



City of Rio Communities Council Special Budget Workshop
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, April 17, 2023 6:00 PM
Minutes

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Attendees

- 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, Finance Officer Stephanie Finch, Fire Chief Andrew Tabet

Discussion/Agenda Items

Budget 2024 Fiscal Year

- Finance Officer Finch began a presentation (see full presentation in packet) beginning with the governing body, administrative staff, and city organizational chart. She began explaining the departmental/fund relationship, and services currently provided to the public.
- Finance Officer Finch explained the property tax breakdown and how it is calculated and that only ten percent goes to the municipality. She further explained the additional revenue plan.
- Finance Officer Finch continued with the presentation beginning with the recap, starting with unaudited beginning cash \$2,319,00.00 and went through the general operating fund. With a total budgeted revenue of \$1,506,405.00.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked how this revenue that we are projecting relates to our revenue from last year will be then this year.
- Finance Officer Finch explained that it is a little bit more than last year and continued with the budgeted general fund revenue by category.
- Finance Officer Finch began with the expenditure summary with expenditures total is \$1,628,655.00.
- Finance Officer Finch further explained the expenditures by Departments (General Fund) for this current physical year and next physical year to show you the change in the budget.
- Finance Officer Finch explained the one-time, non-capital expenditures. She said the total \$1,506,072 leaves a positive amount of \$333.00. Further explained transfers for capital projects and said that the transfer of \$520,000 that you saw on the recap page is what this is for.
- Finance Officer Finch went over the special revenue funds, taxes at local effort, state shared, fines & forfeits, intergovernmental grants/distributions all together revenue \$557,113.00.
- Councilor Gutjahr said I listened in the legislative session, and they were discussing the funding for the LEPP fund, and it is 10% off the health premiums. Is that something already included in here.
- Finance Officer Finch said yes, this year we will be receiving \$95,000.00 from the LEPP and continued with the presentation with salary & wages for special revenue funds. Total expenditure \$1,977,173.00. Finance Officer Finch explained that there was a mistake, I will fix that.
- Councilor Gutjahr said on the same thing on the wrap up what they want to apply to the LEPP next year they want to have a bill put in to apply for the State EMS.

- Finance Officer Finch began explaining the capital project funds State legislative appropriation projects, road street projects and other capital projects. Intergovernmental Grants/Distributions NM DOT Grants & \$2,340,000.00. Transfers in for Capital Projects \$520,000.00 total revenue \$2,860,000.00 Expenditure Contractual Services \$230,000.00 Capital Purchases \$2,630,000.00 total of \$2,860,000.00.
- Finance Officer Finch went over the debt service fund and expenditures. Expenditure totaled \$56,323.93.
- Finance Officer Finch did a recap on what each was going to end with. She explained that they plan on using down a lot of this money it is a use it or lose.
- Councilor Gordon asked about the cost of housing of prisoners.
- Finance Officer Finch said I think it is about \$105.00 a day.
- Councilor Gutjahr said so are you saying we house them.
- Councilor Gordon explained that if the city arrests someone we pay for them to be in jail.
- Finance Officer Finch explained that if our judge issues a warrant for someone and they get picked up taken to jail the jail charges us so the judge can let them out or they can post bail.
- Councilor Winters asked about budgeted revenue fund by category tax's local effort do you know what most cities have.
- Manager Dr. Moore said that is not out of line, its right about normal.

Adjourn

- The Special Budget workshop was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth F. Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

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Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

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