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**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Taos Town Council
Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico**

**November 18, 2008
9:30 a.m.**

13 **1. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Taos Town Council was called**
14 **to order by the Honorable Mayor Bobby F. Duran at 9:33 a.m.**

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16 **2. ROLL CALL: Ms. Renee Lucero, Town Clerk, called roll and a quorum was**
17 **present.**

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19 **Those present were:**

20 Mayor Bobby F. Duran
21 Councilmember Darren Cordova
22 Councilmember Rudy Abeyta
23 Councilmember Eugene Sanchez
24 Councilmember Amy Quintana

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26 **Also present were:**

27 Town Manager Daniel Miera
28 Asst. Town Manager Abigail Adame
29 Town Attorney Allen Ferguson
30 Town Clerk Renee Lucero

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32 **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Cordova led the audience in the**
33 **pledge of allegiance.**

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35 **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

36 **Item 7.D. and 7.E change “Keen” to Kean”**

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38 **ADD before Item 6.A. - Daniel Miera, Town Manager, would like to make an**
39 **announcement regarding a hit and run accident involving a child.**

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41 **ADD Item 7.F. – Citizen input regarding creation of a 3-way stop at two locations**
42 **within the Town of Taos limits – one at the junction of Hill Drive & Herdner Road**
43 **and the other at the junction of Chamisa Road & Sunshine Road which will provide**
44 **an effective method for vehicular and pedestrian passage through these separate**
45 **intersections.**

1 **MOVE Item 12.A. to 9.A.**

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3 **Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended.**
4 **Councilmember Cordova seconded the motion. The motion carried**
5 **unanimously.**

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7 **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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9 **A. Regular Meeting**

10 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve the Minutes of October**
11 **21, 2008 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion.**
12 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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14 **B. Special Meetings**

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16 *October 14, 2008*

17 **Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to approve the Minutes of the**
18 **October 14, 2008 Special Meeting. Councilmember Quintana seconded the**
19 **motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

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21 *October 28, 2008*

22 On page 4, line 10, change the word “LEES” to “LEEDS”.

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24 **Councilmember Quintana made a motion to approve the Minutes of the**
25 **October 28, 2008 Special Meeting. Councilmember Abeyta seconded the**
26 **motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

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28 *November 3, 2008*

29 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve the Minutes of the**
30 **November 3, 2008 Special Meeting. Councilmember Quintana seconded the**
31 **motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

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33 Councilmember Abeyta commended Renee Lucero, Town Clerk, for accurately
34 documenting his comments in the minutes of November 3, 2008.

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36 Councilmember Cordova asked Ms. Lucero to place a notation in the actual
37 minutes of the Town Council that audio and video recordings of the meetings are
38 available at the Office of the Town Clerk and may be requested pursuant to the
39 Public Records Act.

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41 **6. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

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43 Mr. Miera stated that an unfortunate incident happened on the evening of Sunday,
44 November 16, 2008, in which a child of 2 years was involved in a fatal hit and run
45 accident, in addition, he commended both the Fire Department and the Police

1 Department for their professionalism. The Police Department was able to find the
2 person who was responsible for the accident within 24 hours.

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4 **A. Employee Appointments and Promotions**

5 **Ms. Loretta Trujillo**, Human Resources Director presented the following:
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7 **NEW HIRES:**

8 Kelci Johnston	Artie Gonzalez
9 Part Time	Temporary
10 Pool Department	Transportation Department
11 Lifeguard II	Transit Operator II
12 10/13/2008	11/05/2008

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14 **Separations:**

15 Vanessa Lovato-Martinez	Micaela Suazo
16 Communications Equip. Operator	Lifeguard II
17 10/07/2008	10/22/2008
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19 Robert Martinez	Alyssa Atias
20 Transit Operator I	Lifeguard I
21 10/24/2008	10/27/2008

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23 **Promotions:**

24 Manuel Pacheco
25 from Chief Building Official /Interim Buildings Director
26 to Buildings & Grounds Director
27 11/03/2008
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29 Mayor Duran presented a plaque to Mr. Manuel Pacheco for his appointment as
30 Buildings Director.

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32 **B. Recognitions: By Eric Montoya, Administrative Fire Chief**

33 The Taos Volunteer Fire Department would like to formally introduce to Mayor
34 and Council the 2008 Training class. This class has met all requirements of the
35 Fire Department training program meeting Firefighter II qualifications.
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37 Bobby Lucero	Robert Coss	Corwin Vigil
38 Keith Syling	Joaquin Gonzales	
39 Matt Hollingshead	Joaquin Cantu	

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41 The Fire Department respectfully requests that these men be recognized for their
42 commitment to the community with the Mayor presenting them their Badges.
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44 Councilmember Cordova commended the Town of Taos employees who have
45 taken their own personal time to complete the firefighter training program.
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C. Presentation of Proclamation declaring November 16 – 22, 2008 Boys & Girls Club Week.

Mayor Duran presented the proclamation to Albino Martinez from the Boys & Girls Club program. Mr. Martinez thanked Mayor and Council for their support and explained the program to the citizens. He stated the Boys & Girls Club in Taos, which had recently been closed, is now open.

7. Citizens Forum:

A. Mary Passaglia, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Update on RFP – Youth Violence Prevention

Ms. Passaglia presented an update on the Youth Violence Prevention program and explained how the RFP funding has been spent.

B. Cami Hartman, Dream Tree Project, RFP Final Report

Ms. Hartman presented an update on the Dream Tree Project and explained how the RFP funding has been spent.

C. Lawrence Hahn and Nicholas Martinez, Eco-Drive Solutions, presentation regarding hydrogen fuel sales for Town vehicles

Mr. Hahn gave a PowerPoint Presentation to Mayor and Council explaining that Eco-Drive Solutions will reduce fuel usage by 15 – 35%. Mr. Martinez explained the production and installation of the fuel and stated the solution takes one day to install.

D. Kean Spellman, update from Holy Cross Hospital

Mr. Spellman gave a presentation on where Holy Cross Hospital is going in the next 5 years. He stated the hospital has seen dramatic growth in the last 15 years and the growth will continue. He further stated the hospital is anticipating a new building project within the next few months which will include, among other offices, an oncology center. He asked for community support.

E. Kean Spellman and Kelly Shull, Holy Cross Hospital, RFP update on Collaborative Action for Taos

Ms. Shull gave an update on Collaborative for Action and explained how the RFP funding has been spent.

F. Citizen input regarding creation of a 3-way stop at two locations within the Town of Taos limits – one at the junction of Hill Drive & Herdner Road and the other at the junction of Chamisa Road & Sunshine Road which will

1 **provide an effective method for vehicular and pedestrian passage through**
2 **these separate intersections.**

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4 Mr. Miera asked if anybody in the audience would like to comment on the
5 proposed 3-way stops.

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7 No one came forward.

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9 Mr. Miera stated this item will be placed on the Regular Town Council Agenda
10 on December 16, 2009 for final approval by the Council.

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12 **G. Ken Tinsley, Water Resources Technology**

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14 Mr. Tinsley stated that he would like to implement a trial process to enhance
15 water quality from the Waste Water Treatment Plant before it reaches the Rio
16 Grande. Mr. Tinsley presented a proposal to Mayor and Council in the past,
17 although it was not approved.

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19 Councilmember Abeyta stated the reason it was not approved is because water at
20 the Treatment Plant already meets EPA standards before going into the Rio
21 Grande.

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23 Councilmember Cordova suggested that Mr. Tinsley meet with Mr. Miera, Amos
24 Torres, Public Utilities Director, and Allen Ferguson, Town Attorney.

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26 Mr. Miera stated staff will review the proposal and bring a recommendation to
27 Mayor and Council.

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29 **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

30 **The Mayor presented the following consent agenda to the Council. He read each**
31 **item on the agenda and advised the Council that they could request any item be**
32 **removed from the consent agenda if they wanted to discuss such item:**

33 **A. Daron Syling, Chief of Police**

34 Approval of an Extension of "Agreement for Confinement of Prisoners" with San
35 Miguel County Detention Center. Contract # TT-08-149. The Town of Taos has
36 an agreement with San Miguel County Detention Center to house Town of Taos
37 prisoners. The agreement is for a term of one year from November 18, 2008 to
38 November 18, 2009. The Town of Taos, under the agreement, shall pay San
39 Miguel County the total amount of \$65 per prisoner day and a \$20 booking fee for
40 each prisoner. Line item # 25-14-44005.

41 **B. Ron Yachinich, Convention Services Director**

42 Approval to enter into a 24 month lease with Aspen Business Systems Inc. in the
43 amount of \$135.04 per month for the present Xerox WorkCentre Pro 3545 copy
44 machine. This lease is on a cost per copy basis billed at \$0.0133 per black &
45 white copy and \$0.0913 per color copy. 24 months \$3,240.96, Line Item 27-17-
46 43005, Rentals. 24 months @ 4000 estimated black and white copies per month

1 \$1,276.80 and estimated 550 color copies per month \$1,205.16, Line Item 27-17-
2 43001, Office Supplies. Total anticipated cost \$5,722.92, exclusive of GRT
3 (which must be added).

4 **C. Francisco “French” Espinoza, Public Works Director**

5 1. Approval of MOA TT-09-174 between the Town of Taos and Taos Ski
6 Valley, Inc., for the purpose of providing transportation service for employees
7 of TSV, Inc. from Dec. 19, 2008 through April 5, 2009. MOA TT-09-174 will
8 be in the amount of \$2,000, an increase of \$500 from last years MOA of
9 \$1,500.

10 2. Approval of MOA TT-09-175 between the Town of Taos and The Village of
11 Taos Ski Valley, for the purpose of providing transportation service for the
12 08-09 Ski Season from December 19, 2008 through April 5, 2009. MOA TT-
13 09-175 will be in the amount of \$30,000, an increase of \$5000 from last years
14 MOA of \$25,000. Transportation services will be provided for visitors of Taos
15 Ski Valley.

16 **D. Francella Garcia, Grants Administrator**

17 1. Approval and acceptance of Grant Agreement No. 09-418-3002-0132 from
18 the New Mexico Tourism Department Cooperative Marketing Grant Program
19 in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to include a Town Match of
20 thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) – an amount that is already part of the
21 approved Griffin & Associates marketing contract funds, allocated in the
22 2008-09 Town budget. Scope of work will be to promote New Mexico and
23 tourism entities in the Taos area, such as galleries, through print, radio,
24 television, production, electronic, and trade show advertising, in addition to
25 public relations/free media coverage. Grant to mature June 30, 2009.

26 2. Approval of Contract No. TT 09-176 to Karel Dunning-Mirabal, LMSW in
27 the amount of \$33,660 exclusive of GRT to act as the Project Coordinator on
28 behalf of the Taos County Juvenile Justice Board. The Project Coordinator
29 will coordinate and implement the mission and vision of the Taos County
30 Juvenile Justice Board programs, its relationships with other agencies and its
31 standing in the local and state community. Contract to be paid by State of
32 New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) Grant
33 Agreement No. 09-690-9013. Town of Taos to act as the fiscal agent.

34 3. Approval and acceptance of Resolution 08-75 authorizing the Town of Taos:
35 (1) to submit a New Mexico Community Development Block Grant Program
36 application to the Department of Finance and Administration/Local
37 Government Division for Phase II of the Reed/Alexander Street Drainage
38 Improvement Project; (2) authorizing Mayor Bobby F. Duran to act as the
39 Chief Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining
40 to the Town of Taos participation in the Community Development Block
41 Grant Program.

42 4. Consideration and approval to accept grant/loan agreement No. 135 from the
43 New Mexico Water Trust Board (Grantors) and the New Mexico Finance
44 Authority (Lenders) totaling one hundred sixty-two thousand, four hundred
45 dollars (\$162,400). The funding breakdown will consist of a loan in the
46 amount of thirty-two thousand, four hundred eighty dollars (\$32,480) and

1 grant in the amount of one hundred twenty nine thousand, nine hundred
 2 twenty (\$129,920) to plan, design and engineering for the continuation of a
 3 water utility system improvement project.

4 **REMOVE Item 8.D.2.** Approval of Contract No. TT 09-176 to Karel Dunning-
 5 Mirabal, LMSW in the amount of \$33,660 exclusive of GRT to act as the Project
 6 Coordinator on behalf of the Taos County Juvenile Justice Board. The Project
 7 Coordinator will coordinate and implement the mission and vision of the Taos County
 8 Juvenile Justice Board programs, its relationships with other agencies and its standing
 9 in the local and state community. Contract to be paid by State of New Mexico
 10 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) Grant Agreement No. 09-690-
 11 9013. Town of Taos to act as the fiscal agent.'

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 13 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as**
 14 **amended. Councilmember Abeyta seconded the motion. The motion was**
 15 **approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers**
 16 **Cordova, Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**

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 19 Marietta Fambro, Finance Director, stated the item should read as follows:

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 21 **8.D.2.** Approval of Contract No. TT 09-176 to Karel Dunning-Mirabal, LMSW in
 22 the amount of \$33,660 inclusive of GRT plus reimbursable expenses of \$4,610. Ms.
 23 Mirabal will act as the Project Coordinator on behalf of the Taos County Juvenile
 24 Justice Board. The Project Coordinator will coordinate and implement the mission
 25 and vision of the Taos County Juvenile Justice Board programs, its relationships with
 26 other agencies and its standing in the local and state community. Contract to be paid
 27 by State of New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) Grant
 28 Agreement No. 09-690-9013. Town of Taos to act as the fiscal agent.

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 30 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve the item as amended.**
 31 **Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was approved by**
 32 **an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Cordova,**
 33 **Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**

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 35 **12. MATTERS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

36 **A.** Approval of Resolution 08-59 A Resolution recognizing Taos as a Town for
 37 Peace and home to the 2009 World Peace Conference to be held from May 26 -
 38 31, 2009 with the goal of developing a realistic strategy for implementing
 39 peace, social justice and a sustainable future.

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 41 Nyna Matysiak, with the World Peace Conference, read the resolution and gave a
 42 history on how this event came about.

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 44 Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Matysiak for her efforts.

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1 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve the item as presented.**
2 **Councilmember Abeyta seconded the motion. The motion was approved by**
3 **an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Cordova,**
4 **Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**

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7 **9. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

8 **A. Matt Spriggs, Community & Economic Development Director**

9 Briefing with the Executive Director of the Taos Center for the Arts regarding the
10 formation and benefits of an Arts and Culture District within the Town of Taos.

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12 Matt Spriggs, Community & Economic Development Director, along with Steve
13 Fuhlendorf and Ron Usherwood gave a PowerPoint presentation on the formation
14 and benefits of an Arts and Culture District within the town of Taos.

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16 Mr. Spriggs asked that the Council pass a resolution, at a later meeting, creating
17 an Arts and Culture District Steering Committee.

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19 **B. Francella Garcia, Grants Administrator**

- 20 1. Approval and acceptance of amendment No. 1 to the Joint Powers Agreement
21 Between the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
22 Department and the Town of Taos No. 06-521-0500-0053 to amend time for
23 the completion of the Weimer/Maestas Trail. The agreement was originally to
24 mature November 31, 2008. The amendment will extend the maturity date to
25 December 31, 2009.

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27 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve the item as**
28 **presented. Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion**
29 **was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
30 **Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**

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32 2. Approval and acceptance of Amendment No. 1 from the State of New Mexico
33 Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for
34 the 2007 CDBG Planning Grant in regards to the High Performance Building
35 Ordinance. The agreement was originally to mature November 1, 2008 and
36 the original Town match was in the amount of four thousand, two hundred
37 twenty six dollars (\$4,226). The proposed amendment will extend the
38 maturity date to January 1, 2009. Town match will be increased to eight
39 thousand, five hundred ninety eight dollars (\$8,598). The additional Town
40 match was allocated in the 2008/2009 Town budget.

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42 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve the item as**
43 **presented. Councilmember Abeyta seconded the motion. The motion**
44 **was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
45 **Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**
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1 **10. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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3 **Councilmember Cordova suspended the rules to hear item B first.**

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5 **B. Francella Garcia, Grants Administrator**

6 Consideration and action to approve Ordinance No. 08-17 for the execution and
7 delivery of a water project fund loan/grant agreement between the New Mexico
8 Water Trust Board and the New Mexico Finance Authority (The
9 "Lenders/Grantors"), and the Town of Taos ("The Borrower/Grantee") in the
10 amount of one hundred sixty-two thousand, four hundred dollars (\$162,400),
11 loan/grant amount for the purpose of financing the costs of planning, design and
12 engineering for the continuation of a water utility system improvement project.
13 The breakdown of the funding will consist of a loan in the amount of thirty-two
14 thousand four hundred eighty dollars (\$32,480) and grant amount of one hundred
15 twenty nine thousand nine hundred twenty (\$129,920).

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17 **Marietta Fambro, Finance Director, presented Ordinance 08-17 to Mayor**
18 **and Council.**

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20 *Public Opinion*

21 **Mayor Duran opened the public hearing. No one came forward.**

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23 **After closing the public hearing, Mayor Duran asked for questions from the**
24 **Council.**

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26 Councilmember Cordova asked if the Town has sufficient funds to pay the loan.

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28 Ms. Fambro stated that the funds were budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2008-09
29 budget.

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31 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-17 as**
32 **presented. Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was**
33 **approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers**
34 **Cordova, Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**

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36 **A. Matt Foster, Long-Range Planner**

37 Approval and adoption of Ordinance 08-16: High Performance Building
38 Ordinance. The Town hired Sage West Consultants through a Community
39 Development Block Grant to prepare the High Performance Building Ordinance
40 (HPBO). Sage West Consultants has worked with a Steering Committee and a
41 Technical Review Committee to prepare a draft of the HPBO. *(Continued from*
42 *10/28/08 Special Meeting to allow for legal research etc. in view of Federal Court*
43 *injunction against Albuquerque ordinance)*

1 Matt Foster, Long-Range Planner, asked Mayor and Council to set a date for a
2 Special Meeting so that this item can be continued because it is not yet ready for
3 approval.

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5 Councilmember Cordova recommended scheduling another Special Meeting and
6 encouraged Mr. Foster to work with the Public Works Director and Public
7 Utilities Director to go over the incentives of the ordinance and evaluate whether
8 the incentives will affect the budget.

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10 Councilmember Abeyta asked the Committee to evaluate the impact to poor
11 Taoseños who will have to build their homes according to the new standards. He
12 would like to see different comparisons.

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14 Maija West, of Sage West Consultants, stated she would like a witness to come
15 forward who will show the Mayor and Council that the ordinance before them is
16 distinguishable from Albuquerque’s ordinance and can be passed. She stated she
17 worked closely with the Town Attorney on the legal issues and is confident that
18 the ordinance is ready for adoption. She also informed the Council that she has
19 prepared a fact sheet for their information.

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21 Jim Thompson, a licensed mechanical engineer, came forward and was sworn in.
22 Mr. Thompson gave his educational background and described his experience as
23 an engineer.

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25 He stated for the record that his testimony shall only be used for an analysis of the
26 Taos High Performance Building Program and shall not be used for any other
27 program at the Town of Taos or in any other city, tribe or state without his
28 express, written permission.

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30 Mr. Thompson went on to read a five page affidavit (which was entered into the
31 record by Allen Ferguson, Town Attorney and is attached to the minutes)
32 explaining why it is his opinion that the High Performance Building Ordinance is
33 ready for Council adoption.

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35 There was a discussion on the incentives and fees.

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37 Mr. Miera stated his concern is on page 7 of the ordinance, section 2.2.3.
38 regarding the fund. He stated his initial reaction to that, from the Town’s point of
39 view, is that some of the in-lieu-of fees would first be applied toward the losses
40 that were incurred on the incentives and thereafter going to low and moderate
41 income residential units.

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43 Mr. Foster stated he is compiling information for the Council so that they can
44 have an idea of what level of financial incentives can be expected through the
45 program.

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Mr. Ferguson stated he would like to have the opportunity to research the ordinance further before the next meeting. He further stated he wants to work with Mr. Miera and Ms. West on the fund issue that Mr. Miera brought up to make sure that it's structured in such a way that the Anti-Donation Clause is not violated and that all legal requirements are met. He added language to the proposed ordinance stating that the fund will be implemented in accordance with the Affordable Housing Act and the Anti-Donation Clause.

Councilmember Cordova made a motion to continue the item at a Special Meeting on December 2, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at the Town Council Chambers. Councilmember Abeyta seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.

11. MATTERS FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Approval of Decision of the Council containing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for P&Z Case 2007-22 Arguello appeal to Council.

Mr. Ferguson reviewed the item and explained that he will seek approval from the Council in this format in the future. In the past, Decisions of the Council and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for appeals were placed in the minutes of the meetings and were never taken to Council for review or approval.

The Councilmembers commended Mr. Ferguson for presenting this format and for taking the initiative.

Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Abeyta seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.

12. MATTERS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

B. Updates from the Town Manager

Mr. Miera stated that staff is working diligently on the Pay & Classification Plan and will implement the plan on December 1, 2008. The plan will be presented to Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting on December 1, 2008.

Mr. Miera stated changes to Vehicle Use Policy are being made and will specifically target take-home vehicles.

Councilmember Cordova commended Mr. Miera for the work that is being done on the Vehicle Use Policy. He stated that, with the current state of the economy, the Town needs to look at ways of cutting back.

1 **13. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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3 Councilmember Abeyta stated the gasoline prices in Taos normally averaged 25 cents
4 per gallon higher than Albuquerque in the last 15 years, but now we are at 40 cents to
5 60 cents per gallon higher. He personally believes that it is not fair. He challenges
6 owners to bring down their gas prices and make them more affordable.

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8 Councilmember Sanchez agreed with Councilmember Abeyta. He asked for an
9 update on the water contract between the Town and El Prado Water & Sanitation and
10 also on the cameras at the Plaza.

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12 Mr. Miera stated a lease agreement for the El Prado Water issue has been proposed,
13 but he has not had the opportunity to follow-up on it because his focus has been on
14 the implementation of the Pay & Classification Plan. He will, however, follow-up as
15 soon as the Pay & Classification Plan is complete.

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17 Daron Syling, Chief of Police, stated he is still working on the installation of cameras
18 in the Plaza. He will have more information tomorrow for the Town Manager.

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20 Councilmember Sanchez asked Mr. Miera if the Town has heard back from the
21 County regarding the letter that was sent to them regarding the Courthouse on the
22 plaza.

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24 Mr. Miera stated he did send two different letters to the County Manager and has not
25 received correspondence back.

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27 Mayor Duran announced that he will be retiring effective January 31, 2008. He read
28 a statement (attached to minutes) and thanked the community for allowing him to
29 serve them. He also thanked Town staff their support.

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31 **14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to go into**
32 **Executive Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Abeyta**
33 **Adjudication pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H.7.**

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35 **Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed by**
36 **an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta**
37 **and Sanchez.**

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39 **At 1:35 p.m., Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to come out of Executive**
40 **Session and stated that discussion in the Executive Session was limited to the**
41 **item as it was called for. Councilmember Cordova seconded the motion. The**
42 **motion was confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
43 **Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta and Sanchez.**
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1 **15. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Councilmember Abeyta and
2 seconded by Councilmember Cordova to adjourn the meeting. The motion
3 carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.
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7 **APPROVED:**
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11 **Bobby F. Duran, Mayor**
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14 **ATTEST:**
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18 **Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**
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