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**Special Meeting
Taos Town Council
Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico
July 24, 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 **9:35 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 Darren Cordova, Eugene Sanchez and Amy Quintana.** Also present were **Town Manager, Daniel Miera, Assistant Town Manager Abigail Adame, Contractual Town Attorney Marcus Rael** and **Town Clerk Renee Lucero.** Absent was: **Councilmember Rudy Abeyta.**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

REMOVE Item 7.A. - **Marietta Fambro, Finance Director** Approval of Resolution 08-49 Budget Adjustment Request - 1) End of Year Budget Adjustments.

ADD to item 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion regarding Chamisa Verde Pending Litigation.

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

5. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS (5 minutes time limit)**

Mary Passaglia, Deputy Director, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps – Report to Mayor and Council on RFP Funding.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

Consideration and approval of New Restaurant Beer & Wine License Application No. 564794 for Joseph L. Garcia, Inc dba Pizza Pro located at 818 Paseo del Pueblo Norte.

1 **Renee Lucero, Town Clerk, presented the liquor license application to the**
2 **Mayor and Council.**

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4 Public Opinion

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

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

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10 **Councilmember Cordova made a motion to approve the liquor license**
11 **application as presented. Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion.**
12 **The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
13 **Councilmembers Cordova, Sanchez and Quintana.**

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15 **B. Marcus Rael, Contractual Town Attorney**

16 *Item continued from July 15, 2008 Regular Town Council Meeting:* Approval
17 of Ordinance 08-11 - An Ordinance enacting a policy providing regulations for
18 advertising on Town of Taos Transportation equipment.

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20 **Marcus Rael, Contractual Town Attorney, presented Ordinance 08-11 to the**
21 **Mayor and Council.**

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23 Public Opinion

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

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

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29 **Councilmember Sanchez** stated that he thinks advertising on the bus would take
30 away from the uniqueness of our town.

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32 **Councilmember Cordova** stated that he supports the concept although he wants
33 to make sure that the bus will still look like a public transportation vehicle.
34 Maybe they can make the ads not to exceed 35% of total coverage of the bus. He
35 asked Public Works Director Espinoza how this would affect the program.

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37 **Public Works Director Espinoza** stated that they could probably make that
38 work. He asked that the Council allow him to go out for RFP and at that point he
39 will know if anyone is interested in advertising.

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41 **Town Manager Miera** stated that right now they want general approval to move
42 forward so that they can explore all options.

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44 **Councilmember Quintana made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-11 as**
45 **presented. Councilmember Cordova seconded the motion. The motion was**

1 **approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers**
2 **Cordova and Quintana. Voting NAY was: Councilmember Sanchez.**

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4 **7. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

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

6 Amendment of "Agreement for Confinement of Prisoners" with Taos County
7 Detention Center. The Town of Taos has an agreement with Taos County
8 Detention Center to house Town of Taos prisoners. The agreement is for a term
9 of one year from July 10, 2008 to July 10, 2009. The Town of Taos, under the
10 agreement, shall pay Taos County the total amount of \$100.00 per prisoner day.
11 Line item # 25-14-44005.

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

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18 **B. Eric Montoya, Administrative Fire Chief**

19 *Item continued from July 15, 2008 Regular Town Council Meeting:* Approval
20 of sole source determination and approve purchase and continue insurance
21 coverage for volunteer fire fighters with Manual Lujan Insurance, Inc. (Provident)
22 in the amount of 24,384.00

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24 **Administrative Fire Chief** explained that he had contacted several local
25 insurance agents to come up with this same insurance coverage. To date, only
26 Manual Lujan Insurance, Inc. was able to provide the coverage needed.

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28 **Councilmember Sanchez** asked that in the future the Town tries to get away
29 from sole source purchases so that the market can be more competitive.

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

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36 **C. Francisco "French" Espinoza, Public Works Director**

37 1. *Item continued from July 15, 2008 Regular Town Council Meeting:*
38 Approval of Resolution 08-54 – A Resolution to join the Enchanted Circle
39 Regional Transit District as a voting member of the district and participate in
40 the affairs of the district by appointing a board member and designee to the
41 Board of Directors.

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43 **Attorney Rael** explained that the purpose of this resolution is to explore the
44 possibility of having an Enchanted Circle Regional Transit District and to
45 appoint a voting member to the board.

1 **Councilmember Cordova** made a motion to approve Resolution 08-54 and
2 appoint Councilmember Cordova as the voting member and Councilmember
3 Quintana as the alternate. **Councilmember Quintana** seconded the motion.
4 The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were:
5 **Councilmembers Cordova, Sanchez and Quintana.**
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- 7 2. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to contract TT-95-027 issued to James
8 Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$65,191.91 inclusive of NMGRT. This is
9 the third year of this contract as issued under RFP No. 05-06-28 Bid No. 05-
10 06-28. The amendment includes additional services to be performed at the
11 Taos Convention Center and the Visitors Center as requested by the respective
12 Director.

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14 **Councilmember Sanchez** asked for an explanation of the past and current
15 contract amounts.

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17 **Merly James, owner of James Enterprises, LLC,** came forward and
18 explained the past amounts and current amounts and the new services that will
19 be provided.
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21 **Councilmember Cordova** made a motion to approve Amendment No. 2 to
22 contract TT-95-027 as presented. **Councilmember Quintana** seconded the
23 motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE**
24 were: **Councilmembers Cordova, Sanchez and Quintana.**
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26 **8. MATTERS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

- 27 **A.** Approval of Resolution 08-56 Supporting the Removal of Nuclear Waste at Los
28 Alamos National Laboratories.

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30 **Councilmember Quintana** made a motion to table Resolution 08-56 because it
31 was approved and adopted at the Joint/Town County Meeting on July 23, 2008.
32 **Councilmember Cordova** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an
33 affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Cordova, Sanchez**
34 **and Quintana.**
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- 36 **B.** Approval of Resolution 08-57 – amending the Open Meetings Act to change
37 Regular Town Council Meetings from starting at 6:30 p.m. to starting at 3:00 p.m.

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39 After discussion between staff and Council it was recommended that the meetings
40 would start at 9:30 a.m.

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42 **Councilmember Cordova** made a motion to approve Resolution 08-49 amending
43 the Resolution to state that meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and not at 3:00 p.m.
44 **Councilmember Quintana** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by
45 an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Councilmembers Cordova,**
46 **Sanchez and Quintana.**

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C. Discussion and approval of a contract for lease of water to El Prado Water & Sanitation District.

Attorney Rael stated that he had not been able to meet with Mr. Brockman. He recommended this item be tabled. He will bring it back at a later date.

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

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilmember Quintana made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Abeyta Water Settlement and pending litigation regarding Chamisa Verde pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H.7.

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

At 1:07 p.m., Councilmember Cordova made a motion to come out of Executive Session and stated that discussion in the Executive Session was limited to the item as it was called for. Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Cordova, Sanchez and Quintana.

10. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by **Councilmember Cordova** and seconded by **Councilmember Quintana** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at **1:08 p.m.**

APPROVED:

Bobby F. Duran Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk