



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday May 11, 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 6:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Nelson 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

Approval of Agenda

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Melendez
Councilor Gordon

Motion Passed with a 4-0 Vote

Consent Agenda

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

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Manager Report

Update on Maverick

Overview of Fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget

Action Items

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Triadic Contract Professional Services Agreement for Finance Equipment, Software Licensing, Software Programing Services.

Motion made by Councilor Melendez to approve Triadic Contract Professional Services Agreement for Finance Equipment, Software Licensing, Software Programing Services. 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 Amended Financial and Accounting Services agreement with Beasley Mitchell through July 31, 2026.

Mayor Ramsell Called a 15-minute recess at 6:45pm

Meeting reconvened at 7:06pm

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table Amended Financial and Accounting Services agreement with Beasley Mitchell through July 31, 2026. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion Tabled with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Submit a Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Grant Application and Commit to Provide Five Percent (5%) Matching Funds to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for Improvements on Horner Street. (Highway 47- Brugg Drive)

Antonio from HDR was on the phone with Council discussing this agenda item.

Motion made by Councilor Melendez to approve to Submit a Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Grant Application and Commit to Provide Five Percent (5%) Matching Funds to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for Improvements on Horner Street. (Highway 47- Brugg Drive) with amendments from HDR. 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 to Prepare the Application for an Emergency Operating Fund Loan through the New Mexico Board of Finance (NMBOF)

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve to Prepare the Application for an Emergency Operating Fund Loan through the New Mexico Board of Finance (NMBOF). 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 – Authorization to Pursue a property tax Rate increase to be effective January 1, 2027

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve Authorization to Pursue a property tax Rate increase of 2.5% to be effective January 1, 2027. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Voting No:
Councilor Melendez
Councilor Gordon

Motion Tied with a 2-2 vote
Mayor Broke tie by voting No, Motion Failed

Motion made by Councilor Melendez to approve Authorization to Pursue a property tax Rate increase to be effective January 1, 2027. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Councilor Marquez and Nelson both abstained from Voting

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

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

Councilor Marquez and Nelson both abstained from Voting

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Approval of Resolution 2026-08 For IPRA fees for Public Record Requests. Seconded by Councilor Melendez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Gordon

Motion Failed with a 2-0 vote

Council Discussion

Councilor Marquez and Nelson discussed the IPRA fees

Our Next Regular Scheduled Meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00pm

Adjourn at 8:40pm


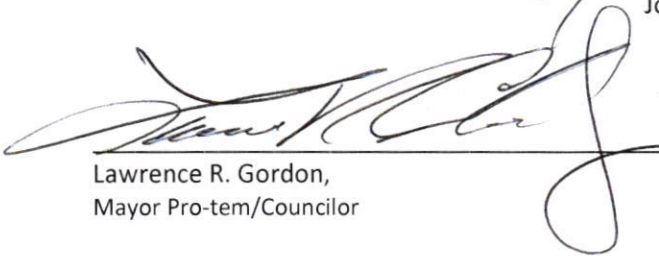

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date: 5/26/26

Approved:


Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor
Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor
Michael Melendez,
Councilor

Thomas Nelson 5-26-26
Thomas Nelson,
Councilor


Matthew Marquez,
Councilor