

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes
Special Business Meeting
Monday May 3, 2021

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Call to Order

- Mayor Pro Tem Margaret “Peggy” Gutjahr called to order the city council special business meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Dr. Martin Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Present: Mayor Pro Tem Margaret “Peggy” Gutjahr, Councilors; Bill Brown, Joshua Ramsell and Jim Winters.
Present: City Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth “Lisa” Adair, Finance Officer Stephanie Finch (virtual), City Attorney Chris DeFillippo (virtual) and Fire Chief Andrew Tabet (virtual)

Approval of Agenda

- Councilor Ramsell moved to approve the agenda for the special business meeting for May 3, 2021. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote the agenda for the special business meeting was approved as presented.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – The purchase of 2020 NFPA 1901 Compliant Fire Tanker and accessories

- Manager Dr. Moore stated that Council has asked to check out the existing fire truck with an independent mechanic, who reported that the engine would need to be replaced and it strikes us that this truck is becoming unreliable and not worth investing more money into it.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr stated that we have put about \$80,000 and it would require at least another \$30,000.
- Chief Tabet said about \$35,000 would be turnkey to get it ready for the City, adding additional scene lightings (LED lights) to be visible, this would be the first truck in the fleet that will be clean cab compliant, which means the gear that we wear will all be on the exterior to cut down on the pathogens on the interior, and will come with all equipment and a drop tank that holds 2,000 gallons of water. He then said if we don’t get the tender, we are asking for tonight, we won’t be able to get another one for another year and a half, and the old truck may not last that long.
- Councilor Brown asked about what funding source will pay for the truck.
- Manager Dr. Moore said there will be 3 proposed for funding including fire funds, general funds and/or NMFA loan funds, and right now, we have around \$75,000 in fire protection money as roll over from previous years that might help us pay for this and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Winters asked what will happen to the old truck.
- Chief Tabet said the old truck after removing the equipment, they will be auctioning the truck.
- Councilor Ramsell said he likes the way Dr. Moore laid out the expense of keeping the old truck.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said they have been in touch with the fire marshal, and they are aware of how we intend on spending the fire funds and continued the discussion.
- A discussion began regarding warrantee and quality of the truck.

- Manager Dr. Moore stated that they have asked for exact specs and justifications on some of the accessories.
- Councilor Brown said he is really impressed with the specifications, then asked what part of the general funds the money would be taken from.
- Manager Dr. Moore said it would come from unidentified funds and would be replaced by fire protection funds.
- Manager Dr. Moore recommended a motion to approve the purchase of a fire tender/tanker truck conditioned upon written approval of purchase of the State Fire Marshall's office to be paid for with fire protection fund, general fund and/or NMFA loan.
- Councilor Ramsell moved to purchase the 2020 NFPA 1901 Compliant Fire Tanker and accessories with the stated recommendation of the City manager. Councilor Winters second the motion. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote the to purchase the 2020 NFPA 1901 Compliant Fire Tanker and accessories with the stated recommendation of the City manager was approved.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2021-XX -BAR #4

- Manager Dr. Moore suggested tabling the Resolution 2021-XX -BAR #4.
- Councilor Brown made a motion to table the resolution until the May 24th meeting. Councilor Winters second the motion. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote to table the Resolution 2021-XX -BAR #4 until May 24, 2021 was approved.

Executive session for the purpose regarding the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8)

- **Motion and roll call vote to go into close session**
 - Councilor Ramsell moved to go into executive session for the consideration of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8) by roll call vote. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. with a 4-0 vote Council went into executive session at 6:20 pm.
- **Motion and roll call vote to go back into the special business meeting session**
 - Councilor Brown motioned with a roll call vote to go back into the special business meeting session. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote Council went back into the special business meeting session at 6:42 pm
- **Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor Pro-tem**
 - Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said welcome back, nothing else was discussed in executive discussion other than the matter of discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8).

Action Item – Consideration & Decision – Mayor Pro-tem recommendation regarding the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body

- Mayor Pro tem stated no action taken.

Adjourn

- Councilor Brown moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. With a 4-0 vote the City Council special business meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth (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

Jim Winters,
Councilor