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**Special Meeting  
Taos Town Council  
Town Council Chambers  
120 Civic Plaza Drive  
Taos, New Mexico  
January 4, 2007  
5:00 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 **5:06 p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL:** Ms. Renee Lucero, 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 Town Clerk Renee Lucero.**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**DELETE ITEMS:**

**5.A.1** Request approval for Matthew Foster to travel out of state to New York to attend GIS training titled "Advanced Analysis with ArcGIS". The training is scheduled for February 21st - 23rd. The cost is \$1,350 for the class, approximately \$400 for air fare, and \$600 for per diem. Total cost is \$2,350.

**5.A.2.** Approval of Resolution 07-02 - Waiver of employee or immediate family member regarding Cecilia Trujillo, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 13-1-194 by allowing her to contract with the Town of Taos. Cecilia Trujillo, Town of Taos employee, has no part in the selection process of the Contractor and there is no conflict of interest.

**ADD TO ITEM 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Discussion of limited personnel matters regarding the Planning and Zoning Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Convention Department and pending or threatened litigation regarding the Police Department pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H.2.&7.

**MOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER ITEM 5.**

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

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4       **5. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

5       Approval of Resolution 07-03 adopting the By-Laws of the Land Use Development  
6       Code (LUDC) Revisions Committee.

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8       **Ms. Lou Baker, Planning & Zoning Director**, reviewed the proposed changes to  
9       the by-laws as recommended by the Town Council.

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11       There was a discussion on the role of the Planning & Zoning Commission in regards  
12       to the LUDC.

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14       **Councilmember Cordova** made a motion to approve Resolution 07-03 as amended.  
15       **Councilmember Struck** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an  
16       affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Gonzales, Struck,**  
17       **Abeyta and Cordova.**

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19       **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to go into**  
20       **Executive Session to discuss the following: 1) limited personnel matters**  
21       **regarding the Planning and Zoning Department; 2) limited personnel matters**  
22       **regarding the Fire Department; 3) limited personnel matters regarding the**  
23       **Police Department; 4) limited personnel matters regarding the Convention**  
24       **Department; 5) pending or threatened litigation regarding the Police**  
25       **Department and 6) the acquisition of property owned by Taos Municipal Schools**  
26       **Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H.2., 7., & 8.**

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

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32       At 6:22 p.m., **Councilmember Cordova** made a motion to come out of Executive  
33       Session **AND CONTINUE AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING** and stated that  
34       discussion in the Executive Session was limited to the items as they were called  
35       for. **Councilmember Abeyta** seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed  
36       by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Gonzales,**  
37       **Struck, Cordova, and Abeyta.**

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39       **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

40       **Lou Baker, Planning & Zoning Director**

41       Consideration of Town of Taos Ordinance 07-01, an Ordinance revising the Land Use  
42       Development Code (LUDC) revising all sections.

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44       **Town Manager Benavidez** read a letter from Taos Pueblo requesting additional time  
45       to comment on the ordinance since they have not had a chance to review the  
46       revisions.

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**Mayor Duran** recommended waiting 30 days to allow Taos Pueblo to comment.

**Councilmember Cordova** made a motion to continue the Public Hearing on February 8, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers. **Councilmember Gonzales** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: **Councilmembers: Gonzales, Struck, Cordova, and Abeyta.**

- 8. CONTINUATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilmember Cordova made a motion to continue the Executive Session to discuss the following: 1) limited personnel matters regarding the Planning and Zoning Department; 2) limited personnel matters regarding the Fire Department; 3) limited personnel matters regarding the Police Department; 4) limited personnel matters regarding the Convention Department; 5) pending or threatened litigation regarding the Police Department and 6) the acquisition of property owned by Taos Municipal Schools Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H.2., 7., & 8.

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

At 8:43 p.m., **Councilmember Struck** made a motion to come out of Executive Session and stated that discussion in the Executive Session was limited to the items as they were called for. **Councilmember Gonzales** seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: **Councilmembers Gonzales, Struck, Cordova, and Abeyta.**

- 9. 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 **8:45 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Bobby F. Duran Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**