



City of Rio Communities Council Workshop
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 3:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Mayor Joshua Ramsell called the workshop to order at 3:03 pm.

Attendees

- PRESENT: Mayor Joshua Ramsell, Councilor Arthur Apodaca, Councilor Lawrence Gordon, Councilor Jimmie Winters.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-tem Margaret R. Gutjahr

- Present, City Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair, Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon, Finance Officer Stephanie Finch, Accounting Specialist/CPO Angela Valadez, Finance Clerk Renee Adams, Fire Chief Andrew Tabet, Sheriff department Officer Sandoval and Officer Hill.

Presentations:

HDR - Streetlights

- Tabled to the next meeting.

Accounts payable report

- Finance Clerk Adams went over all accounts payable over \$500: Total Glass Solutions, LLC \$650.00, Sandra Schauer \$3,265.19, PNM \$662.17, WEX Bank \$1,079.77, Sharp Electronics Corporation \$516.18, Bank of America, N.A. /code enforcement travel Taos \$703.38, Valencia County Fiscal Office \$1,227.40, Valencia County Fiscal Office \$746.80, Iron Horse Welding LLC \$1,470.40, Craig Independent Tire Co 2,361.70, WEX Bank 590.05, Bank of America, N.A. 1,404.17, Neds Pipe + Steel \$1,680.00, Able & Willies One Stop Shop, \$920.00, Amazon Business 1,176.39, Amazon Business 563.6, PNM 1,103.11, Bank of America, N.A. 1,123.19.
- Councilor Gordon asked why there are two invoices for animal control.
- Finance Clerk Adams said they don't come in order one is for May and the other is for August.

Approval of Contract for Legal Services

- CPO Valadez explained that she is recommending New Mexico Government Law LLC. Based on the results of the evaluation committee and introduced Randol Van Fleck who will be designated as the main Attorney for the city. New Mexico Government Law has several attorneys and all together they have 165 years of experience in New Mexico government law, the contract isn't to recede \$80,000.
- Randol Van Fleck said it is a privilege to be here I was around when they gave birth to the community, I don't know how many years ago. I am pleased to see how much it has grown. We are thrilled to hopefully be a part of it.
- Mayor Ramsell asked if HDR was available for the presentation.

- Manager Dr. Moor explained that they have not received a review back, we will schedule it as soon as we can.

Approval of Design Task Order from HDR regarding Contract #D19427

- Mayor Ramsell asked if this was part of the HDR presentation
- Manager Dr. Moore explained that this was not, this related to the map grant which is the design of the east side of 47 going to Hillandale back down to Manzano express way. They are just under \$3,000 over what the grant will pay for. I spoke with them this morning they talked about the scope of work and recommended to talk to the public to explain what they are doing. He further said that he checked with finance and there is money available, and we recommend the approval of this.
- Councilor Gordon said it was about \$3,000 over what would we do if it goes over that.
- Manager Dr. Moore said it would have to come back in front of counsel and get approval. They are aware that it isn't an open-ended thing that they could come back.
- Councilor Winters said the only comment I have is that this is a very important project for us, that is our tie into federal money and a tie in for commercial and housing development.

Public Safety Taskforce Findings

- Manager Dr. Moore said our former member of Council Mr. Chavez is here he was a participant of our task force as well as some of our Council, Valencia County Sheriff's deputies and members of the public. We provided for you in your packets a copy of the presentation we put together. He then continued with crime prevention and said we need to work with law enforcement and not go out and be vigilantes. He further explained building trust amongst neighbors and public safety issues and our residents as a prevention of property crime. He continued with the presentation of domestic issues.
- Manager Dr. Moore said we need to look at the increase of different issues from year to year, there is a shift in geographics as well. He further explained on the domestic issues the importance of privacy and confidentiality.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained that our code enforcers are not prosecutors this requires continues education on court educate.
- Manager Dr. Moore said what we are seeing in this Public Safety Taskforce is to ask City Council to add it into our city's comprehensive plan once we have it all put together, and further said we would like this to go to the public and reach outreach to church groups and any other city groups that would like to hear about what we are talking about here.
- Mayor Ramsell said he wanted to thank everyone who participated in this.
- Councilor Apodaca said it was a good first step with a lot of good ideas to move forward with.

- Councilor Gordon said a collaborative effort was good especially since the residents were involved so they had their voice to help with everything.
- Mayor Ramsell said it was good to bring in different points of view from code enforcement, law enforcement and residents.
- Robert Chavez said I would add the two things that stood out for me is we the citizens can help ourselves we just need to know what to do. I know there is a cost issue in everything but a lot of things we talked about don't really cost anything we just need to educate people on how.
- Councilor Winters said he likes public forums we use to have a lot of them here I like to use this to get them rejuvenated and started again. There some of the negative things that sometimes are good ideas. I am very happy this is coming to our comprehensive plan.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Manager Report

- Manager Dr. Moore said I would like to put a thank you to Council and Staff, it was a little unnerving at the last meeting creating a scare, staff is being responsive. We are working on the security of the building.
- Manager Dr. Moore said the undersheriff and the officers have been very responsive and I would like to thank the public for being patient.

Council General Discussion & Future Agenda Items

- Councilor Apodaca asked regarding hazmat material at the industrial park and would like to ask the fire chief how much they can do if there is a fire where hazmat is involved.
- Fire Chief Tabet said it depends on the situation when and where it is at. The state of New Mexico goes through state police. We have a certain guideline that we need to file. We do have mutual aid from Albuquerque fire department. We are equipped to be on scene and make the decision of who we need to bring in as far as mutual aid.
- Councilor Apodaca explained the reason he brought it up there was an individual that mentioned that not all fire departments can go in.
- Fire Chief Tabet said that it all depends on the situation, as far as the industrial park we have a pretty good drawn-out map of where the chemicals are. Once we get on scene, we can make that decision. As far as Valencia County no fire department is any more certified then the other in the county.
- Councilor Gordon asked can we do mutual aid with the railroad hazmat.
- Fire Chief Tabet said we have mutual aid with them, but they do not have it in the Depo. As far as Hazmat it would have to justify a threat to the railroad or the tracks.
- Councilor Winters had nothing to report.
- Mayor Ramsell said I have a few things to add to that knowing where the chemicals are is very important and the new pumper we purchased this last year was specked out for a hazmat situation.

Adjourn

- The City Council workshop was adjourned at 3:47 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