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**Special Meeting
Taos Town Council
Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico
October 8, 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 10:02 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

Also present were:

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

Absent was:

Councilmember	Michael A. Silva
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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. CITIZENS FORUM

No one came forward.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Amos Torres, Public Utilities Director

Consideration and approval of Amendment # 4 to Contract #TT-09-133 with Souder Miller & Associates for the Engineering and Design of the improvements

1 to the Taos Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Amendment is to complete the
2 Preliminary Engineering Report required for American Reinvestment and
3 Recovery Act funding. The contract amendment is in the amount of \$37,198.50
4 exclusive of GRT.

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6 Amos Torres, Public Works Director, explained that the amendment is for design
7 services for Phase 2 and 3 of the Taos Valley Regional Wastewater Treatment
8 Plant and stated the item is required to receive American Reinvestment and
9 Recovery Act Funding. Additionally, he stated the total project cost is
10 \$9,370,000.

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12 Mayor Cordova asked Daniel Miera, Town Manager, to evaluate the specific
13 scope of work for the project to ensure the percentages outlined in the Project
14 Phasing Plan spreadsheet are correct.

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16 **Councilmember Quintana made a motion to approve Amendment # 4 to**
17 **Contract #TT-09-133 with Souder Miller & Associates for the Engineering**
18 **and Design as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta seconded the motion. The**
19 **motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
20 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez and Quintana.**

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22 **B. Amos Torres, Public Utilities Director**

23 Recommendation to award and authorization to allow the Mayor to enter into a
24 contract for the purchase of membranes for the upgrades to the Taos Regional
25 Wastewater Treatment Facility per RFP # 09-10-05. Funding will be from either
26 Water Trust Board or American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Proposals will
27 be reviewed the evening of October 7th and the morning of October 8th;
28 therefore, the contractor and contract amount will be announced at the Council
29 Meeting.

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31 Mr. Torres explained that 6 proposals were received in response to the Request
32 for Proposals. The highest ranked bidder is GE in the amount of \$2,438,850. He
33 stated the award is contingent on a waiver from the Environmental Protection
34 Agency because there are no companies in the United States who manufacture the
35 membranes.

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37 Mayor Cordova explained that the deadlines set by the American Reinvestment
38 and recovery Act must be met to receive funding (\$2,100,000 grant plus
39 \$1,000,000 loan) and further stated the plans and specifications are due to the
40 New Mexico Environment Department by November 9, 2009.

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42 Mr. Torres stated another contingency is that GE only offered a 2 year full
43 warranty and an 8 year pro-rated warranty, instead of a 10 year warranty as
44 requested in the RFP. He stated if GE does not meet the criteria, the Town will
45 go to the second highest ranked RFP – Enviroquip.

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Councilmember Quintana made a motion to award RFP # 09-10-05 for the purchase of membranes for the upgrades to the Taos Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility to GE in the amount of \$2,438,850 with the following contingencies: 1) that the Environmental Protection Agency provide a waiver due to the membranes being manufactured outside the United States; 2) that GE provide a 10 year warranty; and 3) that the Town receives grant and loan funding for the project. Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez and Quintana.

7. MATTERS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

8. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

9. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by **Councilmember Abeyta** and seconded by **Councilmember Quintana** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at **10:31 a.m.**

APPROVED:

Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

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