



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd

Rio Communities, NM 87002

Monday, August 11, 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

City Attorney Randy Van Vleck

Approval of Agenda

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Marquez stated on the account's payables under the HDR engineering it shows GRT and asked why are we paying GRT?

Dr. Moore stated that we do have some exceptions on good but not on services.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the consent agenda with the amended item on the 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 Irvine on Western Drive; Mr. Irvine Stated there is camper on Western drive and according to the ordinance a camper can only be parked on the side of a street for 10 days. He stated he will be filing a complaint with City.

Manager Report

City Manager Dr. Moore stated the New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference will be coming up. The conference will be held in Ruidoso this year. There are multiple sub-sections and if any council members would like to attend and we will make arrangements for any councilors that would like to attend.

City manager Dr. Moore spoke about Code of Conduct and supplied council and the mayor with a copy of the Code of Conduct.

Councilor Apodaca asked if this is the same code of conduct that is on the website.

Dr. Moore explained yes, it is the same code of conduct that is found on the website under code of ordinances.

Councilor Marquez stated that Dough Daddys will be having their ribbon cutting ceremony the day of the conference and if they would be able to change the date of the ribbon cutting.

Dr. Moore stated we will talk to Dough Daddys and see if they can change the date of the ceremony.

Councilor Marquez asked about getting a new computer for council and where we are at on that process.

Dr. Moore Stated we are waiting for the final specification from Sharp.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Uniform Traffic Code - Precede with Amending the Uniform Traffic code (penalty assessment)

Dr Moore stated that as a city we had talked about the uniform traffic code penalty assessment, and we had produced numbers but never completed them. Our request is we are looking for directive from council to proceed with these amendments.

Councilor Nelson stated that he had done some research of his own and feels that the penalties should be higher in some areas.

City Attorney Randy Van Vleck explained that the law says if we are going to have a penalty assessment program it must be consistent with state law.

Councilor Marquez stated we should schedule a workshop to discuss the uniform traffic code penalty assessment.

Mayor Ramsell stated we can schedule a workshop for September 8th at 4:00pm

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table Uniform Traffic Code - Precede with Amending the Uniform Traffic code (penalty assessment) the Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion tabled with a 4-0 vote.

Executive Session - For the purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation pursuant to NMSA10-15-1(H)(7) (Former Police Chief)

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Marquez

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 6:33pm

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

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:00pm

Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday August 11, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an executive session **for the purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation pursuant to NMSA10-15-1(H)(7) (Former Police Chief)** and no other items were discussed at this time.

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk)
(Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)

Date: 4/6/2024

Approved:


Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor
Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor
Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

Thomas Nelson,
Councilor

Matthew Marquez,
Councilor