



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd

Rio Communities, NM 87002

Monday, August 25, 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 Apodaca 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

Fire Chief Andrew Tabet

Randy Van Vleck

Approval of Agenda

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the consent agenda with the amended item on the accounts payable. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

PRESENTATION REGARDING CITY LIBRARY STATUS.

Amanda Carroasco the City Librarian spoke about the status of the library and that according to the state of New Mexico library they confirmed we are now officially recognized as a developing public library.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment at this time

Manager Report

Administrative Investigation of Municipal Officials' Conduct Requirements.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that at the last meeting he was going through responsibilities in relationship to conduct requirements, and he is investigating those and will bring it back to council for the next business meeting September 8, 2025

Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District; Request for Financial Assistance.

Dr. Moore stated the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District sent a letter asking for financial assistance.

Update on By-pass Roadway Construction.

Dr. Moore gave an update on Bypass Roadway Construction.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision –Approval of Resolution 2025-25 – Acknowledging FY 2024 Audit Report and Findings; and Accepting Management's Responses for Correcting the Findings.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to Approve Resolution 2025-25 – Acknowledging FY 2024 Audit Report and Findings; and Accepting Management's Responses for Correcting the Findings, Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca

Voting No:

Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Mayor Ramsell votes Yea: Motion has been passed.

Motion tied with a 2-2 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Peggy M. Garcia- Marquez as the Mayor’s Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to Approve Peggy M. Garcia- Marquez as the Mayor’s Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Replace Four (4) Light Poles and Lights on or Near Highway 304 Using Insurance Payments and Budgeted Funds.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table till September 22 regular business meeting to Replace Four (4) Light Poles and Lights on or Near Highway 304 Using Insurance Payments and Budgeted Funds. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion Tabled with a 4-0 vote.

Executive Session - For the Purpose Discussing the Reassignment of the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2) - Limited Personnel Matters

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:36pm

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

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:50pm

Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday August 25, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an executive session **For the Purpose Discussing the Reassignment of the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2) - Limited Personnel Matters** 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 Nelson to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 1/6/2024

Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

Thomas Nelson,
Councilor

Matthew Marquez,
Councilor