



## City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd

Rio Communities, NM 87002

Monday, June 05, 2023 7:00 PM

### Minutes

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#### Call to Order

- Mayor Ramsell called the special business meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

- Councilor Apodaca led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call

- PRESENT: Mayor Joshua Ramsell, Mayor Pro-tem (Virtual) Margaret R. Gutjahr, Councilor Arthur Apodaca, Councilor Lawrence Gordon, Councilor Jimmie Winters.
  - Present: City Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair, Finance Officer (Virtual) Stephanie Finch, Fire Chief Andrew Tabet.

#### Approval of Agenda

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

#### Authorizing Funds for Travel

- Manager Dr. Moore explained that we were able to locate a ladder truck in the budgeted amount in Organ. He said on the purchasing side the out of state travel wasn't clear. For them to go out and look at it and walk around it.
- Fire Chief Tabet explained the truck they are talking about is a 2005 central state spartan, the chasy is a spartan the cab is a Rosa brier that is top of the line manufacture the milage is 14,424 which is very low. He further said it is unique to find a truck with this millage rather newer or older and continued to explain the specifications and that spartan is in Albuquerque so they are nearby to do services on this truck.
- Councilor Apodaca asked about the additioanal equipment cost.
- Chief Tabet said not at this time they require a lot of stuff I would imagine it would be in our budget.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked who they is.
- Chief Tabet said it is the NFPA and explained that it is required for the ISO.
- Manager Dr. Moore said as far as the travel cost, I don't know if they have all the costs finalized yet, but it is close to \$5,000. Plus, we are looking at the cost of getting it back here we are estimating \$20 to \$25,000.00 at the highest. Our goal is to not drive the truck back here.
- Councilor Gordon asked if we purchase this truck how long will it be to get transfer it here.
- Chief Tabet explained it would depend on the availability of the lowboy that would transport it.

- Councilor Gordon then asked once we get it how long it will take to outfit it with everything its going to need.
- Chief Tabet explained it will depend on the ordering process with Artesia fire and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Apodaca said it was unfortunate that we are looking at this truck but if we have to outfit it, it is putting the cart before the horse. Is it allowed to use the ARPA funds to outfit the truck.
- Chief Tabet said we allocated the ARPA funds to outfit the truck through that money.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained the actual amount was \$500,000.00, that is \$350,000.00 for the truck and \$150,000.00 for the outfitting.
- Chief Tabet said it should be in the teens to bring it back and continued the discussion.
- Mayor asked the finance Office Finch would it be safe to say not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- Finance Officer Finch said I would suggest that you do it not to exceed \$25,000.00 and then said she wanted to let Council that they cannot use the ARPA funds for the travel or the transport but will come out of the general fund and explained the budget carry over.
- Chief Tabet asked to not to exceed \$6,000.00. They were looking to travel tomorrow and come back Friday or Saturday.
- Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to authorize funds for travel not to exceed \$6,000. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the Council agreed to the funds for travel not to exceed \$6,000.00

#### **Out of State Travel for Fire Apparatus**

- Manager Dr. Moore said this has been well thought out.
- Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve out of state travel for fire apparatus. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council approved the out of state travel for fire apparatus.

#### **Authorizing Funds for Pickup and Delivery of Fire Apparatus**

- Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to authorize funds for pickup and delivery of fire apparatus not to exceed \$25,00. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council approved the funds for pickup and delivery of fire apparatus not to exceed \$25,000.

#### **Adjourn**

- Motion made by Councilor Winters, Seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr. With a unanimous vote the special business meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor

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Margaret R. Gutjahr,  
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

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Arthur Apodaca,  
Councilor

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Lawrence R. Gordon,  
Councilor

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Jimmie Winters,  
Councilor