

City of Rio Communities Public Hearing
(ICIP) Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan FY 2022-2026
August 20, 2020

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- Mayor Pro-tem Peggy Gutjahr called to order the Public Hearing at 10:02 am.
- Present: Mayor Pro-tem Peggy Gutjahr, Councilors; Bill Brown, Joshua Ramsell and Jim Winters.
Present: Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair and Deputy Clerk Amy Lopez.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr introduced herself, Council and other participants in the room. She explained how the hearing process will go: The Municipal Clerk will give a presentation on the ICIP. Once the presentation is done, Council will address ask the Clerk of anything that we feel needs changed and we will then open for public comments and questions.
- ❖ Municipal Clerk Adair began a presentation on the ICIP, saying the contact information has changes as well as the initial page where there are goals, the number one focus had been the drainage system and it is now public safety, and renumbering the additional capital investment goals to the order Council suggested. She then explained the summary page.
 - Project #001: Public Safety: The only thing that was changes made were the tower was taken off and added a pumper and a tender which you be about \$750,000, and when it came to the funding sources , they were added as the NMFAL, and as long as it is on the ICIP, we can go after any available grants and loans. She then explained the phases for next year 2022 we are hoping to ask for \$870,000 for construction for City Hall or anything the Council feels is the previous \$120,000, \$750,000 is for the pumper and the tender.
 - Project #002: City Hall Multi-Purpose Complex nothing has changed except renumbering it and it shows the \$50,000 the Legislative grant for the Library, and is on the next page, under furnishing equipment.
 - Project #003: Pavement Reconstruction: No changes have been made and is for the arterial roads.
 - Project #004: Roadway Beautification: This is for paths, bicycles paths, sidewalks, the shoulder of Hwy 47 doing zero scape.
 - Project #005: Parks, Open Spaces, and Assessment Plan: No changes were made, the park study was included in this, but we have not asked for the grant yet.
 - Councilor Brown asked for clarification between L Funds and L Grants.
 - Municipal Clerk Adair explained L Funds are local and L Grants are legislative.
 - Project #006: Roadways, Trails, Parks, and Sidewalks: to plan design and construct paths, sidewalks and trails around Rio Communities and Valencia County and there are no changes on that.
 - Project #007: VC Wide Public Safety – 700 MHZ State System: We have been asked by VRECC to add this to your ICIP so that when they go after this, they will see that other agencies are also going after this for a response dispatch center.

- Project #008: Storm Water and Drainage Infrastructure Project: The plan has will be designed after the study is completed.

- Councilor Ramsell said the reason that we are waiting on that is because they told us that is was going to take about 42 weeks, so approximately a year.

- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr asked if there we any public comments or statements from the Council.
- Councilor Browns said for the trail portion of item 6, we would have to acquire land around the City to be able to do trails to have a cohesive trail system.
- Counselor Ramsell said he would like people to know that there are specific arterial roads, like Horner and Hillandale, approximately one and a half miles of road surface reconstruction; repaving in very costly so we try to rehab the surfaces to get them to last as long as possible, and because we do not own the utilities, it is very expensive to repave the road and the water department and cut up a brand roads; he then said the ICIP information is on our website, but you will see the different phases and for public safety, we are requesting for a tanker and a tender for the Fire Department to keep their equipment current.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said it is important that the public know what we are prioritizing, we will not be voting until next week so you do have time to voice your comments and concerns; also, on parks and open space assessment, we did mention that we had \$25,000 that had been provided under contract to HDR and they will be presenting their plan to us next week, Tuesday at 3:00 pm, we are encouraging the public to tune in to that meeting, we will also discuss at that meeting where we are at with the park committee.
- Councilor Brown added the \$25,000 did not come out of ICIP money, but the General Funds so that was a separate cost.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said she has been in touch with some of the legislatures about what we have been approved for, specifically under public safety, a t raining tower, and the assessment of the State Fire Marshal and our Chief, there were several other items that were needed for the Fire Department before a training tower; as you are aware the funding for Capital Outlay, one project has been frozen and the other two projects prior to what was approved this year we will be able to finish.
- Councilor Ramsell the funding that was approved for the training tower for 2020-2021 was not actually funded.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said the tower, the roof of City Hall, and more streetlights were not funded.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said she and Councilor Ramsell discussed briefly about next year adding construction and remodeling of the firehouses, they are wanting new doors and needing things so it would be best to seek grants for that.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr asked for any questions from the public.
- No public comment was made.
- Councilor Ramsell said that as far as public safety we need to work with the State Fire Marshall's office to make sure we get what we need and have enough to support it.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said Chief Tabet has been very involved with them to make sure that purchases are fit for our area and ordered correctly.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said at this time we will be closing the public hearing and if there are any question or comments please contact us.

- **Public Comments**

- No public comments were made.

Adjourn

- The Budget Hearing was adjourned at 10:26 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth (Lisa) Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Taken and Transcribed by Amy L. Lopez, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Mayor Pro-tem

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
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Jim Winters.
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