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SPECIAL MEETING
Taos Town Council
Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico
October 26, 2006
4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting of the Taos Town Council was called to order by the **Honorable Mayor Bobby F. Duran** at **4:01p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL:** **Mrs. Joella Gallegos, Deputy Town Clerk** called roll and a quorum was present.

Those present were **Mayor Bobby F. Duran, Councilmembers Erlinda S. Gonzales, Meliton Struck, Rudy Abeyta and Darren Cordova.** Also present were **Town Manager Tomas Benavidez, Town Attorney Renee Barela Gutierrez** and **Deputy Town Clerk Joella Gallegos.**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** **Councilmember Struck** led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Councilmember Abeyta** made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. **Councilmember Struck** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **MATTERS FROM TOWN ATTORNEY**

A. Review and discussion of JPA regarding joint dispatch center. (*Covered under item 5.B.*)

B. Consideration and approval of MOA between the Town of Taos, Taos County and Kit Carson Electric for the purpose of entering into agreements for the construction of a joint dispatch center, which will be owned equally by the three entities.

Town Attorney Gutierrez reviewed the JPA and MOA and explained that they are both still under revision.

Luis Reyes from Kit Carson Electric reviewed the budget for the Joint Dispatch Center. Mr. Reyes stressed the importance of using the \$175,000.00 that has already been acquired to begin the design process.

Councilmember Cordova wanted to ensure that all procurement issues had been complied with.

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Finance Director Marietta Fambro stated that the architectural services have been met. As far as the legal issues, both she and Town Attorney Barela-Gutierrez are still working on them.

Councilmember Abeyta asked if the Taos Pueblo would be participating as well.

Town Attorney Gutierrez stated that the Pueblo had not been contacted, but they would be, which is the reason the JPA was still in draft form. **Councilmember Abeyta** stressed his concerns about the position of the fiscal agent and their role. He would like this looked at more closely.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that she is concerned about making the community liable for paying this center for forty years.

Mayor Duran stated that the payment on the center would not actually take place until the center is built. At this point if council does not agree they can vote against it.

Councilmember Gonzales wanted to know what happened to all of the entities that were involved before and now there are only a few.

Councilmember Cordova stated that the Town and the County have an obligation to enhance E-911.

Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve **Phase 1, moving forward with JPA** as presented. **Councilmember Abeyta** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Abeyta and Cordova**. Those voting **NAY** were: **Councilmembers Gonzales and Struck**. **Mayor Duran** broke the tie with a vote of **AYE**.

6. **Presentation by Affordable Housing Task Force**, regarding the Workforce Housing Project.

Bob Draper, Affordable Housing Task Force, gave a presentation on the information gathered by the task force.

Mayor Duran commended the Task Force for the job they have done.

All Councilmembers thanked the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Councilmember Abeyta stated that he felt the Unidev program is really only a come in and out program and indicated that the buyer would not own the land. The local program allows the buyer to own the land. He felt that is what is important.

7. Possible action to approve recommendation of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

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Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to **move forward with the local approach** as presented. **Councilmember Cordova** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Abeyta and Cordova**. Those voting **NAY** were: **Councilmembers Gonzales and Struck**. **Mayor Duran** broke the tie with a vote of **AYE**.

8. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by **Councilmember Abeyta** and seconded by **Councilmember Cordova** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at **6:15p.m.**

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
Town Council/Planning & Zoning Commission
Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico
October 26, 2006
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The **Special Meeting** of the Taos Town Council was called to order by the **Honorable Mayor Bobby F. Duran** at **6:25pm**.

2. ROLL CALL: **Mrs. Joella Gallegos, Deputy Town Clerk** called roll and a quorum was present.

Those present were **Mayor Bobby F. Duran, Councilmembers Erlinda S. Gonzales, Meliton Struck, Rudy Abeyta and Darren Cordova**. Also present were **Town Manager Tomas Benavidez, Town Attorney Renee Barela Gutierrez** and **Deputy Town Clerk Joella Gallegos**.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Town Manager Benavidez asked the Mayor to add an item to the agenda: Item 6 - Executive Session regarding pending litigation with Taos Pueblo, (information only, no action will be taken).

Councilmember Struck made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. **Councilmember Gonzales** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1 **4. DISCUSSION OF INTERIM MORATORIUM FOR NEW LARGE SCALE**
2 **RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS** – Georgia Page, Alliance of Taos
3 Neighborhoods.

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5 Ms. Page gave a presentation on the interim moratorium.

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7 **Mayor Duran** asked for public input regarding this issue. The following people
8 came forward:

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10 **Randy Funsch**- Against moratorium

11 **Fabby Romero**- Against moratorium

12 **David Diccico**- Against moratorium

13 **Alex Abeyta**- Against moratorium

14 **Bob Draper**-Against moratorium

15 **Patrick Nicholson**-Asked Matt Foster to go over the issues regarding the
16 moratorium, Ms. Lou Baker explained that she would be going over the issue more
17 in depth with her presentation.

18 **Eugene A. Sanchez**-Stated that he felt that there needed to be a balance.

19 **William Himes**-Spoke about needing a master plan.

20 **Kio Kahema**-Against moratorium

21 **Peter Wengert**-Feels that the Town needs to focus more on the 20/20 master plan.
22 He agrees with Georgia Page.

23 **Nancy Morris**-Feels that growth needs to be managed, in favor of moratorium.

24 **Mayor Duran**-Stated that there is no way the Town can stop people from moving
25 here.

26 **Georgia Page**- asked Alan Vigil to explain the moratorium for the county.

27 **Mr. Vigil** explained that the moratorium did not solve any problems that existed. It
28 merely delayed them.

29 **Councilmember Cordova**-Stated that the Town needs to be more aggressive on
30 creating a master plan.

31 **Councilmember Gonzales**-Stated that having the Economic Study done was for this
32 reason, so that a Master Plan could be put in place. She felt that committees need to
33 be formed so that they can go forward. We need to set a time frame so that it can all
34 fall into place.

35 **Councilmember Abeyta**-Stated that he is against the moratorium.

36 **Mark Yaravitz**-Against moratorium.

37 **Suzanne Walter**- For moratorium.

38 **Margarita Dennison**- Stated she is in favor of moratorium to allow time to create a
39 master plan.

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41 **Mayor Duran** stated that there had been enough discussion and needed to move
42 onto Lou Bakers presentation.

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44 **5. PRESENTATION OF BUILDING DATA FOR 2004, 2005 and 2006** – Lou
45 Baker, AICP, Town of Taos Planning Director.

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1 Ms Baker showed a power point slide presentation. Ms. Baker went over data that
2 was compiled regarding the growth and permits requested by the community.

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4 **Councilmember Abeyta** suggested to Tomas Benavidez, Town Manager to take
5 action to evaluate the LUDC.

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7 **Rudy Perea, Senior Planner**, gave brief explanation on concerns that he has
8 discussed with Lou Baker and Tomas Benavidez on the lack of Zoning Standards
9 with the Town of Taos Planning and Platting Jurisdiction.

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11 **Councilmember Cordova** urged a happy medium so that there can be collaboration
12 with the planning department.

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14 **Councilmember Struck** stated he need more clarification on the money needed to
15 complete the master plan.

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17 **Councilmember Gonzales** stated that working together with the master plan is a
18 must.

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20 **Georgia Page**, asked Mayor and Council not to be penny pinching, just get the plan
21 in place.

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23 **Patrick Nicholson** agreed that the master plan must be in place.

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25 **6. Executive Session regarding pending litigation with Taos Pueblo, pursuant to**
26 **NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H. (7).**

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28 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilmember Cordova made a motion to go into**
29 **Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with Taos Pueblo. Pursuant to**
30 **NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H. (7).**

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32 **Councilmember Struck seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed by an**
33 **affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Gonzales, Struck,**
34 **Cordova, and Abeyta.**

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36 **At 8:40 p.m., Councilmember Cordova made a motion to come out of Executive**
37 **Session and stated that discussion in the Executive Session was limited to the**
38 **item as it was called for. Councilmember Abeyta seconded the motion. The**
39 **motion was confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
40 **Councilmembers Gonzales, Struck, Cordova, and Abeyta.**

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42 **7. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilmember Struck and seconded**
43 **by Councilmember Abeyta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried**
44 **unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.**

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APPROVED:

Bobby F. Duran Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk