

1 STATE OF THE TOWN
2 Taos Town Council
3 Rio Grande Hall
4 121 Civic Plaza Drive
5 Taos, New Mexico 87571
6 Tuesday, January 27, 2009
7 5:30 p.m.

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9 MINUTES

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12 1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The State of the Town Meeting was called to order by the
13 Honorable Mayor Darren M. Cordova at 5:35 p.m.

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15 2. **ROLL CALL:** Ms. Sandra Gonzales, Executive Assistant, called roll and a
16 quorum was present.

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18 **Those present were:**

19 Mayor Darren M. Cordova
20 Mayor Pro Tem Rudy C. Abeyta
21 Councilmember A. Eugene Sanchez
22 Councilmember Amy J. Quintana
23 Councilmember Michael A. Silva

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25 **Also present were:**

26 Town Manager Daniel Miera
27 Asst. Town Manager Abigail Adame
28 Town Attorney Allen Ferguson
29 Town Clerk Renee Lucero

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31 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Silva led the audience in the
32 pledge of allegiance.

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

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38 5. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

39 **A. Employee of the Year Award**

40 Mayor Cordova recognized Judy Esquibel, from the Youth & Family Center, as
41 Employee of the Year and read the following statement:

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43 Judy was selected as employee of the year due to her endless supply of energy.
44 She is always willing to go above and beyond to make each event “just right” and
45 to make sure everyone involved is “happy”. It is through Judy’s efforts that we

1 have all the beautiful lights downtown we enjoy during the holidays. Thanks
2 Judy for your dedication and hard work.

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4 **B. Team of the Year Award**

5 Mayor Cordova recognized the Buildings & Grounds Department as Team of the
6 Year and read the following statement:

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8 During the construction of the new facility the Buildings and Grounds crew have
9 made themselves available to move everything from boxes to furniture, along
10 with maintaining their regular work duties. In addition, it is amazing this crew
11 continues to do their job with a positive attitude. Furthermore, the crew of
12 Buildings and Grounds Department is such a pleasure to work with; with the
13 tremendous number of buildings to maintain, they continue to demonstrate team
14 work and positive attitudes.

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16 **C. Recognition of the Employee Awards & Recognition Team and the Outgoing
17 Members:**

18 Mayor Cordova recognized the Employee Awards & Recognition Team as
19 follows:

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21 **Old Team**

22 Eric Fresquez, Chair
23 Tammie Romero, Co-Chair
24 Lauren Felts, Treasurer
25 Gloria Cardenas, Secretary
26 Moises Sanchez, Member
27 Ron Reinikainen, Member

21 **NEW TEAM**

22 Dinah Gonzales, Chair
23 Tammie Romero, Co-Chair
24 Barbara Yuma- Romero, Treasurer
25 Jeanne Kitzman, Secretary
26 John Thompson, Amy Seidel, HR Reps
27 Porfirio Griego, Member
28 Tamara Chavez, Member
29 Ed Ramsey, Member
30 "Special Helper" Carmen Gonzales

29 **Outgoing Members**

30 Moises Sanchez
31 Ron Reinikainen

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33 **D. Employee Service Awards**

34 **Mayor Cordova, with the assistance of Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta handed out 5-
35 year service pins to:**

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37 Elerio Mondragon
38 Sandra Rivera
39 Robert Salazar
40 Keith Syling
41 Eric Thomas
42 Virgil Vigil
43 John Wentz
44 Leroy Gonzales
45 Carlos Ortega
46 Shirley Fernandez

- 1 Guillermo Voigt
- 2 Tracee Gonzales
- 3 Moises Sanchez
- 4 Richard Vigil

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6 **Mayor Cordova, with the assistance of Councilmember Sanchez handed out**
 7 **10-year service pins to:**

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- 9 Judy Esquibel
- 10 Anthony Struck
- 11 Ricardo Romero
- 12 Ray Martinez
- 13 Karen Johnson
- 14 Gloria Cardenas
- 15 Thomas Medina
- 16 Dominic Maestas

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18 **Mayor Cordova, with the assistance of Councilmember Quintana handed out**
 19 **15-year service pins to:**

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- 21 Leroy Trujillo
- 22 Shirley Lujan

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24 **Mayor Cordova, with the assistance of Councilmember Silva handed out a**
 25 **20-year service pin to:**

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- 27 Joseph Valerio

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29 **E. Recognition of 2008 Employee Retirees**
 30 **Mayor Cordova recognized the following on their retirement:**

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32 **Susan Estes Romero** retired from the Town of Taos on November 28, 2008. Ms.
 33 Romero dedicated 25 years and 8 months of service to the community.

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35 **Mayor Bobby Duran** retired from the Town of Taos on December 31, 2008.
 36 Mayor Duran dedicated 22 years and 7 months to the Town.

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38 **6. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

39 **A. Approval of Resolution 09-01; Open Meetings Act**

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41 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta** made a motion to approve Resolution 09-01 as
 42 presented. **Councilmember Quintana** seconded the motion. The motion was
 43 approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting **AYE** were: **Mayor Pro Tem**
 44 **Abeyta and Councilmembers: Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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7. STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

Mayor Cordova delivered his State of the Town Address.

8. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by **Councilmember Silva** and seconded by **Councilmember Quintana** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk