



City of Rio Communities Council Workshop
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, August 14, 2023 3:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Mayor Ramsell called the regular workshop to order at 3:04 pm.

Attendees

- PRESENT

Governing Body

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

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore
Clerk Elizabeth Adair
Finance Officer Stephanie Finch
Fire Chief Andrew Tabet
Attorney Randall Van Vleck

Accounts payable report

- Finance officer Finch began going over all chargers over \$500.00 (see packet).

Resolution 202X-xx ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan)

- Manager Dr. Moore began to explain the ICIP summary and rankings.
- Councilor Apodaca said how do we decide if we want to ask for more than what is currently forecasted.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained it would be based on what we think our timeline would be for plan designed constructed equip. For example, if we want to buy more than one piece of equipment, we will put the price in here.
- Councilor Gutjahr said under City Hall multipurpose complex it says \$50,000.00 I thought we were funded more than that.
- Manager Dr. Moore said you are correct, that the number will be changed to add the two grants we have funded and continued with the discussion.
- Manager Dr. Moore said he recommends going from \$1,050,000.00 to \$2,050,000.00 and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Apodaca said anything we can do ahead of time to beat the going inflation would be to our advantage.
- Manager Dr. Moore recommends increasing parks & trails from \$750,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00.
- Councilor Apodaca said that parks are high on our resident's priority list.

Ordinance 2023 - Chapter 4 Zoning Code

- Manager Dr. Moore explained the changes they have made. He explained that the table of contest was changed and then explained the definitions and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Apodaca asked if there were any potential developers waiting for us to finish this.
- Manager Dr. Moore said that we do not have any current applications pending and then said we do have any business and landowners that are interested in what we are doing is yes. We have spoken with AREA and New Mexico partnership and talked with a few developer landowners.

Memorandum of Understanding Between The Amigos of Rio Communities Public Library and the City of Rio Communities, Rio Communities Public Library

- Manager Dr. Moore explained that the attorney has been in review of this document it is a straightforward document one thing they wanted was a file cabinet in the City and we put that we are not liable for the file cabinet if they want to store it in there.
- Councilor Gutjahr said that the Belen friends have done an outstanding job as far as support. I am glad to see that we will have our own.

Demolition of Fire Department Room

- Manager Dr. Moore pointed out the scope of work we are looking of demolition of current wall and ceilings and the goal is to move the gym equipment over here and it will be available for our police department and all city employees.
- Finance Officer Finch explained they did get three quotes, and this was the cheapest one.
- Manager Dr. Moore said these times nicely with what is going on here with City Hall they are getting ready to do the lighting and the flooring in. They are moving along.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked when we are going to be able to use the front door.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained as soon as we can move the deputy clerk into the front office and continued with the discussion.

Zip Code Letter

- Manager Dr. Moore explained his is a letter that we are putting together and said we are getting an address list. We are also requesting a meeting for the proper paperwork the Postal Service is asking for and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked regarding the line regarding a meeting online or telephone is okay and wondered if that would be helpful to hold online or telephone. Think in the meeting the conversations we have had they keep thinking we want a post office.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Manager Report

LEDA & IRB Ordinance(s)

- Manager Dr. Moore said regarding LEDA & IRB bringing back on August 28th asking for approval for a 14-day review on the ordinance and continued the discussion
- Councilor Gutjahr said the sooner we get this the better.

10th Anniversary Celebration

- Manager Dr. Moore explained that he met with the individual regarding the 10th anniversary celebration he is recommending a much lower consultant fee. We will be having another meeting with the planning committee, and we will stay at our \$10,000.00 goal.

Job openings

- Manager Dr. Moore said the incoming police chief would like the evidence clerk and police officer positions are out for advertising and then continued with the librarian and said that job description is completed, and it has been posted on our website and will be in the newspaper.
- Manager Dr. Moore said there was a request from the Governor's office we showed her a video we had of our clean up and she said that community clean up is one of her top priorities.

Council General Discussion & Future Agenda Items

- Councilor Apodaca said he is still trying to get ahold of the individual to request an easement and he has not returned his emails. He then said he will try to call him later this week.
- Councilor Gutjahr said in general conversation on the fact that all of the events that occurred the industrial park is called the Rio Grande industrial park and they kept saying east of Jarales instead of where we are the fact all of these entities like the News or the Newspaper do not get the picture and somehow, we need to do that effectively. She then said when things happen like with the President arriving who should be calling Sunny 505.
- Councilor Gordon agreed with Councilor Gutjahr that not been mentioned at all. I talked to Mr. Mimms about last year and how can we get our name out there.
- Councilor Winters said why don't we suggest the possibility of our manager with the mayor's input trigger an automatic expenditure of funds to be proactive.
- Manager Dr. Moore recommended that the Council recommends him to get together with Mr. Mimms and Joy Griffin to get an expenditure of funds to accomplish what you are asking.
- Mayor Ramsell said as everyone knows the President was here last week Dr. Moore and myself were able to attend that we were able to speak to the Govern and US Senator Lujan and the CEO of Acosta. We talked to the Governor of things we have going on with our community also discussing the zip code issue with Senator Lujan and letting the CEO of Acosta who is providing his fire service and that the Fire Chief is available anytime he needs to call.

Adjourn

- The City Council regular workshop was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: _____

Approved:

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