

#### **City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting**

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, December 15, 2025

6:30pm or Upon Completion of Recessed Regular Council Meeting (whichever is later)

**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** 

**Consent Agenda** 

Minutes August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting, August 25, 2025, Regular Meeting, September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting, September 22, 2025, Regular Meeting, September 29, 2025, Special Meeting, September 29,2025 Emergency Meeting, October 14, 2025, Regular Meeting, October 20, 2025, Regular Meeting, October 20, 2025, Special Meeting, October 27, 2025, Regular Meeting, October 31, 2025, Special Closed Meeting, November 3, 2025, Special Meeting, November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting, December 1, 2025, Special Meeting.

#### **Action Items**

- Discussion, Consideration, and Decision Approval of Amended Beasley Mitchell Financial Services Agreement
- 2. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision Schedule Public Hearing for Special use Permit (Retail Cannabis) for Roadrunner Organics
- 3. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision –Amend the contracts for current Executive Municipal Employees (Fire Chief; City Manager) to approve a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment that was granted to Regular Municipal Employees as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 city budget, effective December 27, 2025. Funds are available for these adjustments.

#### **Adjourn**

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Minutes

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

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore

City Attorney Randy Van Vleck

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Marquez led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

**Governing Body** 

Mayor Joshua Ramsell Councilor Lawrence Gordon Councilor Arthur Apodaca

Councilor Thomas Nelson

Councilor Matthew Marquez

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Councilor Marquez stated on the account's payables under the HDR engineering it shows GRT and asked why are we paying GRT?

Dr. Moore stated that we do have some exceptions on good but not on services.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the consent agenda with the amended item on the accounts payable. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Public Comment:**

Dick Irvine on Western Drive; Mr. Irvine Stated there is camper on Western drive and according to the ordinance a camper can only be parked on the side of a street for 10 days. He stated he will be filing a complaint with City.

#### **Manager Report**

City Manager Dr. Moore stated the New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference will be coming up. The conference will be held in Ruidoso this year. There are multiple sub-sections and if any council members would like to attend and we will make arrangements for any councilors that would like to attend.

City manager Dr. Moore spoke about Code of Conduct and supplied council and the mayor with a copy of the Code of Conduct.

Councilor Apodaca asked if this is the same code of conduct that is on the website.

Dr. Moore explained yes, it is the same code of conduct that is found on the website under code of ordinances.

Councilor Marquez stated that Dough Daddys will be having their ribbon cutting ceremony the day of the conference and if they would be able to change the date of the ribbon cutting.

Dr. Moore stated we will talk to Dough Daddys and see if they can change the date of the ceremony.

Councilor Marquez asked about getting a new computer for council and where we are at on that process.

Dr. Moore Stated we are waiting for the final specification from Sharp.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Uniform Traffic Code - Precede with Amending the Uniform Traffic code (penalty assessment)

Dr Moore stated that as a city we had talked about the uniform traffic code penalty assessment, and we had produced numbers but never completed them. Our request is we are looking for directive from council to proceed with these amendments.

Councilor Nelson stated that he had done some research of his own and feels that the penalties should be higher in some areas.

City Attorney Randy Van Vleck explained that the law says if we are going to have a penalty assessment program it must be consistent with state law.

Councilor Marquez stated we should schedule a workshop to discuss the uniform traffic code penalty assessment.

Mayor Ramsell stated we can schedule a workshop for September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table Uniform Traffic Code - Precede with Amending the Uniform Traffic code (penalty assessment) the Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion tabled with a 4-0 vote.

Executive Session - For the purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation pursuant to NMSA10-15-1(H)(7) (Former Police Chief)

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Marquez

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

**Councilor Apodaca** 

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 6:33pm

#### 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 Nelson Councilor Gordon Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:00pm

Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday August 11, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation pursuant to NMSA10-15-1(H)(7) (Former Police Chief) 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 Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,		
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)  Date:	_	
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	Approved:	
<u></u>	loshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor	
Thomas Nelson, Councilor	Matthew Marquez, Councilor	



## City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, August 25, 2025, 6:00 PM

Minutes

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Apodaca led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

**Governing Body** 

Mayor Joshua Ramsell Councilor Lawrence Gordon

Councilor Arthur Apodaca

Councilor Thomas Nelson Councilor Matthew Marquez

#### Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore Fire Chief Andrew Tabet

Randy Van Vleck

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the consent agenda with the amended item on the accounts payable. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### PRESENTATION REGARDING CITY LIBRARY STATUS.

Amanda Carrosco the City Librarian spoke about the status of the library and that according to the state of New Mexico library they confirmed we are now officially recognized as a developing public library.

#### **Public Comment:**

No Public Comment at this time

#### **Manager Report**

#### Administrative Investigation of Municipal Officials' Conduct Requirements.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that at the last meeting he was going though responsibilities in relationship to conduct requirements, and he is investigating those and will bring it back to council for the next business meeting September 8, 2025

#### Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District; Request for Financial Assistance.

Dr. Moore stated the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District sent a letter asking for financial assistance.

#### Update on By-pass Roadway Construction.

Dr. Moore gave an update on Bypass Roadway Construction.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision –Approval of Resolution 2025-25 – Acknowledging FY 2024 Audit Report and Findings; and Accepting Management's Responses for Correcting the Findings.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to Approve Resolution 2025-25 – Acknowledging FY 2024 Audit Report and Findings; and Accepting Management's Responses for Correcting the Findings, Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:Voting No:Councilor GordonCouncilor Nelson

Councilor Apodaca Councilor Marquez

Mayor Ramsell votes Yea: Motion has been passed. Motion tied with a 2-2 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Peggy M. Garcia- Marquez as the Mayor's Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to Approve Peggy M. Garcia- Marquez as the Mayor's Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Marquez Councilor Nelson Councilor Apodaca Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Replace Four (4) Light Poles and Lights on or Near Highway 304 Using Insurance Payments and Budgeted Funds.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table till September 22 regular business meeting to Replace Four (4) Light Poles and Lights on or Near Highway 304 Using Insurance Payments and Budgeted Funds. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion Tabled with a 4-0 vote.

Executive Session - For the Purpose Discussing the Reassignment of the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2) - Limited Personnel Matters

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

**Councilor Nelson** 

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:36pm

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

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to go back into the Regular business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson Councilor Gordon Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:50pm

Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday August 25, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an executive session For the Purpose Discussing the Reassignment of the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2) - Limited Personnel Matters 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 Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

arquez Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,		
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)  Date:	_	
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	Approved:	
<u></u>	loshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor	
Thomas Nelson, Councilor	Matthew Marquez, Councilor	



# City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, September 08, 2025, 6:00 PM

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Minutes

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Ramsell led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Governing Body**

Mayor Joshua Ramsell Councilor Matthew Marquez Councilor Lawrence Gordon Councilor Thomas Nelson Councilor Arthur Apodaca

#### Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore Fire Chief Andrew Tabet Randy Van Vleck

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Nelson stated that the action item Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve Appointment of the Mayor's Art in Public Places Selection Committee. Should not be The Mayors Art in Public Places and it should be changed to just Art in Public Places.

Dr. Moore explained it is a committee of the mayor's recommendation.

Councilor Marquez Seconded Councilor Nelsons Motion to change to Art in Public Places.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Change the title on Approve Appointment of the Mayor's Art in Public Places Selection Committee to Art in Public Places. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Public Comment:**

Ron Gentry commented about the Goodman Project and the water flow. Gentry stated that the flood water is running on to his property and he would like to see something done about this in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Goodman project.

Allan Sinclair commented on why certain campaign signs were removed. He stated they were not in any violation or hazard to public safety and should not have been removed.

Jo Skelton commented that she also had a sign removed and there was no reason for the campaign sign to be removed.

#### **Manager Report**

#### Presentation for the Veteran's Memorial park by Rob Loftis.

Rob Loftis presented to council the Veterans Memorial Park Project. Council discussed the Location of the Veterans Memorial Park.

#### Goodman Ave Construction.

Dr. Moore discussed update on Goodman Avenue construction.

#### **RV Park Ribbon Cutting.**

Dr. Moore discussed the possibility of a Ribbon Cutting for the Baca RV Park. As of right now they do not have a set date.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve Appointment of the Art in Public Places Selection Committee.

Mayor Ramsell stated he has spoken to three or four individuals.

Council Nelson recommended Richard Melzer as a candidate for the committee.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to Approve Appointment of the Art in Public Places Selection Committee. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve Notice of Award for ITB #2026-0001 Damon Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

City Manager Dr. Moore stated that John Tortelle is here to answer any questions council may have.

Dr. Moore stated the city did go out to bid for this grant project. Albuquerque Asphalt was the lowest bid.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon Approve Notice of Award for ITB #2026-0001 Damon Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve Letter of Support for Valencia County's New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant application

Dr. Moore explained the city has entered into an agreement to assist with upkeep of operations in the center of Willie and Chavez Park. They have requested if council will provide a letter of support for the grant application.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez Approve Letter of Support for Valencia County's New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant application. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve Use of Joint Expert Witness for Cost Sharing of New Mexico Water Case Testimony.

City Attorney Randy Van Vleck explained to council this is an agreement between the city and Spencer Faye.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson Approve Use of Joint Expert Witness for Cost Sharing of New Mexico Water Case Testimony. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Executive Session - The city council will convene in executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978 section 10-15-1 (H)(7), meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to the pending administrative litigation before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in the Matter of New Mexico Water Service Company's application for approval of a revised sewer capacity charge pursuant to Advice Notice no.22 and first revised rate no. 5 in which the City of Rio Communities is an intervenor.

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

**Councilor Nelson** 

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:05pm

#### **Statement from the Mayor**

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday September 08, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978 section 10-15-1 (H)(7), meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to the pending administrative litigation before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in the *Matter of New Mexico Water Service Company's application for approval of a revised sewer capacity charge pursuant to Advice Notice no.22 and first revised rate no. 5* in which the City of Rio Communities is an intervenor.

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 Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marguez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Council Discussion**

Councilor Apodaca stated that the Valencia County Chambers of Commerce is asking for things to fill around fifty bags with for the car show in Belen

Councilor Nelson asked if council will be representing for the 9/11 Memorial.

He also stated that McDougall and Baldwin need to possibly be repaved.

Councilor Nelson asked when we be receiving police chief applications and possibly setting up a special meeting to review the application.

Councilor Marquez stated he is available September 22,2025 at 4:00pm before the regular meeting.

Mayor Ramsell asked all council members if they would be available for that date and time.

Councilor Gordon asked the members of the public to remember that we still need a couple different committees and that they still come forward to assist the city.

Councilor Marquez stated that the road Don Diego is pretty bad as well.

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

Respectfully submitted,		
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)	-	
Date:	-	
	Approved:	
J(	oshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor	
Thomas Nelson, Councilor	Matthew Marquez, Councilor	



# City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd

Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, September 22, 2025, 6:00 PM

Minutes

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

#### **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 Arthur Apodaca

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore Fire Chief Andrew Tabet Randy Van Vleck

Approval of Agenda.

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

Voting Yea:	
Councilor Gordon	
Councilor Apodaca	
Councilor Nelson	
Councilor Marquez	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson

#### **Public Comment:**

Danny Goodson stated that he is representing the Valencia County arroyo flood control authority district board. There are 5 members on the board, the board has been in operation since March and he is going to each municipality to introduce his self and let them know of the existence of the board and what they are doing.

#### **Manager Report**

Update on Quotes for Streetlights/ Pole Replacement Services.

Update on Quotes for Veterans Memorial Park Construction design.

**Next Steps for Bypass Road.** 

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve Appointment of the Art in Public Places Selection Committee.

Mayor Ramsell stated he has spoken to three or four individuals.

Council Nelson recommended Richard Melzer as a candidate for the committee.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to Approve Appointment of the Art in Public Places Selection Committee. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

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Motion made by Councilor Gordon Approve Notice of Award for ITB #2026-0001 Damon Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

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#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

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administrative litigation before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in the *Matter of New Mexico Water Service Company's application for approval of a revised sewer capacity charge pursuant to Advice Notice no.22 and first revised rate no. 5* in which the City of Rio Communities is an intervenor.

## Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:05pm

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Voting Yea:

**Councilor Gordon** 

**Councilor Apodaca** 

Councilor Nelson

**Councilor Marquez** 

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

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Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Adjourn	n. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out.
Respectfully submitted,	
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)	<del>_</del>
Date:	_
	Approved:
	oshua Ramsell,
	Mayor
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor
Thomas Nelson, Councilor	Matthew Marquez, Councilor



## City of Rio Communities Council Emergency Business Meeting

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, September 29, 2025

Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:50pm

#### **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 Arthur Apodaca

Staff

City Manager Dr. Martin Moore Fire Chief Andrew Tabet Randy Van Vleck

### Approval of Agenda.

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

Voting Yea:
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Action Items:**

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-26 Emergency 2025

City Manager Dr. Moore stated the Fire Chief Tabet who also is the Emergency Manager for the City, EOC, Fire Chief of Belen, County Emergency Manager, City Manager Dr. Moore, Jennifer Gauna who is the City's Procurement Officer, Sargeant Rodriquez and the city's public works Director Andy Quintana all sat down and discussed the storm events from the previous night. There were storm water flooding

issues in various parts of the city. We did get an initial damage assessment. There were several city streets along with storm drainage systems that were overwhelmed. Some of the city streets experienced wash outs and created unsafe travel conditions. Also, public buildings did receive water damage such as City Hall, the Fire Department and the Police Department. We did have some utilities where the was temporary disruption with power and communications. We did have and currently still have hardships and displacements from residents in the city. There was and still is threat to safety, health and welfare. We have unmet needs, and we will be looking to seek assistance. Dr. Moore stated that an additional damage assessment will need to be made to document residential and commercial impacts. The county stated they would like to hear about impacts on public and private property. As a city we cannot offer assistance for private property owners, however with a declaration of emergency it can open up help from non-profit and charitable organizations. Also seeing if there are any state or additional resources.

Councilor Nelson stated that on Goodman Avenue there is a portion that the side of the road is under cut and also on Horner Road.

Chief Tabet stated we will have the assessors there tomorrow to document the conditions.

Councilor Apodaca asked how the undercut on Manzano express way is.

Chief Tabet explained that there is no undercut that was seen but they will do a more diligent look on it tomorrow but as of right now we feel confident leaving it open.

Councilor Marquez stated on a private sector we know residents of Western Drive were greatly affected by this storm. Multiple homes were flooded, and the water way was blocked and had no way of working properly. Councilor Marquez asked if the city is doing anything to fix the situation.

Chief Tabet explained that it is on private property and not on city property therefore the city would not be able to do anything.

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve Resolution 2025-26 Emergency 2025. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:	
Councilor Gordon	
Councilor Apodaca	
Councilor Nelson	
Councilor Marquez	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

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

Respectfully submitted,		
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)  Date:	_	
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	Approved:	
	oshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor	
Thomas Nelson,	 Matthew Marquez, Councilor	



### **City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting**

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, September 29, 2025, 6:00 PM Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Gordon led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

Governing Body
Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Councilor Matthew Marquez
Councilor Lawrence Gordon
Councilor Thomas Nelson
Councilor Arthur Apodaca

#### Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore Fire Chief Andrew Tabet Randy Van Vleck

#### Approval of Agenda.

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

Voting Yea:	
Councilor Gordon	
Councilor Apodaca	
Councilor Nelson	
Councilor Marquez	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Action Items:**

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Reschedule October 13, 2025, Regular Business Meeting to October 14, 2025, Due to the Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve to Reschedule October 13, 2025, Regular Business Meeting to October 14, 2025, Due to the Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Councilor Gordon			
Councilor Apodaca			
Councilor Nelson			
Councilor Marquez	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.		
Executive Session - Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1.(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Evaluating the Resumes of Applicants for the Position of Chief of Police No Action will be Taken at this Meeting; and pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) and subject to attorney-client privilege, for the limited purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant			
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Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session Gordon.  Voting Yea: Councilor Nelson	pant		
Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session Gordon.  Voting Yea:	pant		

Motion with a roll call to go back into special meeting session made by Council Apodaca. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Voting Vas.

**Councilor Nelson** 

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 6:50pm

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 6:06pm

#### **Statement from the Mayor**

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday September 29, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an Executive Session - Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1.(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Evaluating the Resumes of Applicants for the Position of Chief of Police No Action will be Taken at this Meeting; and pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) and subject to attorney-client privilege, for the limited purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant and no other matters were discussed at that time.

Motion made by Councilor Gordo Nelson.	n to approve the statement by the mayor. Seconded	by Councilor
Voting Yea: Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.	
Motion made by Councilor Nelsor 6:50pm.	n to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion	carried out at
Respectfully submitted,		
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municip (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCle		
Date:		
	Approved:	
	Joshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca,  Councilor	

Thomas Nelson,	Matthew Marquez,	
Councilor	Councilor	



# City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, October 14, 2025, 6:00 PM

Please silence all electronic devices.

Minutes

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:01

#### **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 Arthur Apodaca

Approval of Agenda.

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore

Randy Van Vleck

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to move action item 8 (Approval of Amended Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of Rio Communities and the Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center) to action item number 6. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

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Councilor Gordon	
Councilor Apodaca	
Councilor Nelson	
Councilor Marquez	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Voting Yea:

**Councilor Gordon** 

**Councilor Apodaca** 

**Councilor Nelson** 

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Marquez Councilor Gordon Councilor Nelson Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Public Comment:**

Alan Sinclair at 1104 Vista del monte Place asked if the city has supplied a dumpster for Western Drive after the storm flooding in the previous week. He also spoke about the Veterans Memorial that he feels it should be placed in a city park.

Monica Marquez at 410 Western spoke about an unofficial meeting she had with the residents on Horizon Vista and Western Drive regarding the streetlights in high-risk areas and also the flooding.

Jody Skelton at 604 Brown Dr spoke about Maverick and how they need to clean up the property.

#### **Manager Report**

City Manager Dr. Moore discussed the update on the bypass road stating that the HDR engineers who are doing the construction oversite and the public works director did a walk-through of the city's portion; that would be the portion that the DOT isn't directly controlling. There will be another inspection on the interconnections next week by the Department of Transportation traffic engineers. We will be doing a follow up and check the punch list: a list of items that need to be followed through. The tentative date to bring back to council on October 27, 2025, as long as the punch list has been completed and the road has been completed. There will be no name placed on this road until it is approved by council.

Dr. Moore discussed the update on Don Diego Reconstruction. He stated we are ready on our side to go out to bid.

Dr Moore discussed the update on Maverick. He explained he did talk to the DOT and also a representative of Maverick and expressed concerns about cleaning up the area and the rubble on the property. They stated that they will do that once they are cleared for construction. Dr. Moore asked them when will the permit application for Construction be approval and they answered they are reviewing it. He stated that we are waiting on the permit approval from the State department of Transportation.

Dr Moore discussed an update on the Storm Water Flood. He stated that Western Drive is one example of several that were affected by the storm water floods. One of the issues with Western Drive and Horizon Vista is that there is supposed to be a bigger flow coming for drainage from Carmel along the

side of the golf course. The shame and condition of what looks like drainage but is mostly torn up concrete or thick with brush. There is a design that is ready to commence as late as this week or next week.

Councilor Nelson stated that on the bypass road we should do solar signing on both ends that are stop signs to make it clear that there is a stop sign there.

Dr. Moore stated that we can make that request to the state.

Councilor Nelson stated that we should make the bypass road a safety corridor and have fines doubled.

Dr. Moore stated we can do an amendment to the uniform traffic ordinance.

Councilor Nelson stated that on Western Drive we should put some dumpsters up to help residents to get rid of the wet debris.

Dr. Moore explained that he is looking in to doing that not only on Western Drive but other areas in the city.

Councilor Apodaca asked on the bypass road, can we get any guarantee of the life of the highway.

Dr. Moore stated that he is not sure, but he will ask and find out.

Councilor Marquez asked if there is a date the bypass road will be open.

Dr. Moore explained they have not given an exact date, and the projected date of completion will be the acceptance of the City Council of the road.

#### **Action Items:**

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Amended Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of Rio Communities and the Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center.

Tommy Sanchez, the director of Valencia Regional Emergency Communications (VRECC) stated on July 24, 2025, the VRECC board passes a resolution to amend the JPA. It is required that he goes to all the governing bodies in the county to get it amended. The Resolution states 3 things; designate a new physical agent for VRECC, the town of Peralta wants to become a new signatory on the JPA which would give them representation on the VRECC board, and the third one would be they would get state and federal tax identification numbers for the center. Which will help untangle any finances from any municipalities or counties. All the venders will belong to VRECC and not the physical agent going forward. There is also plans to introduce legislation so they can get their own ICIP and not get mixed up what other cities or counties need to do, and they can take care of the center better and serve the entire county and municipalities better.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve Amended Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of Rio Communities and the Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval Resolution 2025-27 requesting New Mexico Department of Transportation Approval to Repair up to an additional 300 ft of Damon Street Utilizing Available Grant Funds (Grant Agreement number HW2L300355)

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Resolution 2025-27 requesting New Mexico Department of Transportation Approval to Repair up to an additional 300 ft of Damon Street Utilizing Available Grant Funds (Grant Agreement number HW2L300355). Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Proceed with Phase 1 of the Veterans Memorial Park.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve to Proceed with Phase 1 of the Veterans Memorial Park. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea: Voting No:

Councilor GordonCouncilor MarquezCouncilor ApodacaCouncilor Nelson

Motion passed with a 3-2 vote. Mayor breaks tie.

Executive Session - pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) and subject to attorney-client privilege, for the limited purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant.

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:10pm

Motion with a roll call to go into back in regular business meeting session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea: Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:16pm

#### Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday October 14, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an Executive Session - pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) and subject to attorney-client privilege, for the limited purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant and no other items were discussed at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the statement by the mayor. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Council Discussion**

Councilor Marquez stated to Dr. Moore that there has been a lot of complaints from residents about a loud humming noise coming from Arcosa Wind Towers Facility.

Councilor Marquez asked where we are at with replacing the streetlights.

Dr. Moore stated that we have 4 streetlights that were in the last quote and we are still working on getting quotes from other companies. As soon as we have those, we will be bringing it back to council.

Councilor Gordon stated that the Police department will be doing The Grinch stole Christmas on December 5, 2025. They would like everyone to fill out the form and return it to the box in city hall so the kids can get a gift.

Councilor Nelson stated that we need to set a schedule for the remaining of the year so all the councilors can plan for the holidays.

Councilor Nelson asked where we are with scheduling interviews for the police chief.

Mayor Ramsell stated that we will be having a special meeting on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and also Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

Councilor Apodaca stated that this Saturday the Chamber of commerce is sponsoring an October Fest and will be held in Los Lunas at the outdoor theater park, it starts at 9:00am and will go till midafternoon.

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,		
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)	_	
Date:	-	
	Approved:	
J	oshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor	
Thomas Nelson,	– — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	



## **City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting**

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, October 20, 2025, 10:00 PM Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

Staff

Randy Van Vleck

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 10:07am

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Apodaca led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

**Governing Body** 

Mayor Joshua Ramsell Manager Dr. Martin Moore

Councilor Matthew Marquez

Councilor Lawrence Gordon Councilor Thomas Nelson

Councilor Arthur Apodaca

#### Approval of Agenda.

Councilor Nelson made a motion to remove Action item 4 from the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea: Voting No:

Councilor Nelson Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Marquez Councilor Gordon

Motion Failed with a 2-3 vote. Mayor Breaks Tie.

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

Voting Yea: Voting No:

Councilor Gordon Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson

Motion Passed with a 3-2 vote. Mayor Breaks Tie.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Authorization to Utilize up to \$25,000 in the Environmental fund (22000) for post Flood and Fire Hazard Clean Up.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to approve Authorization to Utilize up to \$25,000 in the Environmental fund (22000) for post Flood and Fire Hazard Clean Up. Seconded by Councilor Nelson **Voting Yea:** Councilor Apodaca Councilor Gordon Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Contract with Beasley Mitchell for Accounting, Audit, and Financial Reporting Services. Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve Contract with Beasley Mitchell for Accounting, Audit, and Financial Reporting Services. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. **Voting Yea:** Councilor Marquez Councilor Nelson Councilor Gordon **Councilor Apodaca** Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Finalize Veterans Day Event Plans. Councilor Apodaca discussed Veterans Day Event Plans with Council. Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table Finalize Veterans Day Event Plans until Monday the 27th. Seconded by Councilor Marquez. **Voting Yea:** Councilor Gordon Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Police Chief Interview Questions.

Dr. Moore explained to council that the interview questions cannot be done in closed session and they will need to be discussed either in open session or by a committee of 2 council members to put together the questions and present them to council.

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson suggested if we can get a bias third party to review the questions we would like to use.

Councilor Marguez suggested each member of council have 5 questions each.

Mayor Ramsell recommended if all council members can submit their questions by 3:00pm tomorrow.

Executive Session - Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Discussing Applicants to be interviewed for the Position of Chief of Police No Action will be Taken.

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion with a roll call to go into back in Special business meeting session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 11:02am

#### **Statement from the Mayor**

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday October 20, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Discussing Applicants to be interviewed for the Position of Chief of Police 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 Marquez Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,		
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)		
Date:		
	Approved:	
	Joshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor	
Thomas Nelson, Councilor	Matthew Marquez, Councilor	

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

11:03.



## City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd

Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, October 27, 2025, 6:00 PM

**Minutes** 

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Apodaca led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

Governing Body
Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Councilor Matthew Marquez
Councilor Lawrence Gordon
Councilor Thomas Nelson
Councilor Arthur Apodaca

## Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore Fire Chief Andrew Tabet Randy Van Vleck

#### Approval of Agenda.

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

Voting Yea:	
Councilor Apodaca	
Councilor Marquez	
Councilor Nelson	
Councilor Gordon	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Apodaca Councilor Gordon Councilor Nelson

#### **Public Comment:**

Steve Gladwell spoke about the noise ordinance.

#### **Manager Report**

#### **Department Updates (Code Enforcement and Police)**

Dr. Moore stated the Code Enforcement and Police have been working on an issue with County Towing and doesn't look like there has been much improvement as of yet. They have had vehicles removed from the lot and have seen a cleaning up of trash as well.

#### **Goodman Ave Construction**

Dr. Moore stated in relation to the concerns we have had on Goodman Ave and Horner from the storm water floods where water had eroded the sides of the road. Public works is putting barrels and filling in areas of concern throughout the city. Albuquerque Asphalt has been cleared to resume construction.

#### **Don Diego Road-Neighborhood Update Meeting**

Dr. Moore recommended we have another neighborhood update meeting. Don Diego is ready to go out to bid.

#### **Bypass Road Progress and Next Steps**

Dr. Moore stated that on the Bypass Road they are working on the punch list. We are making sure as a city that we have proper signage particularly on a couple bump out and turn outs.

#### **Special City Council Meeting**

Dr. Moore suggested we schedule a special meeting to accept the bypass road.

Councilor Nelson asked who owns County Towing.

Dr. Moore stated that the owners are the ones living on the property and it is not operating as a towing business.

Councilor Nelson asked if we are paying for remobilization on Goodman Ave.

Dr. Moore Stated not to his knowledge.

Councilor Nelson asked if a speed limit has been set for the Bypass Road.

Dr. Moore stated that he believes it has been set to 35 mph.

Councilor Marquez asked if on October 31<sup>st</sup> on Halloween if the Police Department will be out patrolling until around 9:00pm or 10:00pm.

Dr. Moore stated yes, the police department will be out patrolling on Halloween night.

#### Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Approve Final Program for Veterans Day Event

Councilor Apodaca discussed the final program for Veterans Day Event.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve Final Program for Veterans Day Event. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca

**Councilor Nelson** 

**Councilor Marquez** 

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Council Discussion**

Councilor Marquez discussed the event the Fire Department will be having on October 31st.

Councilor Gordon stated he wanted to thank the Police Department for the steps they are taking with County Towing. Also, he thanked Dough Daddys Delights for the community event they had put together for the kids of the community.

Councilor Nelson stated to Mr. Gladwell that the City of Moriarty has a very good noise ordinance and we are going to be looking at sponsoring this into our noise ordinance.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,		
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)	_	
Date:	_	
	Approved:	
	oshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor	
Thomas Nelson, Councilor	 Matthew Marquez, Councilor	



## **City of Rio Communities Council Special Closed Business Meeting**

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Friday, October 31, 2025, 10:00AM Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 10.03am

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Nelson led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call** 

**Governing Body** 

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore

Mayor Joshua Ramsell

Councilor Matthew Marquez

Councilor Lawrence Gordon

**Councilor Thomas Nelson** 

Councilor Arthur Apodaca

## **Approval of Agenda**

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

Voting Yea:
Councilor Gordon

**Councilor Apodaca** 

**Councilor Nelson** 

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Executive Session- Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1.(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Interviewing and Reviewing Applicants for the Position of Chief of Police. No Action will be Taken at this Meeting.

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Councilor Apodaca. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 10:06am

Motion with a roll call to go back into Special business meeting session made by Councilor Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 2:46pm

#### Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Friday October 31, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an executive session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1.(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Interviewing and Reviewing Applicants for the Position of Chief of Police. No Action will be Taken at this Meeting. 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 Gordon Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 2:47pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk)
(Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)

Council Special Closed Business Meeting Minutes October 31, 2025

Date:		
	Approved:	
	Joshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor	
Thomas Nelson, Councilor	Matthew Marquez, Councilor	



## **City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting**

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, November 3, 2025, 6:00 PM Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Gordon led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call** 

Governing Body Staff

Mayor Joshua Ramsell Manager Dr. Martin Moore
Councilor Matthew Marquez City Attorney Randall Van Vleck

Councilor Lawrence Gordon Councilor Thomas Nelson Councilor Arthur Apodaca

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

Voting Yea:	
Councilor Nelson	
Councilor Marquez	
Councilor Apodaca	
Councilor Gordon	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

#### **Action Items**

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve the Name of the City Bypass Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47.

Dr. Moore stated that this item has been brought to council to name the Bypass Road.

Councilor Marquez made a motion to postpone this item till next council meeting as there has not been any discussion on what the name of the road should be. He stated that he had been given some examples of names by residents of the community.

Councilor Nelson stated he agrees that we should postpone naming the road.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to table the Name of the City Bypass Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:Voting No:Councilor NelsonCouncilor Gordon

Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca

Motion Failed with a 2-3 vote. Mayor Breaks Tie.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Taxpayer Turn pipe connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

Motion Failed.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Turbine Loop connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

**Motion Failed** 

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Breeze way Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

**Motion Failed** 

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Goat Head Blvd connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

**Motion Failed** 

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Zia Trail or Zia Bypass connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

**Motion Failed** 

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Weldon McKinley Ave. connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

Motion Failed.

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Rio Grand Gate Way connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. No Second.

**Motion Failed** 

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to name the City Bypass Tara Calico Blvd connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. Seconded by Councilor Nelson

Voting Yea: Voting No:

Councilor Nelson Councilor Gordon
Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca

Motion Failed with a 2-3 vote. Mayor Breaks Tie.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to name the City Bypass Road Founders Way connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea: Voting No:

Councilor Gordon Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Nelson abstained from voting on this item

Motion Passed with a 2-1 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-28 Accepting the Bypass Road as a City Street; the City Bypass Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Approve Resolution 2025-28 Accepting the Bypass Road as a City Street; the City Bypass Road connecting Highway 304 and NM Highway 47. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

**Voting Yea:** 

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Executive Session - Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Interviewing and Reviewing Applicants for the Position of Chief of Police. No Action will be Taken at this Meeting.

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 6:30pm

Motion with a roll call to go back into special business meeting session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea: Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 8:08pm

#### **Statement from the Mayor**

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday November 3, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an executive session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Interviewing and Reviewing Applicants for the Position of Chief of Police. No action was be taken at this meeting and no other items were discussed at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the statement by the mayor. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea: Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon

**Councilor Nelson** 

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Adjourn:	
Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to Adjo 8:09pm.	ourn. Seconded by councilor Nelson Motion carried out at
Respectfully submitted,	
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)	
Date:	<u></u>
	Approved:
	Joshua Ramsell, Mayor
Lawrence R. Gordon,	Arthur Apodaca,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Councilor
Thomas Nelson,	
Councilor	Councilor



# City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, November 10, 2025, 6:00 PM

Please silence all electronic devices.

Minutes

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

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

#### **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 Arthur Apodaca

## Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore Randy Van Vleck

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Voting Yea:

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

Councilor Gordon	
Councilor Apodaca	
Councilor Nelson	
Councilor Marquez	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

#### **Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes August 11, 2025, Regular Business Meeting, August 25, 2025, Regular Business Meeting,

Councilor Nelson stated that we should table the approval of the minutes as they are too vague and do not have enough information.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table Minutes August 11, 2025, Regular Business Meeting, August 25, 2025, Regular Business Meeting, Seconded by Councilor Marquez

#### **Approval of Accounts Payable**

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve Accounts payables. Seconded by Councilor Nelson

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table Minutes August 11, 2025, Regular Business Meeting, August 25, 2025, Regular Business Meeting, Seconded by Councilor Marquez

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

#### **Manager Report:**

Founders Way Ribbon Cutting.

Goodman Avenue Construction update.

Don Diego Pre-Construction Meeting with Residents.

Neighborhood Safety Improvements Along Western Drive and Horizon Vista.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Partial, Limited Vacation Leave Pay out.

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Partial, Limited Vacation Leave Pay out up to 100 hours. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-29 For Additional Revenue, Council Authorization, Grants, Public Safety Retention and Recruitment, Leave Compensation, and Business Cost Adjustments.

Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve Resolution 2025-29 For Additional Revenue, Council Authorization, Grants, Public Safety Retention and Recruitment, Leave Compensation, and Business Cost Adjustments. Seconded by Councilor Nelson

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Cancel November 24,2025 Regular Business Meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve to cancel November 24,2025 Regular Business Meeting. Seconded by Councilor Marquez

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approve RESOLUTION 2025-30 TO AGREE ON FIRST AMENDEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND

Motion made by Councilor Marquez to Approve RESOLUTION 2025-30 TO AGREE ON FIRST AMENDEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Legislative Capital Outlay Request Priorities

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Legislative Capital Outlay Request Priorities.

#### **Seconded by Councilor Marquez**

**Voting Yea:** 

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Executive Session- Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Evaluating Candidates for the Position of Chief of Police; and Pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) and subject to attorney-client privilege, for the limited purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant. No Action will be Taken.

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Councilor Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

**Councilor Nelson** 

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at 7:22pm

Motion with a roll call to go back into Regular business meeting session made by Councilor Marquez. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea:

**Councilor Nelson** 

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon Motion passed with a 4-0 vote at pm

#### Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday November 10, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an executive session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Evaluating Candidates for the Position of Chief of Police; and Pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) and subject to attorney-client privilege, for the limited purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant no action was taken at this time and no other items were discussed at this time.

Marquez.	
Voting Yea: Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez	Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.
Motion made by Councilor N 7:57pm.	elson to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at
Respectfully submitted,	
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Mu (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia	
Date:	
	Approved:
	Joshua Ramsell,  Mayor
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor
Thomas Nelson, Councilor	Matthew Marquez, Councilor

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the statement by the mayor. Seconded by Councilor



## **City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting**

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002 Monday, December 1, 2025, 6:00 PM Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Apodaca led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call** 

**Governing Body** 

Mayor Joshua Ramsell Councilor Matthew Marquez Councilor Lawrence Gordon Councilor Thomas Nelson Councilor Arthur Apodaca Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore City Attorney Cori Strife

**Approval of Agenda** 

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

Voting Yea:

**Councilor Gordon** 

**Councilor Apodaca** 

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-31 Certification for Appropriation Number 24-ZI5036-44-2 (Firefighter Recruitment) in the Amount of \$431,250.00

Motion made by Councilor Marquez Approve of Resolution 2025-31 Certification for Appropriation Number 24-ZI5036-44-2 (Firefighter Recruitment) in the Amount of \$431,250.00 Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Date, Time, and Location for Bypass Road (Founders Way) Ribbon Cutting

Motion made by Councilor Nelson Table Date, Time, and Location for Bypass Road (Founders Way) Ribbon Cutting, Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

#### **Voting Yea:**

Councilor Gordon Councilor Apodaca Councilor Nelson Councilor Marguez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Executive Session-Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Candidate Review for the Position of Chief of Police; For the purpose of 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) No Action will be Taken at this Meeting.

Motion with a roll call to go into a closed session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon

Voting Yea:

Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion with a roll call to go back into special business meeting session made by Council Nelson. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.

Voting Yea: Councilor Nelson Councilor Marquez

#### Statement from the Mayor

Mayor Ramsell Stated that on Monday December 1, 2025, City of Rio Communities City Council did hold an executive session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (I)(2) and NMSA 1978 §10-15-1. (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters, for the Purpose of Candidate Review for the Position of Chief of Police; For the purpose of 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 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 Gordon
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marguez

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to Adjourn. Seconded by councilor Gordon Motion carried out at 6:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,		
Dr. Martin Moore (acting as Municipal clerk) (Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey)	_	
Date:	_	
	Approved:	
	oshua Ramsell, Mayor	
Lawrence R. Gordon, Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor	Arthur Apodaca, Councilor	
Thomas Nelson, Councilor	 Matthew Marquez, Councilor	



City of Rio Communities

Request for Quote Accounting Services



December 05, 2025

The City of Rio Communities Martin Moore, City Manager 360 Rio Communities Blvd. Rio Communities, NM 87002

Re: Request for Quote

Dear Dr. Martin Moore,

I am pleased to present our quote to provide accounting services, increase services for audit readiness for The City of Rio Communities (the City).

We take pride in our service and are confident that you will find our services to be of the highest degree of professionalism and quality. I believe that with our experience with municipalities, governmental funding and single audits, and overall knowledge and audit experience, we are an excellent choice for the City. Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP has experience in providing all the services outlined in the request for qualifications. This quote is valid for ninety (90) days after the deadline for submission of the proposal, or sixty (60) days after receipt of a best and final offer if one is submitted.

We look forward to building such a relationship with you. If you have any questions, please contact me at 915-831-9253 or by email at <a href="mailto:garciadp@bmc-cpa.com">garciadp@bmc-cpa.com</a>. The concurring audit partner on this engagement is Brad Beasley, CPA, CGMA and he may be contacted at 575-528-6700 or by email at <a href="mailto:brad@bmc-cpa.com">brad@bmc-cpa.com</a>. Dahlia Garcia is authorized to make representations for Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP and to bind our firm to a contract.

Very truly yours,









## TEAM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Competence is derived from a combination of education and experience. All the employees at Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP are evaluated and assigned to projects that are with in their level of education and experience. As a result, The City of Rio Communities will work with competent, technical employees that will provide quality service. Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP currently provides Auditing and Assurance services to over 100 clients. Among these, we have extensive experience in financial statement audits, evaluations of internal control, compliance audits, single audits, agreed upon procedures, and program specific audits for various not-for-profit organizations.

Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP believes staff continuity provides better services to our clients. We realize that continued use of new staff on engagements results in additional work and time spent by both the firm and the client, so we strive to limit the turnover in staffing. The firm has experienced low turnover rates in its auditing and accounting practice.

#### OUR SERVICE TEAM FOR THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

Staff Assigned to the City:

- Brad Beasley, CPA, CGMA, Leading Partner
- Dahlia Garcia, CPA, Audit & Assurance Partner
- Lizeth Martinez, Client Accounting Services Manager
- Viviana Solis, Client Accounting Services Specialist

Qualifications found on next page

"Diversity, Training, Relationships. Auditing is not just a job, it's a resource with Beasley, Mitchell & Co." - Daniela Johnson, Village Clerk, Village of Mosquero

## TEAM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

## Brad M. Beasley, CPA, CGMA, Leading Partner

#### **Qualifications**



Brad has been with Beasley, Mitchell & Co. since 2004, and a Partner since 2008. At Beasley, Mitchell & Co., Brad manages the Audit and Assurance practice and provides accounting and tax services to a broad range of clients with concentration in Government, not-for-Profit, and commercial and residential construction He worked in Internal Audit and SEC compliance while working the in gaming industry for Harrah's Entertainment (now Caesars' Entertainment). Brad has serviced many entities including Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, Emergence Health Network, Borderplex Alliance and many more. He serves on the AICPA Assurance Services Executive Committee and is on the Audit Committee of New Mexico State University. Brad has well over 120 hours of CPE in the last 3 years, which includes 36 hours of yellow book CPE.

## Dahlia Garcia, CPA, Audit & Assurance Partner

#### Qualifications



Dahlia serves as a Partner in the Audit & Assurancet department, having joined Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP in 2015 after working for four years at an accounting firm in El Paso. She has not-for-profit and governmental experience, and receives extensive yellow book training on a regular basis. Dahlia has provided external audit, risk assessment, and control assurance to many not for profit organizations. Dahlia has been auditing not for profit organizations since 2011 and manages a large book of business. Dahlia has serviced many entities including City of Sunland Park, Cibola County, City of Artesia, City of Tucumcari, and many more. Dahlia has well over 120 hours of CPE in the last 3 years, which includes over 60 hours of yellow book CPE.

## **TEAM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)**

## Lizeth Martinez, CAS Manager



Qualifications

Lizeth (Liz) Martinez, Client Accounting Services (CAS) Manager, joined Beasley, Mitchell & Co. as a CAS Manager in 2024. Liz graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Accounting from New Mexico State University in 2018. Liz comes to us with over eight years of experience in accounting and as a controller. She currently holds a manager position in the CAS department, where she oversees multiple clients and staff who process payroll and accounting services and prepare financials for BMC clients. Liz's experience and tasks include QuickBooks, payroll, tax accounting functions, and extensive experience in various computer software.

## Viviana Solis, CAS Specialist



Qualifications

Viviana has over ten years of experience improving operational efficiency and ensuring financial health for non-profit and for-profit organizations. Her background includes experience in month-end close processes, financial reporting, budget development, audit preparation and grants management. She is a graduate of New Mexico State University.

ESTIMATED FEE SCHEDULI	FYE 2026 FOR	6 MONTHS	
	Estimated Hours	Frequency	Cost
Audit Readiness	200	\$160/Hourly	32,000
Sub-Total Tax	200		32,000 2,760

Total <u>200</u> \$ 34,760

These proposed fees are for the five month period covering December 5, 2025 to May 5, 2026.

We bill based on hourly rates, which will be capped at \$160 and \$40,000 total for the listed services above.

From time to time you may have a question or issue that you would like to discuss immediately. We are always available via phone or email. We are prompt in responding to your needs and are able to respond quickly to both routine requests and requests for special services. We anticipate a customary level of incidental questions and research, which is provided at no additional charge.



## CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

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The City of Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Commission (the Commission hereinafter) met on July 17, 2025, at 4:00pm to continue the Public Forum and consider action on the Application for a Special Use Permit as required by Ordinance 2021-80, an Article Cannabis Regulating, Production, Manufacturing, Retailing and Other Related Activities.

A public forum was noticed on July 17, 2025, pursuant to Zoning Code §4-18-9 at 4:12 pm. Members of the public raised concerns over another cannabis retailer in Rio Communities, traffic patterns and congestion in the area. Others expressed support for a local cannabis retailer in the City.

The Commission finds that Roadrunner Organics, located on 2350 State Highway 47, has submitted the correct paperwork required.

The Commission finds that Roadrunner Organics, located on 2350 State Highway 47, is appropriately zoned C-3.

The Commission finds that the Applicant's proposed cannabis retail location is not within three hundred (300) feet of a school or daycare.

The Commission finds that the Applicant's proposed cannabis retail location is not within six hundred (600) feet of another licensed cannabis retail location.

The Commission finds that the Applicant has complied with all requirements of §4-3-8, §4-18-9 and Article 1, Chapter 4 of Ordinance 2021-80.

Therefore, the City of Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Commission hereby recommends to Rio Communities City Council, the application for a Special Use Permit from Roadrunner Organics be APPROVED pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 3, Subsection 8 of the City of Rio Communities Zoning Code, Ordinance 2023-92.