time to review the budget and stated that there is not enough time for them to go over it and make a decision. He also talked about getting City Hall staffed. He then stated that he doesn't think that Scorpio farms should not have to have a Public Hearing.

Councilor Gordon stated that as City Council Men they may have different ideas in moving the City forward and we are all working to move the City Forward and we all want the best for the City.

Councilor Marquez stated the budget and time frame to go over it. He then talked about the RC assist app and asked if there is anyone who monitors it.

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that the City is working with Civic Plus and the City is working on fixing the issue.

Councilor Marquez talked about Don Diego road and asked why the road is not paved.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that it isn't paved, they are milling and that there is a grant that will be brought in front of Council soon.

Councilor Marquez talked about complaints from residence on Howell St. about streetlights that are not working.

Dr. Moore stated that the City is looking into it to see who in fact owns the streetlight. If it is PNM they would have to fix the issues.

Councilor Marquez talked about the City working with a skeleton crew and asked about the progress of hiring a Finance officer, librarian and City Clerk. He then asked the qualifications of a City Clerk.

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that the City will continue to run the add in the Albuquerque Journal and reach out to all resources.

Councilor Marquez stated that he is willing to help out on City Hall and answer phones and he thinks all Councilors should have the opportunity to volunteer to help the City. He then talked about setting a date and time to go over the ordinances and get them fixed.

Mayor Ramsell explained that the City Attorney is working on the uniform traffic ordinance, and we can set a time to go over it.

The Council talked about setting a date to go over the uniform traffic ordinance.

Councilor Marquez talked about a fishing tournament he went to this last weekend that help children in CYFD and encouraged other Council members to participate in events like this and show our community support. He then asked about the ordinance that states that Scorpio Farms needs a special use permit.

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that the City Attorney will talk to them.

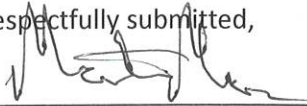
Councilor Nelson talked about getting our job openings out to other agencies like indeed or workforce solutions.

Councilor Marquez asked the Mayor to let them know if they could help out in the City.

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Motion carried. The Regular Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

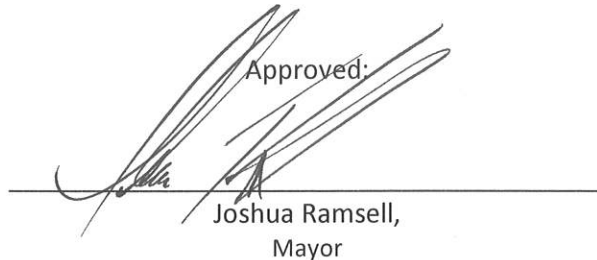
Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 6/24/24

Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

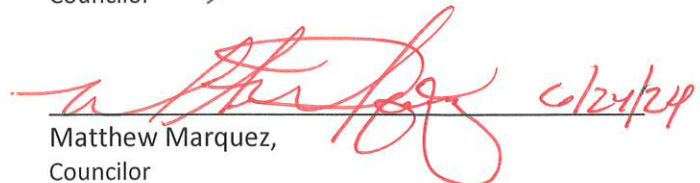
Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor



Thomas Nelson
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor