



**City of Rio Communities Council Workshop**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Monday, November 08, 2021 3:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Pro tem Joshua Ramsell called to order the meeting at 3:06 pm

### **Attendance**

#### **Agenda discussion topics**

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Joshua Ramsell, Councilor Robert Chavez, (virtual) Councilor Peggy Gutjahr, Councilor Jim Winters.

Present: City Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair, (virtual) Finance Officer Stephanie Finch and (virtual) Finance Clerk Angela Valadez.

### **Accounts payable report**

\* Finance Officer Finch went over accounts payable any items over \$500.00

Chavez Robert asked what is the library that is DUMB bar codes

Councilor Gutjahr asked about the amounts for the attorney \*\*\*

Manager Dr. Moore said as far as the City general operation fund is \*\*\*

### **Agenda items for the December 9, 2021 special workshop with P&Z – (Manager)**

\* Manager Dr. Moore stated that a letter went to \*\*\*0.12\*\*\*

Councilor Winters said he feels we are going backwards and we did a serious of public hearings, the public did a very good job on talking on what they want \*\*\*0.13\*\*\*

Councilor Gutjahr said we actually did a survey very pointed questions \*\*\*0.12\*\*\*

Councilor Gutjahr asked about criteria \*\*\*0.20\*\*\*

Councilor Winters asked what projects are they currently working on \*\*\*0.21\*\*\*

### **Personnel Policy - Attorney proposal (Manager/Council)**

\* Manager Dr. Moore explained that the attorney came with a proposal not to exceed \$\*\*\* 0.21\*\*\*

### **Swearing in Ceremony for the newly elected officials (December 29th)**

\* Council agreed to December 29th

**Public Comment:** The Council will take public comments on ***this meeting's specific agenda items.***

These should be in written form emailed to admin@riocommunities.net through 2:00 PM on Monday, November 8, 2021. These comments will be distributed to all Councilors for review. ***If you wish to speak during the public comment session,*** the Council will allow each member of the public to three (3) minutes to address the Council. Both the public and Council will follow rules of decorum. Give your

name and where you live. The public will direct comments to the City Council. Comment(s) will not be disruptive or derogatory.

\* Tommy West\*\*\* said the 2015 plan is a great plan \*\*\*0.24\*\*\*, economic development, he is a property owner, does not see things changing \*\*\*

Ralph Mimms - economic development consultant for Rio Communities explained that we need to change the narrative of where we are at \*\*\*0.30\*\*\*. Pitching to council spectacular views endless opportunities \*\*\*0.31\*\*\*

## **Manager Report**

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### **a) City Hall Phase 1 Design (update)**

### **b) Hwy 47 lights (update)**

a) Manager Dr. Moore stated that phase 1 we are waiting on an agreement \*\*\*0.37\*\*\*

b) Manager Dr. Moore said we have streetlights here in City Hall and starting next week we should have them installed.

\* Manager Dr. Moore said the work on the electronic sign, boring underneath the parking lot

\* Got with HDR, getting a proposal on how to do lighting City wide \*\*\*0.37\*\*\*

\*\* minimum wage increase \*\*\*0.38\*\*\*, talking to workforce solutions \*\*\*0.39\*\*\*

Manager Dr. Moore explained that we have 16 grants \*\*\*0.39\*\*\* and need an extra person to keep up with all the paperwork \*\*\*0.39\*\*\*

Councilor Gutjahr stated \*\*\*0.45

## **Council General Discussion & Future Agenda Items**

\* Councilor Chavez said we were an after thought in Valencia County \*\*\*0.47\*\*\*

Councilor Winters had no comments.

Councilor Gutjahr said something we talked about in the past, we never had been really clear on the purpose of public comments. \*\*0.48\*\*\*, how the workshops are structured \*\*\*

Mayor Pro tem Ramsell

## **Adjourn**

The City Council workshop was adjourned at 3:54 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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Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

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Bill Brown,  
Councilor

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Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,  
Councilor

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Jim Winters,  
Councilor