



City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
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 7:11pm

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. Only Regular action items can be approved at this time.

Approval of Agenda

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting, August 25, 2025, Regular Meeting, September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting, September 22, 2025, Regular Meeting, September 29, 2025, Special Meeting, September 29, 2025 Emergency Meeting, October 14, 2025, Regular Meeting, October 20, 2025, Special Meeting, October 27, 2025, Regular Meeting, October 31, 2025, Special Closed Meeting, November 3, 2025, Special Meeting, November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting, December 1, 2025, Special Meeting.

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Amended Beasley Mitchell Financial Services Agreement

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Amended Beasley Mitchell Financial Services Agreement. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Schedule Public Hearing for Special use Permit (Retail Cannabis) for Roadrunner Organics

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Schedule Public Hearing for Special use Permit (Retail Cannabis) for Roadrunner Organics. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision –Amend the contracts for current Executive Municipal Employees (Fire Chief; City Manager) to approve a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment that was granted to Regular Municipal Employees as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 city budget, effective December 27, 2025. Funds are available for these adjustments.

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to Amend the contracts for current Executive Municipal Employees (Fire Chief; City Manager) to approve a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment that was granted to Regular Municipal Employees as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 city budget, effective December 27, 2025. Funds are available for these adjustments. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 7:34pm.

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