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MINUTES
ANNUAL BUDGET RETREAT
Taos Town Council
Coronado Hall - Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico 87571
Thursday, May 14, 2009
9:00 a.m.

10 **1. CALL TO ORDER:** The Annual Budget Retreat was called to order by the
11 **Honorable Darren M. Cordova at 9:05 a.m.**

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13 **2. ROLL CALL:** Sandra Gonzales, Executive Assistant, called roll and a quorum
14 **was 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 (left the meeting early and Sandra**
27 **Gonzales took motions)**
28 **Finance Director** **Marietta Fambro**

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

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33 **4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

34 **Councilmember Silva** made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented.
35 **Councilmember Quintana** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

38 **A. Street Maintenance Budget Request** **Francisco Espinoza & Joseph Valerio**

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40 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta noted the large amount of personal leave sellback and
41 asked Daniel Miera, Town Manager, to reevaluate leave sellback policy.

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43 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to tentatively approve Street**
44 **Maintenance Budget Request. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion.**
45 **The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**
46 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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B. Landfill Budget Request Francisco Espinoza & Joseph Valerio

Councilmember Silva made a motion to tentatively approve Landfill Budget Request. 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, Quintana and Silva.

C. Recycling Budget Request Francisco Espinoza & Marbella Trujillo

Councilmember Quintana made a motion to tentatively approve Recycling Budget Request. 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.

Mayor Cordova asked to let the record show that all approvals today will be tentative.

D. Fleet Maintenance Budget Request Francisco Espinoza & Mario Montoya

Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to tentatively approve Fleet Maintenance Budget Request. 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.

E. Community & Economic Dev. Budget Request Matthew Spriggs

Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to tentatively approve Community & Economic Dev. Budget Request. 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.

Mayor Cordova stated, in regards to Long Range Planning, a priority is to get a Hydrologist on board. He asked Matthew Spriggs to collaborate with the County in order to do so. Mayor Cordova stated that another priority is renewing our efforts in completing the Master Plan. Abigail Adame, Assistant Town Manager, stated that the hydrologist will probably be hired on July 1, 2009.

Mayor Cordova called for a break at 10:05 a.m. and stated the meeting will reconvene by 11:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

F. Regional Airport Budget Request Mark Fratrack

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K. Utility Billing Budget Request Debbie Medina-Vigil

Councilmember Silva made a motion to tentatively approve Utility Billing Budget Request. 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.

L. Buildings Budget Request Manuel Pacheco

Councilmember Silva noted the high cost of cell phone use and recommended switching to 2-way radios. Mayor Cordova stated that the Town needs to narrow down who really need cell phones in all departments.

Councilmember Silva made a motion to tentatively approve Buildings Budget Request. 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.

M. Parks Budget Request Manuel Pacheco & Dennis Martinez

Councilmember Quintana made a motion to tentatively approve Parks Budget Request. 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, Quintana and Silva.

Councilmember Sanchez expressed concern regarding the appearance and health of trees at Kit Carson Park. He stated the Town should hire a professional to trim the trees in order to preserve the health of the existing trees. He also stated the tennis courts are in disrepair, and encouraged Dennis Martinez, Parks Superintendent, to work with the Town Manager in order to get the work done, and have the parks facilities operational and beautiful.

6. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta and seconded by Councilmember Silva to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

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