



City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday July 21, 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 6:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Melendez led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Councilor Matthew Marquez
Councilor Lawrence Gordon (Via Phone)
Councilor Thomas Nelson
Councilor Michael Melendez

Staff

City Manager Dr. Martin Moore
City Attorney Cori Strife

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Melendez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed 4-0 Vote

Action Items

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2026-13 for Fourth Quarter Year-End Budget Adjustments.

- Year-end housekeeping adjustments to align budget with actual revenues and expenditures
 - Required before submitting Q4 report to the state
 - No new spending authority; reflects actual financial activity through end of FY2025-26
 - State deadline was July 17; extension granted after finance officer reached out
- Revenue Adjustments (Amended Version)

- Franchise tax: \$44,000 over budget
- Gross receipts tax (municipal local option): \$22,500 over budget
- Current property tax: ~\$60,000 over budget
- GRT municipal equivalent distribution: ~\$10,500 over budget
- Cannabis tax distribution: \$3,436.04 (first-ever distribution; no state object code yet)
 - Labeled under “other state shared taxes” per state coding requirements
 - Council agreed to note it as “other state cannabis” going forward for clarity
 - A second distribution was already received in July; only one dispensary is currently operating
- Transfer into general funds: \$703,000 from state legislative appropriation project
 - Represents grant reimbursements where expenditures came in under budget

Expenditure Adjustments and Fund Transfers

- Over-expenditures moved to appropriate matching object codes across funds to bring each to zero balance
- Fire department overages: overtime (\$79,000) transferred from general fund to fire recruitment fund
 - General fund had no budgeted overtime line; was a payroll posting error
- EMS fund overages moved to match EMS lines in different plans (not cross-department)
- Additional fire protection overages moved into separate fire department fund
- County fire gross receipts tax increase: \$1,029.15
- State legislative appropriation project: \$1,006,492.92 in grant reimbursements received
- Fire truck/apparatus purchase: \$50,000 from state legislative appropriation project

Motion made by Councilor Nelson Approve of Resolution 2026-13 for Fourth Quarter Year-End Budget Adjustments Seconded by Councilor Melendez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Melendez.

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Gauna Municipal clerk

(Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey, Deputy Clerk)

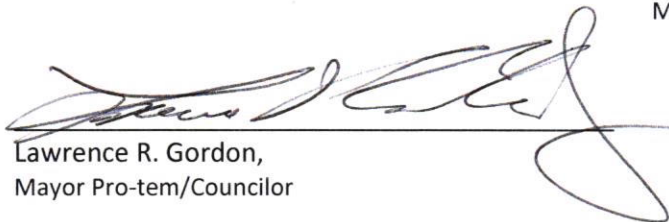
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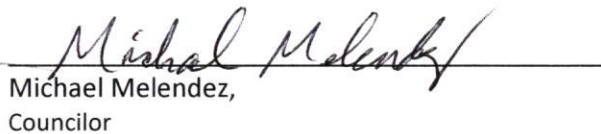
Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor



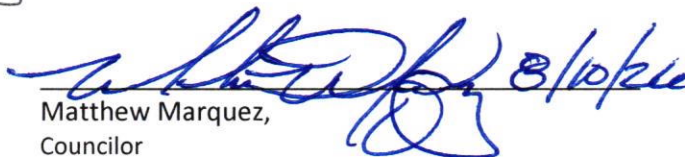
Lawrence R. Gordon,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor



Michael Melendez,
Councilor

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Councilor



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Matthew Marquez,
Councilor