

City of Rio Communities Workshop Minutes

August 26, 2019

- Mayor Mark Gwinn called to order the city council workshop at
- Present: Mayor Mark Gwinn, Councilors; Bill Brown, Peggy Gutjahr and Joshua Ramsell.
Absent: Councilor Arturo Sais.
Present: City Manager Leisa Haynes, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair and Finance Clerk Angela Valadez

Council reports & agenda items – 30 minutes

- Councilor Ramsell said there have been a lot of people missing their dogs.
- Councilor Gutjahr reminded on the 4th of September at 6:30 pm is the Citizens patrol meeting.
- Councilor Brown got a PPC solar survey, indicated that there will be two different estimates, one from them with a transformer and one from PNM which would require a transformer for the car chargers.
- Councilor Brown went over what the cost of the ChargePoint charger and installation estimate.
- Councilor Brown explained an article in the Albuquerque Journal on the 22nd regarding ransomware attack in Texas and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown said he welcomed the personnel board, updated the contact information for all, the personnel policy manual and will be setting up an organizational meeting.
- Councilor Brown asked about the letter from Paul Baca regarding the building next door.
- Manager Haynes explained what is going on.
- Mayor Gwinn said we represented Rio Communities very well at the VALEO meeting.
- Mayor Gwinn said the cleanup went very well and began a discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn said he appreciates everyone that will be going to the annual conference and a few more things have been added to the conference such as the census.

Manager Report

- Manager Haynes gave a quick presentation on the Manzano Market Place plaza.
- Manager Haynes said Garth is working with VIA on the area next to La Merced for new homes.
- Manager Haynes said the auditors came last week and they loved being here and will be coming back.
- Manager Haynes said she received a letter for the Country Club liquor hearing, a public hearing will be first week of October and began a discussion.
- Manager Haynes said the LED test lights will be here soon.
- Manager Hayne mentioned that a PNM project is anticipated to be finished by the end of this year for the building.
- Manager Haynes said everyone is invited on September 11 to Mitchell Theater for the Belen Chamber, she will be speaking.
- Manager Haynes said the ICIP is scheduled to be imputed by September 6 and said she will be meeting with the Fire Department to go over purchasing requirements.
- The Vista Del Rio meeting will be on September 19th and channel 13 and a writer are invited to come.

Accounts payable report

- Finance Clerk presented the accounts payable to council.

- Councilor Gutjahr asked about the fire department PNM bill.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked about the what is the collision bill and the Rio Communities service station bill and was told it was to have the citizen patrol car painted and the oil changed.

Subdivision updates – Discussion

- P&Z member Jim Winters said the words in red were deleted and explained the changes in the document.
- Councilor Brown asked questions regarding the subdivision updates.
- Jim Winters explained the areas of question.

Zoning Code updates – Discussion

- P&Z member Jim winters passed out updated Zoning Code
- Councilor Brown had a few questions regarding the zoning code
- Jim Winters explained the areas of question and made corrections.

Moving Council reports before an executive session – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn said moving the Council Report before an Executive Session is not a problem.
- Council agreed to move the Council Report before an executive session on the agenda.

Public input/questions (3) minutes to address the Council

- No public comments

Salaries for Elected Officials – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn said under our Ordinance we allow the people to determine whether or not to pay Council.
- Manager Haynes explained what other communities receive around the County.
- Councilor Gutjahr said we are a young city and at this point in time she doesn't see getting paid.
- Councilor Brown said he disagrees with some of the premises Councilor Sais puts forward.
- Mayor Gwinn started a discussion on attending MOLI and how other communities are looking at what we do and began a discussion.

Job Description public works - Discussion

- Council began a discussion on the job description.
- Councilor Brown began a discussion on the wage scales for City Employees.

Job Description fire chief - Discussion

- Council began a discussion on the job description.
- Manager Haynes began explaining the organizational chart that the City has and what needs to be changed.
- Mayor Gwinn said we need to have a joint meeting with the fire department.
- Manager Haynes said that she would suggest having a joint meeting when talking about the budget and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown said the previous Manager wanted to have a paid fire department, there was an uproar from the fire department and began the discussion.

Salary and Wage Scale – Discussion

- Council began a discussion on the wage scale.
- Councilor Brown asked what the justification for the increase in the wage for the fire chief was and continued with the discussion.

Council Priority List update – Discussion

- Council tabled this topic.
- The City Council workshop was adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Transcribed by Amy L. Lopez, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

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Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
Councilor

Arturo R. Sais,
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