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MINUTES
ANNUAL BUDGET RETREAT
Taos Town Council
Coronado Hall - Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico 87571
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
8:30 a.m.

10 **1. CALL TO ORDER:** The Annual Budget Retreat was called to order by the
11 **Honorable Darren M. Cordova at 8:39 a.m.**

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

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16 **Those present were:**

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

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23 **Also present were:**

24 **Town Manager** **Daniel Miera**
25 **Asst. Town Manager** **Abigail Adame**
26 **Town Clerk** **Renee Lucero**
27 **Finance Director** **Marietta Fambro**

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29 **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Quintana led the audience in
30 **the Pledge of Allegiance.**

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32 **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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34 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.**
35 **Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried**
36 **unanimously.**

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38 **5. BUDGET PRESENTATIONS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

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40 **A. Overview of the Budget Process/Policies** **Daniel Miera**

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42 Daniel Miera, Town Manager stated there is no increase in revenue and the Town
43 needs to return to a 1/12 reserve. He stated there will be no automatic salary
44 increase on July 1, 2009; however, the Town has retained the employee December
45 lump sum benefit of \$250 to \$500. Mr. Miera stated the budget process has been
46 very detailed this year. He also stated the Town's unfinished Capital

1 Improvement Projects will have their balance placed back in General Fund and
2 stated the funding will then be prioritized and used to complete the projects prior
3 to beginning new Capital Improvement Projects. Mr. Miera also stated the Pay
4 and Classification plan should be reviewed annually and readjusted at a minimum
5 of every 3 or 4 years.
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7 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta stated he wants to support nonprofits such as Ancianos
8 and Community Against Violence.
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10 Mayor Cordova stated he wishes for the Councilmembers to stand together on the
11 matter of funding nonprofits, as politically it can be difficult to say no to them.
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13 Councilmember Sanchez stated he wants \$50,000 to go to Taos Economic
14 Development Corporation, as they have done a lot for the community and are
15 suffering from federal budget cuts.
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17 **B. Revenue Projections**

Marietta Fambro

18 Marietta Fambro, Finance Director, reviewed the estimated revenues for the Town
19 of Taos. She stated adjustments still need to be made to the department budgets
20 to accommodate for a shortfall of approximately \$214,000.
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22 **C. Capital Projects**

Marietta Fambro

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24 **Councilmember Sanchez made a motion to tentatively approve the Capital**
25 **Projects budget. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. The motion was**
26 **approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem**
27 **Abeyta and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**
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29 **D. Central Communications Budget Request**

Shirley Lujan

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31 **Councilmember Quintana made a motion to tentatively approve the Central**
32 **Communications Budget Request. Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta seconded the**
33 **motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting**
34 **AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta and Councilmembers Sanchez,**
35 **Quintana and Silva.**
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37 **E. Police Department Budget Request**

Daron Syling

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39 **Councilmember Quintana made a motion to tentatively approve the Police**
40 **Department Budget Request. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion.**
41 **The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
42 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**
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44 **Corrections Budget Request**

Daron Syling

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1 **ATTEST:**

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4 **Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**
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10 *with controversial issues, are video recorded. Copies are available upon request at the*
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