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**Special Meeting
Taos Town Council
Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico
May 26, 2009
1:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting of the Taos Town Council was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Abeyta at 1:36 p.m.

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

Those present were:

Mayor Pro Tem	Rudy C. Abeyta
Councilmember	A. Eugene Sanchez
Councilmember	Amy J. Quintana
Councilmember	Michael A. Silva

Also present were:

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

Absent was:

Mayor	Darren M. Cordova (out of town)
Town Manager	Daniel Miera

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Abigail Adame, Assistant Town Manager, led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Quintana made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. **Councilmember Silva** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

- R.G. Wells came forward to speak about problems concerning the Police Department. He alleges police officers are tapping on his window in the middle of the night. He stated he has complained to the Council and the Chief of Police and nothing has been done about the situation. He recommended the Council read the United States Constitution.

1 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta asked Mr. Wells if he has evidence of the police officers
2 tapping on his window. Mr. Wells stated no, because it is up to the Chief to find
3 out who is doing this.
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5 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta stated he does not personally believe the police officers
6 would do what Mr. Wells is alleging, but the situation will be investigated. He
7 asked to let the record show that Mr. Wells has come before the Mayor and
8 Council in the past and accused Town of Taos Police Officers of stealing 10
9 envelopes from under his bed and states he is a light sleeper, but did not hear
10 them. He also stated Mr. Wells is now accusing Town of Taos Police Officers of
11 tapping on his windows. He asked the Chief to look into the situation.
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- 13 • Albert Giron stated he has children who skateboard and he is disappointed the
14 skate park at the Youth & Family Center is closed. He stated he has contacted
15 staff at the Youth & Family Center, but does not get answers as to why the skate
16 park is closed.
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18 Brian Greer, Youth & Family Center Director, stated the skate park is temporarily
19 closed because the Town Manager asked the Buildings & Grounds Director to
20 evaluate how the cracks can be repaired. He stated the Town Manager has asked
21 that the skate park remain closed until it is repaired for the safety and well-being
22 of the public. He will notify the public when it is re-opened.
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24 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta asked Ms. Adame to follow up on this situation and make
25 the skate park a priority.
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27 6. MATTERS FROM STAFF

28 **Loretta Trujillo, Human Resources Director**

29 Approval of Resolution 09-23 - waiver to hire an immediate family member of a
30 Town of Taos Employee. The Town is proposing to hire Kaeli Johnston as a
31 temporary employee within the Pool Division of the Recreation Department. Kaeli
32 is the sister of Town of Taos employee Kelci Johnston who works part time within the
33 Pool Division. Ms. Johnston is currently lifeguard, CPR Pro, and First Aid Certified
34 and would be a great asset to the Pool Division.
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36 **Councilmember Sanchez made a motion to approve the item as presented.**
37 **Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was approved by**
38 **an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Sanchez,**
39 **Quintana and Silva.**
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41 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

42 **Marietta Fambro, Finance Director**

43 Consideration and approval of **Ordinance 09-11** authorizing the execution and
44 delivery of a loan agreement and intercept agreement by and between the Town of
45 Taos, New Mexico (the "governmental unit") and the New Mexico Finance Authority
46 for the purpose of constructing Phase 1 of the Eco Park.

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Marietta Fambro, Finance Director, asked the Council to continue this item at another meeting because the Joint Powers Agreement and Lease Agreement with Taos Municipal Schools is not yet finalized.

Councilmember Sanchez made a motion to continue Ordinance 09-11 to the Special Town Council Meeting on May 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Council Chambers. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.

8. MATTERS FROM TOWN ATTORNEY

Town acknowledgment of Taos County Economic Development Corporation (TCEDC)'s collateral assignment of beneficial interest in water rights in trust (a Hughes water rights-related issue).

Mr. Ferguson stated Taos County Economic Development Corporation (TCEDC) would like to pledge 7 acre feet of water rights to be able to get a much needed \$100,000 loan.

Councilmember Quintana stated she hopes TCEDC will be able to get the funding so that they can continue their program as they do so many good things for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta agreed and commended TCEDC for their hard work.

Councilmember Sanchez made a motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.

6. 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 **2:05 p.m.**

APPROVED:

Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

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