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**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**November 10, 2009
1:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Taos Town Council was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Darren M. Cordova at 1:47 p.m.

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

Those present were:

Mayor	Darren M. Cordova
Mayor Pro Tem	Rudy C. Abeyta
Councilmember	A. Eugene Sanchez
Councilmember	Amy J. Quintana
Councilmember	Michael A. Silva
Youth Councilmember	Feliz Vigil

Also present were:

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

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVE Item 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES after Item 6. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS.

DELETE Item 6.I. - Representatives from Taos County will be presenting a proclamation proclaiming the month of November as Foster Care & Adoption Recruitment Month.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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A. *October 13, 2009 Regular Meeting*

Councilmember Silva made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2009, Regular Meeting as presented. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.

B. *October 21, 2009 Special Meeting*

Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2009, Special Meeting as presented. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.

C. *October 27, 2009 Special Meeting*

Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 27, 2009, Special Meeting as presented. Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.

D. *November 10, 2009 Special Meeting*

Councilmember Silva made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 10, 2009, Special Meeting as presented. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.

6. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

**A. Loretta Trujillo, Human Resources Director
Star Department Presentation**

Mayor Cordova recognized Dinah Gonzales, Chair of the Employee Awards & Recognition Team, to assist in the presentation of an award to the Star Department for the month of November - Youth and Family Center.

**B. Loretta Trujillo, Human Resources Director
Recognition of Town of Taos Employee**

Mayor Cordova and Dinah Gonzales, Chair of the Employee Awards & Recognition Team, presented a certificate of appreciation to a Town employee for the month of November - John Thompson of the Human Resources Department.

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C. Loretta Trujillo, Human Resources Director

NEW HIRES (October 2009)

Robert Gutierrez - Recreation Specialist - Temporary Position within Recreation Department - Effective: October 19, 2009

Anthony Heron - Recreation Specialist - Temporary Position within Recreation Department - Effective: October 19, 2009

Carlos Sanchez - Recreation Specialist - Temporary Position within Recreation Department - Effective: October 19, 2009

Crystal Cordova - Grants Administrator - Full-Time Position within Finance Department - Effective: October 26, 2009

D. Loretta Trujillo, Human Resources Director

REASSIGNMENTS (October 2009)

Leroy Vigil - from Public Utilities Operator Trainee to Public Utilities Operator I - effective: October 3, 2009

Francella Garcia - from Grants Administrator to Clerk's Assistant/Receptionist - effective: October 5, 2009

Aaron Romero - from Public Utilities Operator (end of term) to Recreation Specialist (Temporary) - effective: October 19, 2009

E. Memorial Plaque

Mayor Cordova presented a memorial plaque honoring David DiCicco. Mayor Cordova stated Mr. DiCicco was a prime example of an outstanding community volunteer. He further stated Mr. DiCicco always offered his expertise and knowledge toward Town issues. For this, Mayor Cordova and the Town of Taos will always be grateful.

F. Presentation of Certificates

Mayor Cordova presented certificates to the following groups who contributed to another successful Terror on Civic Plaza Drive haunted house:

- Taos Tiger Varsity Cheerleaders
- Taos Tiger Varsity Cheerleader's Family and Friends
- Taos High School Student Council
- Taos Roasters Inc. – donated burlap sacks
- Quality Inn & Suites – donated old sheets
- Taos Youth & Family Center
- DMC Broadcasting, Inc.
- Taos Convention Center
- Building and Grounds Department
- Taos Police Department

- 1 Legal Department
- 2 Don Fernando de Taos Hotel & Suites
- 3 Parks Division
- 4 Taos Volunteer Fire Department
- 5 Public Utilities
- 6 Cathy Connelly
- 7 Albertson's
- 8 Cook's Home Center
- 9 George's Wood Works
- 10 Holy Cross Hospital
- 11 OMI Waste Water Treatment Plant
- 12 Randall Lumber & Hardware
- 13 Super Save
- 14 Annabelle Vigil
- 15 Walmart
- 16 Smith's Food & Drug Centers

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18 **G. Presentation of Proclamation**

19 Mayor Cordova presented a proclamation proclaiming November 20, 2009 as Big
20 Read Day.

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22 **H. Presentation of Proclamation**

23 Mayor Cordova presented a proclamation proclaiming the month of November
24 as Foster Care and Adoption Recruitment month.

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26 **7. CITIZENS FORUM (Speakers limited to 5 minutes each)**

27 **No one came forward.**

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29 **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

30 **A. Matthew Spriggs, Community & Economic Development Director**

31 Consideration of Ordinance 09-37, an Ordinance amending the official zoning
32 map of the Town of Taos with respect to property located at 1321 Salazar Road.

33 This action is the approval of the application of a Planned Unit Development for
34 Taos Youth Collaborative. This will allow for the campus, which will contain
35 Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, UNM Literacy Program, Taos Cyber School and
36 other youth oriented organizations to begin development.

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38 Matthew Spriggs, Community & Economic Development Director, presented
39 Ordinance 09-37 to the Mayor and Council.

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41 Rudy Perea, Senior Planner, stated the Planning & Zoning Commission has given
42 final approval with conditions as outlined on page 3 of 9 of the staff report. He
43 recommends approval.

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45 *Public Opinion*

46 Mayor Cordova opened the public hearing. No one came forward.

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1 After closing the public hearing, Mayor Cordova asked for questions from the
2 Council.

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4 Councilmember Quintana stated she will recuse herself from discussion and from
5 the vote because she is an employee of Rocky Mountain Youth Corps.

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7 Mayor Cordova asked Francisco Espinoza, Public Works Director, for an update
8 on the extension of Salazar Road. Mr. Espinoza stated the road is accessible to
9 the site and the road is being prepared for 6” base course.

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11 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-37 as**
12 **presented. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was**
13 **approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem**
14 **Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez and Silva. Councilmember Quintana**
15 **abstained.**

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17 **9. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

18 **A. Loretta Trujillo, Human Resources Director**

19 Approval of Resolution No. 09-61 - A Resolution of the Town of Taos Council
20 waiving the provisions of Town Ordinance Title 3, Section 2.80.070 with respect
21 to hiring of an immediate family member of a current Town of Taos Employee.
22 The Town of Taos has recommended for hire Marcos A. Vigil within the
23 Recreation Department, Pool Division, who is the son of Town employee Allen
24 Vigil, who works within the Community and Economic Development Department

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26 **Councilmember Quintana made a motion to approve Resolution 09-61 as**
27 **presented. Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta seconded the motion. The motion was**
28 **approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem**
29 **Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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31 **B. Marietta Fambro, Finance Director (with Crystal Cordova, Grants**
32 **Administrator)**

33 Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement (Community Development
34 Block Grant) CDBG Project No. 08-C-NR-I-01-G-18 to adjust to the original
35 budget submitted to CDBG with final project amounts. Increase Town Match
36 from the original amount of \$120,000 to \$395,938.39 - a total increase of
37 \$275,928.39.

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39 Crystal Cordova, Grants Administrator, stated amendments to CDBG Grants
40 require a new Project Cost/Financing Form and Council approval even if the
41 Town Match has increased. She stated the purpose of the increase is due to
42 changes in engineering services and also, during the RFP process, the original low
43 bidder was excluded because they did not provide all the required bid documents.

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45 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to Amendment No. 1 to Grant**
46 **Agreement CDBG Project No. 08-C-NR-I-01-G-18 as presented.**

1 **Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an**
2 **affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and**
3 **Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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5 **10. MATTERS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

6 - Mr. Miera stated the revisions to the sign code will be ready for Council action in
7 December. He asked when the Council wants to take action. Mayor Cordova
8 directed Mr. Miera to schedule the item for the Regular Meeting on December 8,
9 2009.

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11 - Mr. Miera asked Amos Torres, Public Utilities Director, to update the Council on
12 the utilities at the Youth Collaborative construction site. Mr. Torres stated the
13 design work is complete and materials have been purchased. He believes
14 construction will start next week and will be completed within 3 weeks.

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16 **11. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

17 Councilmember Sanchez asked for a status on the Eco Park. Mr. Spriggs stated the
18 progress is going well and the rough grading and utility plan will be complete in the
19 near future. The design is schedule for completion in January of 2010 and the
20 ground-breaking is schedule to take place in March of 2010. The field will have a
21 certified FIFA surface and will be regulation size.

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23 **Councilmember Sanchez made a motion to suspend the rules to add an**
24 **Executive Session at the end of the meeting. Councilmember Silva seconded the**
25 **motion. The motion was confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE**
26 **were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and**
27 **Silva.**

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29 **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

30 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to**
31 **NMSA Section 10-15-1.H(2) to discuss the resignation of the Chief of Police. No**
32 **action will be taken.**

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34 **Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed by**
35 **an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta and**
36 **Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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38 **At 3:26 p.m., Councilmember Silva made a motion to come out of Executive**
39 **Session and stated discussion in the Executive Session was limited to the item as**
40 **it was called for. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion**
41 **was confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem**
42 **Abeyta and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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44 **13. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilmember Silva and seconded**
45 **by Councilmember Sanchez to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried**
46 **unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.**

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APPROVED:

Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

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