



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 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

Councilor Marquez led the pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Councilor Lawrence Gordon
Councilor Arthur Apodaca
Councilor Thomas Nelson
Councilor Matthew Marquez

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore
Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon
Municipal Clerk – Treasurer Roy Hubbard
City Attorney Randy Van Vleck
Fire Chief Andrew Tabet

Approval of Agenda

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Public Comment:

Steve Gladwell 1624 Blanda Ct. Talked about comments he made at a previous meeting having to do with loud amplified noise. He stated that if the only way the city can address the loud noise is through Municipal court it needs to be re-worded in the ordinance, he stated that as he said before maybe if there was some re-worded of the ordinance the code enforcement or police department could do something about this.

Dick Irvine moment of silence for all fallen military. Mr. Irvine talked about the Veterans Memorial and stated that the VA hospital has been phenomenal. He is looking forward to the Veterans Day memorial and the City's fiesta that is coming up.

Monique Marquez, 309 Godfry wanted to remind Council and the community about the spring fiesta event on May 31, 2025, from 9am-5pm and stated there would be a car show with lots of craft vendors. Food and fun for the kids and invited everyone to come out.

Manager Report

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that the Water Authority has reached out and stated that did get our application to intervene with the new sewer and water rates and we are waiting to hear back from the Public Regulation Commission on how they are going to rule on our application. He then thanked the First responders and the Police Department for their hard work during the holiday weekend.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2025-___: Approval of Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and as amended periodically by the State of New Mexico

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that this is to properly dispose of records that the city no longer needs.

Municipal Clerk – Treasurer Hubbard explained that the city has never had a retention schedule that he has seen and stated that the retention schedule is to properly dispose of documents the City no longer needs.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve Resolution 2025-___: Approval of Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and as amended periodically by the State of New Mexico. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2025-___: Approval of Election Resolution for Regular Local Election

Municipal Clerk – Treasurer Hubbard Explained that this resolution needs to be sent to the County Clerk and recommends approval.

Councilor Marquez stated that he wanted to let the Community know there are two Councilor seats up for election and one the Mayor seat is also up for election and stated that if anyone wants to see the city go a different direction to reach out and get involved and run.

Mayor Ransell stated the Municipal Judge seat is open.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve Resolution 2025-___: approval of election resolution for regular local election. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Purchase Agreement Contract between the City of Rio Communities and Albuquerque Asphalt, Inc. for Goodman Ave, Reconstruction Project

Municipal Clerk – Treasurer Hubbard explained that they did approve a notice to award and explained that this is a broiler plate for that.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to approve the Purchase Agreement Contract between the City of Rio Communities and Albuquerque Asphalt, Inc. for Goodman Ave, Reconstruction Project. 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-___: Amendment to Resolution 2025-009 to cause in affect a 60-Day Burn Ban within the City of Rio Communities

Fire Chief Tabet explained that he would like to have the language changed and stated that if there is an emergency that we can reactivate this burn ban. He recommended to table this agenda item.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson table this and come back to this at the next meeting. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, Decision – Resolution 2025-___: Approval of Grant Management Policy for the City of Rio Communities

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that this is grant management policy and he thinks it is important that the City has a grant policy in place, and this lays it out on paper saying this what the City will follow.

Municipal Clerk – Treasurer Hubbard explained that he did some research on this and stated that this came from the Financial officer association.

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that he recommends amending the wording from Municipal Clerk – Treasurer to Chief Finance officer.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson with the amendment of chief financial officer. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion – Veteran’s Day Celebration

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that Councilor Apodaca wanted this on the agenda to start the event planning.

Councilor Apodaca stated that he wanted to start planning and have a separate meeting. He stated he was giving a schedule of events from Belen, and it was well planned out. He suggested thinking of a date. He then talked about the veteran’s memorial and stated he is hoping to have it completed by Veterans day and have a grand opening here in the City.

Councilor Nelson stated to approve a committee and then schedule the meetings. he talked about members of Council that would be part of the committee and invited members of the community to join the committee.

Discussion – Spring Fest Hosted by the City of Rio Communities

Councilor Marquez stated that the City is having a Spring event and explained that there will be a DJ, a craft fair, car show, food trucks and a kid center. He stated that there are a lot of vendors, and it will be a big event, and he hopes to see everyone there.

Council Discussion

Councilor Apodaca talked about a golf tournament sponsored by the Valencia County of Commerce of Commerce.

Councilor Nelson thanked public works Supervisor Andy for the benches he had made for the clean and beautiful grant, and stated they came out beautiful. He talked about the resignation of the Municipal Clerk -Tresure and stated that he doesn’t want to accept the resignation of Roy Hubbard.

Councilor Gordon stated he felt the same about Roy Hubbard’s resignation letter and stated he doesn’t want to see him go.

Councilor Marquez talked about grants and stated he wants a list of grants that the city has in the newsletter. He suggested that a mic stays on during the pledge of allegiance so it could be heard on Facebook. He then talked about the events that will be happening at the festival on Saturday.

Mayor Ramsell stated that he was stopped by a member of the public and stated that they were appreciative of the fire-medical and police department. He stated that it is nice to hear positive feedback from the community.

Executive Session - For the purpose of For Resignation of Municipal Clerk – Treasure and Appointment of Acting Municipal Clerk pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2) - Limited Personnel Matters

Motion and roll call vote to go into close session

Motion with a roll call vote made by Councilor Apodaca to go into closed session for the matters listed above. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 6:44pm.

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

Motion with a roll call vote made by Councilor Gordon to go back into regular business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:27 pm.

Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor:

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the Mayors statement. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, Decision – Appointment of Acting Municipal Clerk effective June 07, 2025

No action

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to table action item 10 and 11 to the next business meeting.
Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

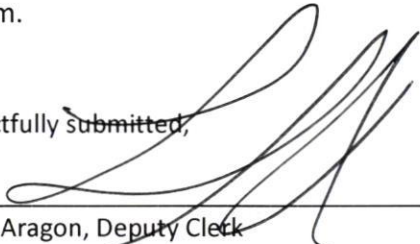
Discussion, Consideration, Decision – Retain the Services of Beasley, Mitchell & CO., LLP. not to Exceed \$45,000 Emergency Procurement

Tabled

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Marquez. Motion carried at 7:28pm.

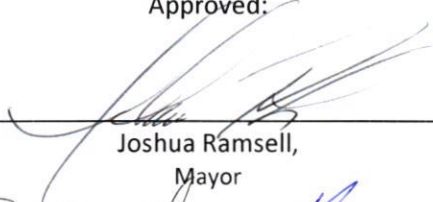
Respectfully submitted,




Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk
(Taken and Transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: 6-23-24

Approved:




Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



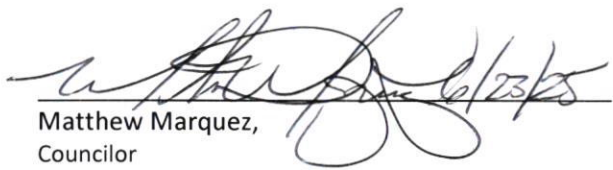
Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor



Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor