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**Special Meeting
Taos Town Council
Town Council Chambers
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos, New Mexico
July 21, 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 Darren M. Cordova at 1:34 p.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
Councilmember	Michael A. Silva

Also present were:

Town Manager	Daniel Miera
Town Attorney	Allen Ferguson
Town Clerk	Renee Lucero

Absent was:

Assistant Town Manager Abigail Adame (attended another Town meeting)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ADD Item 6. Matters from Mayor and Council – Discussion regarding Peter Bashten, IDEAS.

ADD Item 7. Executive Session - subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant, to consider prospective litigation between the Town of Taos and the Plaza Theater and Arts Center, LLC and/or associated individuals and entities pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1.H(7).

1 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended.**
2 **Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion carried**
3 **unanimously.**
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5 **5. MATTERS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

6 Discussion and approval of Joint Powers Agreement and Lease with Taos Municipal
7 Schools for the Salazar Eco Park Sports Complex.
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9 Mayor Cordova thanked Daniel Miera, Town Manager, and Allen Ferguson, Town
10 Attorney for their hard work in completing the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and
11 lease. He appreciates the fact that the primary mission is the collaboration between
12 the Town of Taos and Taos Municipal Schools toward making Taos a sports
13 destination.
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15 Mr. Miera stated the JPA and lease have been approved by the Taos Municipal
16 School Board and he recommends approval by the Council. He also stated a
17 correction is needed on page 11, line 430, replacing the word “District” with “Town”.
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19 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta referred to page 4, lines 163 and 164 and read the following
20 for the listening audience: “after careful consideration by the Town Council and the
21 School District, the parties desire to enter into this JPA.” He emphasized that the
22 Council has given the JPA careful consideration and is ready to move forward.
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24 There was a discussion regarding Exhibit B which is referred to on page 5, line 214,
25 but is not in the packet. Justin Lee, member of the School Sports Alliance Board of
26 Directors, stated Exhibit B consists of the Taos High School football field, soccer
27 field, track, and baseball field; the Taos Middle School football field, baseball field
28 and the Ranchos Elementary School soccer field. He stated these fields will be
29 available to the Town and public as part of the JPA.
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31 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta read page 7, line 261 through 266 regarding the construction
32 by the Town. He thanked all parties involved for their hard work.
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34 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement**
35 **and Lease with Taos Municipal Schools for the Salazar Eco Park Sports**
36 **Complex. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. The motion was**
37 **confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem**
38 **Abeyta and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**
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40 **6. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

41 Discussion regarding Peter Bashton, IDEAS (this consultant was hired to conduct a
42 review of the Taos School District).
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44 Councilmember Sanchez stated Mr. Bashton’s work is absolutely remarkable. He
45 recommends hiring Mr. Bashton to review all departments and streamline the

1 operations of the Town of Taos to run more efficiently. He stated he wants the
2 consultant to review the operations at the treatment plant and the landfill.

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4 Mayor Cordova asked Mr. Miera to set up a meeting with Mr. Bashton and ask him
5 for a proposal to be presented to the Council as an action item.

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7 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta stated he agrees that a review of each department is
8 necessary; however, he does not believe it is necessary to hire an outside consultant.
9 He believes a team of in-house experts can complete the review.

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11 Councilmember Sanchez stated he believes an outside consultant is needed, one who
12 is an expert and has no agendas and one who points out weaknesses and provides
13 solutions.

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15 Mayor Cordova stated that from an operational standpoint the Town does need to
16 look at each department's processes, whether or not we hire a consultant.

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18 Mr. Miera stated he will schedule a meeting with Mr. Bashton and request a proposal.

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20 **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilmember Quintana made a motion to go into**
21 **Executive Session subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to**
22 **threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a**
23 **participant, to consider prospective litigation between the Town of Taos and the**
24 **Plaza Theater and Arts Center, LLC and/or associated individuals and entities**
25 **pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1.H(7).**

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28 **Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed by an**
29 **affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta and**
30 **Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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32 **At 2:58 p.m., Councilmember Quintana made a motion to come out of Executive**
33 **Session and stated discussion in the Executive Session was limited to the item as**
34 **it was called for. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. The motion was**
35 **confirmed by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem**
36 **Abeyta and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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38 **9. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by **Councilmember Quintana** and
39 seconded by **Councilmember Silva** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried
40 unanimously and the meeting adjourned at **2:58 p.m.**

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43 **APPROVED:**

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Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

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