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**Special Meeting  
Taos Town Council  
Town Council Chambers  
120 Civic Plaza Drive  
Taos, New Mexico  
July 28, 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 1:35 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
Assistant Town Manager	Abigail Adame
Town Attorney	Allen Ferguson
Town Clerk	Renee Lucero

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Sanchez led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**DELETE “(With Amos Torres, Public Utilities Director)” at the end of item 7.B.3.**

**ADD Item 8. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL – Discussion regarding Parking Meter Program.**

**Councilmember Silva made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**5. CITIZENS FORUM**

**No one came forward.**

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1       **A. Allen Ferguson, Town Attorney**

2       Consideration and approval of Ordinance 09-15 - An ordinance increasing the  
3       judicial education fee.

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5       Allen Ferguson, Town Attorney, stated the ordinance raises the judicial education  
6       fee from \$2 to \$3 as mandated by the 2009 State Legislature.

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8       **Public Opinion**

9       Mayor Cordova opened the public hearing. No one came forward.

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11       After closing the public hearing, Mayor Cordova asked for questions from the  
12       Council.

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14       **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-15.**  
15       **Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was approved**  
16       **by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta,**  
17       **and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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19       **B. Francella Garcia, Grants Administrator**

- 20       1. Consideration and action to approve Ordinance 09-14 for the execution and  
21       delivery of a water project fund loan/grant agreement No. 71-WTB between  
22       the New Mexico Water Trust Board (Grantors) and the New Mexico Finance  
23       Authority (Lenders) totaling one million three hundred thousand dollars  
24       (\$1,300,000). The funding breakdown will consist of a loan in the amount of  
25       one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) and a grant in the amount of  
26       one million one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,170,000) for the cost  
27       associated with phase two of a four phase Wastewater Treatment Plant  
28       Rehabilitation Project. *(With Amos Torres, Public Utilities Director)*

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30       **Public Opinion**

31       Mayor Cordova opened the public hearing. No one came forward.

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33       After closing the public hearing, Mayor Cordova asked for questions from the  
34       Council.

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36       **Councilmember Silva made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-14.**  
37       **Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was approved**  
38       **by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem**  
39       **Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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41       2. Consideration and action to approve Ordinance 09-16 for the execution and  
42       delivery of a water project fund loan/grant agreement No. 95-WTB from the  
43       New Mexico Water Trust Board (Grantors) and the New Mexico Finance  
44       Authority (Lenders) totaling three million dollars (\$3,000,000). The funding  
45       breakdown will consist of a loan in the amount of six hundred thousand  
46       (\$600,000) and a grant in the amount of two million four hundred thousand

1 dollars (\$2,400,000) for the cost associated with the beginning of phase three  
2 of a four phase Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project. *(With*  
3 *Amos Torres, Public Utilities Director)*

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5 **Public Opinion**

6 Mayor Cordova opened the public hearing. No one came forward.

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8 After closing the public hearing, Mayor Cordova asked for questions from the  
9 Council.

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11 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-16.**  
12 **Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. The motion was approved by**  
13 **an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta,**  
14 **and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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16 **C. Matthew Spriggs, Community & Economic Development Director**

17 Consideration and approval of Ordinance 09-17 authorizing the Mayor to sign a  
18 Quit Claim deed returning the property to RJ2M and Cunnyngham Properties that  
19 was donated to the Town of Taos for the construction of the Alexander Gusdorf  
20 Eco Park. The property is located roughly at the alignment of Salazar Road and  
21 the alignment of Roy Road.

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23 Matthew Spriggs, Community & Economic Development Director stated the  
24 property was donated with the provision that the Town construct the Eco-Park at  
25 this location and now that the Eco Park site has changed, the Town is returning  
26 the property to the owners.

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28 Mayor Cordova thanked the Cunnynghams for their contributions to the  
29 community.

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31 **Public Opinion**

32 Mayor Cordova opened the public hearing. No one came forward.

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34 After closing the public hearing, Mayor Cordova asked for questions from the  
35 Council.

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37 The Councilmembers also thanked the Cunnynghams for their contribution.

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39 Councilmember Quintana asked the Cunnynghams to consider donating the land  
40 to be used as a dog park.

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42 **Councilmember Silva made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-17.**  
43 **Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by**  
44 **an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and**  
45 **Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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1 **7. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

2 **A. Francella Garcia, Grants Administrator**

- 3 1. Consideration and approval to accept grant/loan agreement No.71-WTB from  
4 the New Mexico Water Trust Board (Grantors) and the New Mexico Finance  
5 Authority (Lenders) totaling one million three hundred thousand dollars  
6 (\$1,300,000). The funding breakdown will consist of a loan in the amount of  
7 one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) and a grant in the amount of  
8 one million one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,170,000) for the cost  
9 associated with phase two of a four phase Wastewater Treatment Plant  
10 Rehabilitation Project. *(With Amos Torres, Public Utilities Director*

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12 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to accept grant/loan agreement**  
13 **No.71-WTB from the New Mexico Water Trust Board (Grantors) and the**  
14 **New Mexico Finance Authority (Lenders). Councilmember Silva**  
15 **seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote.**  
16 **Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers**  
17 **Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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19 2. Consideration and approval to accept grant/loan agreement No. 95-WTB from  
20 the New Mexico Water Trust Board (Grantors) and the New Mexico Finance  
21 Authority (Lenders) totaling three million dollars (\$3,000,000). The funding  
22 breakdown will consist of a loan in the amount of six hundred thousand  
23 (\$600,000) and a grant in the amount of two million four hundred thousand  
24 dollars (\$2,400,000) for the cost associated with the beginning of phase three  
25 of a four phase Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project. *(With*  
26 *Amos Torres, Public Utilities Director)*

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28 **Councilmember Sanchez made a motion to accept grant/loan agreement**  
29 **No. 95-WTB from the New Mexico Water Trust Board (Grantors) and**  
30 **the New Mexico Finance Authority (Lenders) totaling three million**  
31 **dollars (\$3,000,000). Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The**  
32 **motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**  
33 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and**  
34 **Silva.**

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36 3. Authorization to accept grant agreement No. 09-690-9013-1 from the State of  
37 New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department in the amount of  
38 \$111,360 for the provision of cost effective services and temporary, non-  
39 secure alternatives to detention for the youth in Taos, Taos County, New  
40 Mexico. Town of Taos to act as the fiscal agent on behalf of Taos County  
41 Juvenile Justice Board.

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43 **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve grant agreement No.**  
44 **09-690-9013-1 from the State of New Mexico Children, Youth and**  
45 **Families Department. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. The**  
46 **motion was approved by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were:**

1           **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and**  
2           **Silva.**

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

5           Consideration and approval to allow Keith Harlan to connect to Town sewer main  
6           line and Town Water. The property is located at 326 Peralta Road. The water and  
7           sewer line are located on the roadway adjacent to the property. The owner will be  
8           responsible for all costs associated with the connection and all applicable fees.  
9           The property owner is planning to subdivide his property and is requesting  
10          approval for three connections for water as well as three sewer connections. *(This*  
11          *item was tabled at the Regular Meeting on 7/16/09 and is being resubmitted with*  
12          *corrections)*

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14          Amos Torres, Public Utilities Director, explained this item was tabled at the  
15          Council meeting on July 16, 2009, because the original survey showed 4 lots  
16          instead of 3 lots. He referred to a letter in today's packet from the Taos County  
17          Senior Planner dated July 16, 2009, which states the property has 3 parcels and  
18          not 4 parcels.

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20          **Councilmember Quintana made a motion to allow Keith Harlan to connect**  
21          **to Town sewer main line and Town Water. Councilmember Sanchez**  
22          **seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an affirmative vote.**  
23          **Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta, and Councilmembers**  
24          **Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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26       **C. Marietta Fambro, Finance Director**

27          Approval of Resolution 09-41 Budget Adjustment Request for end of year. This  
28          budget adjustment request balances all line items within all funds to end of year  
29          final expenditure amounts.

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31          **Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made a motion to approve Resolution 09-41.**  
32          **Councilmember Quintana seconded the motion. The motion was approved**  
33          **by an affirmative vote. Those voting AYE were: Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta,**  
34          **and Councilmembers Sanchez, Quintana and Silva.**

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36       **8. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

37          Discussion regarding Parking Meter Program.

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39          Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta stated the Parking Meter Plan to allow free parking from  
40          12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. was implemented June 1, 2009, and asked when the warnings  
41          will cease and parking citations given.

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43          Daron Syling, Chief of Police, stated a date has not yet been set and asked for  
44          direction from the Council. He also stated he is still working with Plaza merchants on  
45          the transition and believes there are many individuals who are abusing the system.

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1 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta stated he believes there has been plenty of time for the  
2 transition and feels a date should be set.

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4 Daniel Miera, Town Manager, stated he will bring a recommendation at the next  
5 meeting.

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7 Mayor Cordova stated he wants to ensure that the Town is not so aggressive and that  
8 the customer-friendly atmosphere should not be lost. He asked Chief Syling to  
9 address those individuals who are abusing the system.

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11 On a different subject, Mayor Cordova expressed his gratitude to the Police  
12 Department for their hard work in dealing with the shootings that led up to the  
13 Fiestas. He stated Chief Syling implemented a no-tolerance position during the  
14 Fiestas.

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16 Councilmember Silva also thanked the Chief and the Fire Department and expressed  
17 his disappointment in a Plaza merchant who placed cardboards on the windows to  
18 their shop during the Fiestas. He felt it looked awful and unwelcoming. Mayor  
19 Cordova agreed and believed the gesture was very disrespectful to the event.

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21 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta made the same observation and also feels the gesture was  
22 disrespectful and unwelcoming to tourists.

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24 There was a discussion about the quality of merchandise sold at some of the booths.  
25 Mr. Miera stated he will share the Town Council’s concerns with the Fiesta Council.

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27 **9. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by **Councilmember Silva** and seconded by  
28 **Councilmember Quintana** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously  
29 and the meeting adjourned at **2:43 p.m.**

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36 **Darren M. Cordova, Mayor**

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38 **ATTEST:**

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42 **Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**

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45 *PLEASE NOTE: The Town of Taos records most Town Council Meetings via audio,*  
46 *however, only Regular Town Council Meetings and some Special Town Council Meetings,*  
*with controversial issues, are video recorded. Copies are available upon request at the*  
*Town Clerk’s Office located at 400 Camino de la Placita (575-751-2005) at a fee of \$5.00*  
*for audio recordings and \$25.00 for video recordings.*