



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday February 23, 2026, 6:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Mayor - *Joshua Ramsell*
Mayor Pro Tem - *Lawrence R. Gordon*
Council – *Michael Melendez, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez*

Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:08pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor MARquez led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Councilor Matthew Marquez
Councilor Lawrence Gordon
Councilor Thomas Nelson
Councilor Michael Melendez

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore
City Attorney Randall Van Vleck
Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to approve agenda. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Melendez

Motion Passed with a 4-0 Vote

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to approve consent agenda with corrections stated. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Manager Report

Upcoming VALEO Meeting

Upcoming Public Hearing for Simple Replat.

Codification Through Muni Code Started.

Action Items

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of 2026 on Call Hourly Rates for HDR Engineering and Approval of Don Diego Road Reconstruction Construction Related Services for HRD Engineering.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve 2026 on Call Hourly Rates for HDR Engineering and Approval of Don Diego Road Reconstruction Construction Related Services for HRD Engineering. Seconded by Councilor Melendez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Appointments to Boards and Committees; Rio Metro Board, Mid-Rio Grande Council of Governments, Transportation Program Technical Group, Transportation Coordinating Committee, Transportation Board, Water Board, Greater Valencia County Chambers of Commerce.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Appointments to Boards and Committees; Rio Metro Board Councilor Nelson as Primary and Alternate Councilor Melendez, Mid-Rio Grande Council of Governments Primary Mayor Ramsell and Alternate Councilor Gordon and City Manager Dr. Moore, Transportation Program Technical Group Primary Councilor Marquez and Alternate Councilor Nelson, Transportation Coordinating Committee Primary Councilor Marquez and Alternate Councilor Nelson, Transportation Board Primary Councilor Marquez and Alternate Councilor Nelson and City Manager Dr. Moore, Water Board Primary Councilor Melendez and Alternate Councilor Nelson, Greater Valencia County Chambers Primary Councilor Gordon and Alternate Councilor Marquez. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Appointment to Committees; Albuquerque Regional Economic Alliance Public Sector Advisory Council and Economic Development Professional Advisory Council.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve Appointment to Committees; Albuquerque Regional Economic Alliance Public Sector Advisory Council, Primary Councilor Gordon and Alternate Councilor Melendez and Economic Development Professional Advisory Council Primary Councilor Nelson and Alternate Mayor Ramsell. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Appointment to Board of Directors of Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center (VRECC).

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve Appointment to Board of Directors of Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center (VRECC) Councilor Gordon and Adrew Tabet. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Executive Session - For the purpose of the 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 Pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) and subject to attorney-client privilege, for the limited purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation

Motion and roll call vote to go into close session

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to go into close session. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Motion and roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to go back into the regular business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor:

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday February 23, 2026, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an Executive Session - - For the purpose of the 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 Pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) and subject to attorney-client privilege, for the limited purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation. 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 Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Council Discussion

Councilor Marquez Discussed the change from Facebook live to YouTube and if the city has notified the residents he also asked about TextMyGov and what it is and if the RC Assist will still be utilized.

Councilor Marquez discussed code enforcement and what the job duties they can perform.

Councilor Marquez discussed Parks and if the process has started.

Councilor asked for an update on the Municipal Judge position.

Councilor Gordon thanked the Optimus Club for hosting the Daddy Daughter Dance.

Councilor Nelson asked Councilor Marquez if he has plans to do the Spring Fest again this year.

Councilor Nelson asked Fire Chief Tabet about the new rescue unit and asked how Chief Tabet did in Santa Fe for the Fire Department at the Legislative Session. He also did a shout out to La Merced Moose lodge.

Councilor Melendez expressed his gratitude for the committees he has been appointed to.

Our Next Scheduled meeting will be March 9, 2026, at 6:00pm

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 7:39pm

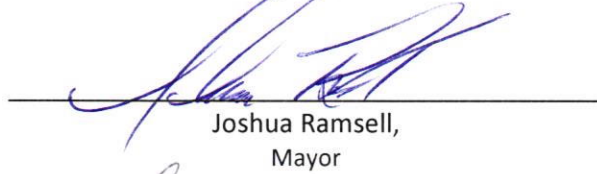
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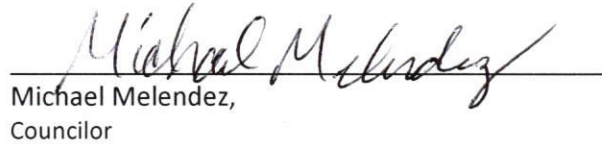
Jennifer Gauna Municipal clerk
(Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey, Deputy Clerk)

Date: 3-23-26

Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

Michael Melendez,
Councilor

Thomas Nelson 3-23-26

Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor