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City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, October 20, 2025, 10:00 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 10:07am

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Apodaca 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

Manager Dr. Martin Moore
Randy Van Vleck

Approval of Agenda.

Councilor Nelson made a motion to remove Action item 4 from the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Voting No:
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon

Motion Failed with a 2-3 vote. Mayor Breaks Tie.

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

Voting Yea:
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca

Voting No:
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson

Motion Passed with a 3-2 vote. Mayor Breaks Tie.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Authorization to Utilize up to \$25,000 in the Environmental fund (22000) for post Flood and Fire Hazard Clean Up.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to approve Authorization to Utilize up to \$25,000 in the Environmental fund (22000) for post Flood and Fire Hazard Clean Up. Seconded by Councilor Nelson

Voting Yea:

Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Contract with Beasley Mitchell for Accounting, Audit, and Financial Reporting Services.

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve Contract with Beasley Mitchell for Accounting, Audit, and Financial Reporting Services. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Finalize Veterans Day Event Plans.

Councilor Apodaca discussed Veterans Day Event Plans with Council.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table Finalize Veterans Day Event Plans until Monday the 27th. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Police Chief Interview Questions.

Dr. Moore explained to council that the interview questions cannot be done in closed session and they will need to be discussed either in open session or by a committee of 2 council members to put together the questions and present them to council.

Councilor Nelson suggested if we can get a bias third party to review the questions we would like to use.

Councilor Marquez suggested each member of council have 5 questions each.

Mayor Ramsell recommended if all council members can submit their questions by 3:00pm tomorrow.

Executive Session - Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Discussing Applicants to be interviewed for the Position of Chief of Police No Action will be Taken.

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion with a roll call to go into back in Special business meeting session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 11:02am

Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday October 20, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Discussing Applicants to be interviewed for the Position of Chief of Police No Action was taken 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 Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

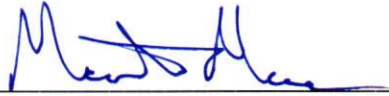
Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 11:03.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 11/6/2024

Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

Thomas Nelson,
Councilor

Matthew Marquez,
Councilor