

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 19, 2024
Call to Order 7:02PM

Trustees Present: Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon (moderating)
Mayor Nicole Pieterse (zoom)
Trustee Benn Vernadakis
Trustee Cristal Hibbard
Trustee Chris Condon
Trustee Joe Dillsworth (arrival 7:05)

Trustees Absent: None

Staff Present. Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf (zoom)

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda.

Moved by Trustee Chris Condon, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse. No one opposed.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion

To approve the minutes.

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Chris Condon. No one opposed.

Consent Agenda

Payment of the Bills

Mayor Nicole Pieterse inquired regarding Fischer consulting check.

Motion

To approve the payment of the bills.

Moved by Trustee Cristal Hibbard, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis. No one opposed.

Public Comment:

Skip Zeller: town wide clean up update. To be forthcoming in the upcoming months.

Action Items:

Appointment of vacant Board of Trustees seat

Seat not appointed as the applicant was not present.

Consideration of 2023 Financial Audit

Chauncey McCarthy gives introduction. Andrew Wendt with Atlas CPA gives summary.
Board discussion was had.

Motion

Move to approve the auditor's report with the amendment.

Moved by Trustee Cristal Hibbard, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Consideration of 2024 – 2026 audit engagement letter, Atlas CPA & Advisors PLLC
Chauncey McCarthy summary. Andrew Wendt gives presentation of engagement letter.
Board has discussion.

Motion

Move to approve the engagement letter with Atlas CPA

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Consideration of change order for historic commercial building permit at 26 N Glasgow, Craig and Sarah Lyons applicant

Chauncey McCarthy gives summary of change order.

Applicants explained change.

Board asks questions and has discussion.

Motion

To approve change order for historic commercial building permit at 26 N Glasgow,

Moved by Trustee Chris Condon, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Consideration of cash donation request to the Rico Fire Protection District for the support of the Tri-state Firefighter Convention

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon and Benn Vernadakis recuse themselves.

Chauncey McCarthy gives Summary.

David Kunz gives summary.

Board has discussion.

Public Comment: Florence Ezell

Motion

To approve \$3000 donation to the Rico Fire Protection District to match the Dolores County donation.

Moved by Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Chris Condon.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon and Benn Vernadakis recuse themselves therefore did not vote.

Consideration of Special Event Permit, Rico Roundup Car Show, Erich Arnette applicant

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives introduction. Mark Allen gives summary.

Board discussion was had.

Public comment was taken from Skip Zeller

Motion

To provide a support letter for Rico Roundup Car Show

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Chris Condon

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Consideration of contract amendment regarding professional services for preparation of environmental report, Town of Rico wastewater system project, Bohannon Huston

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.

Board Discussion was had.

Public comment was taken from Skip Zeller

Motion

To approve contract amendment regarding professional services for preparation of environmental report, Town of Rico wastewater system project, Bohannon Huston

Moved by Trustee Cristal Hibbard, seconded by Trustee Chris Condon.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Consideration of second reading of Ordinance 2024-02 an Ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado extending the temporary moratorium on the acceptance of new land use applications for major or minor subdivisions, and residential or commercial planned unit developments

Board Discussion was had.

Motion

To approve second reading of Ordinance 2024-02

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0

Consideration of second reading of Ordinance 2024-03 an Ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado adopting Construction Rules and Regulations

Board Discussion was had.

Public comment was taken from Skip Zeller

Motion

To approve second reading of Ordinance 2024-03

Moved by Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0

Violation of Ordinance 277 an Ordinance prohibiting nuisances within the Town of Rico, providing means for abating same, and providing penalties for violation there, 201 & 213 S Glasgow Ave, Camels Garden LLC owner.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse recuses herself because she has a client who is negotiating with the land owner on a different property.

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.

Board Discussion was had.

Public comment was taken from Skip Zeller

Motion

To direct the Town manager to send a notice that we are enforcing Ordinance 277 and the progressive steps that that ordinance provides for following the formal notice.

Moved by Trustee Chris Condon, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

Board Discussion was had. The motion stands as written above.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0
Mayor Nicole Pieterse recuses herself so did not vote.

Staff Report

Clerk's report:

Has been taking on the watering flowers and the park.
Election update.

Manager's report

Dennis going through health issues. Projects on delay. Potential for extended leave in the future.
Van Winkle scanning to understand what needs to be done.
State Revolving Fund from the State coming up. Working with region 9.
FEMA floodplain manager exam passed.

Discussion Items

Voluntary lead soils clean up ("VCUP") update

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gives summary.

Columbia Tailings and Propatria corrective work update

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gives summary of work plan status for both sites, which will be available on Town's website once approved by Colo. Department of Health and Environment.

Electric utility updates

Allyn Svaboda gives update.

Town construction project updates

Town Manager gives update on Park and Town shop project.

Park and Recreation open position

Town Manager gives summary. Job description to go live within 1 week.


Motion


To go into Executive session Townwide Voluntary Cleanup financial assurance and funding agreement. Determination of positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, Development of strategy for negotiations and instruction of negotiators § 24-6 402(4)(e) C.R.S

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Je Dillsworth.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0

Motion to come out of executive session and adjourn at 10:15 pm by unanimous consent



Anna Wolf
Rico Town Clerk

Nicole Pieterse
Mayor