



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, July 10, 2023 6:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Mayor Joshua Ramsell called the regular business meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Councilor Lawrence Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- PRESENT

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Mayor Pro-tem Margaret R. Gutjahr
Councilor Arthur Apodaca
Councilor (virtual) Lawrence Gordon
Councilor Jimmie Winters

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore
Clerk Elizabeth Adair
Fire Chief Andrew Tabet
Attorney Randy Van Vleck
Press Clara Garcia

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr to approve 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 of Council approved the agenda as presented.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items (Minutes for the City Council Workshop & Regular Business Meeting (07/10/23) and Accounts Payable)

- Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the consent agenda as written. Seconded by Councilor Winters.

Voting Yea:

Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr
Councilor Apodaca
Councilor Gordon
Councilor Winters

With a 4-0 vote Council approved the consent agenda as written.

Swearing in of the Fire Chief

- ❖ Judge Chavez swore in Andrew Tabet as the Municipal Fire Chief.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Manager Report

- Manager Dr. Moore said there has been some work done in the area of golf course road, reminded everyone to be careful and watch out for utilities that seems to be a problem because of the heat. Water releases from Cochiti are starting to recede to lower levels.

Municipal Court Department

- See packet for court report.

Court Clerk Wages and Hours

- Manager Dr. Moore explained after having reviewed it is within the confines of the existing budget, but because we are dealing with wages and hours, we are bringing it to you for approval. Right now, it is \$19.38 an hour at 10 hours a week.
- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr to approve the Court Clerk wage and hours as presented. Seconded by Councilor Winters.

Voting Yea:

Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Winters

With a 4-0 vote Council approved the Court Clerk wages to \$19.38 hour and 10 hours a week.

Legal Services for Economic Development and LEDA Policies

- Councilor Winters said this is a very good thing for us it gets us ready of we have a larger developer that wants to come in and we need to get involved with LEDA or IRB or any of the other things to get our paperwork in order and will make it a lot faster.
- Mayor Ramsell said instead of having some come in and taking us 8 weeks to get things in line this will already have us set up to move faster.
- Manager Dr. Moore from a business, will not exceed the allowable amount of the procurement.
- Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve the legal services for economic development and LEDA polices based on Dr. Moore negotiations as presented. Seconded by Councilor Winters.

Voting Yea:

Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Winters

With a 4-0 vote Council approved the contract for Legal Services for economic development and LEDA Polices.

Rules for Trash Day

- Manager Dr. Moore said occasionally we need to remind our residents of the rules of what is allowed in our dumpster. We will put it in writing, hand out flyers and put them on our website. He then explained that we need to remind our residents they get 2 large items 4 times a year that Universal Waste will pick up.

- Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the reminder of the rules for trash day. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca.

Voting Yea:

Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Winters

With a 4-0 vote Council approved the reminder of the rules for trash day.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Apodaca reiterated what he said earlier about the property existing flagpole, he talked to the tenant, and he is going to talk to the owner to see if he will give the city a easement and we can possibly but a Veterans Memorial.
- Councilor Gutjahr complemented the City clerk and who every was involved in the minutes I think the format is clearer, reminded take care of your pets in the heat they need water and shade, I am happy to see Pee Wees Pit Stop open, Fireworks we are in a loss of what to do even though we have regulations and the fire department has been out there, I suggested that anyone who is having issues with them I suggest that you call the Legislators.
- Councilor Winters said it has been really hot, perhaps in VALEO or in the meetings that we have we might want to suggest a policy about opening up public buildings for cooling or heating in the winter we have residents that don't have air conditioning.
- Mayor Ramsell said legally we are only required the Mayor and Clerk sign the account payable, the question I have is does the council want to continue to sign them. We talked about a mulcher to rent one and in the future purchase one.

Executive Session - For the purpose of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8) and limited personnel matters. NM Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) – Interviews for the Police Chief Position

Motion and roll call vote to go into close session

- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr with a roll call vote to go into executive session for the purpose of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8) and limited personnel matters. NM Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) – Interviews for the Police Chief Position. Seconded by Councilor Winters.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters

Voting Yea:

Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr

Councilor Apodaca

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Winters

With a 4-0 vote Council went into executive session at 6.25 pm.

Motion and roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session

- Motion made by Councilor Gordon with a roll call vote to go back into the regular 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 went back into the regular business meeting session at 8:47 pm.

Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor

- See agenda for statement

Recommendation, Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - For the purpose of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8) and limited personnel matters. NM Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) – Interviews for the Police Chief Position

- Mayor Ramsell said there are no recommendations at this time.

Adjourn

- Motion made by Councilor Winters to adjourn, Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. With a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: _____

Approved:

Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

Margaret R. Gutjahr,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

Lawrence R. Gordon,
Councilor

Jimmie Winters,
Councilor