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**Special Meeting
Taos Town Council
Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico
January 5, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting of the Taos Town Council was called to order by the **Honorable Mayor Darren M. Cordova** at **10:07 a.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

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 Quintana led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Marietta Fambro, Finance Director (with Francisco “French” Espinoza, Public Works Director)

Approval of Resolution 09-03 Budget Adjustment Request:

- 1) Capital Improvements Fund (51) - Transfer from Capital to Operating, Street Maintenance Project (51-56) in the amount of \$11,200 to cover miscellaneous concrete work at various locations within the Town limits for infrastructure repair & maintenance.

1 **Councilmember Quintana made a motion to approve Part 1 of Resolution 09-**
2 **02 as presented. Councilmember Abeyta seconded the motion. The motion**
3 **was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro**
4 **Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez and Quintana.**

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6 2) 1994 GRT Revenue Bond Acquisition Fund (56) - Transfer from Capital to
7 Operating, Street Improvements (56-13) in the amount of \$9,200 to install curb &
8 gutter on Sunset Road located at the Chamisa Verde Housing Subdivision. Work was
9 continued for 200 ft. to new boundary established by the Community Housing
10 Development Organization.

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12 **Councilmember Abeyta made a motion to approve Part 2 of Resolution 09-02**
13 **as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Cordova seconded the motion. The motion**
14 **was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro**
15 **Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez and Quintana.**

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17 **6. MATTERS FROM TOWN ATTORNEY**

18 Approval of Amendment #1 to Contract #TT-09-92 with Robles, Rael and Anaya, PC in
19 the amount of \$21,376 inclusive of Gross Receipts Tax. Contract is for legal services
20 regarding Abeyta Water Rights. Previous contract amount was for \$32,062.50 inclusive
21 of Gross Receipts Tax. Total contract with this amended amount will come to
22 \$53,438.50.

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24 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta stated he feels the Town should keep legal services regarding the
25 Abeyta Water Rights in-house to allow the Town's attorneys to become the experts in the
26 case. He further recommended changing the amount of the contract to \$5,000 and allow
27 Mr. Ferguson to evaluate the feasibility of having in-house representation for the Abeyta
28 Water Rights case in order to achieve continuity and expertise.

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30 Daniel Miera, Town Manager, stated if the Town kept the work on the Abeyta Water
31 Rights case in-house, the Attorneys would have to catch up on about 18 years of research
32 and studies.

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34 Councilmember Sanchez stated Robles, Rael and Anaya, PC have not been involved on
35 this case for 18 years and agrees with Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta. He further pointed out all
36 negotiations have already been completed and agreed upon.

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38 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to Contract**
39 **TT-09-92 with Robles, Rael and Anaya, PC amending the amount to \$5,000 plus**
40 **Gross Receipts Tax for legal services regarding Abeyta Water Rights.**
41 **Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was approved by**
42 **an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and**
43 **Councilmembers Sanchez and Quintana.**

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45 **7. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

46 **A. Discussion and appointment of Councilmember Michael A. Silva to fill vacant**
47 **Council seat.**
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1 Mayor Cordova stated one of his first tasks since being appointed Mayor is to fill the
 2 vacant Town Council seat. Mayor Cordova introduced Mr. Michael A. Silva as his
 3 recommendation. He stated Mr. Silva is a long-time Taoseño and is in harmony with
 4 his vision of the community regarding economic development. Mayor Cordova
 5 further stated Mr. Silva is a long-time business owner and comes from a generation of
 6 family-owned businesses that have prospered even through tough economic
 7 challenges. Mayor Cordova asked members of the Council for their consensus in
 8 appointing Mr. Silva.
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10 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to appoint Michael A. Silva to Town**
 11 **Councilmember. Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion**
 12 **was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro**
 13 **Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez and Quintana.**
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15 Mayor Cordova stated this appointment was a difficult task because there were 14
 16 very qualified candidates who submitted applications. He stated each candidate
 17 brought unique qualities, however, only one could be chosen. Mayor Cordova is
 18 confident Mr. Silva will work well with the Council in progressively moving the
 19 Town forward.
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21 **B. Oath of Office to be administered to newly appointed Councilmember, by Municipal**
 22 **Judge Richard Chavez.**
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24 Municipal Judge, Richard Chavez, swore in Councilmember Michael A. Silva.
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26 Councilmember Silva introduced his family. He congratulated Mayor Cordova
 27 on being Mayor-Appoint and stated he shares many of the same views as the
 28 Mayor and promises to work closely with the Council. In addition, he thanked the
 29 Mayor and Councilmembers for placing their faith in him and looks forward to
 30 serving the community. He stated he will always remember he is working for the
 31 citizens and promises to be fair and abide by the policies and codes of the Town.
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33 **6. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by **Councilmember Silva** and seconded by
 34 **Councilmember Abeyta** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously
 35 and the meeting adjourned at **10:50 a.m.**
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38 **APPROVED:**
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 41 **Darren M. Cordova, Mayor**
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43 **ATTEST:**
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 46 **Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**