

LWVCNM Observer's Report Governing Body Regular Meeting Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM MDT City of Rio Rancho

Governing Body Members Paul Wymer, Mayor, Deb Dapson, Councilor District 1, Karissa Culbreath, Councilor District 5, Nicole List, Councilor District 6, Jeremy Lenentine, Councilor District 2, Bob Tyler Councilor District 3

Valari Taylor, present via zoom

Description of Issues Relevant to the League:

Public Forum:

Rep. Stansbury, \$500,000 for water storage in Albuquerque, agrees and is necessary and needed. Still waiting for information about the Rio Racho piolet project on Water Ejection. Concerned, there is not enough public discussion about water from the Rio Rancho Council, and more openness is necessary from this body.

Fireworks and their illegal usage in Rio Rancho. City has an ordinance that is not being enforced. This is a problem, enforce the statue or abolish it. We are in a drought state and fireworks should be banned.

Recognized Connie Peterson, Dir of Park and Recreation for her support and partnership with the Rio Rancho Rockets.

Counselors' Comments: Update on vacant Council District 4 seat, 9 candidates applied with 3 moving forward. David Mann has been chosen to fill the district 4 council seat. Council will vote on this selection July 23, 2026.

Discussion and Deliberation

Governing body to execute purchasing agreement to acquire 200 acres-feet of consumptive water rights Platte Land and Water, LLC. Rio Rancho has a 5-year agreement from 2003 pumping rights agreement 728 acres-feet every 5 years over a 55-year period. There has been a price increase requiring prior approval.

Rancho Alegria Homes

Address traffic impact, and pocket parks approval postponed for these 2 issues

Developers shared traffic impact with suggested solutions such as 4 way stops, roundabouts, extended turning lanes. Pocket parks are maintained by HOA along with trails around a pond and dog parks. 2 primary Pocket parks, ½ acre in size and 1/3 acre. Approved by council.

Maverick Gas Station

Proposed site plan and request to sell alcohol in the future after opening

Public comments opposed and for this site plan for Maverick Gas Station

Postponed until September 10, 2026.

This meeting will be conducted in-person and virtually, as well as, streamed live on the City of Rio Rancho website at [https://rrnm.gov/2303/Watch-and-Download-City Meetings](https://rrnm.gov/2303/Watch-and-Download-City-Meetings).