



City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, November 3, 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 6:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Gordon led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell

Councilor Matthew Marquez

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore

City Attorney Randall Van Vleck

Councilor Lawrence Gordon

Councilor Thomas Nelson

Councilor Arthur Apodaca

Approval of Agenda

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Action Items

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve the Name of the City Bypass Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47.

Dr. Moore stated that this item has been brought to council to name the Bypass Road.

Councilor Marquez made a motion to postpone this item till next council meeting as there has not been any discussion on what the name of the road should be. He stated that he had been given some examples of names by residents of the community.

Councilor Nelson stated he agrees that we should postpone naming the road.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to table the Name of the City Bypass Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Voting No:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca

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

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Taxpayer Turn pipe connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

Motion Failed.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Turbine Loop connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

Motion Failed

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Breeze way Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

Motion Failed

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Goat Head Blvd connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

Motion Failed

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Zia Trail or Zia Bypass connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

Motion Failed

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Weldon McKinley Ave. connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

Motion Failed.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Rio Grand Gate Way connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

Motion Failed

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Tara Calico Blvd connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. Seconded by Councilor Nelson

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Voting No:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca

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

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to name the City Bypass Road Founders Way connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca

Voting No:

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson abstained from voting on this item

Motion Passed with a 2-1 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-28 Accepting the Bypass Road as a City Street; the City Bypass Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Approve Resolution 2025-28 Accepting the Bypass Road as a City Street; the City Bypass Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

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

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 6:30pm

Motion with a roll call to go back into special business meeting 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 8:08pm

Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday November 3, 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. (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Interviewing and Reviewing Applicants for the Position of Chief of Police. No action was be taken at this meeting and no other items were discussed at this time.

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

Voting Yea:
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Nelson Motion carried out at 8:09pm.

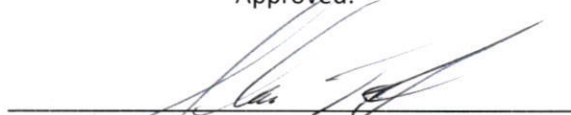
Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 11/6/2025

Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

Thomas Nelson,
Councilor

Matthew Marquez,
Councilor