



City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, December 1, 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

Councilor Lawrence Gordon

Councilor Thomas Nelson

Councilor Arthur Apodaca

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore

City Attorney Cori Strife

Approval of Agenda

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-31 Certification for Appropriation Number 24-Z15036-44-2 (Firefighter Recruitment) in the Amount of \$431,250.00

Motion made by Councilor Marquez Approve of Resolution 2025-31 Certification for Appropriation Number 24-ZI5036-44-2 (Firefighter Recruitment) in the Amount of \$431,250.00 Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Date, Time, and Location for Bypass Road (Founders Way) Ribbon Cutting

Motion made by Councilor Nelson Table Date, Time, and Location for Bypass Road (Founders Way) Ribbon Cutting, Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

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 Candidate Review for the Position of Chief of Police; 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) 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.

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 6:55pm

Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday December 1, 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 Candidate Review for the Position of Chief of Police; 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) 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.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 6:56pm.

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