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**Special Meeting
Taos Town Council
Town Council Meeting
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico
June 10, 2008
9:30 a.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 **9:30 a.m.**

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

Those present were **Mayor Bobby F. Duran, Councilmembers Rudy Abeyta and Eugene Sanchez.** Councilmember **Darren Cordova** came in at **10:45 a.m.** Also present were **Interim Town Manager Abigail Adame, Town Attorney Renee Barela Gutierrez** and **Town Clerk Renee Lucero.** Absent was: **Councilmember Amy Quintana** due to attendance at the **Municipal Officials Leadership Institute in Santa Fe.**

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Delete Item 7.A. Fair Trade Committee Presentation
Add Citizens Forum after Item 6

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. May 13, 2008 Special/Workshop Meeting

Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to approve the **Minutes of the May 13, 2008 Special Meeting** as presented. **Councilmember Sanchez** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. May 20, 2008 Regular Meeting

Page 10 Line 8 delete the first "is".

Page 10 Line 9 change the word "oversee" to "overrides"

Page 10 Line 11 after the word "that" add the word "in"

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Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2008 Regular Meeting as amended. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

Consideration and approval of Transfer of Location of Liquor License Application No. 0130/555 for Polk Oil Company dba Quik Stop #15 located at 823 Paseo del Pueblo Sur.

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk, presented the item to the Mayor and Council.

Public Opinion

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

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

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

7. CITIZENS FORUM

Billy Archuleta came forward and stated that a wedding reception is planned at the Convention Center on June 28, which is the same weekend as the Solar Fest. He is requesting to have parking reserved for the reception between UNM and the Convention Center. He stated that about 30 vehicles would fit in that area and he could get somebody to monitor the spaces.

Councilmember Abeyta asked how Chief Syling feels about this.

Chief Syling stated that Solar Fest weekend is always a very busy weekend. The Police Department normally stores a lot of equipment in the back of the fire house so the road cannot be blocked off. If Mr. Archuleta can provide a person to monitor the parking he would support it. Most of his staff will be at the park for Solar Fest.

Administrative Fire Chief Montoya and Convention Director Yachinich both stated that they don't have a problem with this either.

Mayor Duran stated that barricades can be worked out with staff and he will approve this request administratively.

Mr. Archuleta thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and consideration.

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8. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS (Limited to 5 minutes or less)

A. TCA Presentation regarding update on Taos Community Auditorium and Taos Center for the Arts

Mr. Ron Usherwood gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Taos Community Auditorium and Taos Center for the Arts

B. Douglas Webb presentation on progress of Biofuels & Energy

Mr. Webb stated that his company has taken municipal solid waste to make fuel as per the agreement with the Town of Taos. He described the process of making the fuel. This technology is becoming more and more popular especially as the gas prices go up.

Mr. Webb stated that their goal is to make fuel from locally available waste. 80% of the cost of fuel is from transporting the fuel. They want to avoid the transportation costs.

Councilmember Abeyta asked how many investors are committed to this.

Mr. Webb stated that until they have selected a technology package it's difficult to get investors for equity financing.

Councilmember Abeyta asked Mr. Webb if he had an estimated date as to when the plant will be complete.

Mr. Webb stated that the best estimate is by the end of 2009.

Mayor Duran stated that this will help not only our fuel costs but it will also help eliminate the garbage that we deal with. We need to contact our congressmen to help us support the production of alternative fuels.

Councilmember Abeyta stated that we need to encourage our citizens to lobby our representatives to support this.

Mr. Webb reiterated that this process doesn't compete with any industry. It uses waste that the government pays to get rid of.

9. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Amy Seidel, Interim Human Resources Director

Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 08-34 providing for a waiver of the provision of Town Ordinance Title 3 Section 3.80.070 allowing for the hiring of an applicant, Richard Perez, who is related to Town Employee, Bella Rodriguez.

Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to approve **Resolution 08-34** as presented. **Councilmember Sanchez** seconded the motion for discussion.

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Councilmember Sanchez stated that the Town code states that if you're going to hire someone who is related to an employee this person must have specific talents. As a facilities maintenance person this doesn't seem to fit the criteria. He doesn't feel it is fair to bring in so many relatives since there are so many people who need jobs in the community.

Ms. Seidel stated that this individual has prior experience because he worked previously for the Town as a summer youth employee.

Convention Center Director Yachinich stated that this individual was 1 of 4 applicants who applied. We do go through the proper recruitment process and he was selected.

Councilmember Abeyta stated that he understands Councilmember Sanchez's concerns, however Taos is small and it would be difficult to not hire family members. He sees no problem with this as long as there is no direct chain of command or a conflict of interest. We should deal with these issues on a case by case basis.

The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Abeyta and Sanchez.

B. Tina Torres, Purchasing Agent

Recommendation to approve renewal of Contract TT 95-237 with Polk Oil Co. for an additional 3 years up to and including March 31, 2011. RFP 06-07-02 was originally awarded by the Town of Taos Council at the regular meeting of February 20, 2007. Contract term was initially May 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to approve **the item for only 1 year so that the Council can reevaluate the contract and consider another RFP to make the process more competitive.** **Councilmember Sanchez** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Abeyta and Sanchez.**

C. Reuben Martinez, IT Manager

Request approval for Mayor or Town Manager to enter into contract with Redhawk Industries in the amount of 26,933.00 plus GRT (Tax = 2,137.80, Total of contract 29,070.80) for Bid # 07-08-21, Special Systems-Security Alarm, Telecommunications and Closed Circuit TV System. *(With Tina Torres, Purchasing Agent)*

Councilmember Sanchez made a motion to approve **the item** as presented. **Councilmember Abeyta** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an

1 affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Abeyta and**
2 **Sanchez.**

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4 **D. Marietta Fambro, Finance Director**

5 Review and discussion of Interim budget submitted to Department of Finance &
6 Administration, including changes made from Preliminary Budget Hearings of
7 May 5, 6 & 7, 2008.

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9 *(Councilmember Cordova arrived)*

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11 There was a discussion regarding the shortfall on the budget this year compared to
12 last year.

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14 Councilmember Sanchez stated that he is still concerned about projects that are
15 funded every year as carry-overs because they are not complete.

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17 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to go into**
18 **executive session to discuss the following: A) personnel matters regarding**
19 **reorganization of the Executive Department B) personnel matters regarding the**
20 **Buildings Department; and C) personnel matters regarding the Public Works**
21 **Department. Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H.2.**

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23 **Councilmember Cordova seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed by**
24 **an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Cordova,**
25 **Abeyta, and Sanchez.**

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27 **At 12:15 p.m., Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to come out of Executive**
28 **Session and stated that discussion in the Executive Session was limited to the**
29 **item as it was called for. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The**
30 **motion was confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
31 **Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta, and Sanchez.**

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33 **11. Consideration and possible approval of the reorganization of the Executive**
34 **Department.**

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36 **Councilmember Abeyta** made a motion to accept the Interim Town Manager's
37 recommendation to reorganize the Executive Department and not fund the Special
38 Projects Division for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. **Councilmember Sanchez** seconded
39 the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE**
40 were: **Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta, and Sanchez.**

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42 Councilmember Cordova asked Interim Town Manager Adame if there will be
43 additional reorganizing of the Executive Department.
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1 Interim Town Manager Adame stated that she will be looking at reorganizing the
2 Executive Department to include making some positions managers instead of
3 directors.

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5 **12. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by **Councilmember Abeyta** and seconded
6 by **Councilmember Cordova** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried
7 unanimously and the meeting adjourned at **12:20 p.m.**

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15 **Bobby F. Duran Mayor**

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21 **Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**

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