



**City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Wednesday, July 30, 2025 6:00 PM**  
**Agenda**

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

**Mayor - Joshua Ramsell**  
**Mayor Pro Tem - Lawrence R. Gordon**  
**Council - Arthur Apodaca, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Swearing in of Victor Williams as Municipal Judge**

**Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of Accounts Payable**

**Public Comment:** The Council will take public comments in written format. These should be emailed to [admin@riocommunities.net](mailto:admin@riocommunities.net) through 4:45 PM on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. These comments will be distributed to all Councilors for review. If you wish to speak during the public comment session, the Council will allow each member of the public to three (3) minutes to address the Council. Both the public and Council will follow rules of decorum. Give your name and where you live. The public will direct comments to the City Council. Comment(s) will not be disruptive or derogatory.

The Council will not take action or engage in discussion regarding the comments made or received, but when appropriate the matters raised may be referred to staff or others for further review. Both the public and Council will follow rules of decorum. Derogatory Comments or matters under litigation will not be allowed and any person or persons addressing the Council are liable for their own statements, not the Council. Statements are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes duration. Please give your name and where you live for the record.

**Manager Report**

**Action Items**

- 2. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2025-22 Approval of Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustment FY 202-**
- 3. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2025-23 Approval of Fourth Quarter Financial Report FY 2024-2025**
- 4. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2025-24 Approval FY Final 2025-2026 Budget**
- 5. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve Wild Land Fire Pay**
- 6. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve to Commence Police Chief Recruitment Using Outside Consulting up to \$30,000.00.**

**Council Discussion**

**Adjourn**

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<https://www.facebook.com/riocommunities>

NOTE: THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO REVISION UP TO 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING DATE AND TIME (NMSA 10-15-1 F). A COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE PICKED UP AT CITY HALL, 360 RIO COMMUNITIES BLVD, RIO COMMUNITIES, NM 87002. IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WHO IS IN NEED OF A READER, AMPLIFIER, QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER OR ANY OTHER FORM OF AUXILIARY AND OR SERVICE TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL CLERK AT 505-861-6803 AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



Rio Communities, NM

## Expense Approval Register

Packet: APPKT01582 - AP 7.23.25 pmt pckt

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
<b>Fund: 11000 - General Operating Fund</b>					
Tyler Technologies	025-518503	06/30/2025	Financial tutoring	11000-2002-57050	5,544.96
Pitney Bowes	1027716178	06/30/2025	Ink Refill for Postage Machin	11000-1001-56020	91.29
UniqueFleet, LLC.	25306	06/30/2025	Battery for 2025 Speed Traile	11000-3001-57050	459.98
NM Local Government Law	2987	06/30/2025	Legal Services -FY 2024-2025	11000-2002-55020	7,348.10
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	39476489	06/30/2025	Finance Department Copies	11000-2004-57090	118.51
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	9005421314	06/30/2025	Finance Department Copies	11000-2004-57090	254.29
Aqua3, LLC.	9349616	06/30/2025	24 Pk Case	11000-2002-56060	29.20
Aqua3, LLC.	9349616	06/30/2025	5 Gal Water Bottles	11000-2002-56060	28.40
Sandra Schauer	INV0005980 7095.37	06/30/2025	May-25 postage (no tax)	11000-2002-55999	574.87
Sandra Schauer	INV0005980 7095.37	06/30/2025	May-25 Printing color 11x17	11000-2002-55999	1,250.00
Sandra Schauer	INV0005980 7095.37	06/30/2025	Mar-Apr-25 Production 12 h	11000-2002-55999	360.00
Sandra Schauer	INV0005980 7095.37	06/30/2025	NM GRT	11000-2002-55999	540.76
Sandra Schauer	INV0005980 7095.37	06/30/2025	Jun-25 Printing color 11x17	11000-2002-55999	1,250.00
Sandra Schauer	INV0005980 7095.37	06/30/2025	Mar-Apr-25 Printing & mailin	11000-2002-55999	1,250.00
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NM Self Insurers' Fund	INV0005981	06/30/2025	Public Liability DeductibleFu	11000-2002-57020	4,500.75
NM Self Insurers' Fund	INV0005982	06/30/2025	Public Liability DeductibleFu	11000-2002-57020	4,144.14
Luis Hernandez	INV0005983	06/30/2025	Oil Change for OFC Mendoza	11000-3001-54040	145.00
Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc.	NM053821	06/30/2025	Road signs	11000-5101-56030	43.91
Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc.	NM053846	06/30/2025	Road signs	11000-5101-56030	21.96
Occupational Health Centers	18418047	07/23/2025	Drug Screening for Patrica M	11000-2002-55999	99.02
<b>Fund 11000 - General Operating Fund Total:</b>					<b>29,924.88</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>					<b>29,924.88</b>

Fund Summary

Fund	Expense Amount
11000 - General Operating Fund	29,924.88
Grand Total:	29,924.88

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
11000-1001-56020	Supplies - General Office	91.29
11000-2002-55020	Contract - Attorney Fees	7,348.10
11000-2002-55999	Contract - Other Service	7,194.39
11000-2002-56060	Supplies - Kitchen	57.60
11000-2002-57020	Claims/Judgments/Settl	8,644.89
11000-2002-57050	Employee Training	5,544.96
11000-2004-57090	Printing/Publishing/Adv	372.80
11000-3001-54040	Maintenance & Repairs -	145.00
11000-3001-57050	Employee Training	459.98
11000-5101-56030	Supplies - Field Supplies	65.87
Grand Total:		29,924.88

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount
**None**	29,924.88
Grand Total:	29,924.88

Authorization Signatures

MAYOR & COUNCILORS

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JOSHUA RAMSELL, MAYOR

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LAWRENCE GORDAN, COUNCILOR

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ARTHUR APODACA, COUNCILOR

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MATTHEW MARQUEZ, COUNCILOR

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THOMAS NELSON, COUNCILOR

ATTEST:

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES  
RESOLUTION 2025 – 22  
FOURTH QUARTER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT  
(FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025)**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board in and for the City of Rio Communities, State of New Mexico has developed a budget for fiscal year 2025, and

WHEREAS, said budget was developed upon need and through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials, and other department supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the official meetings for the review of said documents were duly advertised in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act, and

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, state of New Mexico hereby approves the following adjustments attached herein.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2025 BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES, NEW MEXICO.

**City of Rio Communities Governing Body**

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Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor

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Arthur Apodaca,  
Councilor

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Lawrence R. Gordon,  
Councilor

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Matthew Marquez,  
Councilor

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Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor

ATTEST:

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Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES  
RESOLUTION 2025 - 23  
FY 2025 4th QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

- WHEREAS, the Governing Board in and for the City of Rio Communities, State of New Mexico has developed a budget for fiscal year 2024 — 2025; and
- WHEREAS, the final quarterly report has been reviewed and approved to ensure the accuracy of the beginning balances used on the FY 2024 budget; and
- WHEREAS, it is hereby certified that the contents in this report are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and that this report depicts all funds for fiscal year 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Rio Communities, State of New Mexico hereby approves the final quarterly report for FY 2024 hereinafter described as Attachment “A” and respectfully requests approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF JULY 2025 BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES, NEW MEXICO.

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Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor

ATTEST:

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Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES RESOLUTION 2025 - 24**

**FISCAL YEAR 2025- 2026 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body in and for the City of Rio Communities, State of New Mexico has developed a budget for fiscal year 2025 - 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** said budget was developed on the basis of need and includes the hiring of a Municipal Clerk and Finance Officer, the reduction of the Librarian position to 30 hours per week, the elimination of the Code Enforcement position in the Police Department by September 30, 2025, and the inclusion of wildland fire pay that is reimbursed by the State of New Mexico.

**WHEREAS,** the official meetings for the review of said documents were duly advertised in compliance with the State Open Meetings act, and

**WHEREAS,** it is the majority opinion of the Governing Board that the proposed budget meets the requirements as currently determined for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, State of New Mexico hereby adopts the budget herein above described and respectfully requests approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2025 BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES, NEW MEXICO.**

**City of Rio Communities Governing Body**



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Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor

ATTEST:

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Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2025 – 24`**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

Adopted on July 30, 2025



## **Total Cost in Wages: \$15,939.84**

These are the hours owed to firefighters for wildland deployments

All of the following hours and pay is completely reimbursable by the wildland funds

### **Greg Gallegos**

#### **The Buck fire**

6-18-25 :12hr  
6-19-25 :16hr  
6-20-25: 16hr  
6-21-25 :16hr  
6-22-25 :14hr

**Total 74 hours**

#### **Desert Willow Fire**

6-23-25:16 hr  
6-24-25:16 hr  
6-25-25: 6 hr

**Total 38 hours**

**112 hours at AD rates of \$24.49 an hour = \$2,742.88**

### **Armando Romero**

#### **The buck fire**

6-18-25 :12hr  
6-19-25 :16hr  
6-20-25: 16hr  
6-21-25 :16hr  
6-22-25 :14hr

**Total 74 hours**

**74 hours at AD rates of \$24.49 an hour = \$1,812.26**

# Joe Behm

Attached are all of the rmp personnel times for Joe Behm

## Kid Fire Ground

Support Joe Behm O3

6-18-25: 16 hours

6-19-25: 16 hours

6-20-25: 16 hours

Total 48 hours

## Roseberry Fire

Ground Support Joe Behm O2

6-21-25: 9 hours

## Cotton Fire

Ground Support Joe Behm E17

6-21-25: 8.5 hours

## Desert Willow Fire

Joe Behm Ground Support E3

6-22-25: 12 hours

6-23-25: 16 hours

6-24-25: 16 hours

6-25-25: 16 hours

6-26-25: 16 hours

6-27-25: 16 hours

6-28-25: 16 hours

6-29-25: 16 hours

6-30-25: 16 hours

7-1-25: 16 hours

7-2-25: 16 hours

7-3-25: 16 hours

7-4-25: 16 hours

Total 269.5 hours

At FF2 ad rates **\$22.00** an hour = **\$5,929.00**

**Andrew Tabet**

**Desert Willow Complex Fire**

Andrew Tabet LOFR O12

6-21-25: **9 hours**

6-22-25: **16 hours**

6-23-25: **16 hours**

6-24-25: **16 hours**

6-25-25: **16 hours**

6-26-25: **16 hours**

**Total 89 hours**

At AD LOFR OT rate **\$61.30** an hour = **\$5,455.70**