



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, December 13, 2021 6:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

- Councilor Gutjahr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Joshua Ramsell, Councilor Robert Chavez, Councilor Peggy Gutjahr, Councilor Jim Winters.
- Present: City Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair, Attorney Chris DeFilippo, and Valencia County News-Bulletin Editor Clara Garcia.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Councilor Gutjahr to approve the agenda as is. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor. With a 4-0 vote the agenda for the regular business meeting was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes for the City Council Workshop & Regular Business Meeting (November 22, 2021)

- Motion made by Councilor Winters approved the minutes for both. Seconded by Councilor Chavez. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the minutes for the workshop and regular business meeting on November 22, 2021 were approved as written.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Manager Report

Special Legislative Report

- Manager Dr. Moore said we have finally found a way to update status of the grants, via color coded, that have been on our calendar this year proud to say 9 have been completed, 2 are actively moving forward and 5 are in the beginning stages and 6 waiting for paperwork.

Manager Report continued

- Dr. Moore explained under public safety the Sheriff's office and Fire Department have given us current statics of 32 patrols not including 24/7 patrols and explained further calls 70 with the fire department with 63 being medical calls.
- Dr. Moore said they had a successful trash cleanup with 7 roll offs on Sherrod Road and filled them all. He further said we will be coming to you in January with additional cleanup activities throughout the city, A letter will be going out to property owners thanking those with clean properties, informing those who haven't done anything yet, and those who need help. Been a busy holiday season, paying attention on protocols.

- Councilor Gutjahr said regarding the 63 medical calls, they were met by mutual aid just so the public is aware.
- Dr. Moore said these are the calls that happened in the city of Rio Communities, and we responded to those calls. Mutual aid does come out and assist if we are getting heavy call volumes.
- Councilor Winters said for the first time ever, we touched 22 grants the most we've touched in years, and he feels very good about this.

Monthly Reports

Economic Development Report

- See packet for report.

Planning and Zoning

- See packet for report.

Library Board

- See packet for report.

Municipal Court Department

- See packet for report.

Approval of Accounts Payable

- Councilor Gutjahr said just a reminder this is uploaded on the website before meetings if the public has any questions or comments they can call city hall, but you will notice that some items will be reimbursed.
- Mayor Pro tem Ramsell said let's talk about one of the grants because the dollar amount was so low it becomes a MDOT grant, where the city gets the money up front, and the remaining funds have to be returned back.
- Motion made by Councilor Gutjahr to approve accounts payable. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote accounts payable was approved for payment.

Canceling the 12/27/2021 Workshop and Regular Business meeting

- Motion made by Councilor Chavez to cancel the 12/27 workshop and business meeting. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council approved the Cancellation of the workshop and regular business meeting of 12/27/2021.

Resolution 2021- 24 - 2022 Official Holiday

- Clerk Adair read into the minutes the holidays being requested for approval.
- Motion made by Councilor Gutjahr to approve the resolution 2021-24 Official Holiday as read into the record. Seconded by Councilor Chavez. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2021-24 Official Holiday's was passed, approved, adopted, and signed.

2022 City Cleanup Dates

- Motion made by Councilor Winters to approve the cleanup days as stated. Seconded by Councilor Gutjahr. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr,

Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the cleanup dates for 2022 were approved as presented.

Resolution 2021 - 25 503 Hermosa Property

- Manager Dr. Moore explained the resolution of the Hermosa property is a multiple resolution but that to declare this specific property, since it is burned, as dangerous property and the owner will do payments with us. The house is deemed, per the new ordinance, nuisance abandonment.
- Councilor Chavez said he is excited about the ability to start dealing with all the properties now he thinks its wonderful thing.
- Councilor Gutjahr agreed that this is a really great start, and that Councilor Brown would be very pleased.
- Motion made by Councilor Gutjahr to approve 2021-25 503 Hermosa Property. Seconded by Councilor Chavez. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2021-25 503 Hermosa Property was passed, approved, adopted, and signed.

Economic Development Commission Strategic Planning

- Manager Dr. Moore said in relationship to Economic Development Planning, AED is now AREA. With us being less than a quorum now that we are down to 3 members, one of which is out of town. His recommendation is to suspend the meetings temporarily until we can get more members. He also encourages the EDC to still be part of the strategic planning.
- Councilor Chavez said he enjoyed the presentation this morning, us being a piece of the pie and keep building on this it will benefit the community. As for our EDC, we need to continue to find people that are willing to sacrifice and help.
- Councilor Winters said he enjoyed the conversation and the possibilities and is happy to see where we can go from here.
- Mayor Pro tem Ramsell said AREA is moving to a 501c3, they are basically doing the same thing that RCAN did and thought it was really interesting that they are following in the same way.
- Councilor Gutjahr said one of the things brought up was nobody can survive alone, and we all can to come together.
- Motion made by Councilor Winters to accept his recommendations. Seconded by Councilor Chavez. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council approved the suspension of the EDC meetings.

Resignation of EDC Member Kuan Tikkun

- Mayor Pro tem Ramsell read into the minutes Ms. Tikkun resignation.
- Councilor Gutjahr said she has brought many different perspectives.
- Councilor Winters said we should send a letter to thank her for her service. Something stating our appreciation.
- Motion made by Councilor Gutjahr to accept the resignation of EDC member Kuan Tikkun. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council accepted and approved the resignation of Economic Development Commission Member Kuan Tikkun.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Chavez had no report.
- Councilor Gutjahr said she has known Robert, Councilor Chavez, for about 35-40 years and has stepped in twice to help, and she's so grateful every time not only for this community but he has always stepped up when we needed him the most.
- Councilor Winters said we thank you very much for helping.
- Mayor Pro tem Ramsell thanked Councilor Chavez and recognized his passion for the city and its growth.
- Councilor Chavez said thank you to all, to Peggy who has been my friend forever. He would like to continue the task force. He also explained how far the city has come from the beginning and is happy to see it grow.
- Councilor Winters said for Councilor Chavez to rest up and we will see him sometime in the new year.

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)

Motion and roll call vote to go into close session

- Motion made by Councilor Gutjahr with a roll call vote to go into executive session. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council went 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) at 6:36 pm.

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

- Motion made by Councilor Gutjahr with a roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Winters.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Ramsell, Councilor Chavez, Councilor Gutjahr, Councilor Winters.
With a 4-0 vote Council returned to the regular business meeting session at 6:36 pm.

Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor Pro-tem

- Mayor Pro tem Ramsell welcomed everyone back and stated: The Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, New Mexico, hereby states that on December 13, 2021 a Closed Executive Session was held and the matters discussed were the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H) as posted on the agenda.

Action Items - Consideration & Decision – Mayor Pro-tem recommendation regarding 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)

- Mayor Pro tem Ramsell stated no decision or recommendations were made.

Adjourn

- Manager Dr. Moore said that there was supposed to be another presentation, but the individual is sick but did send the presentation via email, so everyone has a copy and a head start on the PowerPoint.

- Councilor Winters moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Gutjahr. With a 4-vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: _____

Approved:

Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

Arthur (Art) Apodaca,
Councilor

Lawrence Gordon,
Councilor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Councilor

Jim Winters,
Councilor