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**Special Meeting
Taos Town Council
Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico
December 1, 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, Bobby F. Duran** at **5:31 p.m.**

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

Those present were:

Mayor	Bobby F. Duran
Councilmember	Darren Cordova
Councilmember	Rudy Abeyta
Councilmember	Eugene Sanchez
Councilmember	Amy Quintana

Also present were:

Town Manager	Daniel Miera
Asst. Town Manager	Abigail Adame
Town Attorney	Allen Ferguson
Town Clerk	Renee Lucero

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

5. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Discussion and possible appointment of a new Mayor effective January 1, 2009.

Councilmember Quintana stated she fully supports Councilmember Cordova being appointed as Mayor.

Councilmember Abeyta congratulated Mayor Duran on his retirement effective December 31, 2008. He wished Mayor Duran and his wife, Cleo, good luck in their

1 future endeavors. He stated he fully supports Councilmember Cordova's
2 appointment as Mayor. He further stated he and Councilmember Cordova have served
3 together for the last 2 years and 8 months and Councilmember Cordova has proven to
4 be very energetic, articulate, engaged and will be an excellent Mayor.

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6 Councilmember Sanchez stated he wants to wish Mayor Duran a relaxing and
7 pleasant retirement and thanked him for his service to the community.

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9 Mayor Duran stated he really enjoyed serving the citizens of this community and
10 looks forward to his time off with his family doing the things he enjoys doing. He
11 stated he's going to miss being a public servant, but he feels it's better if the
12 community has a Council who is united and can work together to move forward for
13 the benefit of the community.

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15 Councilmember Sanchez stated he would like to clarify certain messages that he
16 received. He assured the community that he did not feel any pressure by any
17 members of the Council in selecting Councilmember Cordova. He further stated he
18 supports Councilmember Cordova because, in his experience in dealing with him on
19 the Council, he has recognized tremendous energy and sincere interest in the
20 community. He has witnessed Councilmember Cordova tackling several issues and
21 finding solutions and furthermore, he's a young man with a lot of energy and a bright
22 future ahead of him. He believes that all that's important is that the Town moves
23 forward.

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25 **Councilmember Sanchez made a motion to appoint Councilmember Cordova as**
26 **Mayor of Taos effective January 1, 2009. Councilmember Quintana seconded**
27 **the motion.**

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29 Councilmember Abeyta recognized Councilmember Cordova's family. He stated that
30 this council is in harmony with issues and we are working together for the entire
31 community. He stated the Council will continue to move forward through the
32 leadership of Councilmember Cordova.

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34 **The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
35 **Councilmembers Abeyta, Sanchez and Quintana. Councilmember Cordova**
36 **abstained.**

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38 Councilmember Cordova commended Mayor Duran for his public service to the
39 community. He stated he has the utmost respect for Mayor Duran and he's honored
40 that the Council has placed their confidence in him to serve as the next Mayor
41 effective January 1, 2009. He assured the Council that he takes this appointment very
42 seriously and is committed to effectively fulfilling the responsibilities and obligations
43 of the Mayor. He stated he is looking forward to working with the Council and
44 establishing a daily presence at Town Hall. He also looks forward to working closely
45 with the Town Manager to implement the policies of the Council and is confident that
46 they will move forward in a positive manner. He stated he feels the Mayor should be

1 the liaison between the Council and the Town Manager to ensure the policies and
 2 vision of the council are carried out on a daily basis. He addressed the Town
 3 employees and looks forward to working closely with each and every one of them and
 4 commits to having an open-door policy, however he will acknowledge the chain of
 5 command. Councilmember Cordova assured the constituents he respects and honors
 6 each of them and will always remember the fact that the Councilmembers were
 7 elected by the same people who elected him. He stated he looks forward to moving
 8 the town in a positive direction and welcomes the challenge.

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 10 Councilmember Cordova stated his priority as Mayor will be economic development
 11 and economic stability in the community. He feels when those issues are at the
 12 forefront other projects, such as maintenance and construction of roads and
 13 community development, falls into place. He feels economic stability can become a
 14 reality if the leaders in our community work closely with the school system and
 15 encourage education. Again, he thanked the Council for their confidence in him.

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 17 Daniel Miera, Town Manager, stated that on his and the Management Team’s behalf,
 18 he looks forward to working closely with Councilmember Cordova as Mayor and
 19 moving the town forward in a positive direction.

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 21 **6. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by **Councilmember Abeyta** and seconded
 22 by **Councilmember Quintana** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried
 23 unanimously and the meeting adjourned at **5:55 p.m.**

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 30 **Bobby F. Duran Mayor**

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 33 **ATTEST:**

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 36 **Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**

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 40 *PLEASE NOTE: The Town of Taos records most Town Council Meetings via audio, however, only Regular Town Council Meetings and some Special Town Council Meetings, with controversial issues, are video recorded. Copies are available upon request at the Town Clerk’s Office located at 400 Camino de la Placita (575-751-2005) at a fee of \$5.00 for audio recordings and \$25.00 for video recordings.*