



**City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - VIRTUAL**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Friday, July 08, 2022 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

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**Call to Order**

- Mayor Joshua Ramsell called the special business meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- Councilor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

- PRESENT: Mayor Joshua Ramsell, Mayor Pro-tem Margaret R. Gutjahr, Councilor Arthur Apodaca, Councilor Lawrence Gordon, Councilor Jimmie Winters.
  - Present: City Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair.

**Approval of Agenda**

- Motion made by Councilor Winters to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr. With a unanimous vote the agenda for the special business meeting was approved as presented.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Rescinding Resolution 2022 - 12 Ban on Outdoor Burning**

- Mayor Ramsell said the one and only item on the agenda is the rescinding Resolution 2022-12 ban on outdoor burning. He then said that the situation has changed and he is sure that everyone has noticed the weeds are continuing to grow and we wanted to look at rescinding this resolution and residents can go back to cleaning up their properties. He further said that we will go back to the way it was before where the County Fire Department would make that call on burn days or no burn days.
- Councilor Gutjahr asked how we would receive notice if it was a burn day or not and how would we post it.
- Clerk Adair explained the night before she gets a notification from the public and she will be posting on the big board and began a discussion.
- Mayor Ramsell said the most important thing to understand is this will not be complete open season as far as the burning it will go back to the way it is a burn day/no burn day encourage people to contact the County the Fire Department and continued with the discussion.
- Motion made by Councilor Winters to rescind resolutions 2022 – 12 Ban on Outdoor burning and revert to our original notification process. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2022 – 12 Ban on outdoor burning has been rescinding.

**Adjourn**

- Motion made by Councilor Winters to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. With a unanimous vote the special business meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth F. Adair, Municipal Clerk

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

Approved:

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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

