



AGENDA
October 28, 2014
Regular Meeting

Town Council Chambers - 120 Civic Plaza Drive
1:00 PM

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE MAYOR DANIEL R. BARRONE**
 - 2. ROLL CALL**
 - 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - 4. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
 - 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. October 7, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes**
 - B. October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - 7. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**
 - A. Promotion of Jani Davis to Patrol Sergeant**

Recognition of Officer Jani Davis on her promotion to the rank of Patrol Sergeant.
 - 8. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Presentation by BLM on Taos Mainline Pilar Re-route Project**

Presentation by Paige Marchus, Environmental Planner with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Taos Field Office, regarding a proposed gas utility line replacement near Pilar, New Mexico proposed by New Mexico Gas Company, which will be mostly on BLM lands.
 - B. Presentation by Santa Fe Housing Trust**

Discussion, consideration and possible action.
A presentation by SFHT with regards to resubmission of an affordable housing proposal for Taos seeking tax credits and a request for continued support and participation by the Town of Taos.
 - 9. CITIZENS FORUM - Citizens wishing to speak shall have the opportunity to do so for 5 minutes. No action may be taken**

10. MATTERS FROM STAFF

- A. Resolution 14-52 Hiring of an Immediate Family Member of Town Employee**
Consideration and approval of Resolution 14-52 to hire Joshua Mondragon as a full time Recycle Plant Operator I within the Public Works Department/Recycle Division. Joshua is the son-in-law of Town employee Joseph Muniz who works for the Public Works Department/Streets Division.
- B. Resolution 14-53 Hiring of an Immediate Family Member of Town Employee**
Consideration and approval of Resolution 14-53 to hire Matthew Mondragon as a full time Fleet Mechanic within the Public Works Department/Fleet Division. Matthew is the nephew of Town employee Danny Mondragon who works for the Facilities Services Department/Parks Division.
- C. Resolution 14-55 Hiring of an Immediate Family Member of Town Employee**
Consideration and approval of Resolution 14-55 to hire Antonio Garcia on a temporary basis as a Recreation Specialist within the Recreation Department/Youth & Family Center Division. Antonio is the nephew of Town employee Francella Garcia who works for the Executive Department.
- D. Financial Update**
Presentation of the monthly financial report for the period ending September 30, 2014.
- E. Other Matters**

11. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Other Matters**
- B. Animal Control RFQ**
Discussion and consideration of a national RFQ (Request for Qualifications) by the Town and possibly in partnership with other governmental and/or non-profit providers for a range of animal-related services to potentially include, but not limited to, animal control and animal control ordinance enforcement, long-range planning, prevention, public education, sheltering, staff training, program licensing/certification, program management, etc. This RFQ can be conducted under the parameters of the Town's current LCSBG solicitation process, or as an adjunct to it. The Town Manager is also seeking permission to contact and work with the County, Stray Hearts, the Pueblos and other municipalities in our service area to explore the idea of a consolidated contract for services and possible consolidation of services under a single entity for greater cost-effectiveness and improved, seamless service provision.

12. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. Appointment of Airport Advisory Board Members**
Consideration and possible reappointment of Don Francisco Trujillo II to the Airport Advisory Board for a 2 year term in accordance with Town Code Chapter 2.12, and confirmation of appointment by Taos Pueblo of Clyde M. Romero, Jr. to the Airport Advisory Board in accordance with Town Code Chapter 2.12 and the Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration, Taos Pueblo and Town of Taos.

13. MATTERS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

A. Other Matters

14. MATTERS AND REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL

A. Other Matters

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. ACQUISITION OF WATER RIGHTS

Discussion, consideration, and decision regarding the purchase of water rights.

This item may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1(H)(8), which allows for discussion of acquisition of property.

B. PENDING LITIGATION

Discussion, consideration and decisions of two matters regarding pending and/or threatened litigation. This item may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1(H)(7), which allows for discussion of pending or threatened litigation

C. REAL PROPERTY

Discussion, consideration, and decisions or two matters regarding the disposal of real property. This item may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1(H)(8), which allows for discussion of disposal of real property.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
October 7, 2014
Special Meeting

Town Council Chambers - 120 Civic Plaza Drive
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE MAYOR DANIEL R. BARRONE

The Regular Meeting of the Taos Town Council was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Daniel R. Barrone at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Renee Lucero, Town Clerk, called roll and a quorum was present.

Those present were:

Mayor, Daniel R. Barrone
Mayor Pro Tem, Frederick A. Peralta
Councilmember, Andrew T. Gonzales
Councilmember, George "Fritz" Hahn
Councilmember, Judith Y. Cantu

Also present were:

Town Manager, Richard Bellis
Town Attorney, Floyd Lopez
Town Clerk, Renee Lucero

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Administrative Fire Chief Leroy Gonzales led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Cantu requested that an item be added at the beginning of Executive Session regarding the Town Manager's position pursuant to Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1-(H)(2), which allows for discussion of limited personnel matters.

Ms. Lucero stated the Town Manager sent an email requesting the following changes:

Add the following:

10. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Block-Crete project (Status Report)
- B. Public Work's projects (Status Report)
- C. Eco-Park Locker rooms (Status Report)

11. MATTERS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

- A. Regional Water Plan Steering Committee (Alternate)

Delete the following:

9. MATTERS FROM STAFF

- A. Status Report on New Mexico Department of Public Safety Grant.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve as amended. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion Passed. The Councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Cantu , Gonzales , Peralta . Nays: Hahn .

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 11, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Gonzales made a motion to approve. Councilmember Cantu seconded the motion. The motion Passed. The Councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Cantu , Gonzales , Hahn , Peralta .

- B. September 23, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve. Councilmember Cantu seconded the motion. The motion Passed. The Councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Cantu , Gonzales , Hahn , Peralta .

7. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Halloween Children's Party on the Plaza

Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the following:

A community Halloween event at the Taos Plaza with Judy Esquibel, Town of Taos Events Coordinator and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Taos County.

Kim M. Seibert, with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Mexico, stated the organization has touched many lives and families and has helped children realize their potential through mentoring. She further added children are the future of the community and should be the focus of current plans. She stated Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Mexico, in collaboration with the Town of Taos and DMC Broadcasting, are planning a Halloween party for children on October 31, 2014 at the Taos Plaza. She requested the Town's consideration to hold the event and close Taos Plaza during the event for the children's safety.

Judy Esquibel, the Town's Events Coordinator, stated for many years the Town hosted a Halloween event at the convention center; however, the room that was used is no longer available. She suggested that the Town partner with the other entities as mentioned by Ms. Seibert and hold the Halloween party on the Plaza. She further stated the party is planned for October 31, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will be a fun, safe and supervised event and admission will be free.

Mayor Barrone stated there was a safety concern with closing the Plaza. Police

1 Sergeant David Trujillo stated safety issues can be addressed if the Council
2 decides to close the plaza. He further stated this event was discussed during a
3 Development Review Committee meeting and the Police Department is prepared
4 for it.

5 Councilmember Gonzales asked why the Plaza was chosen as the location, rather
6 than a park. Ms. Seibert stated because the partners goal is to make the party one
7 collaborated celebration at a central location. Councilmember Gonzales suggested
8 that a different venue be considered in the future.

9 Extensive discussion ensued regarding other possible locations to hold the party
10 and a flier that was distributed without Council's consent that stated the event will
11 be held at Taos Plaza.
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13 Ms. Esquibel stated a lot of planning is involved with holding this event and Taos
14 Plaza has already been measured to determine where to hold the haunted house
15 and other carnival games. She believes it would be difficult to move to a different
16 location and have to re-evaluate the location; however, she stated it will be done if
17 the Council decides not to hold the party at the Plaza.

18 Mayor Barrone emphasized the Town needs to ensure that the party is conducted
19 at a safe location and in a safe manner.
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21 Councilmember Hahn recommended referring this event to the Development
22 Review Committee then bring a recommendation back to the Council for
23 consideration next week.
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25 Ms. Esquibel stated the sooner they receive approval the better as there is still a lot
26 of planning and coordinating to do. Ms. Seibert also indicated that they need to
27 advertise the event and waiting another week could put them behind. Furthermore,
28 Ms. Esquibel and Ms. Seibert stated they have met with a few of the Plaza
29 Merchants and Ms. Esquibel plans to meet with several this Friday.
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31 **Councilmember Gonzales made a motion to allow Big Brothers Big Sisters of**
32 **Northern New Mexico, DMC Broadcasting, Inc., and the Town of Taos to hold**
33 **the Halloween Party on October 31, 2014 and to close Taos Plaza from 2:00**
34 **p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion**
35 **passed. Councilmembers voting Aye were: Gonzales and Peralta.**
36 **Councilmembers voting Nay were: Cantu and Hahn. Mayor Barrone broke**
37 **the tie with a vote of Aye.**

38 **B. Ancianos Programs**

39 ***Presentation and Discussion:***

40 **A presentation and funding request by Michael Trujillo, Taos County.**

41 Michael Trujillo, Director of the Taos County Senior Program, stated since the
42 County took over the Senior Program, there has been a shortfall in funds due to the
43 need to add new positions to support the program. He stated if the Town does not
44 provide the funds they have historically provided, only time will tell if the program
45 will actually have enough funds to continue for the entire fiscal year. Furthermore,
46 Mr. Trujillo requested that the Town transfer the building to the County so they can
47 maintain the building.
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1 Mr. Trujillo continued with his presentation and discussed the 37 page document
2 that must be filled out by applicants requesting funds from the Town of Taos, which
3 he believes needs to be streamlined.

4 Mayor Barrone asked if other municipalities provide cash contributions to the
5 program. Mr. Trujillo stated yes; however, he did not have time to list them.

6 Councilmember Gonzales stated children and seniors are a priority and the Town
7 has requested assistance from the County for the Youth & Family Center and the
8 Taos Public Library. He requested that the County consider providing support for
9 those programs. Additionally, he agreed that the Town should provide funding for
10 the Senior Program. Mr. Bellis indicated funds for the Senior Program were carried
11 over from last fiscal year.

12 Mayor Barrone directed Mr. Bellis to provide the Council several options to
13 consider regarding the transfer of the Town's building to the County.

14 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

15 A. Resolution 14-45 North Central Regional Transit District

16 **Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 14-45 to join the North**
17 **Central regional Transit District as a voting member of the district and to**
18 **participate in the affairs of the district.**

19 Anthony Mortillaro, Executive Director, explained the NCRTD just celebrated 10
20 years as the first regional transit district in New Mexico. He further stated the
21 buses run from Chama or Costilla to Santa Fe or Albuquerque.

22 Mr. Mortillaro explained if the resolution is approved by the Council today, it will go
23 to the Regional Transit Board for final approval in November. The Town would
24 then enter into an intergovernmental contract with the district. He informed the
25 Mayor and Council that meetings are held once a month for 2 to 4 hours.

26 ***Public Opinion***

27 Mayor Barrone opened the public hearing. No one came forward.

28 After closing the public hearing, Mayor Barrone asked for questions from the
29 Council.

30 **Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve. Councilmember**
31 **Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion Passed. The Councilmembers**
32 **voted as follows: Ayes: Gonzales , Hahn , Peralta .**

33 *Councilmember Cantu was absent during the vote.*

34 9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

35 A. Block-Crete Project (Status Report)

36 Mr. Bellis stated he emailed the Council to schedule an informational meeting in
37 order to move the project forward for the owner.

38 B. Public Work's Projects (Status Report)

39 Mr. Bellis stated the proposal for paving of Camino de la Placita came in at
40 \$900,000 and only \$300,000 was budgeted. The project will be rebid.

1 **C. Eco-Park Locker Rooms (Status Report)**

2 Mr. Bellis stated at this time, Steve Kennebeck, Facilities Director, is evaluating a
3 company in Albuquerque that assembles pre-fabricated modular buildings. Staff
4 will evaluate the product and come back with a recommendation.

5 **10. MATTERS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR**

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7 **A. Regional Water Plan steering Committee (Alternate)**

8 Mr. Bellis stated he has been informed that the Chief Elected Official must
9 represent the Town on the committee and an alternate must be appointed by the
10 governing body. He will place an item on the next agenda for action.

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12 **B. Other Matters**

13 Councilmember Hahn stated he would like an item on the next Council agenda for
14 discussion regarding irrigation meters to reduce water costs.

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16 **11. MATTERS AND REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL**

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18 **A. Airport Advisory Board Membership**

19 **Discussion regarding adding members to the Airport Advisory Board to**
20 **include Taos County, other municipalities in the county and neighborhood**
21 **associations.**

22 Mr. Bellis stated at the last Council Meeting, the Council requested that additional
23 members be added to the Airport Advisory Board Membership. He presented the
24 following options for the Council to consider:

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 - 27 • Option 1 indicates membership will be composed of nine citizens who are
28 qualified electors of Taos County, that shall include one elected
29 representative, or their appointees, of the Town of Taos, Taos County, the
30 Stagecoach Neighborhood Association, the Lower Las Colonias-West Mesa
31 Preservation Association, the Hondo Mesa Neighborhood Association, the
32 Upper Las Colonias Neighborhood Association, and the Taos Pueblo. The
33 remaining two members shall be residents of the Town of Taos or Taos
34 County that are experienced in aviation and shall hold a current Federal
35 Aviation Administration issued pilot's license.
 - 36 • Option 2 indicates membership will be composed of one representative from
37 the Town of Taos, Taos Pueblo, Town of Red River, Village of Questa,
38 Village of Angel Fire, Village of Taos Ski Valley, Sipapu Ski Resort and Taos
39 County and two citizens who are qualified electors of Taos County that shall
40 be experienced in aviation and shall hold a current Federal Aviation
41 Administration issued pilot's license.

42 Mr. Bellis further stated there are no restrictions on the residence of the members
43 and in fact, some of the current members may be members of the neighborhood
44 associations. He also confirmed these ordinances have been approved by the
45 Town Attorney.

46 Councilmember Peralta asked why Sipapu Ski Resort is included in Option 2
47 considering they are not a governmental entity. Mr. Lopez stated he believes the
48 reason is that the membership of the Regional Landfill Board was used as a
 template for this ordinance; however, he is unclear if they are a member of that

board.

Councilmember Hahn proposed an Option 3 which would include Taos Pueblo, Taos County, the Town of Taos, the four neighborhood associations mentioned by Mr. Bellis, one experienced pilot, Taos Ski Valley, the Village of Red River, and a member from the public in opposition to the airport construction. Councilmember Cantu agreed with Councilmember Hahn.

John Thompson, Airport Manager, stated two members are up for reappointment for two year terms. He also stated he believes having members on the board from entities where an airport is located in their community could work against the Town. He further stated having someone in opposition to the airport may not be in the best interest of the airport as construction progresses or to the Town. However, he stated, it is the Council's decision.

Councilmember Hahn made a motion to direct staff to prepare an ordinance based on Option 3 as he proposed. Councilmember Cantu seconded the motion.

Councilmember Peralta stated he believes the neighborhood associations will have too much control and he does not want to jeopardize the Town's agreement with Taos Pueblo. He believes the Council needs additional time to evaluate the options and discuss them further.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to table Councilmember Hahn's motion. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed. Councilmembers voting Aye were: Cantu, Hahn, Gonzales and Peralta.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to temporarily postpone action until the Council considers possible alternatives. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed. Councilmembers voting Aye were: Cantu, Hahn, Gonzales and Peralta.

B. Other Matters

Mayor Barrone stated in the last couple of weeks he has received compliments from visitors and citizens on the events that have taken place in Taos such as the Wool Festival, the Kongos Concert, and the Paseo event, etc. He stated the hotels were packed. He thanked the staff of the Town of Taos for being a big part of the events.

Councilmember Hahn stated the Landfill Board and the Intergovernmental Council will meet next week. He further stated there have been complaints from the community about rate increases.

Additionally, Councilmember Hahn stated regarding the Taos Health Committee, Mayor Barrone, as a member, is trying to coordinate with NCRTD for transportation for homebound patients. On November 5th at 6:30 there is a meeting at the Holy Cross Hospital Board room with Representative Bobby Gonzales and Senator Cisneros to discuss the hospital's needs.

Councilmember Gonzales stated he spent some time in the hospital and it is a caring facility and they do need support. He further stated he received excellent

care.

Councilmember Hahn stated if the Town can afford it, he would like a full page ad in the Taos News thanking all the Plaza Merchants for their support of the Farmers Market, the Kongos Concert and now the Halloween Party and asking the citizens to remember how much they give to the community.

Mr. Bellis stated, prior to the Kongos Concert, a flier went out as a promotional campaign for economic development in Taos Plaza by identifying businesses that were having specials and inviting people to go there before and after the concert. The flier also indicated if someone bought items from those stores, and provided a receipt, they would be allowed to sit in the front. He believes every event should incorporate incentives for people purchasing items from merchants.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. PERSONNEL MATTERS: Discussion and consideration regarding the following:**
- B. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY - Discussion, consideration, and decisions regarding the following:**
(Executive and Public Session Informational Items/Action Items)
Discussion, consideration and decisions on two matters regarding possible purchase and disposition of water rights. These items may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1-(H)(8), which allows for discussion of disposition of real property.
- C. PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION: Discussion, consideration, and decisions regarding the following:**
(Executive and Public Session Informational Items/Action Items)
Discussion, consideration and decisions regarding four matters subject to attorney-client privilege pertaining to pending litigation. These items may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1-(H)(7), which allows for discussion of disposition pending or threatened litigation.
- D. REAL PROPERTY - Discussion, consideration, and decisions regarding the following:**
(Executive and Public Session Informational Items/Action Items)
Discussion, consideration and decisions regarding two matters concerning the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property. These items may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1-(H)(8), which allows for discussion of purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property.
- E. PERSONNEL MATTERS: Discussion, consideration, and decisions regarding the following:**
(Executive and Public Session Informational Items/Action Items)
Discussion, consideration and decisions regarding certain personnel matters, including but not limited to the possible reinstatement of the Assistant Town Manager position within the salary schedule, appointment of the Grants and Revenue Enhancement Coordinator and other personnel

1 issues. These items may be discussed in closed session under Open
2 Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1-(H)(2), which allows for discussion of limited
3 personnel matters.

4 Councilmember Gonzales made a motion to go into Executive Session.
5 Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion was Passed. The
6 Councilmembers voted as follows: Cantu, Gonzales, and Peralta.

7 *Councilmember Hahn was absent during the vote.*

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9 At 9:30 p.m., Councilmember Hahn made a motion to come out of Executive
10 Session. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion was
11 Passed. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers: Cantu, Gonzales, Hahn
12 and Peralta.

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14 Mr. Lopez stated discussion in the Executive Session regarding Items A., C.,
15 D., and E. was limited to the items as they were called for and no action was
16 taken.

17 Item. B.

18 Councilmember Peralta made a motion to allow Taos County Economic
19 Development Corporation to transfer 5 acre feet of water rights to the Town
20 of Taos at a cost of \$10,000 per acre feet subject to approval from the State
21 Engineer's Office and the Abeyta Case to allow the water rights to be utilized
22 at the Taos Regional Airport Well. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the
23 motion. The motion was Passed. Those voting AYE were: Councilmembers:
24 Gonzales, Hahn and Peralta. Councilmember Cantu abstained.

25 **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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27 A motion was made by Councilmember Gonzales and seconded by Councilmember
28 Cantu to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting
29 adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

30 **APPROVED:**

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35 Daniel R. Barrone, Mayor

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38 **ATTEST:**

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42 Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

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Councilmember, Andrew T. Gonzales
Councilmember, George "Fritz" Hahn
Councilmember, Judith Y. Cantu

Also present were:

Town Manager, Richard Bellis
Town Clerk, Renee Lucero

Absent/Excused was:

Town Attorney, Floyd Lopez

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Cantu led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Hahn made a motion to approve. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion Passed. The Councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Cantu , Gonzales , Hahn , Peralta .

6. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

A. **Employee of the Month**

Presentation of a certificate of acknowledgement to Linda Montoya - Town of Taos October Employee of the Month.

Amy Seidel, Human Resources Director, stated the Employee Recognition Team selected Linda Montoya as Employee of the Month for her good nature and enthusiasm and superb working relationships with her co-workers. She displays great dedication to her job and is a valuable asset to the Town of Taos.

Mayor Barrone thanked Ms. Montoya for her dedication to the Town of Taos.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Holy Cross Hospital Presentation**

Linda Chase, Risk Management/Quality Officer with Holy Cross Hospital, provided a presentation regarding patient safety and quality at Holy Cross Hospital.

Ms. Chase introduced the Interim CEO of Holy Cross Hospital, Ron Davis, from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Ms. Chase explained that some patients (depending on their diagnosis) are given a customer satisfaction survey when they are discharged from the hospital. She stated the survey is required of all hospitals that receive CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid) funding. She reviewed the overall inpatient and outpatient score of Holy Cross Hospital which indicated that improvements are needed. She stated when three general surgeons resigned and employees were laid off, the scores went down. This demonstrates that patients are affected when there are issues at the hospital. The survey also indicated there is an upward trend on staff's responsiveness to patients. Furthermore, Ms. Chase explained that progress has been made compared to a year ago, and some of the hospital's scores are quite well in comparison to state and national averages.

Mayor Barrone thanked Ms. Chase for her presentation as the citizens have requested more transparency from the hospital.

8. **CITIZENS FORUM - Citizens wishing to speak shall have the opportunity to do so for 5 minutes. No action may be taken**

- Richard Brooks stated Paseo del Pueblo Norte is not pedestrian friendly. He expressed concerned about an area near Smith's parking lot that has no sidewalk. Mr. Bellis explained the New Mexico State Highway Department has plans for improving Paseo del Pueblo Norte and the sidewalks.
- Stephens Hall discussed empty prescription containers he found in Taos Canyon near Forest Service land. He stated the drugs that were in the containers are produced by five different manufacturers.

Mayor Barrone asked if Mr. Hall turned the containers over to any law enforcement agency. Mr. Hall stated he plans to draft a letter with questions he wants answered and will then turn the letter and the containers over to the Chief of Police.

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9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 14-05 Adopting a New Zoning Map

Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 14-05 adopting a new Official Zoning Map. *(Continued from the September 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting)*

Mr. Bellis stated the proposed zoning map includes 16 acres of property on the corner of Camino de la Placita and Paseo del Pueblo Norte. The zoning includes 2.41 acres at 610 Camino de la Placita owned by the Summers family; and .49 acres at 606 Camino de la Placita owned by Michael Sayre; both zoned R-14 "Multi-Family Residential". The zoning also includes approximately 13 acres owned by the Mitchell family and is zoned R-A "Residential Agriculture". This change is due to a previous error in the 2006 Official Zoning Map and based upon input from property owners.

Mr. Bellis further explained that the zoning map should be updated at the end of each fiscal year indicating all of the amendments and changes that occurred; including Planned Use Development (PUD) overlay zones and special uses. Unfortunately the zoning map has not been updated since 2006. In addition, there was a PUD and rezoning approved for a hotel on the Mitchell property; however, the hotel was never built and the zoning remained. Mr. Bellis read the ordinance for the record.

Public Opinion

Mayor Barrone opened the Public Hearing.

Stephens Hall requested that in the future, the Town ensures that a new zoning map be adopted at the end of each fiscal year as required by Town Code.

After closing the public hearing, Mayor Barrone asked for questions from the Council.

Councilmember Peralta requested that the Planning and Zoning Commission amend the code to reflect that any approvals for special uses, alternative uses or PUDs have a time limitation on the approvals.

Councilmember Hahn made a motion to approve. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion Passed. The Councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Cantu , Gonzales , Hahn , Peralta .

10. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Request from El Prado Water and Sanitation to Serve as Fiscal Agent

Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding a request from the El Prado Water and Sanitation District for the Town to serve as fiscal agent for Grant Agreement 14-1709-STB.

John Painter, with El Prado Water and Sanitation District, requested that the Town act as fiscal agent for a grant they received from the Department of Environment. He explained in 2013 the district received a finding on their audit and in order for the district to qualify for the funding, they must have a fiscal agent manage the grant.

1 Mr. Bellis referred to the last paragraph of the MOU that indicates the MOU shall be
2 in effect for the duration of the grant agreement and terminates if the Grantee
3 designates a new fiscal agent. He stated the Department of Finance and
4 Administration (DFA) requires that if an entity begins as Fiscal Agent, they must
5 remain as fiscal agent through the duration of the grant.

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7 Mr. Bellis stated the MOU also indicates that the fiscal agent shall not be
8 compensated from any grant funds for services rendered. He further stated, for the
9 record, that DFA has advised the Town to charge an administrative fee of 2% to
10 administer grants for other entities.

11 Mr. Painter stated the minutes of the district's meeting indicate that they will pay the
12 Town a 2% administrative fee from their general fund. He suggested an
13 agreement be drafted to reflect this and emphasized the district understands the
14 time and cost for the Town to administer the grant.

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16 Mr. Bellis requested that the MOU be approved on the condition that provisions are
17 included that the district will pay a 2% administrative fee from their general fund
18 and authorizing the Finance Director and Town Attorney to make any necessary
19 changes based on DFA's requirements.

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21 In addition, Mr. Bellis requested that, since this creates a liability for the Town, the
22 district work closely with the Finance Director to ensure procurement is being
23 followed.

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25 **Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve the MOU with El Prado**
26 **Water and Sanitation District to serve as Fiscal Agent on the condition that**
27 **that the district pay a 2% administrative fee from their general fund and**
28 **authorizing the Finance Director and Town Attorney to make any necessary**
29 **changes based on DFA's requirements. Councilmember Gonzales seconded**
30 **the motion. The motion passed. The Councilmembers voted as follows:**
31 **Ayes: Cantu, Gonzales, Hahn, Peralta.**

32 **B. Revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Questa and**
33 **the Town of Taos to Serve as Fiscal Agent**

34 **Consideration and approval of the revised Memorandum of Understand**
35 **between the Village of Questa and the Town to serve as fiscal agent for its**
36 **2013-2014 legislative appropriation.**

37 Ms. Fambro stated as with the previous agenda item, the revision was requested
38 by DFA to ensure that the fiscal agent remain through the duration of the grant.
39 She further stated she will work with the Questa Village Administrator to ensure
40 that procurement is followed.

41 **Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve. Councilmember Hahn**
42 **seconded the motion. The motion Passed. The Councilmembers voted as**
43 **follows: Ayes: Cantu , Gonzales , Hahn , Peralta .**

44 **11. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

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46 **A. Amendment to Council Action to Purchase Water Rights**

47 **Discussion, consideration and possible approval to amend the Town**
48 **Council's action on October 7, 2014 to approve the purchase 5 acre feet of**

**Water Rights from Taos County Economic Development Corporation.
Request amendment to purchase 7.5 acre feet of water rights at \$10,000/acre
feet or \$75,000 total.**

Mr. Bellis stated after the Council Meeting last week, it became evident that there are 7.5 acre feet of water rights rather than 5 acre feet of water rights, bringing the total amount of purchase to \$75,000.

Councilmember Gonzales made a motion to approve. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion Passed. The Councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Cantu , Gonzales , Hahn , Peralta .

12. MATTERS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

A. Designation of Alternate

Discussion, consideration and possible action to designate an alternate to the Taos Regional Water Plan Steering Committee.

Mr. Bellis stated it is very important that the technical interest of the Town be represented. Mayor Barrone, as the Chief Elected Official, currently sits on the board; however, an alternate needs to be appointed as well. Mr. Bellis stated he has served with several members of the board in other capacities and he believes the Town would benefit from him serving.

Councilmember Hahn stated he supports having Mayor and Town Manager serve on the committee.

Councilmember Cantu stated as a private citizen she would also like to attend the meetings. Mr. Bellis stated the Town will be hosting the meetings and he will ensure they are added to the Council's Outlook calendars. Mayor Barrone requested that Ms. Lucero send out notices informing the public that a quorum may be present.

Councilmember Hahn made a motion to appoint Mr. Bellis to serve as the alternate on the Water Steering Committee. Councilmember Cantu seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Cantu, Gonzales, Hahn, Peralta.

13. MATTERS AND REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL

A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem pursuant to 3.32.040 of the Town Code which states: the town councilors shall, at the organizational meeting after the regular municipal election, elect from their own body a Mayor Pro Tempore to act in the absence of the mayor, except as may otherwise be provided by law or ordinance. *The town councilors may change the mayor pro tem at their pleasure at any time.*

Councilmember Peralta stated at the Organizational Meeting after the election, the Council agreed that the Mayor Pro Tem term would be for six months. He stated the Council can extend the term or appoint a new Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Barrone thanked Councilmember Peralta for serving as Mayor Pro Tem and for assisting him when needed.

Councilmember Hahn nominated Councilmember Andrew Gonzales to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the next six months. Councilmember Cantu seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Cantu, Hahn, Peralta. Abstained: Gonzales.

B. Other Matters

Councilmember Peralta requested an update on the total costs spent on the Kongos concert.

Mr. Bellis stated the original estimate was around \$15,000; however, due to additional artists and lighting the total cost was approximately \$21,000 to \$22,000, not including advertising or overtime. He stated he will provide the total amount at next week's Workshop Meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Gonzales and seconded by Councilmember Cantu to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

Daniel R. Barrone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

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October 28, 2014

Title:

Promotion of Jani Davis to Patrol Sergeant

Summary:

Recognition of Officer Jani Davis on her promotion to the rank of Patrol Sergeant.

Background:

With the retirement of Sergeant Michael Collins, Officer Jani Davis is to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. She will be presented with a promotional plaque, and her Sergeant badge will be pinned on her by a family member.

Attachments:

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No Attachments Available



October 28, 2014

Title:

Presentation by BLM on Taos Mainline Pilar Re-route Project

Summary:

Presentation by Paige Marchus, Environmental Planner with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Taos Field Office, regarding a proposed gas utility line replacement near Pilar, New Mexico proposed by New Mexico Gas Company, which will be mostly on BLM lands.

Background:

Attachments:

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New Mexico Gas Company

Taos Mainline Re-route Project

Project Overview

Introduction and Background

New Mexico Gas Company (NMGC) has filed an application and associated Plan of Development for a right-of-way (ROW) with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Taos Field Office for the relocation of a 6-mile portion of the Taos Mainline natural gas utility pipeline near Pilar, New Mexico. The Taos Mainline is managed by NMGC and is the only natural gas utility pipeline to serve the communities of Taos, Questa, and Red River in Taos County, New Mexico.

The project is located primarily on BLM lands along the Rio Grande corridor. The project segment is approximately 6 miles long and located just northwest of Rinconada and southwest of Pilar. Active landslide deposits in the Rio Grande Gorge immediately southwest of Pilar are causing stress to the steel 8-inch line and could cause natural gas service to be interrupted to these communities. Historically, the existing line ruptured in 1986 and caused service outages for 3 days. Sections of the line in this area have had to be replaced in 1995 and 1996 due to stress on the line.

In addition to the BLM Taos Field Office, NMGC is coordinating with the U.S. Forest Service Carson National Forest, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), and New Mexico State Land Office. Additionally, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be involved as part of Clean Water Act requirements.

The BLM will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze potential impacts according to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The project will also undergo a review according to Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and Clean Water Act requirements.

Purpose and Need

The BLM's purpose is to provide for the authorized use of public lands in a manner that serves the public interest and minimizes potential impacts to the affected environment. The need for the action is established by the BLM's responsibility under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) to respond to an application for a ROW grant for use of federal land. The BLM will decide whether to grant the ROW and, if so, under what terms and conditions.

The applicant's purpose is to ensure that NMGC's customers in northern New Mexico communities continue to receive uninterrupted natural gas service. To provide more secure and safe service to the communities, NMGC has identified a need to replace the approximately 6-mile section of the existing pipeline with a 12-inch steel pipeline located outside the landslide area.

Alternatives

The project is designed to reroute the Taos Mainline out of the active landslide area south of Pilar. To reroute around the landslide areas, NMGC proposes to construct a buried 28,871-foot-long (6.08-mile-long) natural gas transmission line from its existing facilities at the Rinconada block valve near Rinconada to near its Pilar block valve just west of Pilar. The existing steel 8-inch pipeline would be replaced with a steel 12-inch pipeline to accommodate future growth in Taos County. Except along cliff faces, the pipeline would be buried at least 48 inches below the surface and would have a trench width of 36 inches.

More details regarding construction, equipment, staging areas, road access, block valves, and health and safety precautions are provided in the Plan of Development and available upon request. Construction is proposed to commence in the fall of 2015 and is anticipated to conclude by summer 2016. The fall construction schedule would be designed to avoid conflicts with tourism both during the summer and winter seasons.

Option A (Proposed Action): Route A would be contained within the New Mexico Highway (NM) 68 ROW administered either by the NMDOT or the BLM Taos Field Office, except for 2,605 feet that goes cross-country. Figure 1 (Route A) presents the proposed NMGC route map. NMGC is requesting a ROW grant, 50 feet in width, for approximately 23,742 feet of the Pilar Reroute project within the federal land administered by the BLM. An additional 25-foot-wide temporary use area (TUA) is being sought for vehicle movement, maneuvering parallel and adjacent to the 50-foot-wide ROW grant.

The project proposes the installation of 12-inch-diameter steel underground natural gas distribution pipeline for its entire length, including the portion within the BLM ROW grant. The maximum operating pressure would be 400 pounds per square inch gauge (psig), utilized year round and permanently. Construction would take approximately 160 days to complete. The overall project with the TUA includes 49.7 acres. The BLM portion would represent 27.3 acres in permanent easement and 13.6 acres with the TUA. Route A would extend along the NM 68 ROW for the majority of its length. Route A has the following administrative percentage breakdown:

BLM	23,742.4 feet (82.2% of route)
NMDOT from private	3,674.2 feet (12.7% of route)
Private	1,454.6 feet (5.1% of route)

Besides the pipeline service road that parallels the system, no new access roads would be needed for Route A. Three staging areas are proposed for Route A.

Option B (Action Alternative): Route B also begins at the Rinconada block valve but crosses the Rio Grande, up the gorge slopes to the mesa top, and then back down the slope to tie into the existing Taos Mainline south of Pilar. Extending for 33,067 feet (6.32 miles), Route B predominately lies in BLM land (17,088 feet), but also crosses through portions of Carson National Forest (2,921 feet), New Mexico State Land Office (7,047 feet), and private (6,011 feet) lands. Except for where it goes over the cliffs, all of the pipeline in proposed Route B would be buried. The requested width of the Route B easement would be 50 feet with an additional 25 feet of TUA. Collectively with the TUA, the project would include 56.9 acres. The BLM authorization would include 19.6 acres in

permanent easement and 9.8 acres in TUA. Route B has the following administrative percentage breakdown:

BLM	17,088.2 feet (51.7% of route)
Carson National Forest	2,921.2 feet (8.8% of route)
New Mexico State Land Office	7,047.0 feet (21.3% of route)
Private	6,010.8 feet (18.2% of route)

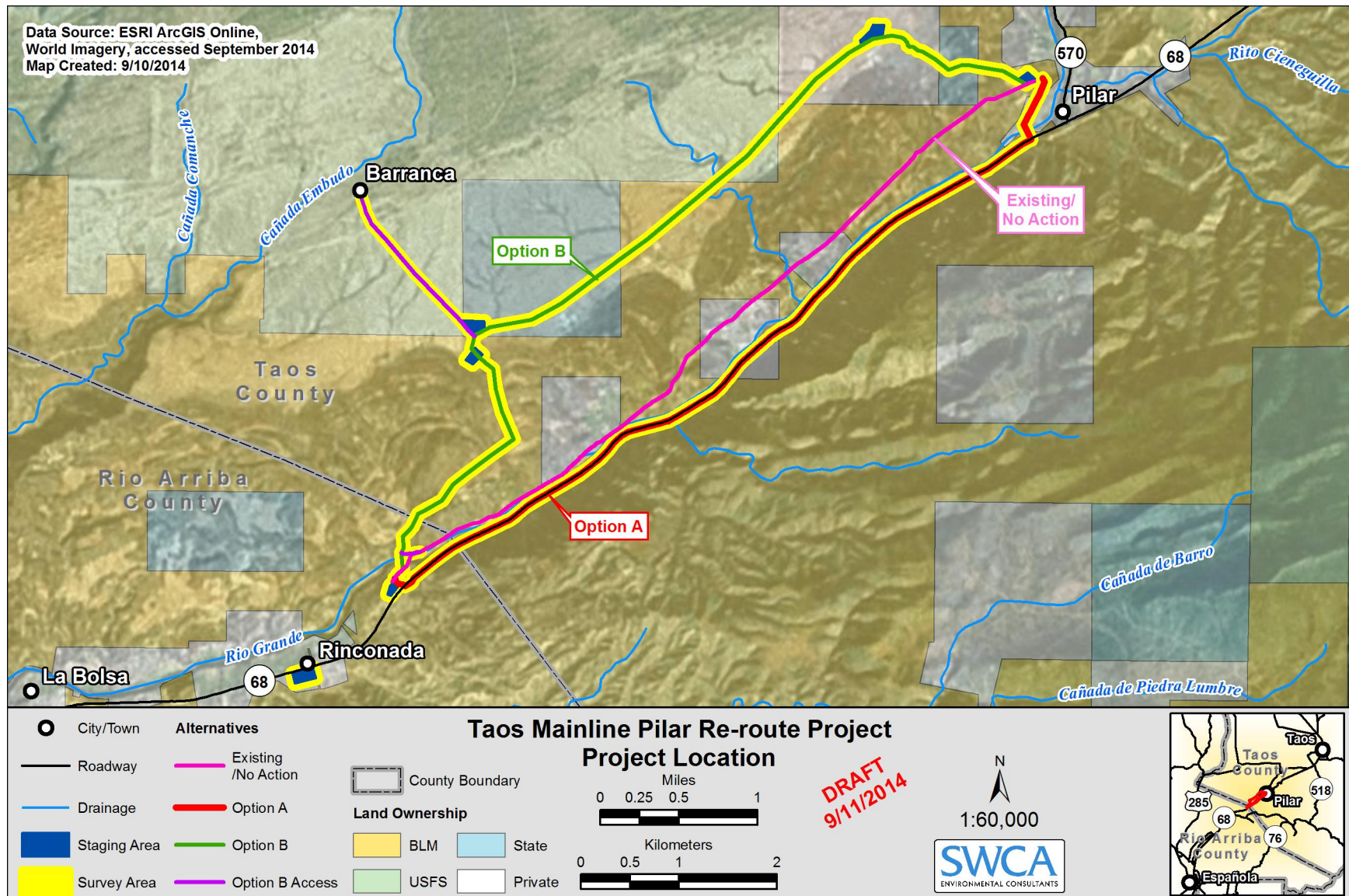
Access to Route B would involve fording the Rio Grande, construction of a small temporary road along the gorge slope, and use of the existing Taos Mainline service road. A Carson National Forest two-track road on the mesa would also require improvement. Six possible staging areas are being examined for Route B: three are the same as for Route A and three are located on the mesa near the cliff.

No Action Alternative: A no action alternative would leave the pipeline in the landslide deposits along the existing easement for 5.59 miles. This route crosses BLM land and private property. This section of the pipeline was built in 1964 and has had several ruptures in the past 50 years, resulting in service interruptions. Under this alternative, NMGC would continue to monitor the line closely and repair when issues or outages occur.

Potential Environmental Concerns and Issues

The alternative routes lie within the BLM-managed Lower Gorge Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and immediately west of the Copper Hill ACEC. The Rio Grande National Wild and Scenic River boundary touches each route, as well as the existing Taos Mainline easement. The riparian habitat along the river is listed as critical habitat for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*). Other resource values and environmental concerns that will be analyzed in the EA include, but are not limited to, air quality, noise, geologic hazards and resources, soils, water resources, vegetation, wildlife, threatened/endangered/sensitive species, cultural resources, visual resources recreation, wild and scenic rivers, transportation, and health and safety. It is expected that Option A would also affect travel on NM 68, as travel would likely be limited to one lane during construction activities.

NMGC has reviewed a number of potential routes, begun data collection, identified features on the ground, and included project implementation features designed to minimize issues related to construction, the environment, and recreational use of the gorge by geographic information system (GIS) modeling of route Options A and B. To reduce route visibility as much as possible from major thoroughfares, NMGC intends to minimize impacts to visual resources by incorporating the pipeline within the highway corridor and/or extending the route behind ridges, in valleys, and on the mesa.





October 28, 2014

Title:

Presentation by Santa Fe Housing Trust

Summary:

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

A presentation by SFHT with regards to resubmission of an affordable housing proposal for Taos seeking tax credits and a request for continued support and participation by the Town of Taos.

Background:

Attachments:

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2015 QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN - SCORING SUMMARY

La Posta Artist Community LIHTC Application

Please refer to Section III.E of the Qualified Allocation Plan for Project Selection Criteria. Indicate which of the following are characteristics of your project and/or fill in the appropriate blanks.	Possible Points	Convert 2014 App to 2015 rules	2015 Maximum Achievable	
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified Nonprofit New Mexico Housing Authority or local Tribally Designated Housing Entity	0-10	10	10	
2. Design Competition Winner(s) (MFA will determine)	0-10			
3. Projects That Benefit the Environment	0-18	18	18	
4. Locational Efficiency	0-2	2	2	
5. Rehabilitation Projects	15	0	0	
Conversion Plus Rehabilitation Projects	5	0	0	Eliminated
6. Sustaining Affordability	5- 15	0	5	
7.8. & 9. Avg rent, Avg Income and Includes Market Rate	65	65	65	
10. Extended Use Period: 35 years, 5pts; 40 years, 10pts; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 45 years, 15pts	0-15	15	15	
11. Units Reserved for Households with Special Needs	0-15	0	0	
12. Project Reserved for Senior Households	0-15	0	0	
13. Units Reserved for Households with Children	0-15	15	15	
60 or Fewer Low Income Units	5	0	0	Eliminated
14. Permanent Local Contribution	0-10	5	10	
15. Complete Application	5	5	5	
16. Public Housing Authority ("PHA") Letter	2	2	2	
17. Qualified Census Tract/ Concerted Community Revitalization Plan	5	0	0	
18. Tenant Ownership	5	0	0	
19. Resident Financial Literacy Program	2	2	2	
20. Historic Significance	5	0	0	
21. Blighted Buildings or Brownfield Site Reuse	5	0	0	
22. Project located in an Area of Statistically Demonstrated Need	0-15	10	10	
23. Efficient Use of Tax Credits	0-5	0	3	
24. Non-Smoking Properties	2	2	2	New
25. Adaptive Reuse Projects	10	0	0	
Total Points		151	164	

Town Support Letter Back Up


1	Granted Funds for Site Acquisition	469,000
2a	Permits & Utilities Fee Waivers	10,178
2b	High Performance Building Ordinance Fee Waiver	
	14,999 Square Feet @ \$32,000	32,000
	Remaining 40,431 sq ft @ \$8000/3000 sq ft	107,816
	(2b Waiver of High Performance Building Ordinance may not be allowed depending on legal opinion from MFA. Suggest alt. 2b below)	
	ALT 2b Predevelopment Funding Granted in 2013	100,000
3	Water Use Rights Fee Waivers	
	Residential/Unit \$2300	138,000
	Meter \$213	12,780
	3/4" Connections \$500	30,000
	ToT installation \$75	4,500
4	Reduction of Utility Expansion Charges (Amount Waived)	
	Residential 4"	1,500
	Comercial 4"	1,500
	Additional Units	60,000
5	In-kind Donations	
	Facilites for Design Charette	1,000
	Staff Time & Fast Track Approval	12,000
6	Granted Funds to Reduce Other Costs of Development	380,000
	Total	1,360,274
	or	1,220,458

Richard Bellis, Town Manager

Date

Economic Impact of GRT for a LIHTC

Location Taos (city)	
Location GRT Rate	8.1875%
State Base Rate	5.1250%
Remainder for Local Jurisdiction	3.0625%
Taxable Transaction	\$11,000,000
Cash to Local Jurisdiction	\$336,875

Project Title	La Posta – Artist Housing 125 La Posta Road, Taos, New Mexico			
Features	60 units, 8 buildings, seeking LEED for Homes Platinum			
Sponsor:	The Housing Trust (505) 989-3960			
Type of Development:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed-income 30% to 60% AMI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Construction	Preference for artists and writers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25% Households with Children <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5% Special Needs
<p>Description: La Posta is a 60 unit, two-story, artist-focused, multifamily rental project committed to providing affordable housing and enrichment services for households with children. The 4.7 acre infill property has a rich cultural provenance. Mabel Dodge Luhan acquired the former post office/livery stable property from J.A. Salazar, a deputy sheriff in 1926. She built the original “La Posta” (shown in photo) for her son and his wife, daughter of Santa Fe cultural leaders, Alice Corbin and William Penhallow Henderson. She built a showplace where the couple could host salons and events for the resident art community. Mabel repurposed the building in 1937 to create “La Posta Hospital,” which she gifted to the church to operate. The structure burned in 2012 and the site was cleared. The name La Posta was derived from historic origins, possibly as an acknowledgement of the former structure’s exceptionally large support post or the location’s previous use as a post office.</p> <p>The project offers compact development organized around natural features such as existing large trees and an acequia transecting the property. Site improvements include community gardens and orchards, sport courts, and walking paths with fitness zones for adults and teens along protected acequia zones, offering opportunities for explorative learning and play. A large existing tree forms a canopied backdrop for a central gathering area. The spacious community building has a sunny lobby with manager space, reception, computer lab, service coordinator office, and a large multipurpose room for functions for flexible use by residents in the arts trade. An ArtSpace market survey process helped to define the prevalent genres practiced by Taos artists. In response, the site is prepared for future installation of studio sheds to support media such as pottery, photography, writing and painting. The units feature high ceilings, sliding barn doors to promote combined live/workspace use, and large windows for maximizing the utilization of natural lighting. La Posta’s central location makes it pedestrian friendly with easy access to nearby amenities, retail, Albertsons, community services and public transportation. La Posta is designed and budgeted to achieve LEED for Home Platinum Certification.</p> <p>On-site services include a resident service coordinator and free programs provided through nonprofit cohorts including: educational, employment, and health opportunities. Sustainability is achieved through efficient energy usage and organic gardening. The intent of La Posta is to enhance professional development for art and literary practitioners and to serve as a creative destination for resident artists and community through artwalks, demonstrations and intentional networking with the 80+ local galleries, museums, institutions, and art-focused organizations. Well-known photographer, Lisa Law, actors, writers, musicians and artists have committed to participate in community outreach events and mentor resident artists through interactive participatory programming.</p>				
Project Size	60 units with 49,730 gross residential square feet and 5260 square feet of community space 5 - 0BR, 21 - 1BR, 12 - 2BR/1BA, 14 - 2BR/2BA, 8 - 3BR/2BA			
Timeline:	Start: Third Quarter of 2014		Occupancy: First Quarter of 2016	
Tax Credits	\$1,102,899/18,382 per low income unit			
Financing Commitments:	Equity – Enterprise Comm. Inv. or PNC Bank Construction Loan - Wells Fargo Bank Permanent Loan – MFA 542 (c) Risk Share		Letters of Intent/Interest to provide long-term financing – both debt and equity	
Design:	Atkin Olshin Schade Architects		Property Manager:	Monarch Properties

Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

Councilmembers:

Rudy C. Abeyta

Andrew t. Gonzales

Frederick a. Peralta

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Oscar Rodríguez, Town Manager

Abigail R. Adame, Assistant Town Manager

January 27, 2014

**ATTN: Housing Tax Credit Program Manager
New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority
344 Fourth Street SW
Albuquerque NM 87102**

SUBJECT: La Posta 60 unit LIHTC apartment project proposed by The Housing Trust

Dear Tax Credit Program Manager:

I am pleased to support the Low Income Housing Tax Credit application for La Posta, a 60-unit new construction proposal at 125 La Posta Road. The proposed artist-focused, family affordable housing project will serve households earning 30% to 60% of median income. We partnered with The Housing Trust to deliver high quality, effective programs for residents. La Posta features attractive design and superior green building performance on an infill site valuable for its cultural provenance. The completed development will go far toward meeting the goals of the "Affordable Housing Element (Re)Vision 2020 adopted by the Taos Town Council September, 2012.

(Re)Vision 2020 determined that the most urgent general housing needs are for 158-211 units affordable to households earning below 40% of the annual median income plus 53 to 71 units to affordable at 40% to 80%.

The Town of Taos has an unusually high number of self-employed households (at 16%) according to the 2000 census. This combined with a high number of people in the creative fields suggests the need for affordable arts-focused housing solutions. In 2009, Art Space, a national nonprofit artists' housing expert conducted a market analysis that identified the need for 80 live work units. The study also reported that 39% of respondents were below 60% AMI and would qualify under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program (LIHTC).

The Town has offered tangible support to this project. The town recruited the development team through an RFP process in early 2013. The Town has conducted private fundraising to pay costs of predevelopment planning and site acquisition through grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Kresge Foundation. The Town has committed \$100,000 for design and on January 14, the Town Council agreed to further support the project in the following ways:

Reduce the acquisition costs of this project by	\$469,000
Building permit and impact fee waivers estimated at	\$149,914
Providing water rights to the project	\$185,280
Reduced utility expansion charges for water meter services	\$ 63,000
Use of Town Facilities, Staff Time, Fast track approval	\$ 13,000
Outfitting community buildings for art production	\$380,000

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In total the town is committed to providing \$1,260,194 in assistance as cash, in kind contributions, and fee waivers for the proposed La Posta apartments Low Income Housing Tax Credit project. See attached resolution.

The development team has strong capacity to carry out this project. The Housing Trust has a strong development track record and balance sheet. The design team has met a warm reception from members of arts organizations who assisted in developing the concept plans. The proposed development represents the culmination of a five year collaboration among Town officials, artists, arts and cultural organizations and consultants who developed plans and gauged consumer interest through extensive outreach and surveys.

The apartments reserved for the homeless draw from the Renaissance model of mixed income housing pioneered successfully by the Colorado Coalition for the homeless. The programs organized by the onsite service coordinator will help the very low income households with children to access services for free onsite, will enrich residents through sustainability measures, and by will facilitate consumer-driven career development.

I urge you to give consideration to funding the proposed application for tax credits for a 60-unit, green-built, affordable, rental development for artists.

Sincerely,



Oscar Rodriguez
Town Manager

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Town Support Letter Back Up

1 Acquisition Assistance 469,000

2a Permits & Utilities 10,178

2b High Performance Building Ordinance

14,999 Square Feet @ \$32,000 32,000
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4 Reduced Utility Expansion Charges

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Comercial 4" 1,500
Additional Units 60,000

In-kind

Facilities for Design Charette 1,000
Staff Time & Fast Track Approval 12,000

Rasied Funds for Community Furnishings 380,000

Total 1,260,274



Oscar Rodriguez, Town Manager

1-29-2014

Date



RESOLUTION 14-07

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HOUSING TRUST'S LA POSTA LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT APPLICATION FOR AN SIXTY UNIT AFFORDABLE ARTIST HOUSING PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the proposed artist-focused, family affordable housing project will serve households earning 30% to 60% of median income;

WHEREAS, the Town's Re(Vision) 2020 Master Plan "Affordable Housing Element" identified a housing shortage of 158 to 211 units for households earning below 40% of the annual median income (AMI) and a housing shortage of 53 to 71 units for households earning between 40% and 80% of the AMI with an anticipated need for an additional 90 units in next 5 years;

WHEREAS, this project supports the (Re)Vision 2020 Affordable Housing Master Plan Element as adopted by Ordinance 12-11 and the Establishment of an Affordable Housing Program as adopted by Ordinance 11-03 by the Town Council on September 2012;

WHEREAS, in 2009, ArtSpace conducted a housing market analysis and identified the need for 80 live work units at a variety of income levels with 39% of respondents below 60% AMI who would qualify under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program (LIHTC);

WHEREAS, the Town has conducted private fundraising, provided over \$50,000 in cash to pay the costs of predevelopment planning and site acquisition along with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Kresge Foundation;

WHEREAS, major partners in the development of project now include the Town of Taos, The Housing Trust (pre-development, project development manager and owner), Atkins Olshin Schade Architects, and Bradbury Stamm Construction;

WHEREAS, the Town had previously committed to donating property but the best site for the project after inventorying properties was an infill site due to the number of amenities nearby including but not limited to a grocery store, shopping opportunities, health care, eating establishments, and professional service offices;

WHEREAS, the Town needs to provide 10% of the development costs for a competitive LIHTC application; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Taos that rather than donating property, the Town will make a substantial donation to the project with cash and the reduction of acquisition costs of the property by waiving building permit fees, providing water rights to the project, reducing the cost of extending the utility lines and meter charges, providing the use of Town facilities, and providing furnishings for the La Posta Affordable Housing community buildings for a total of approximately \$1.26 million.


AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Taos supports The Housing Trust's LIHTC application for the La Posta Affordable Artist Housing Project.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Taos hereby directs the Town Clerk to provide an executed copy of this resolution to Taos County.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 14th day of January, 2014, at the Regular Meeting of the Town Council by the following vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew T. Gonzales	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Rudy C. Abeyta	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Frederick A. Peralta	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Michael A. Silva	<u>yes</u>

TOWN OF TAOS



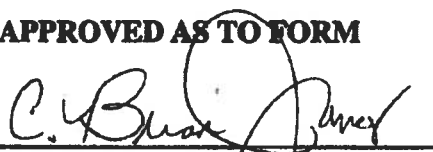
Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM



C. Brian James, Town Attorney



October 28, 2014

Title:

Resolution 14-52 Hiring of an Immediate Family Member of Town Employee

Summary:

Consideration and approval of Resolution 14-52 to hire Joshua Mondragon as a full time Recycle Plant Operator I within the Public Works Department/Recycle Division. Joshua is the son-in-law of Town employee Joseph Muniz who works for the Public Works Department/Streets Division.

Background:

The employment of Joshua Mondragon will not create a direct or indirect supervisor/subordinate relationship nor a conflict of interest.

Attachments:

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RESOLUTION 14-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TAOS COUNCIL APPROVING THE HIRING OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OR A CURRENT TOWN EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, Part six (6) of the Town of Taos Personnel Policy states the town shall not permit the hiring, promotion, or direct supervision of an employee who is related by blood or marriage within the third degree to a current town employee, unless approved by majority of the Council: and

WHEREAS, The Town of Taos has recommended for hire Joshua Mondragon as a full time Recycle Plant Operator I within the Public Works Department/Recycle Division. Joshua is the son-in-law of Town employee Joseph Muniz who works for the Public Works Department/Streets Division; and

WHEREAS, the employment of Joshua Mondragon would not create a direct or indirect supervision/subordinate relationship nor create an actual conflict of interest.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Taos that the employment of Joshua Mondragon be approved by the majority vote of the Council.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 28th day of October, 2014, at the Regular Meeting of the Town Council by the following vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew T. Gonzales	_____
Councilmember Judith Y. Cantu	_____
Councilmember George A. "Fritz" Hahn	_____
Councilmember Frederick A. Peralta	_____

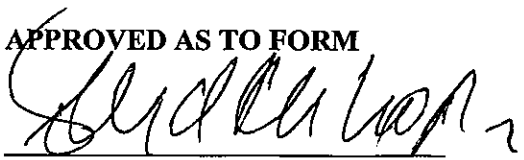
TOWN OF TAOS

Daniel Barrone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Floyd W. Lopez, Town Attorney



October 28, 2014

Title:

Resolution 14-53 Hiring of an Immediate Family Member of Town Employee

Summary:

Consideration and approval of Resolution 14-53 to hire Matthew Mondragon as a full time Fleet Mechanic within the Public Works Department/Fleet Division. Matthew is the nephew of Town employee Danny Mondragon who works for the Facilities Services Department/Parks Division.

Background:

The employment of Matthew Mondragon will not create a direct or indirect supervisor/subordinate relationship nor a conflict of interest.

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RESOLUTION 14-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TAOS COUNCIL APPROVING THE HIRING OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OR A CURRENT TOWN EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, Part six (6) of the Town of Taos Personnel Policy states the town shall not permit the hiring, promotion, or direct supervision of an employee who is related by blood or marriage within the third degree to a current town employee, unless approved by majority of the Council: and

WHEREAS, The Town of Taos has recommended for hire Matthew Mondragon as a full time Fleet Mechanic within the Public Works Department/Fleet Division. Matthew is the nephew of Town employee Danny Mondragon who works for the Facilities Services Department/Parks Division; and

WHEREAS, the employment of Matthew Mondragon would not create a direct or indirect supervision/subordinate relationship nor create an actual conflict of interest.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Taos that the employment of Joshua Mondragon be approved by the majority vote of the Council.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 28th day of October, 2014, at the Regular Meeting of the Town Council by the following vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew T. Gonzales
Councilmember Judith Y. Cantu
Councilmember George A. "Fritz" Hahn
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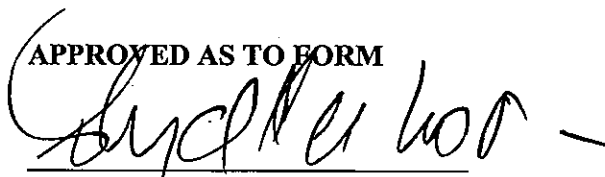
TOWN OF TAOS

Daniel Barrone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Floyd W. Lopez, Town Attorney



October 28, 2014

Title:

Resolution 14-55 Hiring of an Immediate Family Member of Town Employee

Summary:

Consideration and approval of Resolution 14-55 to hire Antonio Garcia on a temporary basis as a Recreation Specialist within the Recreation Department/Youth & Family Center Division. Antonio is the nephew of Town employee Francella Garcia who works for the Executive Department.

Background:

The employment of Antonio Garcia will not create a direct or indirect supervisor/subordinate relationship nor a conflict of interest.

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RESOLUTION 14-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TAOS COUNCIL APPROVING THE HIRING OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OR A CURRENT TOWN EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, Part six (6) of the Town of Taos Personnel Policy states the town shall not permit the hiring, promotion, or direct supervision of an employee who is related by blood or marriage within the third degree to a current town employee, unless approved by majority of the Council: and

WHEREAS, The Town of Taos has recommended for hire Antonio Garcia on a temporary basis as a Recreation Specialist within the Recreation Department/Youth & Family Center Division. Antonio is the nephew of Town employee Francella Garcia who works for the Executive Department; and

WHEREAS, the employment of Antonio Garcia would not create a direct or indirect supervision/subordinate relationship nor create an actual conflict of interest.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Taos that the employment of Joshua Mondragon be approved by the majority vote of the Council.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 28th day of October, 2014, at the Regular Meeting of the Town Council by the following vote:

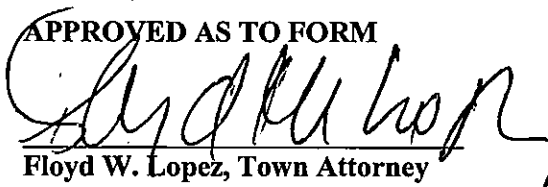
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TOWN OF TAOS

Daniel Barrone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Floyd W. Lopez, Town Attorney



October 28, 2014

Title:

Financial Update

Summary:

Presentation of the monthly financial report for the period ending September 30, 2014.

Background:

Submitted by (Marietta Fambro)

Attachments:

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- ☐ [September Financial Report](#)
- ☐ [September 2014 - Projections Bullets](#)
- ☐ [September Monthly GRT Report](#)
- ☐ [September Monthly Classifications Report](#)
- ☐ [October Monthly GRT Report](#)
- ☐ [October 2014 Monthly Classifications Report](#)

SEPTEMBER 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

Revenues - Gross Receipts Tax - September's tax distribution (July's activity) was down 3.39% over 2013-2014. The most significant categorical decreases were in Accommodation & Food Services at \$58,125 (29.44%) and Retail Trade at \$23,870 (7.46%). The most significant categorical increases were in Construction at \$32,957 (142%) and Unclassified Establishments at \$12,484 (512%). With four months of gross receipts tax revenues reported our projection for the end of the year is that we are not going to meet our 2% increase. At this time our projection for gross receipts will be down 1.5% from our original budget. At any time we have a substantial increase or decrease that would change our projection substantially we will inform the council. Even though our year-to-date growth rate is down 6.91% the budget was prepared with the estimated taxes calculated less than last years actuals and a two percent of that amount. Overall General Fund revenues are down 8.0% from last year this time. One revenue source we are not receiving this year is the Library Fee and Convention Center Revenues are at a much lessor amount with the convention center being closed. Both of the revenue sources were accounted for as zero in the budget preparation.

Expenditures – For the month of September most departments are close to last years expenditures with the exception of Executive - (one less employee), Human Resources (one less employee) and Police, which has had vacancies since the beginning of the fiscal year. Overall, General Fund expenditures are down 3% from last year at this time. During the month of September the payment to the New Mexico Self-Insurers Fund was made for all insurance coverage's in the amount of \$577,677 for all departments, with the majority being expensed from the Finance and Police budgets.

Ending Balance – Our reserves remain the same, with a state mandate of 1/12th reserves along with an additional 34 days of a reserve balance. Based on our projection of a 1.5% decrease, the reserve will stay the same since we decreased expenditures in the same amount during the same period. It is important at this time to keep the reserve in place as a conservative plan.

Capital Projects

In the month of September we had a couple of minor expenses, which were the final payment for the Airport and Library roof projects, for a combined amount of \$15,829. Encumbrances for September included engineering for the Air Filtration Units for Fire, Design of Locker Rooms at the Eco Park and Youth & Family Center roof repairs. Several RFP's were solicited during September, including the Telecommunications Tower, Airport Engineering and the Juvenile Justice Coordinator. Also pre-proposal response meetings and bid packages, advertisements and bid openings for Camino de la Placita, Kit Carson Well Pump Replacement and 2013 CDBG Chamisa Area Improvements.

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Spent YTD</u>	<u>Open PO's</u>	<u>Complete</u>
Facilities Fund 50	602,598	50,700	86,602	8%
Capital Projects Fund 51	659,405	1,290	35,094	0%
Airport Construction Fund 52	24,439,662	-	-	0%
Vehicle Replacement Fund 54	64,000	-	-	0%
Affordable Housing Fund 56	8,994	-	-	0%
1999 Gas Tax Acquisition Fund 59	3,506,591	-	-	0%
Utility Construction Fund 81	3,142,677	3,232	201,867	0%
Totals	32,423,927	55,223	323,563	0%

Debt Service

All debt service transfers and accounts are on schedule to be paid in accordance with their respective covenant agreements.

	<u>Outstanding Principal July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Interest Payments</u>	<u>Principal & Interest*</u>
Rural Utility Service Revenue Bond	2,186,600	54,000	113,368	-
New Mexico Finance Authority Loans - Utility, Streets & Landfill	2,911,058	370,086	53,666	-
New Mexico Finance Authority Loans - Land & Eco Park	1,973,952	238,850	58,920	-
New Mexico Environmental Department Loan - WWTP-6-2031	1,140,000	60,000	-	-
Town Hall Bonds	4,965,000	290,000	204,626	-
TOTALS	13,176,610	1,012,936	430,580	-

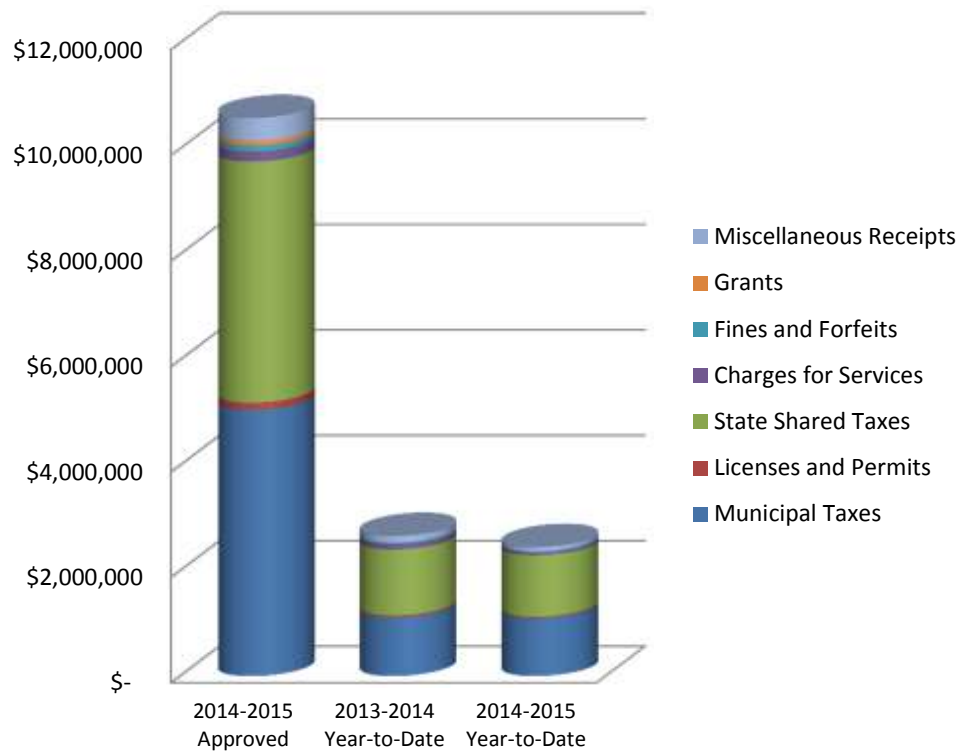
*Principal and/or interest amounts due within the next 30 days

Retirement of Loans: Eco Park - May 2025; Town Hall - June 2025; Streets -May 2022; 20 Acres of land - May 2017; Rural Utility Services Revenue Bonds June 2031, 2029, 2022, 2021, 2040, 2033, 2035; Landfill 2018

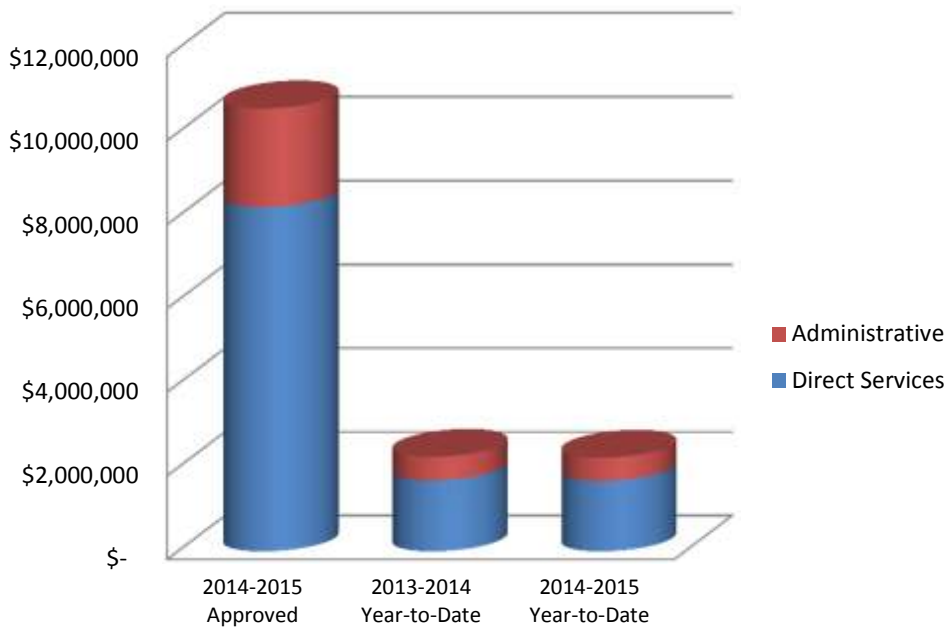
FY 2014-2015 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET - Revenues-Expenditures YTD through - Sept 30, 2014

	FY 2014-2015 Approved Budget	FY 2013-2014 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY 2014-2015 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY 2014-2015 Projected Year End
Revenues				
Beginning Balance July 1, 2014	\$ 2,480,356	\$ 1,761,601	\$ 2,480,356	\$ 2,480,356
Revenues				
Property Taxes	1,005,921	28,076	26,821	1,005,921
Franchise Taxes	378,101	78,196	132,641	378,101
Gross Receipts Tax (1 ¢)	3,667,732	1,008,480	938,725	3,610,232
Licenses & Permits				
Business Registrations	45,329	3,015	4,115	45,329
Building Permits	67,877	27,004	21,196	67,877
All Other	26,871	6,763	4,866	26,871
State Shared Taxes				
Auto License Dist 60/40	72,751	16,728	17,266	72,751
State Shared Gross Receipts Tax (1.225 ¢)	4,492,971	1,235,388	1,149,938	4,422,534
Charges for Services				
Parking Meter Fees	0	-	0	-
Swimming Pool/Recreation	74,274	8,213	25,736	74,274
Civic/Convention Center Revenues	0	30,930	1,440	-
Library Fees	0	10,603	0	-
All Other	114,915	56,024	24,004	114,915
Fines & Forfeits				
Court Fines	85,667	22,704	14,678	85,667
Library Fines	25,995	6,225	6,589	25,995
Grants				
State/Federal Grants	90,000	-	0	90,000
Miscellaneous Receipts				
Administration Fees	298,294	76,825	74,517	298,294
All Other	135,808	45,603	6,987	135,808
Total Revenues	\$ 10,582,506	\$ 2,660,779	\$ 2,449,520	10,454,569
Transfers: In (Out)				
Community Grants (i.e. Eco Park)	(202,000)	-	-	(202,000)
Severance Pay Fund	(100,000)	-	(20,000)	(100,000)
General 1/12th Reserve Fund	(881,246)	-	-	(881,246)
General Additional Reserve Fund	(988,165)	-	-	(988,165)
Capital/Maintenance/Operating One-Time	(316,504)	-	(40,000)	(316,504)
Total Net Transfers	\$ (2,487,915)	\$ -	\$ (60,000)	(2,487,915)
Expenditures				
Executive	\$ 429,434	\$ 97,586	\$ 78,410	429,434
Judicial	244,523	44,574	42,921	244,523
Finance	813,023	317,326	322,454	729,319
Police	2,663,251	689,842	621,945	2,663,251
Fire	648,602	132,804	149,958	648,602
Streets	854,841	184,106	144,731	854,841
Recreation	519,271	82,760	85,540	519,271
Fleet	228,281	35,931	35,425	228,281
Planning & Zoning	528,071	56,094	79,833	483,838
Library	610,473	111,478	114,988	610,473
Human Resources	248,597	49,798	38,715	248,597
Facilities	1,313,120	251,952	254,026	1,313,120
Town Council	322,251	60,933	66,036	322,251
Airport	151,483	30,743	28,370	151,483
Municipal Elections	-	0	-	-
Pool	394,065	70,824	75,521	394,065
Legal	329,706	43,808	35,622	329,706
Information Technology	275,955	43,506	62,911	275,955
Total Expenditures	\$ 10,574,947	\$ 2,304,065	\$ 2,237,405	10,447,010
Ending Balance	\$ -	\$ 2,118,315	\$ 2,632,472	(0)

Revenues



Expenditures



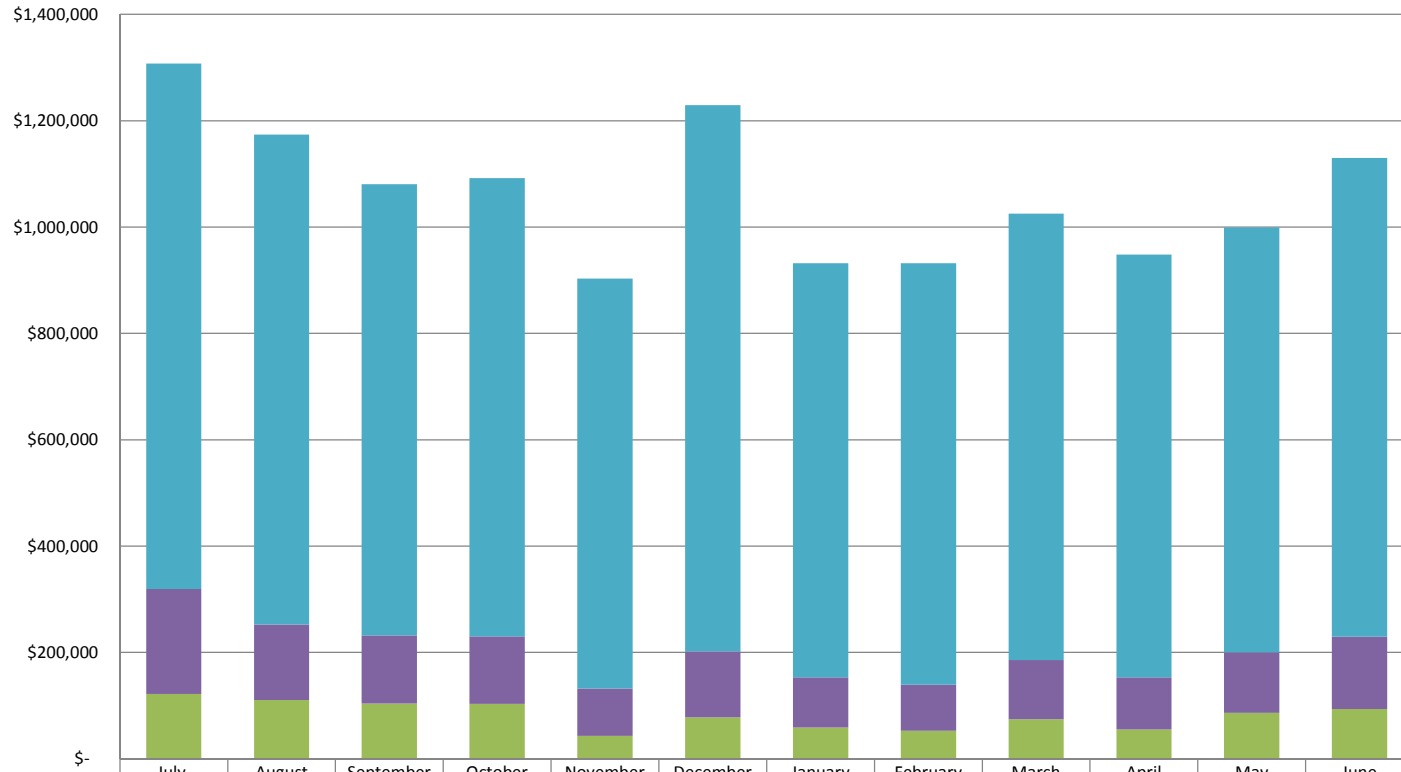
ALL OTHER FUNDS

FY 2014-2015 OPERATING BUDGET'S - Revenues-Expenditures - YTD through - September 30, 2014

Item	FY 2014-2015 Approved Budget	FY 2013-2014 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY 2014-2015 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY 2014-2015 Projected Year End
Revenues - There is an increase in several of all other fund budgets starting with the Visitor Center mainly due to the increase of commission on sales from 25% to 30%; Historic District - parking meter revenues along with court fines are up possibly due the working conditions of the meters and tickets being recorded as revenue in this fund and not in the General Fund; Communications - Taos County remitting payment on a monthly basis. In the Enterprise Funds the Landfill Fund is showing increase in revenues due to the rate change which took effect in July.				
Revenues				
Visitors Center	\$ 115,902	\$ 39,716	\$ 44,723	115,902
Public Transportation	583,895	85,410	50,303	583,895
Historic District	120,000	27,902	46,320	120,000
Communications	702,000	140,424	173,612	702,000
Total-Special Fund Revenues	\$ 1,521,797	\$ 293,452	\$ 314,958	\$ 1,521,797
Expenditures				
Visitors Center	\$ 888,913	\$ 92,945	\$ 86,900	888,913
Public Transportation	816,664	135,294	93,976	816,664
Historic District	153,467	8,425	8,100	153,467
Communications	719,620	128,946	134,007	719,620
Total Special Fund Expenditures	\$ 2,578,664	\$ 365,610	\$ 322,984	\$ 2,578,664
Enterprise Funds Revenues				
Municipal Tax	475,510	126,060	117,341	475,510
Water-Charges for Service	1,355,491	392,588	386,171	1,355,491
Wastewater-Charges for Service	1,759,558	500,735	508,440	1,759,558
Miscellaneous Receipts	68,882	16,444	16,531	68,882
Solid Waste-Charges for Service	1,315,323	324,819	320,305	1,315,323
Regional Landfill-Charges for Service	1,126,196	299,735	340,859	1,126,196
Total-Enterprise Funds Revenues	\$ 6,100,960	\$ 1,660,381	\$ 1,689,647	\$ 6,100,960
Enterprise Funds Expenditures				
Utility Billing	254,931	57,815	67,751	254,931
Water	801,511	132,927	136,077	801,511
Wastewater Collections	431,203	82,878	83,496	431,203
Wastewater Treatment	1,230,530	68,258	43,238	1,230,530
Solid Waste Recycling	272,013	53,408	51,200	272,013
Solid Waste Billing	1,076,736	56,833	261,971	1,076,736
Regional Landfill	778,203	133,820	145,609	778,203
Total-Enterprise Funds Expenditures	\$ 4,845,127	\$ 585,939	\$ 789,342	\$ 4,845,127

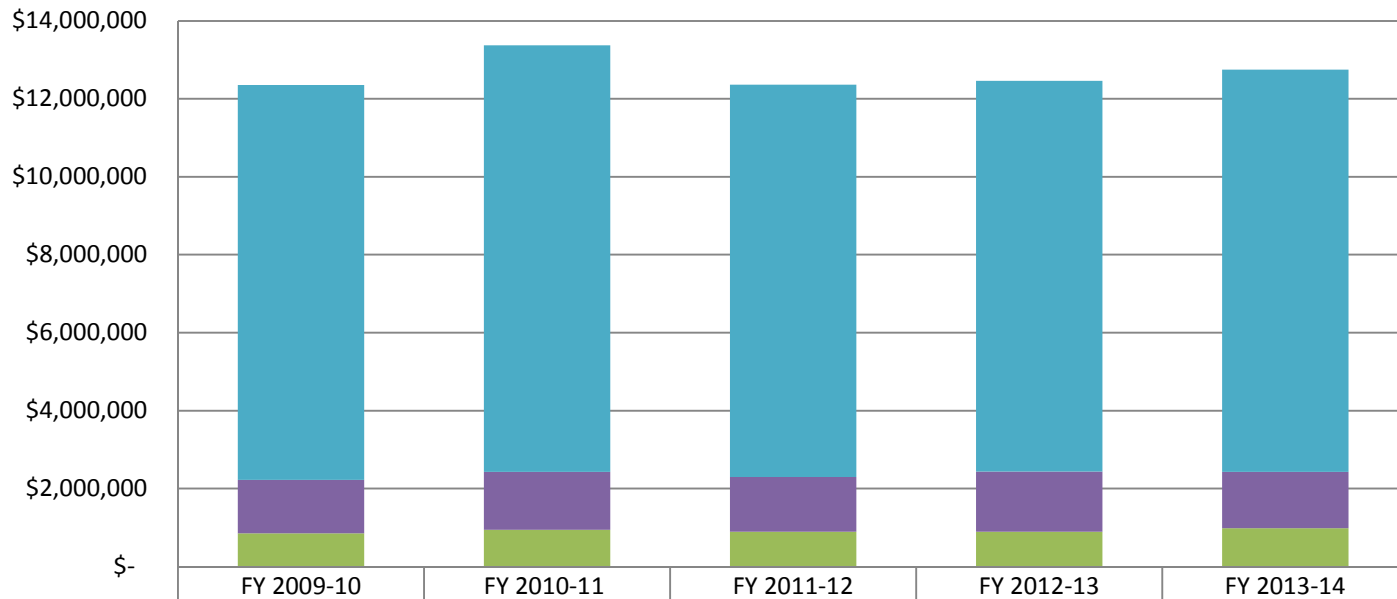
LODGER'S TAX INFORMATION

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Revenue Comparisons



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
GRT	\$988,355	\$921,066	\$848,955	\$861,800	\$771,521	\$1,027,656	\$778,820	\$792,272	\$839,597	\$794,975	\$799,202	\$900,639
Accomodations & Food Service	\$197,448	\$141,890	\$128,050	\$126,656	\$88,519	\$124,165	\$94,627	\$86,665	\$111,217	\$98,245	\$114,070	\$135,774
Lodgers' Tax	\$121,684	\$110,696	\$103,895	\$103,417	\$43,298	\$77,756	\$58,588	\$52,780	\$74,476	\$54,934	\$86,119	\$93,750

Annual Revenue Comparisons FY 2009-2014



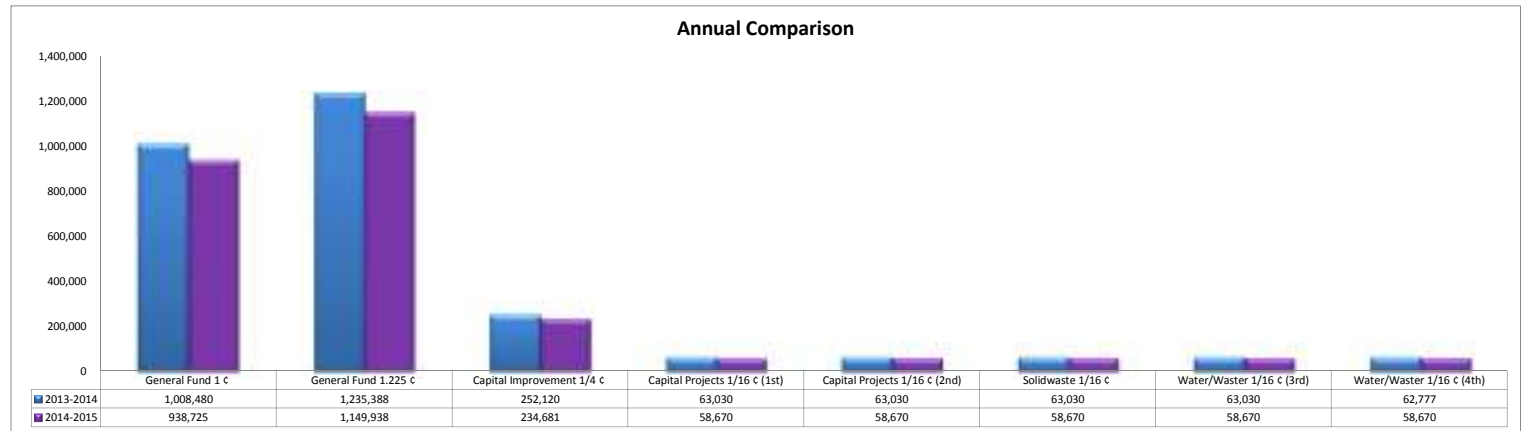
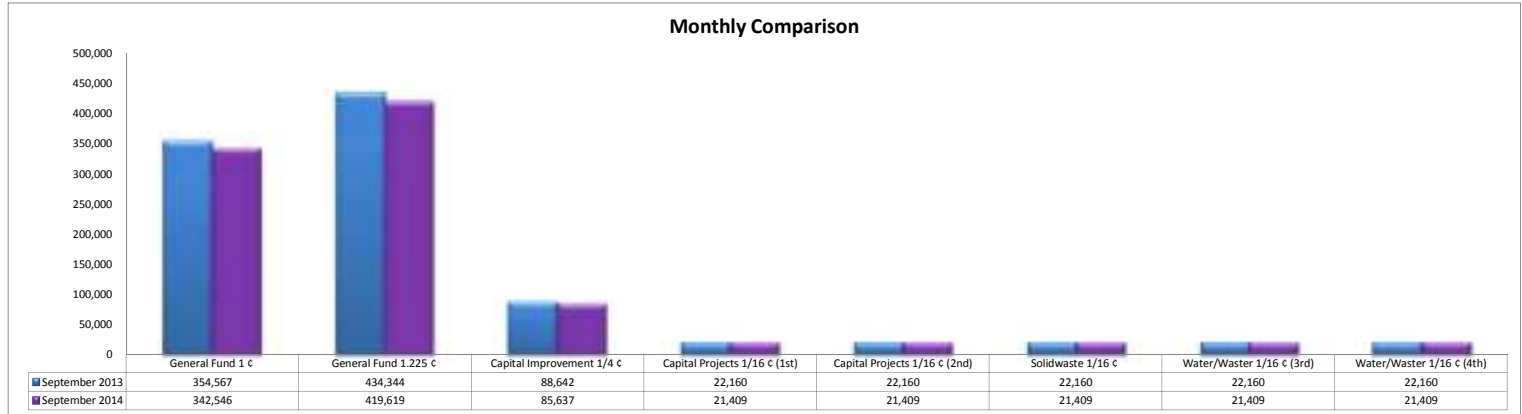
GRT	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
	\$10,134,132	\$10,943,742	\$10,065,860	\$10,023,951	\$10,324,858
Accomodations & Food Service	\$1,367,242	\$1,486,623	\$1,404,858	\$1,548,999	\$1,446,726
Lodgers' Tax	\$852,118	\$942,282	\$893,226	\$890,663	\$981,391

September 2014

- GRT Decrease 3.39% over 2013
- Accommodation and Food Svc highest with \$58,125 decrease over 2013
- Q1 overall decrease in growth rate of 6.91% over 2013-2014
- Anticipated year end decrease for general fund of \$127,937 or 1.5%
- Determined by:
 - Year-end projections are determined by taking an average of the % of revenues received by month for the five most recent fiscal years and applying those averages to the actual monthly revenues
 - Using the actual decreases for July, August and September and the actual increase for October results in 1.5% decrease
 - The original budget amount is \$10,294,318
 - The new year end projection is \$10,134,038
 - The difference is \$160,280 or 1.5% for all GRT revenues
- Holding off on hiring personnel in Finance-Business Manager and Code Compliance/Animal Control
- Balancing out the shortage with these two positions
- The projected ending balance for General Fund is \$1,869,411
- Required reserve of 30 days = \$881,246
- Additional reserve of 34 days - \$988,165 for total of 64 days

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement: The Mission of the Finance Department is to promote excellence, quality and efficiency by enhancing the ability of our employees to serve our internal and external customers in an outstanding manner. We continuously strive to promote and ensure public trust in town government through quality fiscal responsibility.



July, 2013 - June, 2014

	General Fund	General Fund	Capital Improv.	Capital Projects	Capital Projects	Solidwaste	Water/Wastewater/Wastewa	Projects	Projects	Total Gross	Taxable	Monthly	Average
	Fund	Fund								Receipts Tax	Gross	Growth	Growth
	1 c	1.225 c	1/4 c	1/16 c (1st)	1/16 c (2nd)	1/16 c	1/16 c (3rd)	1/16 c (4th)	Revenues	Tax Rate	Receipts	Rate	Rate
July (May)	297,203	364,074	74,301	18,575	18,575	18,575	18,575	18,322	828,201	2.7875%	29,711,261	1.35%	1.39%
August (June)	356,710	436,970	89,178	22,294	22,294	22,294	22,294	22,294	994,329	2.7875%	35,671,000	13.99%	7.88%
September (July)	354,567	434,344	88,642	22,160	22,160	22,160	22,160	22,160	988,355	2.7875%	35,456,667	5.04%	6.86%
October (Aug)	330,427	404,773	82,607	20,652	20,652	20,652	20,652	20,652	921,066	2.7875%	33,042,728	1.14%	5.39%
November (Sept)	304,558	373,084	76,139	19,035	19,035	19,035	19,035	19,035	848,955	2.7875%	30,455,795	2.18%	4.78%
December (Oct)	309,166	378,728	77,291	19,323	19,323	19,323	19,323	19,323	861,800	2.7875%	30,916,589	3.65%	4.60%
January (Nov)	276,779	339,054	69,195	17,299	17,299	17,299	17,299	17,299	771,521	2.7875%	27,677,888	0.13%	4.02%
February (Dec)	368,666	451,616	92,166	23,042	23,042	23,042	23,042	23,042	1,027,656	2.7875%	36,866,591	9.88%	4.82%
March (Jan)	279,397	342,262	69,849	17,462	17,462	17,462	17,462	17,462	778,820	2.7875%	27,939,725	-1.99%	4.11%
April (Feb)	284,223	348,173	71,056	17,764	17,764	17,764	17,764	17,764	792,272	2.7875%	28,422,317	8.73%	4.51%
May (March)	301,201	368,971	75,300	18,825	18,825	18,825	18,825	18,825	839,597	2.7875%	30,120,068	-0.73%	4.03%
June (Apr)	285,193	349,361	71,298	17,825	17,825	17,825	17,825	17,825	794,975	2.7875%	28,519,277	6.60%	4.23%
Total	3,748,090	4,591,410	937,022	234,256	234,256	234,256	234,256	234,003	10,447,547		374,799,907		

July, 2014 - June, 2015

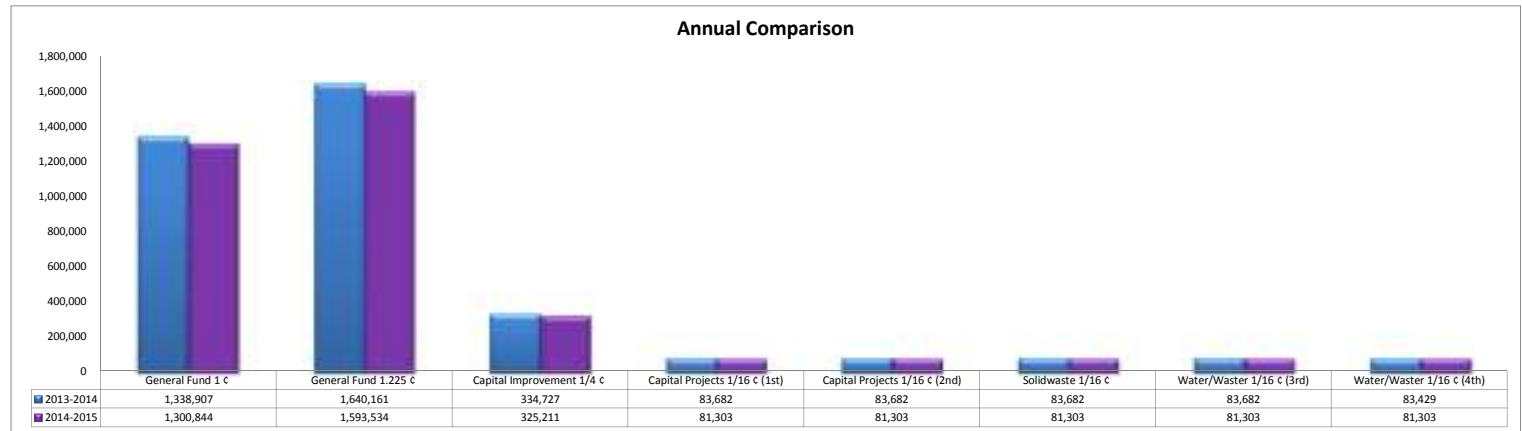
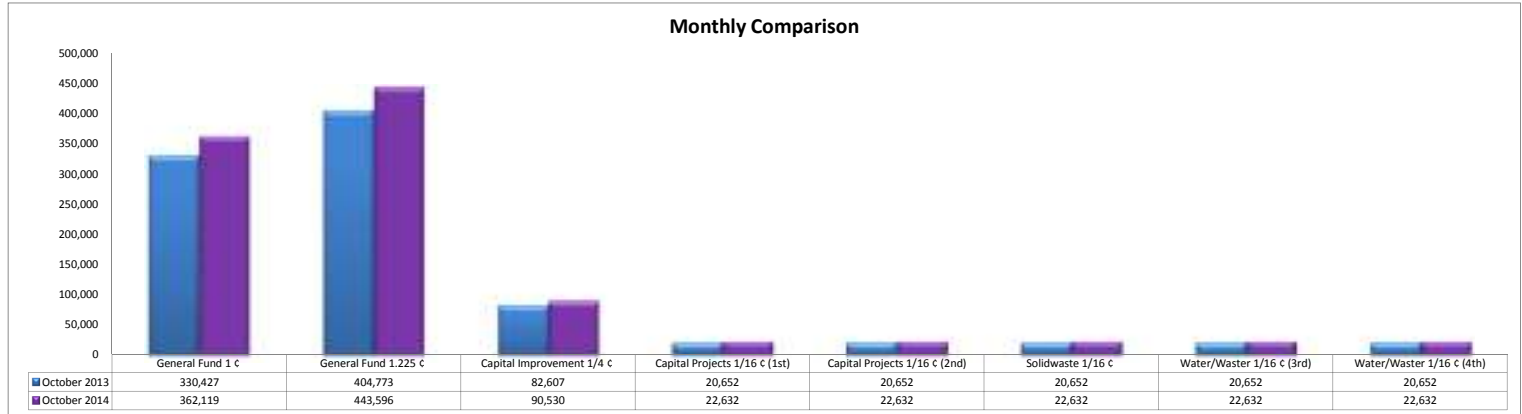
	General Fund	General Fund	Capital Improv.	Capital Projects	Capital Projects	Solidwaste	Water/Wastewater/Wastewa	Projects	Projects	Total Gross Receipts Tax	Effective Tax Rate	Taxable Gross Receipts	Monthly Growth Rate	Average Growth Rate
	1 €	1.225 €	1/4 €	1/16 € (1st)	1/16 € (2nd)	1/16 €	1/16 € (3rd)	1/16 € (4th)		Revenues				
July (May)	286,709	351,219	71,677	17,919	17,919	17,919	17,919	17,919	17,919	799,202	2.7875%	28,670,915	-3.50%	-3.50%
August (June)	309,470	379,100	77,367	19,342	19,342	19,342	19,342	19,342	19,342	862,646	2.7875%	30,946,952	-13.24%	-8.82%
September (July)	342,546	419,619	85,637	21,409	21,409	21,409	21,409	21,409	21,409	954,848	2.7875%	34,254,622	-3.39%	-6.91%
October (Aug)										0	2.7875%	0		
November (Sept)										0	2.7875%	0		
December (Oct)										0	2.7875%	0		
January (Nov)										0	2.7875%	0		
February (Dec)										0	2.7875%	0		
March (Jan)										0	2.7875%	0		
April (Feb)										0	2.7875%	0		
May (March)										0	2.7875%	0		
June (Apr)										0	2.7875%	0		
Total	938,725	1,149,938	234,681	58,670	58,670	58,670	58,670	58,670	58,670	2,616,696		93,872,489		

* There is a two month lag between the payment and the receipt of Gross Receipts Taxes.

SEPTEMBER 2014 (JULY 2014 ACTIVITY)	2014	2013	Change in	Percent
Classifications (USA/CAN/MEX)	\$ Amount	\$ Amount	Dollars	Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	-	-	-	0.00%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	-	-	-	0.00%
Utilities	24,269.00	24,391.00	(122.00)	-0.50%
Construction	56,119.00	23,162.00	32,957.00	142.29%
Sector 31-33 - Manufacturing	19,652.00	20,230.00	(578.00)	-2.86%
Wholesale Trade	9,480.00	11,895.00	(2,415.00)	-20.30%
Sector 44-45 - Retail Trade	296,046.00	319,916.00	(23,870.00)	-7.46%
Sector 48-49 - Transportation & Warehousing	682.00	327.00	355.00	108.56%
Information	23,425.00	25,461.00	(2,036.00)	-8.00%
Finance & Insurance	3,440.00	5,638.00	(2,198.00)	-38.99%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	12,120.00	10,054.00	2,066.00	20.55%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	25,351.00	37,728.00	(12,377.00)	-32.81%
Admin and Support, Waste Mgt & Remed	38,365.00	23,215.00	15,150.00	65.26%
Education Services	-	355.00	(355.00)	0.00%
Health Care & Social Assistance	55,041.00	45,370.00	9,671.00	21.32%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	5,193.00	2,773.00	2,420.00	87.27%
Accommodation & Food Services	139,323.00	197,448.00	(58,125.00)	-29.44%
Other Services (except Public Admin.)	48,496.00	64,116.00	(15,620.00)	-24.36%
Unclassified Establishments	17,168.00	2,803.00	14,365.00	512.49%
SUB-TOTAL	774,170.00	814,882.00	(40,712.00)	-5.00%
Food Distribution	169,570.00	167,211.00	2,359.00	1.41%
Medical Distribution	21,590.00	19,461.00	2,129.00	10.94%
TOTAL	965,330.00	1,001,554.00	(36,224.00)	-3.62%

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement: The Mission of the Finance Department is to promote excellence, quality and efficiency by enhancing the ability of our employees to serve our internal and external customers in an outstanding manner. We continuously strive to promote and ensure public trust in town government through quality fiscal responsibility.



July, 2013 - June, 2014

	General Fund 1 c	General Fund 1.225 c	Capital Improv. 1/4 c	Capital Projects 1/16 c (1st)	Capital Projects 1/16 c (2nd)	Solidwaste 1/16 c	Water/Wastewater Projects 1/16 c (3rd)	Water/Wastewater Projects 1/16 c (4th)	Total Gross Receipts Tax Revenues	Effective Tax Rate	Taxable Gross Receipts	Monthly Growth Rate	Average Growth Rate
July (May)	297,203	364,074	74,301	18,575	18,575	18,575	18,322	18,322	828,201	2.7875%	29,711,261	1.35%	1.39%
August (June)	356,710	436,970	89,178	22,294	22,294	22,294	22,294	22,294	994,329	2.7875%	35,671,000	13.99%	7.88%
September (July)	354,567	434,344	88,642	22,160	22,160	22,160	22,160	22,160	988,355	2.7875%	35,456,667	5.04%	6.86%
October (Aug)	330,427	404,773	82,607	20,652	20,652	20,652	20,652	20,652	921,066	2.7875%	33,042,728	1.14%	5.39%
November (Sept)	304,558	373,084	76,139	19,035	19,035	19,035	19,035	19,035	848,955	2.7875%	30,455,795	2.18%	4.78%
December (Oct)	309,166	378,728	77,291	19,323	19,323	19,323	19,323	19,323	861,800	2.7875%	30,916,589	3.65%	4.60%
January (Nov)	276,779	339,054	69,195	17,299	17,299	17,299	17,299	17,299	771,521	2.7875%	27,677,888	0.13%	4.02%
February (Dec)	368,666	451,616	92,166	23,042	23,042	23,042	23,042	23,042	1,027,656	2.7875%	36,866,591	9.88%	4.82%
March (Jan)	279,397	342,262	69,849	17,462	17,462	17,462	17,462	17,462	778,820	2.7875%	27,939,725	-1.99%	4.11%
April (Feb)	284,223	348,173	71,056	17,764	17,764	17,764	17,764	17,764	792,272	2.7875%	28,422,317	8.73%	4.51%
May (March)	301,201	368,971	75,300	18,825	18,825	18,825	18,825	18,825	839,597	2.7875%	30,120,068	-0.73%	4.03%
June (Apr)	285,193	349,361	71,298	17,825	17,825	17,825	17,825	17,825	794,975	2.7875%	28,519,277	6.60%	4.23%
Total	3,748,090	4,591,410	937,022	234,256	234,256	234,256	234,256	234,003	10,447,547		374,799,907		

July, 2014 - June, 2015

	General Fund 1 c	General Fund 1.225 c	Capital Improv. 1/4 c	Capital Projects 1/16 c (1st)	Capital Projects 1/16 c (2nd)	Solidwaste 1/16 c	Water/Wastewater Projects 1/16 c (3rd)	Water/Wastewater Projects 1/16 c (4th)	Total Gross Receipts Tax Revenues	Effective Tax Rate	Taxable Gross Receipts	Monthly Growth Rate	Average Growth Rate
July (May)	286,709	351,219	71,677	17,919	17,919	17,919	17,919	17,919	799,202	2.7875%	28,670,915	-3.50%	-3.50%
August (June)	309,470	379,100	77,367	19,342	19,342	19,342	19,342	19,342	862,646	2.7875%	30,946,952	-13.24%	-8.82%
September (July)	342,546	419,619	85,637	21,409	21,409	21,409	21,409	21,409	954,848	2.7875%	34,254,622	-3.39%	-6.91%
October (Aug)	362,119	443,596	90,530	22,632	22,632	22,632	22,632	22,632	1,009,408	2.7875%	36,211,935	9.59%	-2.84%
November (Sept)									0	2.7875%	0		
December (Oct)									0	2.7875%	0		
January (Nov)									0	2.7875%	0		
February (Dec)									0	2.7875%	0		
March (Jan)									0	2.7875%	0		
April (Feb)									0	2.7875%	0		
May (March)									0	2.7875%	0		
June (Apr)									0	2.7875%	0		
Total	1,300,844	1,593,534	325,211	81,303	81,303	81,303	81,303	81,303	3,626,103		130,084,424		

* There is a two month lag between the payment and the receipt of Gross Receipts Taxes.

OCTOBER 2014 (AUGUST 2014 ACTIVITY)	2014	2013	Change in	Percent
Classifications (USA/CAN/MEX)	\$ Amount	\$ Amount	Dollars	Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	-	195.00	(195.00)	0.00%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	-	-	-	0.00%
Utilities	22,988.00	23,438.00	(450.00)	-1.92%
Construction	69,766.00	30,952.00	38,814.00	125.40%
Sector 31-33 - Manufacturing	17,045.00	17,673.00	(628.00)	-3.55%
Wholesale Trade	7,775.00	8,150.00	(375.00)	-4.60%
Sector 44-45 - Retail Trade	359,810.00	327,104.00	32,706.00	10.00%
Sector 48-49 - Transportation & Warehousing	794.00	725.00	69.00	9.52%
Information	25,192.00	29,510.00	(4,318.00)	-14.63%
Finance & Insurance	7,398.00	4,972.00	2,426.00	48.79%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	18,300.00	9,224.00	9,076.00	98.40%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	27,431.00	22,885.00	4,546.00	19.86%
Admin and Support, Waste Mgt & Remed	21,457.00	22,211.00	(754.00)	-3.39%
Education Services	680.00	318.00	362.00	0.00%
Health Care & Social Assistance	53,032.00	45,418.00	7,614.00	16.76%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,738.00	2,518.00	220.00	8.74%
Accommodation & Food Services	131,207.00	141,890.00	(10,683.00)	-7.53%
Other Services (except Public Admin.)	54,341.00	59,174.00	(4,833.00)	-8.17%
Unclassified Establishments	17,168.00	2,972.00	14,196.00	477.66%
SUB-TOTAL	837,122.00	749,329.00	87,793.00	11.72%
Food Distribution	160,742.00	154,724.00	6,018.00	3.89%
Medical Distribution	23,587.00	28,992.00	(5,405.00)	-18.64%
TOTAL	1,021,451.00	933,045.00	88,406.00	9.47%



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Animal Control RFQ

Summary:

Discussion and consideration of a national RFQ (Request for Qualifications) by the Town and possibly in partnership with other governmental and/or non-profit providers for a range of animal-related services to potentially include, but not limited to, animal control and animal control ordinance enforcement, long-range planning, prevention, public education, sheltering, staff training, program licensing/certification, program management, etc. This RFQ can be conducted under the parameters of the Town's current LCSBG solicitation process, or as an adjunct to it. The Town Manager is also seeking permission to contact and work with the County, Stray Hearts, the Pueblos and other municipalities in our service area to explore the idea of a consolidated contract for services and possible consolidation of services under a single entity for greater cost-effectiveness and improved, seamless service provision.

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Appointment of Airport Advisory Board Members

Summary:

Consideration and possible reappointment of Don Francisco Trujillo II to the Airport Advisory Board for a 2 year term in accordance with Town Code Chapter 2.12, and confirmation of appointment by Taos Pueblo of Clyde M. Romero, Jr. to the Airport Advisory Board in accordance with Town Code Chapter 2.12 and the Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration, Taos Pueblo and Town of Taos.

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- 📎 [Taos Pueblo Appointment to AAB](#)

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October 28, 2014

Don Francisco Trujillo II
45 Lower Las Colonias Rd
Las Colonias, NM 87529

Dear Mr. Trujillo,

Our Airport Manager presented your name for reappointment to the Airport Advisory Board at the October 28, 2014 council meeting. This reappointment is for a two year term in accordance with Town Code 2.12. At this time, it is my pleasure to reappoint you to a position on the Taos Regional Airport Advisory Board. I am sure you will provide the valuable expertise and guidance in the progression of the airport's development. We look forward to your input at future meetings. The Town of Taos looks to you for advice and guidance on policy as we move forward with our airport's development. Once again, I congratulate you on this reappointment and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Barrone
Mayor

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October 28, 2014

Clyde M. Romero, Jr.
PO Box 1846
Taos, NM 87571

Dear Mr. Romero,

Our Airport Manager presented your name for confirmation of reappointment to the Airport Advisory Board by the Taos Pueblo Tribal Government at the October 28, 2014 council meeting. This reappointment is for a two year term in accordance with Town Code 2.12. At this time, it is my pleasure to confirm your reappoint to a position on the Taos Regional Airport Advisory Board. I appreciate your commitment to represent Taos Pueblo on the Board and I am sure you will provide valuable expertise and guidance in the progression of the airport's development. We look forward to your input at future meetings. The Town of Taos looks to you for advice and guidance on policy as we move forward with our airport's development. Once again, I congratulate you on this reappointment and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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October 17, 2014

Mayor Daniel R. Barrone
Town of Taos
400 Camino de la Placita
Taos, NM 87571

Dear Mayor Barrone,

This letter is to inform the Town of Taos of the Taos Pueblo Tribal Council's appointment of Mr. Clyde M. Romero, Jr., Tribal Member, to the Airport Advisory Board. We understand that Mr. Romero will work closely with the Airport Advisory Board in the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Taos Regional Airport and on other airport matters. The alternate Board member assigned by the Tribal Council is Mr. Floyd D. Gomez.

In addition, an Airspace Protection Team was established by the Tribal Council to assist with the implementation of MOA stipulations and provision to consult and to work with the Federal Aviation Administration, National Park Service, NM State Historic Preservation Office, Advisory Council for Historic Preservation and the Town of Taos in pursuing congressional legislation for the permanent long-term airspace protection as agreed to in the MOA.

Please contact the Taos Pueblo Governor's Office at 575-758-9593 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clyde M. Romero, Sr.
Governor, Taos Pueblo

Cc: War Chief David G. Gomez, Taos Pueblo
Mr. Rick Bellis, Town of Taos Manager
John Thompson, Taos Regional Airport Manager
Clyde M. Romero, Jr., Taos Pueblo
Floyd D. Gomez, Taos Pueblo



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ACQUISITION OF WATER RIGHTS

Summary:

Discussion, consideration, and decision regarding the purchase of water rights. This item may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1(H)(8), which allows for discussion of acquisition of property.

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PENDING LITIGATION

Summary:

Discussion, consideration and decisions of two matters regarding pending and/or threatened litigation. This item may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1(H)(7), which allows for discussion of pending or threatened litigation

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REAL PROPERTY

Summary:

Discussion, consideration, and decisions on two matters regarding the disposal of real property. This item may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1(H)(8), which allows for discussion of disposal of real property.

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