



**City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting**  
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd  
Rio Communities, NM 87002  
**Monday, December 8, 2025 and Monday December 15, 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 Matthew Marquez (Absent)

Councilor Lawrence Gordon

Councilor Thomas Nelson (Absent)

Councilor Arthur Apodaca

**Staff**

Manager Dr. Martin Moore

City Attorney Cori Strife

Fire Chief Andrew Tabet

City Manager Dr Moore Stated there is a Quorum of the Governing body but not of the City Council.

**SWEARING IN DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK PATRICIA MCCLOSKEY**

**City Manager Dr. Moore Swore in Patricia McCloskey as Deputy Clerk.**

Mayor Ramsell asked councilors if they would like to take a fifteen-minute break to give Councilor Marquez time to get here. Meeting will convene at 6:26pm

Meeting Reconvened at 6:26pm

Mayor Ramsell stated Councilor Marquez did let them know prior to the meeting he was unable to attend. He Stated we were unable to get Councilor Nelson on a Teams video call and at this time we will recess this meeting until Monday December 15. 2025 at 6:00pm and re convene at that time.

Meeting recessed.

December 15, 2025, reconvene recessed Regular Business meeting from December 8, 2025

Mayor Ramsell reconvened meeting on Monday December 8, 2025, at 6:00pm

**Approval of accounts payable**

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

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote.

**No Public Comment at this time.**

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Discussion, Consideration, and Decision -Date and Time for Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Founders Way.**

City Manager Dr. Moore stated the Chamber of Commerce will be assisting the the ribbon cutting that will be on Wednesday December 17, 2025, at 2:00pm

**Motion made by Councilor Apodaca Approve Date and Time for Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Founders Way. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision -Approval of Official 2026 Holiday Calendar.**

**Motion made by Councilor Gordon Approve of Official 2026 Holiday Calendar. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision -Approval of 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule.**

**Motion made by Councilor Gordon Approve of 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

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Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision -Approval of Library Board Recommendations.**

Bobby Caldwell with the Library board spoke about the recommendations from the library board.

Librarian Amanda Carrasco spoke on her three-year plan and stated that she has been invited to the State house and Senate as a department and a developing Library.

**Motion made by Councilor Gordon Approve of Library Board Recommendations. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision -Approval of Update of Organizational Structure.**

City Manager Dr. Moore presented council with the Update of Organizational Structure

**Motion made by Councilor Apodaca Approve of Update of Organizational Structure. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

Mayor Ramsell stated that due to only having two council members they are unable to approve any resolutions at this time.

City Attorney Cori Strife recommended to table each resolution individually

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Budget Adjustment Resolution 2025-32, Accepting Additional Revenue and Expenses into the Library Budget.**

**Motion made by Councilor Apodaca Table until January 12, 2026 Budget Adjustment Resolution 2025-32, Accepting Additional Revenue and Expenses into the Library Budget. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

**Voting Yea:**

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Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion Tabled with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Budget Adjustment Resolution 2025-36, Creating a Veterans Memorial Fund as Other Special Revenue and Expenses.**

**Motion made by Councilor Apodaca Table until January 12, 2026 Budget Adjustment Resolution 2025-36, Creating a Veterans Memorial Fund as Other Special Revenue and Expenses. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion Tabled with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-33 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$200,000), to Plan, Design, Construct and Equip Street Lights in Rio Communities in Valencia County.**

**Motion made by Councilor Apodaca Table until January 12, 2026 Resolution 2025-33 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$200,000), to Plan, Design, Construct and Equip Street Lights in Rio Communities in Valencia County. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion Tabled with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-34 Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars and No cents (\$700,000), to Acquire Land and to Plan, Design, Construct, Furnish and Equip a Public Works Complex in Rio Communities in Valencia County.**

**Motion made by Councilor Apodaca Table until January 12, 2026 Resolution 2025-34 Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars and No cents (\$700,000), to Acquire Land and to Plan, Design, Construct, Furnish and Equip a Public Works Complex in Rio Communities in Valencia County. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion Tabled with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-35 Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars and No cents, (870,000), to Purchase and Equip Vehicles and Equipment, including Ambulances for the Police and Fire Departments in Rio Communities in Valencia County.**

**Motion made by Councilor Apodaca Table until January 12, 2026 of Resolution 2025-35 Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars and No cents, (870,000), to Purchase and Equip Vehicles and Equipment, including Ambulances for the Police and Fire Departments in Rio Communities in Valencia County. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion Tabled with a 2-0 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 Candidate Review for the Position of Chief of Police; and for the Purpose of Appointment of Municipal Clerk. For the purpose of discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8)**

**Motion made by Councilor Gordon Table until January 12, 2026 of 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 Candidate Review for the Position of Chief of Police; and for the Purpose of Appointment of Municipal Clerk. For the purpose of discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8). Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.**

**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion Tabled with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Appointment of Municipal Clerk.**

Motion made by Councilor Gordon Table until January 12, 2026, of Approval of Appointment of Municipal Clerk. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

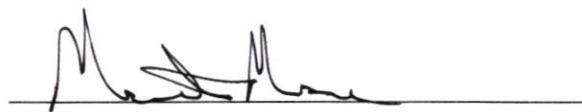
**Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon  
Councilor Apodaca

Motion Tabled with a 2-0 vote

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 6:59pm.

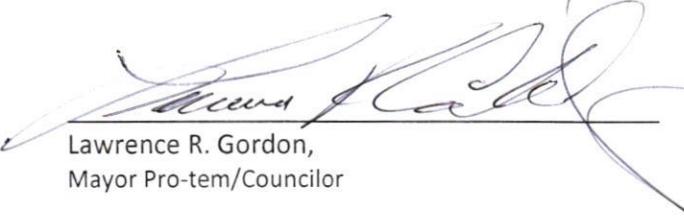
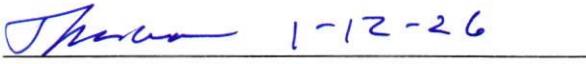
Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 1-12-2026

Approved:

  
Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor  
Lawrence R. Gordon,  
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor  
Michael Melendez,  
Councilor  
Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor  
Matthew Marquez,  
Councilor