



## City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd

Rio Communities, NM 87002

Monday, February 24, 2025 6:00 PM

### Minutes

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**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 6:07pm.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Gordon led the pledge of allegiance

#### Roll Call

Mayor Joshua Ramsell

Councilor Lawrence Gordon

Councilor Thomas Nelson

Councilor Art Apodaca (VIA phone)

Councilor Matthew Marquez

Manager Dr. Martin Moore

Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon

Police Chief Felix Nunez

Fire Chief Andrew Tabet

City Attorney Randy Van Vleck

Finance Officer Roy Hubbard

#### Approval of Agenda

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

#### Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

City Manager Dr. Moore swore in Roy Hubbard as Clerk-Treasurer.

Mayor Ramsell held a moment of silence for City of Rio Communities first Mayor Mark Quinn.

#### Public Comment:

Dick Irvin talked about key cards for Council members. He then talked about the Veterans Memorial and asked if he was still on the committee.

#### Manager Report

City Manager Dr. Moore thanked the residents for their effort in cleaning up the city of fire fuels.

Councilor Marquez asked about the dumpsters and asked if they will be in front of City Hall.

He then talked about the Chamesa park dedication and asked if the time was at 1pm on Saturday March 1, 2025.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that the dedication of Chamesa park would be on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm.

Councilor Marquez asked about the Mavrik site, and about the letter sent to Mavrik and asked if the City has received a response.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated they did receive the letter, and the property would be torn down and a clean-up would be started as soon as the Department of Transportation approves the right of ways.

Councilor Marquez asked about an update on Goodman Ave. and Don Diego construction.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that a bid has gone out for Goodman Ave. and late fall the construction should start on Don Diego.

Councilor Nelson asked about the fire clean up and asked why it wasn't advertised. He then suggested that City hall was not a good place to put the dumpsters and stated they are damaging the parking lot, and they should be in the public works yard.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2025-06 Grant 23-DG-11030000-008 Between State of New Mexico. Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the City of Rio Communities Wildland Tools and Equipment**

Dr. Moore explained this grant is for wildland fire tools and equipment and recommends approval.

Councilor Nelson asked about the discrepancy in the numbers.

Fire Chief Tabet stated that one includes the match.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon. To approve Resolution 2025-06 Grant 23-DG-11030000-008 Between State of New Mexico. Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the City of Rio Communities Wildland Tools and Equipment. Seconded by Councilor Nelson

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2025-07 Governmental Services Between State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the City of Rio Communities for a Wildland Fire Coordinator**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained the grant and recommended approval.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to approve Resolution 2025-07 Governmental Services Between State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the City of Rio Communities for a Wildland Fire Coordinator. 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 – Elimination of second Deputy Clerk position**

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that the City doesn't have a need for the second Deputy Clerk now there is a clerk-treasurer, so the recommendation is to approve this.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the elimination of second Deputy Clerk position.  
Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Establishment of Human Resources Coordinator Position**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that this position will replace the second Deputy Clerk position, and the individual does have a bachelor's degree that is required in the job description.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Pland Collaborative Landscape Architectural Design and Consultation for Veterans Memorial Conceptual Study**

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that the city has received the information requested from Pland Collaborative for the Veterans Memorial and is recommending approval.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to approve the Pland Collaborative Landscape Architectural Design and Consultation for Veterans Memorial Conceptual Study. 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 – Pland Collaborative Landscape Architectural Design and Consultation for Parks Development in Rio Communities**

Dr. Moore explained Moore explained that the city has received the information requested from Pland Collaborative for the parks development and is recommending approval.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the Pland Collaborative Landscape Architectural Design and Consultation for Parks Development in Rio Communities. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

**Discussion/Information Only – Presentation by Geno Zamora, Esq. regarding the Governmental Code of Conduct (Attachment A) and Open Meetings Act (Attachment B) Training Updates**

Geno Zamora from New Mexico Self Insurers Fund gave a presentation about Effective Governance for the City of Rio Communities and Understanding Transparency and Ethics Obligations for the City of Rio Communities.

**Council Discussion**

Councilor Nelson talked about his concern of residents not being able to dump mattress during city clean up and stated that a resident made a comment to him of just burning it. He then talked about utilizing grant money the city has to buy local art for City Hall.

Councilor Marquez requested that at the next meeting to have an acknowledgment for the Fire Department on the agenda. He asked about access key for Council members to enter the main area of City Hall. He stated that when they went to Santa Fe they talked about streetlights and sidewalks and asked if the City has received any information. He asked about a biweekly update and asked if something has been created to get that information. He talked about the Manger's report and stated there were no details under it and requested that there is a structured report on the agenda.

Councilor Gordon gave his condolences to Mark Gwinn's family and thanked the Optimus Club for letting him operate the Daddy Daughter event and he also talked about the art and stated that he would like to see the pictures of the City Council member hung up in City Hall.

Councilor Apodaca apologized for missing Valencia County day.

Mayor Ramsell gave his condolences to the family of Mark Quinn and stated he was the first Mayor of Rio Communities and was very dedicated to the community a good friend and an advocate for the City.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Motion carried at 9:06pm.

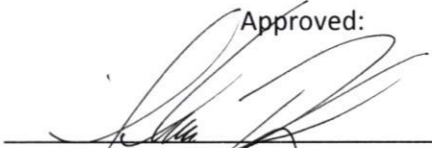
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Roy Hubbard, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer

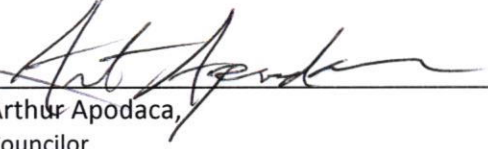
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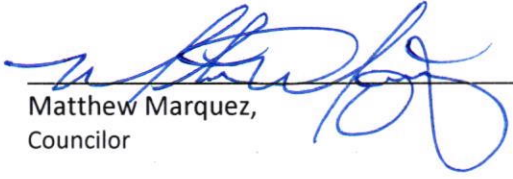
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Mayor

  
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Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

  
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