



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, January 12, 2026 6:00 PM
Agenda

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AMENDED AGENDA

1/8/26 @ 2:00PM

Mayor - Joshua Ramsell

Mayor Pro Tem - Lawrence R. Gordon

Council – Michael Melendez, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Swearing in Ceremony for Mayor Joshua Ramsell, Councilor Lawrence Gordon, and Councilor Michael Melendez

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Business Meeting December 8, 2025, and Special Business Meeting December 15, 2025.**
- 2. Approval of Accounts Payable**

Public Comment: 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. Comments or matters under litigation will not be allowed and any person or persons addressing the Council are liable for their own statements.

***Presentation - HDR Storm Water Drainage Plan next to Golf Course. ***

Manager Report

- 3. Introduce Cassandra Montano as City Finance Officer.**
- 4. Update on Goodman Avenue and Damon Street**
- 5. Update on Don Diego Project.**
- 6. Update on upcoming Legislative Session.**
- 7. Update on Maverick.**

Action Items

- 8. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Open Meetings Act Resolution 2026-01.**
- 9. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore.**

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10. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision—Approval to Accept Resignation Letter from Commissioner Michae Melendez with Planning and Zoning.
11. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Amend Signers for The City's Banking and Investment Accounts; Removing Roy Chance Hubbard and Adding Jennifer R. Gauna and Cassandra L. Montano and Retaining Lawrence Richard Gordon, Martin Dale Moore, and Joshua David Ramsell as Signers.
12. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Budget Adjustment Resolution 2025-32, Accepting Additional Revenue and Expenses into the Library Budget.
13. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Budget Adjustment Resolution 2025- 36, Creating a Veterans Memorial Fund as Other Special Revenue and Expenses.
14. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-33 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$200,000), to Plan, Design, Construct and Equip Street Lights in Rio Communities in Valencia County.
15. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-34 Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars and No cents (\$700,000), to Acquire Land and to Plan, Design, Construct, Furnish and Equip a Public Works Complex in Rio Communities in Valencia County.
16. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2025-35 Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars and No cents, (\$870,000), to Purchase and Equip Vehicles and Equipment, including Ambulances for the Police and Fire Departments in Rio Communities In Valencia County.

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., Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (H)(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; and for the Purpose of Appointment of Municipal Clerk. Pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8) For the purpose of discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body. No Action will be Taken.

- * Motion and roll call vote to go into close session
- * Motion and roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session
- * Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor:

Action Items

17. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Appointment of Municipal Clerk.
18. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Regarding Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights as Discussed in Executive Session. Approval of Non- Franchise Access agreement with Vero Fiber Networks
19. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Police Chief Recruitment Direction.

Council Discussion

Upcoming Meetings

20. The Next Regular Business Meeting will be held on January 26, 2026

Adjourn

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