



City of Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Thursday, July 07, 2022 4:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Chair Thomas Scroggins called the Planning and Zoning meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Chair Thomas Scroggins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- PRESENT: Chair Thomas Scroggins, Secretary Melodie Good, Member Scott Adair.
- ABSENT: Vice Chair Ralph Fernandez, Member L.E Rubin.
 - Present: City Manager Dr. Martin Moore (arrived at 7:00 pm) Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Member Adair to approve the agenda. Seconded by Secretary Good. With a 3-0 vote the agenda for the planning and zoning meeting was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes for June 23, 2022

- Due to circumstances the minutes will be tabled.

Comprehensive Plan

- Chairman Scroggins began a discussion on how they would start looking at the introduction part of the comprehensive plan.
- Member Adair said there isn't an executive summary which makes this difficult.
- Chairman Scroggins said if you look at the state of the city and started to read the passage.
- Member Adair stated the state of the city was written last year, and if they wanted to change it.
- Chairman Scroggins said he doesn't think there is anything wrong with it but doesn't tell anyone about Rio Communities.
- Municipal Clerk Adair suggested changing the executive summary to city overview without having to change or delete any information on the comprehensive plan.
- Commissioners are making the change executive summary to City overview.
- Chairman Scroggins said he's not sure if they should keep the coordinates.
- Member Adair said he thinks it's a good idea for people who are not from New Mexico and if they want to relocate here at least they have a geographical idea of where we are located and continued the discussion.
- Chairman Scroggins explained the state of the city and the executive summary are both stating the city is different sizes and need to clarify which one is correct.
- Member Adair said it might be caused by the difference of populations as well.
- Secretary Good asked Member Adair how is he exactly changing the comprehensive plan.
- Member Adair said he has all this information on his home computer.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said she will be making changes on the document as well as the commission.

- Member Adair asked if there is any way they can get a digital copy.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said she can do that.
- Secretary Good asked if the highlighted parts are added or deleted.
- Chairman Scroggins said if it is highlighted it has been added and if it's crossed out it has been deleted.
- Municipal Clerk Adair asked if they could highlight areas on the documents they have and give her a copy and continued the discussion.
- Member Adair said he had found an article from New York Times dated in 2008 and was about a citizen's father who took his life savings and moved to Rio Communities back in the 1916s.
- Chairman Scroggins said there is a few historic items here in city hall.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said they do have a few items that have been donated and continued the discussion.
- Chairman Scroggins said what should we do regarding the introduction and he's not sure what they want to do about the incorporation continued the discussion.
- Member Adair said in 2013 residents voted to be incorporated after about 50 years.
- Secretary Good said she doesn't understand why they are contemplating anything; the statement is true and there is nothing fictitious about it.
- Member Adair mentioned there are number errors in the document.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said she will make the changes.
- Secretary Good asked if they are making changes to the strategic plan or making amendments and continued with the discussion.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said the 6 showing are the changed that they are going to make.
- Chairman Scroggins said these haven't been voted on.
- Secretary Good said so council will vote on these once we are done with everything.
- Chairman Scroggins said we will vote on it.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said we are going to get the legalese involved but the commission writes it, then legalese will look over the draft, then will go for a 14-day review with council, then the public has the right to review in the final draft.
- Chairman Scroggins and Member Adair both advised Secretary Good they go over the comprehensive plan every 5 years and make changes.
- Chairman Scroggins said they did discuss having the state of the city adjusted to the comprehensive plan.
- Member Adair said the state of the city drives the comprehensive plan and not the other way around.
- Chairman Scroggins said it will be kind of difficult due to the goals not being specific.
- Member Adair said and therefore it's a good thing to go through this so we can rewrite the goals.
- Commission began to talk about Article 4 goals, objectives, policies and strategies.
- Member Adair asked if they could rewrite the strategic plan and get rid of some things inside.
- Chairman Scroggins said he thought it was good the way it was due to it being humorous.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said we can just leave it as is and then change it if we have too later. Then she said she did like a portion about encouraging volunteers.
- Chairman Scroggins asked if we are having someone pay for the use of the building.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said as of right now it's more of a cleaning deposit as well as insurance and use us as a writer on the insurance, but we are revising the building use policy.

- Chairman Scroggins said he thinks having this in place is good for the community for other people to motivate them to move here or bring their business here.
- Municipal Clerk Adair stated we do have the Valencia Business Incubators who help small businesses.
- Chairman Scroggins said it would be nice to see the city encouraging organizations.
- Member Adair said yes it would and stated the city does have a newsletter.
- Secretary Good stated the newsletter doesn't go out as often.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said it is quarterly, but this is all the City can afford right now.
- Chairman Scroggins said if the city ever gets a staff for planning and zoning then he believes that would be their responsibility.
- Member Adair said it sounds like something city council should do.
- Municipal Clerk Adair asked about removing or updating 1.05 and continued the discussion.
- Member Adair said that's fine let's get rid of it.
- Chairman Scroggins read the passage from 1.06 and stated they should update a portion and leave the information on encouragement from the public.
- Municipal Clerk Adair explained with the big board she is making sure all the meetings are on it as well as any upcoming events in the city.
- Chairman Scroggins said with this update you don't have to be specific and continued with the discussion.
- Municipal Clerk Adair explained her frustration as far as having to update the website on businesses every quarter.
- Secretary Good asked to explain what it means.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said she's not fully understanding as well.
- Member Adair said it is stating the city will update current information about the city, this led into a discussion.
- Chairman Scroggins asks if Municipal Clerk Adair had a number the residents be notified by.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said she only has an email and continued the discussion.
- Commission agreed on changing it to say, 'social media contact' and well as getting rid of the 10-day rule.
- Municipal Clerk Adair explained they are giving a copy to council to look over after the changes and continued the discussion.
- Member Adair said these are only goals and it's good to have some that are a bit challenging.
- Chairman Scroggins said it is up to the city to do something within the 10 days.
- Member Adair said he understands but this is stating it as a goal and the goals should be more specific to have a time on it.
- Chairman Scroggins said maybe there should be a law about this.
- Secretary Good said on number 9 she thinks it is a good thing.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said they have talked about a climate survey before and are thinking about different types of surveys.
- Manager Dr. Moore said maybe instead of climate he thinks they want to know what the resident's preferences are.
- Member Adair asked to change it to 'preference surveys' instead.
- Manager Dr. Moore said yes since they have surveys about animals, side yard setbacks, weeds, and parks.

- Chairman Scroggins explained if having a survey on climate there might be residents being angry with each other and asked Dr. Moore is they had learned quite a bit of information.
- Manager Dr. Moore stated he learned from what was not said, and the continued by stating the governor had been talking about capital projects in Belen as well as flood control and asked us what we had planned. He continued to say he told the governor he would suggest a meeting to go over the plan.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained to the commission our drainage plan as in making detention ponds to catch the running water. He continued by saying they are going to improve drainage ditches, improve roadside drainage and a number of other things as well.
- Secretary Good asked what is the hope the governor will or can do.
- Manager Dr. Moore said the governor said there are funds coming in about water projects.
- Member Adair said the EPA put out that New Mexico has 60 days to come up with a water preservation plan.
- Manager Dr. Moore said with the water preservation plan we are in a good position for it because our stormwater drainage is set up.
- Secretary Good asked if the plan is on the city's website.
- Manager Dr. Moore said yes.
- Municipal Clerk Adair explained how to get to access the documents on the website.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained the projects lined up for the city pertaining roads and continued the discussion.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

General Commission Discussion/Future Agenda Items

- Municipal Clerk Adair explained they need to get legal clarification on who is approving the resolution.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained he just received LEDA amendments for the ordinance.
- Secretary Good ask about going to the conference in September and wants clarification on what to do.
- Manager Dr. Moore said just email a simple request.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said she is the one who will set everything up.
- Secretary Good stated someone had asked her about big mikes for cannabis sales but was wondering if the property had to be zoned or what must be done.
- Manager Dr. Moore said it must be rezoned, it is currently at a commercial 1, and must be a commercial 2. He continued to say they will have to make a request for rezoning and continued the discussion.
- Secretary Good stated can they open.
- Manager Dr. Moore said if they have their state license and not the city, they still cannot open.

Adjourn

Motion made by Member Adair, Seconded by Secretary Good. With a unanimous vote the planning and zoning meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: _____

Approved:

Thomas Scroggins, Chairman

Ralph Fernandez, Vice-Chairman

Melodie Good, Secretary

Scott Adair

L.E. Rubin