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**Budget Meeting
Taos Town Council
Town Council Chambers
400 Camino de la Placita
Taos, New Mexico
June 24, 2008
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting of the Taos Town Council was called to order by the **Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Abeyta** at **5:40 p.m.**

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

Those present were **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta**, **Councilmembers Darren Cordova Eugene Sanchez and Amy Quintana**. Also present were **Interim Town Manager Abigail Adame** and **Town Clerk Renee Lucero**. Absent was: **Mayor Bobby Duran due to attendance at the NALEO Annual Conference in Washington, DC.**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** **Interim Town Manager Adame** led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

ADD Item 5.A. – Briefing by Councilmember Cordova regarding the Mortgage Finance Authority

ADD Item 6.E. – Announcement of new Interim Town Attorney – Marcus Rael

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

5. **MATTERS FROM STAFF**

A. Briefing regarding the Mortgage Finance Authority by Councilmember Cordova

Councilmember Cordova gave a briefing on the Mortgage Finance Authority's investigation regarding their concerns with the previous administration of the affordable housing program. Mortgage Finance Authority has given authorization for the Town to move forward.

Councilmember Cordova stated that the concerns stem back several years and he will discuss the issues at a later date when the Mortgage Finance Authority has completed their investigation. He just wanted to inform the Council that the issue is being addressed.

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2 **B.** Approval to enter into a multi-year contract and full service maintenance
3 agreement with Xerox Corporation for 2 copy machines for Taos Public Library.
4 State contract # GS-25F-0062L in the amount of \$349.35 + tax per month for 60
5 months for a total of \$20,961.00 + tax.
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7 **Councilmember Cordova** made a motion to approve **the item** as presented.
8 **Councilmember Quintana** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by
9 an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Cordova,**
10 **Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**
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12 **6. MATTERS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

13 *Annual Budget Presentation: By Abigail Adame, Interim Town Manager*

14 **A.** Approval of Resolution 08-40; 2008-09 Budget Policies 15

16 Councilmember Sanchez referred to Section 10 regarding small purchases. He
17 stated that some local businesses are upset because we purchase a lot of items at
18 the state level rather than locally.
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20 Councilmember Cordova stated that the issue was addressed at the New Mexico
21 Municipal League Board Meeting. We need to see how we can get the best
22 obtainable price and still buy locally.
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24 Marietta Fambro, Finance Director, stated that the Finance Department can get a
25 breakdown as to how much is spent locally. The Town actually does spend quite
26 a bit locally.
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28 Councilmember Sanchez referred to Section 11 regarding approval of
29 professional services. Currently the Town Manager and Mayor are authorized to
30 approve professional services contracts up to \$50,000. He would like this amount
31 to be changed to \$30,000.
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33 Councilmember Abeyta referred to Section 9 regarding out of state travel and
34 recommended including a sentence to read as follows: "Mayor and Town Council
35 are authorized one out of state travel per fiscal year, if additional out of state
36 travel is requested it must be approved by the Town Council".
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38 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve Resolution 08-40 with**
39 **amendments as follows:**
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- 41 **▪ Section 11 shall state that the Town Manager and Mayor are**
42 **authorized to approve professional services contracts up to \$30,000**
43 **instead of \$50,000. All professional service contracts over \$30,000**
44 **shall also require Council approval.**
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- 1 ▪ **Section 9 shall include the following sentence: “Mayor and Town**
2 **Council are authorized one out of state travel per fiscal year, if**
3 **additional out of state travel is requested it must be approved by the**
4 **Town Council”.**

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6 **Councilmember Sanchez** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an
7 affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta,**
8 **Sanchez and Quintana.**

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10 **B. Approval of Resolution 08-41; 2008-09 Capital Improvements Projects**
11 *(Councilmember Amy Quintana)*

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13 **Councilmember Cordova** made a motion to approve Resolution 08-41 as
14 presented. **Councilmember Sanchez** 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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18 **C. Approval of Resolution 08-42; 2008-09 Compensation & Benefits**
19 *(Councilmember Darren Cordova)*

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21 **Councilmember Quintana** made a motion to approve **Resolution 08-42** as
22 presented. **Councilmember Sanchez** seconded the motion. The motion was
23 approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers**
24 **Cordova, Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**

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26 **D. PUBLIC HEARING: Approval of Resolution 08-43; 2008-09 Annual Operating**
27 Budget *(Councilmember Eugene Sanchez)*

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29 **Councilmember Eugene Sanchez presented Resolution 08-43 to the Mayor**
30 **and Council.**

31 Public Opinion

32 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta opened the public hearing. No one came forward.**

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35 **After closing the public hearing, Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta asked for questions**
36 **from the Council.**

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38 **Councilmember Quintana** made a motion to approve **Resolution 08-43** as
39 presented. **Councilmember Cordova** seconded the motion. The motion was
40 approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers**
41 **Cordova, Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**

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43 **E. Announcement of new Interim Town Attorney – Marcus Rael**

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45 Interim Town Manager Adame announced that Marcus Rael will be filling in as
46 Interim Town Attorney until a new attorney has been hired.

1 **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilmember Quintana made a motion to go into**
2 **Executive Session to discuss the following: 1) Alexander Gusdorf Park RFPs.**
3 **Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H.8.**

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

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9 **At 7:58 p.m., Councilmember Cordova made a motion to come out of Executive**
10 **Session and stated that discussion in the Executive Session was limited to the**
11 **item as it was called for. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The**
12 **motion was confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
13 **Councilmembers Cordova, Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana.**

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15 **8. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilmember Cordova and**
16 **seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried**
17 **unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.**

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21 **APPROVED:**

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24 **Bobby F. Duran Mayor**

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27 **ATTEST:**

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30 **Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**

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