



City of Rio Communities Council Emergency Business Meeting

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd

Rio Communities, NM 87002

Monday, September 29, 2025

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 6:50pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Marquez led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell

Councilor Matthew Marquez

Councilor Lawrence Gordon

Councilor Thomas Nelson

Councilor Arthur Apodaca

Staff

City Manager Dr. Martin Moore

Fire Chief Andrew Tabet

Randy Van Vleck

Approval of Agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve agenda. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Action Items:

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-26 Emergency 2025

City Manager Dr. Moore stated the Fire Chief Tabet who also is the Emergency Manager for the City, EOC, Fire Chief of Belen, County Emergency Manager, City Manager Dr. Moore, Jennifer Gauna who is the City's Procurement Officer, Sergeant Rodriguez and the city's public works Director Andy Quintana all sat down and discussed the storm events from the previous night. There were storm water flooding

issues in various parts of the city. We did get an initial damage assessment. There were several city streets along with storm drainage systems that were overwhelmed. Some of the city streets experienced wash outs and created unsafe travel conditions. Also, public buildings did receive water damage such as City Hall, the Fire Department and the Police Department. We did have some utilities where there was temporary disruption with power and communications. We did have and currently still have hardships and displacements from residents in the city. There was and still is threat to safety, health and welfare. We have unmet needs, and we will be looking to seek assistance. Dr. Moore stated that an additional damage assessment will need to be made to document residential and commercial impacts. The county stated they would like to hear about impacts on public and private property. As a city we cannot offer assistance for private property owners, however with a declaration of emergency it can open up help from non-profit and charitable organizations. Also seeing if there are any state or additional resources.

Councilor Nelson stated that on Goodman Avenue there is a portion that the side of the road is undercut and also on Horner Road.

Chief Tabet stated we will have the assessors there tomorrow to document the conditions.

Councilor Apodaca asked how the undercut on Manzano express way is.

Chief Tabet explained that there is no undercut that was seen but they will do a more diligent look on it tomorrow but as of right now we feel confident leaving it open.

Councilor Marquez stated on a private sector we know residents of Western Drive were greatly affected by this storm. Multiple homes were flooded, and the water way was blocked and had no way of working properly. Councilor Marquez asked if the city is doing anything to fix the situation.

Chief Tabet explained that it is on private property and not on city property therefore the city would not be able to do anything.

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve Resolution 2025-26 Emergency 2025. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Apodaca Motion carried out.

Respectfully submitted,


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

Date: 1/6/2026

Approved:


Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor


Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor


Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

Thomas Nelson,
Councilor

Matthew Marquez,
Councilor