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TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010
Town Hall Council Chambers
12:00 P.M.

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Aragon, Council Member Cotton, Council Member Lattin, Council Member Pierce, Council Member Volger
- II. LIQUOR LICENSES**
- 1. Special Events Liquor Permit – Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, Ride the Rockies June 17th Town Park at Gazebo**
 - 2. Special Events Liquor Permit – Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, Bicycle Tour of Colorado June 23rd Town Park at Gazebo** – Council Member Pierce moved to approve the special events permit for Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce Ride the Rockies and Bicycle Tour of Colorado, Council Member Volger seconded, unanimously approved.
 - 3. Art Gallery Permit Renewal – Wild Spirit Gallery, 480 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs** – Council Member Pierce moved to approve the art gallery permit for Wild Spirit Gallery, Council Member Lattin seconded, unanimously approved.
- III. DELEGATIONS**
- 1. Mountain Express Transportation Schedule – John Egan** – Mr. John Egan, program coordinator with Archuleta County transportation department, gave an update on the Mountain Express bus schedule and stops, and invited the Town Council to attend a celebration on May 4th.
 - 2. Architecture Month Proclamation – Jess Wilton** – Mr. Jess Wilton asked the Mayor to sign a proclamation for the Town proclaiming April 2010 “Colorado Architecture Month”. This is an outreach to the public regarding the benefits and celebrates the importance of the American Institute of Architects. Council Member Cotton moved to authorize the mayor to sign the proclamation, Council Member Volger seconded, unanimously approved.
 - 3. San Juan Water Conservancy Grant – Letter of Support – Ernie Amos** – The SJWCD is requesting a letter of support from the Town Council for support of a grant application to offset the cost of environmental work associated with development of the on-going Dry Gulch project. Mr. Amos explained this project will take about 10 years and these grant funds will be used for the required forest service studies. Council Member Pierce does not want to send the message that the Council is in support of the Dry Gulch project and would like to wait until the EPS study is received. Council Member Cotton move to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support for San Juan Water Conservancy District’s Request for Grant Funding while simply endorsing the need to store water for the future, Council Member Lattin seconded, Council Member Cotton withdrew his motion. Council Member Volger moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support with the change in last paragraph, 1st sentence from “a minimum size reservoir” to “a 6,300 acre foot reservoir”, Council Member Lattin seconded, unanimously approved.
 - 4. Presentation of Official Visitor Guide – Town Tourism Committee** – Mr. Bob Hart, TTC Chairman, presented the 2010 summer Visitors Guide. The pages include maps of the area, interviews of local residents, and beautiful photos of the community. The TTC supports the printing and distribution of the visitor guide with lodger’s tax collections. The

TTC is hopeful the new guide will bring more tourists and newcomers to the area. Town Manager Mitchem thanked the TTC as well as the Chamber of Commerce and the Sun Newspaper for their excellent work making this guide successful.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 754 Large Format Retail LUDC Clean Up** – After the April 6th election, the Town residents clearly voted on Ordinance 743 to have the restriction on large retail development removed from the Land Use and Development Code and associated Handbook. With this decision, the Council needs to move forward in cleaning up other issues previously omitted from the original ordinance. Ordinance No. 754 repeals entries in Section 2.2, 2.3.6, 2.3.1B.1.g, 2.4.11.B.3.2.4.11.E, 4.3.4.E, 6.7.7.C.2, and 6.7.7.C.3. The repeal of these LUDC sections may have a significant, positive impact on the Town’s capacity to compete for new jobs and new development. Council Member Volger moved to approve Ordinance No. 754 on first reading: an ordinance of the Town of Pagosa Springs repealing provisions of the Land Use and Development Code and related provisions of the Land Use and Development Code User’s Manual regarding large retail development which were not previously addressed by Ordinance No. 743, Council Member Cotton seconded, unanimously approved.
2. **Ordinance No. 753 Waste Management Franchise Agreement** – This franchise agreement amends some sections of the previous agreement including providing the town dumpsters during clean up week, providing the Town shop two dumpsters each week, and providing customer support by phone rather than a local office. The agreement is made for five years with the option for an additional five year term. Council Member Cotton moved to approved Ordinance 753 on first reading, an ordinance granting a franchise to Waste Management of Four Corners, a division of Waste Management of New Mexico Inc., to operate a refuse collection service in the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and to use the streets and alleys of the Town for such purpose and setting forth conditions accompanying the granting of the franchise, Council Member Volger seconded, unanimously approved.
3. **Establishing a Loan Program for CCOERA 401(a) & 457 Plans** – The Town has been a member of the Colorado County Officials and Employees Retirement Association (CCOERA) since 1987. The programs the Town participates in include the 401(a) retirement plan and the 457 deferred compensation plan. The original agreement did not include the ability for active employees participating in the 401(a) contribution or 457 deferred compensation plan to participate in the CCOERA loan program. CCOERA offers the ability for established retirement account participants to apply for a general purpose or principal residence loan at a low rate based on their current vested account balance. The employees payments are made by payroll deductions and basic rules ensure participants do not default on the loan. Council Member Pierce moved to approve the Town’s participation in the CCOERA 401(a) and 457 Loan Provision Policy, Council Member Lattin seconded, unanimously approved.
4. **Health Insurance Increase Costs** – The Town of Pagosa Springs currently provides health and dental insurance to its employees. Due to the declining economy and to reduce costs, over time the Town has been forced to reduce benefits for employees, including: life and accidental insurance, vision insurance and wellness benefits. The Town’s dental insurance provider did not increase 2010 premiums, however due to uncertainty related to the National Health Care Reform Bill and an increase in Town’s medical claims, the Town’s health insurance premiums increase 15% above approved 2010 budget increase. The additional 15% will add \$16,500 to the current budget split between the general, capital and sanitation funds. Another option might be to take these funds from the Town’s current Health savings account. Council Member Cotton moved to approve a reallocation of \$16,500.78 from the Health Account for employee health insurance, Council Member Pierce seconded, unanimously approved.
5. **Review of Joint Town/County worksession**
 - a. **Town to Lakes Trail Update** – James Dickhoff, with the Town Planning Department said that most easements have been obtained and the Town and County continue to acquire the necessary easements. A 30-foot easement for some of the properties has been requested. Karin Kohake will be applying for a CDOT grant for the construction of the trail; the deadline is May 27th, 2010.

