



City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, April 07, 2025 7:30 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 7:32pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Nelson 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
Finance Officer Roy Hubbard

Approval of Agenda

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. 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 - Resolution 2025-10 Budget Adjustment Request #2 for Spring Festival up to \$8,500.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that this is for the spring festival and stated that they will have to move money capital project funds into the general fund to cover the cost of the Spring Festival.

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution 2025-10 budget adjustment request #2 for spring festival up to \$8,500. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Voting Nay:

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 3-1 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Resolution 2025-11 Budget Adjustment Request #3 for Road Project Engineering up to \$140,000.

City Manager Dr. Moore explained the city has several grants for a few road projects coming up and stated that they would like to have enough money to cover the projects and full fill the grant match obligations.

Councilor Nelson stated that he thought that the city wasn't responsible for the bypass road.

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that the city sees the oversight construction on the easement.

Councilor Nelson asked if the soil is being tested.

Antonio from HDR stated yes, they are doing soil test that are required.

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve resolution 2025-11. 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 – Resolution 2025-12 Budget Adjustment Request #4 for Street Light Repairs up to \$60,000.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that there are streetlights that need to be replaced and stated that they did turn this into insurance, and they covered some of the cost and the city will have to cover the remainder.

Councilor Marquez made a motion to approve resolution 2025-12. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion - Budget Revenue for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

City Manager Dr. Moore went over the budget revenue and explained that they are projecting. He stated one of the unknown on property tax is the exemptions and stated the city isn't sure how that is going to affect the city. He then stated that there has been an increase in revenue and this money goes into an ICS account in case the IRS has made a mistake and asks the city to pay the money back.


Councilor Gordon asked if the money sits and collects interest does the IRS ask the City to pay back the interest.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that he is not an attorney and based on his knowledge they do not ask for interest, just the amount that was overpaid. He then went over the general property tax and explained mill levy taxes. He then went over the typical property tax bill and explained how the taxes are broken down. He went over a basic breakdown of property taxes.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Marquez. Motion carried at 8:35pm.


Respectfully submitted,




Roy Hubbard, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
(Taken and Transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: 4/28/2025

Approved:




Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor




Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor



Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor