



City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, May 16, 2022 7:30 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Mayor Joshua Ramsell called to order the special business meeting at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Councilor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

- PRESENT: Mayor Joshua Ramsell, Mayor Pro-tem Margaret R. Gutjahr, Councilor Arthur Apodaca, Councilor Lawrence Gordon, Councilor Jimmie Winters.
 - City Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Tabet and Valencia County News-Bulletin Assistant Editor Julia Dendinger.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Councilor Winters approved the agenda as is. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the agenda for the special business meeting was approved as presented.

Resolution 2022 - XX Ban on outdoor burning and fireworks

- Manager Dr. Moore explained the high-risk fuel areas and explained how we are trying to target as much of the perimeter as possible around the city and he further explained that he has spoken with the County Manager and will be letting him know what the cities plan is on dealing with fuels reduction.
- Councilor Apodaca asked what is the replacement for fireworks.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained that a proclamation has to be adopted by Council and in the proclamation, it must be adopted around 20 to 21 days before the holiday where fireworks will be used.
- Councilor Gordon asked after the burning of the fuel, how will it be covered.
- Fire Chief Tabet said they would temporarily put a cover over them, so they won't blow away, but the initial idea is not to have a big pile and to have smaller piles.
- Councilor Winters said this would be a good program to work with and with looking at the worse areas first we can keep this as a modified program each year.
- Municipal Clerk Adair read the resolution.
- Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve the resolution to ban on outdoor burning and fireworks. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2022-12 Ban on outdoor burning and fireworks was passed, approved, adopted, and signed.

Executive Session - For the discussion of the purchase, addition 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**
 - Motion made by Councilor Winters for a roll call vote for the discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8). Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr,

Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council went into executive session at 7:47 pm.

- **Motion and roll call vote to go back into the special business meeting session**

- Motion made by Councilor Gordon with a roll call vote to go back into the special business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Winters.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council returned to the special business meeting session at 9:00.

- **Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor**

- Mayor Ramsell stated: The Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, New Mexico, hereby states that on May 16, 2022 a Closed Executive Session was held and the matters discussed was the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8).

Action Items - Consideration & Decision – Mayor recommendation regarding the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body

- Mayor Ramsell stated there was no recommendations at this time.

Adjourn

- Councilor Winters voted to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. With a unanimous yes vote the City Council Special business meeting was adjourned at 9:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth F. Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Transcribed by Cheyenne Sullivan, Assistant Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

Margaret R. Gutjahr,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

Lawrence R. Gordon,
Councilor

Jimmie Winters,
Councilor