

City of Rio Communities Workshop Minutes
September 24, 2019

- Mayor Gwinn called to order the city council workshop at 10:00
- Present: Mayor Mark Gwinn, Councilors; Bill Brown, Arturo Sais and Joshua Ramsell.
Absent: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr.
Present: City Manager Leisa Haynes, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair and Finance Clerk Angela Valadez.

Council reports & agenda items – 30 minutes

- Councilor Ramsell said he would like to attend the Infrastructure Conference in October, talked about MOLI training and the GRT for the Solid Waste Ordinance.
- Councilor Sais wants to see if possibly send a letter regarding the flagpole to be donated to us.
- Councilor Sais said there are political signs up that are not for this election.
- Councilor Brown said he objects to being put on a limit for his reports and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown said he was curious to our boundaries of our property for the building parking lot.
- Councilor Brown presented an idea of the sign and said the agreement for the parking lot is between the City and the County.
- Councilor Brown said he doesn't quite understand where the personnel boards stands because personnel is not listed under advisory boards.
- Councilor Brown said he thinks the Nazarene building should be eliminated from the priorities list.
- Councilor Brown said the Traffic Calming Plan should be a priority.
- Mayor Gwinn asked to make sure the GRT ordinance is on the next workshop and began a discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn said we need to put up our little library box.
- Mayor Gwinn said there was going to be a candidate forum before early voting near October 18th or 19th at Abundant Life, early voting will start October 19th and began a discussion.

Manager Report

- Manager Haynes said the landscape architect could design a pocket park for \$25,000.
- Manager Haynes filled out a grant for \$190,000 to build a park and began a discussion.
- Manager Haynes said there is a matching grant for playground equipment for \$75,000 and hopefully the park will include a path and trees.
- Manager Haynes said the Vista del Rio would not come to the meeting and explained what the residents are going through.
- Manager Haynes said she spoke with PNM about the streetlights that are out.
- Manager Haynes said Citelum and PNM came to look at City Hall and the fire stations for the grant we received and explained all the work we are doing to the building must be finished by December.
- Manager Haynes said that PNM can also help us with a grant to have our HVAC system fixed.
- Manager Haynes said Citelum is going to give us a price for the lights down Golf Course Road.
- Manager Haynes said the Solid Waste RFP is almost complete and all the others are being written.
- Manager Haynes said we have ordered Christmas decorations out of the marketing budget.
- Manager Haynes said she placed an ad in NM Economic Development Magazine, and it is sent to all site selection agencies and it will also be on their website and will make us visible.
- Manager Haynes said she met with a bonding agent who will help us bring in developers.
- Manager Haynes said we have three bids for servers come in and we are waiting for one more.

- Manager Haynes said she will be going to Nashville to a City Manager Conference.
- Manager Haynes said rooms within City Hall need to be reserved at least a week prior to an event and set up and tear down is not the City's responsibility.

Accounts payable report

- Finance Clerk Valadez went over the accounts payable.
- Mayor Gwinn asked about the fire departments TLC charges.
- Finance Clerk Valadez explained that the invoices were going to bskerry email and it has been taken care of.
- Councilor Brown asked about the animal control charges.
- Finance Clerk Valadez explained the charges.

Charging Stations – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn explained that we are running short on time and we need to move forward to applying for the charging station grant and Tesla is wanting the chargers to be free for their cars.
- Councilor Brown explained the application needs to be in hand by the 15th of November and began a discussion on the cost.
- Councilor Brown said in a previous handout gave the specifications of the type of chargers and passed out the project application and continued the discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn asked if he knows what PNM charge to residents at their home.
- Councilor Brown said he is not aware of what PNM charges and continued discussion with areas that provided the chargers.

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

- Resident asked if there will be that much use and said they feel it is a lot of money for little usage.
- Resident said he googled and there is only one in Los Lunas/Facebook and more than ten in Albuquerque.
- Resident said the places hotels he has stayed at during his travels have them but would a charger at City Hall get used.
- Councilor Brown said there are 3 different levels of charges and continued the discussion.
 - Resident said so if you miss this window of opportunity it would cost a lot more.
- Councilor Brown said this is a one-time deal.

Ordinance 2019-xx Chapter 4 Zoning – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn asked if there were any questions.

Ordinance 2019-xx Chapter 6 Subdivision – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn asked if there were any questions on the Subdivision.

MOA: between RGEFD, Belen Fire Department and Bernardo Fire Department – Discussion

- Mayor Gwinn said until the county approaches us, I will take this off the Agenda.
- Councilor Brown said there is already has mutual aid agreements and began a discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn explained Bernardo is needing help with the medical portion, but we would need to discuss with our fire department to see if we would have the staff to help and began a discussion.

- The City Council workshop was adjourned at 11:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Adair, Municipal Clerk
Transcribed by Amy L. Lopez, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
Councilor

Arturo R. Sais,
Councilor