



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday April 13, 2026, 6:00 PM
Minutes

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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 6:03pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Melendez 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 Cori Strife

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to remove item 12 and approve amended agenda. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson

Voting No:
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Melendez

Motion Tied with a 2-2 Vote
Mayor Ramsell Broke tie voting no Motion Failed

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve current agenda. Seconded by Councilor Melendez.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Melendez

Voting No:
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson

Motion Tied with a 2-2 Vote
Mayor Ramsell Broke tie voting Yea Motion Passed

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to approve amended consent agenda with the minutes from March 23, 2026, tabled until next meeting. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Public Comment

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna read to council public comment from Nancy Lopez.

Delette Robinson, a business owner in the City of Rio Communities, spoke about the previous meeting and explained why they were not present at that meeting along with asking for the record to be corrected from comments made at the previous meeting.

Lemont Robinson, a business owner in the City of Rio Communities, spoke about comments made at the previous meeting.

Monique Marquez spoke about a complaint she had submitted to the City in March 2024.

Dick Irvine spoke about Dough Daddys Delights.

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna read public comments from an anonymous resident regarding comments made from previous council meeting.

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna read a comment from Nancy Lopez regarding the proposed lease at city hall.

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna read an anonymous comment from a concerned resident regarding comments made at previous meeting.

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna read a comment from Barbara Trujillo, a resident from Los Lunas, NM regarding comments made in previous meeting.

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna read a comment from Christina Moony regarding Dough Daddys Delights and comments made at previous meeting.

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna read a comment from Monique Marquez regarding a complaint she had submitted to the City in March 2024 also comments made at previous meeting.

Manager Report

Upcoming Budget workshops.

Dr. Moore reminded council of upcoming budget workshops.

Dangerous Buildings Demolition Update.

Dr. Moore advised council we are in the middle of the process and notification stage and won't be doing anything with the properties until everything is completed.

Maverick Update.

Dr. Moore Advised council they are doing utility line location, and they are continuing to move forward.

Update on Don Diego.

Dr. Moore advised council they are on Phase one of this project.

Unified Fire (Bosque) Recap.

Dr. Moore let council know he will hold off on this and let the fire chief come and give recap on the Unified fire.

Possible Lien on 1703 Zamora Ct.

Action Items

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Appointment of Wayne Berube as Municipal Judge.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to postpone Appointment of Wayne Berube as Municipal Judge. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion postponed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Appointment of Thomas Adair to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to Approve Appointment of Thomas Adair to Planning and Zoning Commission. 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 – Appointment of Kate Wolfstone to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Approve Appointment of Kate Wolfstone to Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Formal Demand for Public Correction of False Statements towards Dough Daddy’s Delights.

Delette and Lemont were sworn in by Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna to provide information for the record.

Dr. Moore read documents provided by Dough Daddys into the record.


Active discussion amongst city council members took place as well as disruptions from the audience which prompted Mayor Ramsell to recess the meeting until April 27, 2026 at which time item 12 on the agenda was identified as the starting point when the meeting reconvened out of recess.

Motion made by Councilor Melendez to Approve Formal Demand for Public Correction of False Statements towards Dough Daddy’s Delights. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Mayor Ramsell Recessed Meeting until Monday April 27, 2026, at 6:00pm

Adjourn

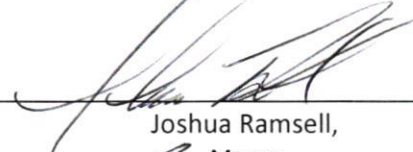
Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 5/13/26

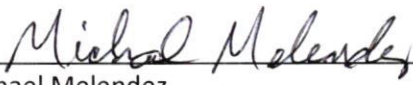
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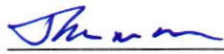
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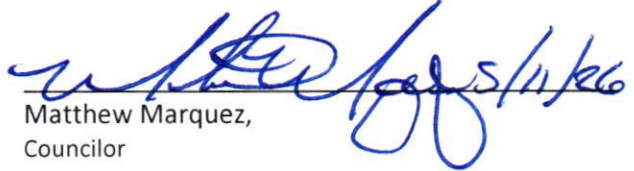
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Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



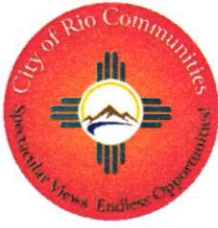
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Mayor - Joshua Ramsell
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Mayor Ramsell stated that this meeting is a continuation of the April 13, 2026 meeting that was recessed and we will continue where we left off on action item Discussion, Consideration, and Decision Formal Demand for Public Correction of False Statements towards Dough Daddy's Delights.

Action Items

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Formal Demand for Public Correction of False Statements towards Dough Daddy's Delights.

Councilor Marquez read statements into record.

Motion made by Councilor Melendez Formal Demand for Public Correction of False Statements towards Dough Daddy's Delights. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Melendez
Councilor Gordon

Voting No:
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 2-1 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Proceed to First Read for Amendment to Uniform Traffic Ordinance for Fees and Fines.

Dr. Moore requested permission from council to Proceed to First Read for Amendment to Uniform Traffic Ordinance for Fees and Fines.

Motion made by Councilor Melendez to Approve to Proceed to First Read for Amendment to Uniform Traffic Ordinance for Fees and Fines Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Melendez
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2026-08 for IPRA fees for Public Record Requests.

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Gauna advised council that we are getting our IPRA website up and running and we are needing to implement fees for IPRA requests that we receive.

Councilor Melendez and Councilor Gordon thanked the clerk’s office for putting together these fees for IPRA request.

Councilor Marquez stated that there is incorrect information for the IPRA guidelines.

Randall Van Vleck stated that charging employee time for IPRA requests does not follow IPRA guidelines. He also stated that we can charge for actual costs for IPRA Requests.

Jennifer Gauna stated that we can remove the language regarding charging employees time for any requests.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve of Resolution 2026-08 for IPRA fees for Public Record Requests amending the charging for time section Seconded by Councilor Melendez.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Melendez
Councilor Gordon

Voting No:
Councilor Marquez

Motion Failed with a 2-1 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2026-07 Outdoor Burn Ban.

Mayor Ramsell asked Chief Tabet if there is an end date on this Resolution

Fire Chief Tabet stated at this time no, there is not an end date as we cannot predict when we will receive moisture also the State Forester is who lifts these bans.

Motion made by Councilor Melendez to Approve Resolution 2026-07 Outdoor Burn Ban. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Melendez
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote

Council Discussion

Councilor Gordon and Mayor Ramsell thanked all who came out for Earth Day and the Community for coming out and helping.

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Melendez to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out.

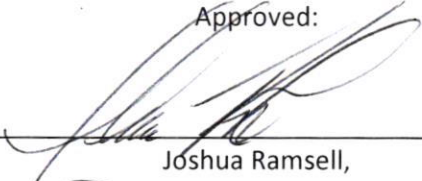
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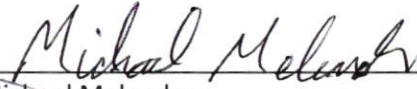
Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



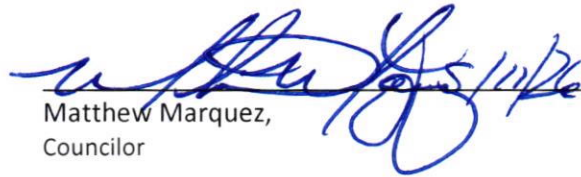
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