

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes  
Special Business Meeting  
February 2, 2021

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**Call to Order**

- Mayor Pro tem Peggy Gutjahr called to order the city council special business meeting at 4:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- Councilor Ramsell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

- Present: Mayor Pro tem Peggy Gutjahr, Councilors; Bill Brown, Joshua Ramsell and Jim Winters. Present: City Manager Dr. Martin Moore and Municipal Clerk Elizabeth “Lisa” Adair.

**Approval of Agenda**

- Councilor Brown moved to accept the agenda as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. with. With a 4-0 vote the agenda is approved as is.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Capital Outlay**

- Manager Dr. Moore said his 1<sup>st</sup> thought was to look at top 3 priorities and 5 & 6 project pertaining to 5. parks & open spaces/assessment plan, 6. roadways, trails paths and sidewalks, and recommended to place #5 into the top 3.
- Councilor Winters said in the past they look for the money first, so the order might not be so important.
- Manager Dr. Moore said they ultimately say we only have this much money, what do you really want. He explained it is good to know what we want when we talk to the legislators.
- Councilor Brown said he never liked the title of that project, it includes, the study, planning and construction, and began a discussion.
- Manager Dr. Moore said his recommendation would be going with priority #05 and saying plan, design, and construct, as well as park and trails and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown said his personal feeling when it comes to trails, the easiest to designate the urban areas as walking trails, open space areas have private ownership, and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Winters said it would be nice to tie Chamesa into the trails that lead to the school and the Campus and continued the discussion.
- Manager Dr. Moore said he spoke with the interim Fire Chief and he told us the pumper truck is his number one priority and began a discussion.
- Manager Dr. Moore said there is some question about the amount of \$220,000 would put us within the goal line or if we needed to ask for more or need to put a supplemental in to make up the difference.

- Councilor Ramsell said there were two pumpers they were looking at on and those were in the range of \$260,000 - \$280,000 and the advantage was that it included everything they needed but the truck might not still be there once we get through the procurement process. He then said the fire department was looking to use a mixed use of funds to be able to buy the tanker which would replace a piece of equipment that is on its last legs. The discussion continued.
- Councilor Ramsell said the fire department might build a covered area for storage of the older trucks and continued the discussion.
- Mayor Pro Tem Gutjahr said the Fire Marshall was surprised that we did not apply for a grant last year because we would have been a shoe in for it. She explained if they apply for that grant, they should be able to manage to purchase a decent truck and continued the discussion.
- Manager Dr. Moore began a discussion regarding Priority #2 city hall multi-purpose complex.
- Councilor Ramsell asked what the cost is for a fire suppression system and continued the discussion.
- Council said they are looking at HVAC, fire suppression, and electrical to move staff over to the southside of the building.
- Councilor Brown said a couple of things, some point in time the legislatures will add up the amount for City Hall and start questioning if they want to keep funding it, He then asked if we really want to go for 100% fire suppression or focus on those areas that need it and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Winters said one of the areas mulled over was putting the trunk system for the whole building, but completing the system where it is needed first, and continued the discussion.
- Council decided to go with \$200,000 for #2 City Hall Multi-Purpose Complex.
- Council asked the clerk to upload to the legislature the worksheet.
- Manager Dr. Moore suggested wording for the motion: motion to approve the Capitol Outlay projects submitted to the Governor's office and the Legislature in 2021 to include public safety equipment targeted toward a fire apparatus in the amount of \$300,000, parks & open spaces in the amount of \$250,000, and planning, safety, and construction of City Hall in the amount of \$200,000.
- Councilor Ramsell moved to accept the City Manager's recommendation. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr. With a 4-0 vote Council approved the Capital Outlay for submission to the Legislatures and Governor for consideration.

## Adjourn

- Councilor Winters moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. With a 4-0 vote the City Council special business meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:

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Mark Gwinn,  
Mayor

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Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,  
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

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Bill Brown,  
Councilor

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Joshua Ramsell,  
Councilor

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Jim Winters,  
Councilor