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**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010
Town Hall Council Chambers
5:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Aragon, Council Member Cotton, Council Member Holt, Council Member Jackson, Council Member Lattin, Council Member Pierce, Council Member Volger
- II.
 - a. **SWEARING-IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Ross Aragón was sworn in earlier today, this begins his 9th term as Mayor. Katherine Lattin, Donald Volger and Darrel Cotton were sworn in as Town Council Members representing their specific district.
 - b. **SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM** – Council Member Volger nominated Council Member Holt as Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Pierce seconded, unanimously approved.
- III. **APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 2nd, 9th, and 25th, 2010** – The minutes were approved as read.
- IV. **LIQUOR LICENSES**
 1. **Special Events Liquor Permit – Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, Lewis Street Car Rod Show May 15, 2010**
 2. **Special Events Liquor Permit – Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, Car Show and Dance, 56 Talisman Drive May 15, 2010**
 3. **Special Events Liquor Permit – Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Annual Chocolate Auction Fundraiser, at Pagosa Springs Youth Center 269 ½ Pagosa St., April 28, 2010** – Council Member Jackson moved to approve the special events liquor permits for Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce Car Show, and Car Show and Street Dance May 15th, along with the Humane Society Auction Fundraiser April 28th, Council Member Pierce seconded, unanimously approved.
 4. **Liquor License Renewal – Pagosa Resort & Spa Inc., The Springs Hotel 323 Hot Springs Blvd.** – Council Member Jackson moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Pagosa Resort and Spa, Inc., the Springs Hotel, Council Member Volger seconded, unanimously approved.
- V. **DELEGATIONS**
 1. **Mary Jo Coulehan - Rural Philanthropy Days** – Mary Jo Coulehan with the Chamber of Commerce discussed the benefits of the Region 9 non-profits and how these non-profits help the local community. The Rural Philanthropy conference comes along every four years in this area and the conference will be held in Mancos Colorado from June 9-11th. On June 9th, the conference will hold an elected officials session which focus on the joint funding projects.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Mural on Main Street Funding** – The Chamber of Commerce formed an all-volunteer project development team consisting of representatives throughout the community to carry out plans for the redevelopment of the existing mural and wall structure set on the CenturyLink property between the Galles Properties and Rose Restaurant on Pagosa Street. The newly painted mural artwork is complete and awaiting mounting on the pocket park wall. The anticipated cost for the new mural project is \$23,500, with lighting fixtures the price increases to \$32,500. Additional options include the removal of existing concrete sidewalks and replacing the new stamped concrete walks, new trees and planters, benches. The team has generated a total of \$20,500 and after paying \$7,000 for the painting has \$13,500 remaining to

complete the project minimum. The committee has applied for other funding but is asking for the Town Council to approve a funding commitment maximum of \$19,000 to complete the project by mid-June. Council Member Pierce supports this project but would like the TTC to contribute to the costs of the pocket park. Ms. Jennifer Green, Town Tourism Coordinator, explained the lodgers' tax receipts this year have increased 12.6% compared to 2009, however believes the TTC would need to go into the reserves for this request and asked if the Town Council would agree to split the \$19,000 estimated commitment. Town Manager Mitchem explained that the current capital fund reserves could be used to split this cost. Council Member Cotton excused himself from the discussion due to possible conflict of interest. Council Member Pierce moved to approve the expenditure of a maximum of \$9,500 from the Town Capital Fund reserves and \$9,500 from the TTC budgeted reserves to cover any shortfall of funding related to expenses for construction costs associated with the completion of the Mural on Main Pocket Park Project, additionally if the Pepsi Grant is approved all monies will be reimbursed to the Town and TTC reserves, Council Member Volger seconded, motion carried with one abstention (Council Member Cotton).

2. **2010 Wayfinding Implementation Plan** – The Town Tourism Committee has formed a subcommittee to implement the Wayfinding and signage plan introduced to the Town Council in 2008. The first signs they are looking to install are at the Corner of Hot Springs Blvd and Hwy 160, the Overlook parking lot sign, then the downtown flag banners and gateway sign facelifts. The Town Council has budgeted \$20,000 to match the TTC's commitment.
3. **Resolution No. 2010-06, Appointing Thad McKain to the Town Tourism Committee** – The TTC has an opening on the board for a two year term. Mr. Thad McKain has submitted a letter of interest to serve on the board and has been recommended by the TTC Chairman. Council Member Pierce moved to approve Resolution 2010-06, appointing Thad McKain to the Town Tourism Committee for a two (2) year, at large term, Council Member Holt seconded, unanimously approved.
4. **Rezoning Recommendation for Pinecrest Subdivision and properties along N. 14th St, N. 15th St and 15th Place** – In February 2009 the Town adopted a new zoning map with new zone districts and definitions. At the October 2009 planning commission meeting, a property owner in the Pinecrest Subdivision was granted a rezone from MU-R to MU-C. Many adjacent property owners expressed interest in changing the zoning. Prior to February 2009 the neighborhood was zoned D-3 (corridor business), now it is zoned MU-R (mixed use residential) which does not permit many current uses in the neighborhood and would not allow expansion of current businesses. MU-C (mixed use corridor) would allow the current uses to continue and to expand which would be consistent with surrounding properties. The planning commission approved the rezoning at their February 9, 2010 meeting. Council Member Volger moved to approve the rezoning of the properties within the Pinecrest Subdivision and properties adjacent to N. 14th Street, N. 15th Street and 15th Place, as displayed in the attached map, from Mixed Use Residential (MU-R) to Mixed Use Corridor (MU-C), Council Member Jackson seconded, unanimously approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

1. **Parks and Recreation Department Report** – Adult basketball leagues are wrapping up the season and tee-ball leagues will begin late April. The parks crew will begin reseeding efforts on portions of Yamaguchi Park later this month. If excess is available from the school district, the parks crew will begin construction of a chain link fence at the southern end of South Pagosa Park. According to Chris Pitcher of Riverbend Engineering, the proposed San Juan River features adjacent to Town Park will be constructed this fall. Approval from the Army Corp of Engineers has been received and a proposed timeline for construction is forthcoming.
2. **Planning Department Report** – The planning commission currently has two open seats on the board. The approval of the LUDC section language change allows town business owners who own associated property to serve on the planning commission. The Board of Adjustments approved a sign height variance up to 20 feet for the Wayfinding sign to be placed at Hot Springs Blvd and Hwy 160. The Historic Preservation Board approved the proposed alterations to the Goodman's Department Store, including exterior paint and trim colors and awning fabric. May is Colorado Historic Preservation Month and the board is planning activities for the first two weeks of May. The safe routes to school grant was not

approved at this time, the same application will be applied under a different grant with CDOT.

3. **Town Tourism Committee Report** – The January lodgers' tax collections reflect a 12.66% increase compared to January 2009 and the February collections show a 12.8% increase compared to February 2009. The visitor center fulfillment requests have increased 242% versus February 2009 requests. Texas, Colorado, Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma are the top states requesting visitors' guides. The TTC has received lodgers' tax reports from other communities who have all reported declined 2009 receipts.
4. **Town Manager Report** – The AEDA has filed with the Colorado Secretary of State to establish a Community Development Corporation, a 401c3 non-profit. The CDC board of directors is working to recruit an executive director to begin May 7th. The board has contracted with Skywerx to deploy a state of the art website to promote the community. The board is working to deploy a rapid response team to ensure that the community responds effectively to business prospect inquiries. The CDC has formally endorsed JR Ford's bio-mass project to be developed at Cloman Park. Council Member Holt moved to submit a letter of support to Mr. Ford for his bio-mass project to give him all the notoriety and support from the Town Council, Council Member Volger seconded, Council Member Pierce excused herself from the discussion and vote referring to a conflict of interest, the motion approved with one abstention (Council Member Pierce). USA Communications has acquired Rocky Mountain Cable's assets and will be working with the Town to craft a franchise agreement.

IX. Next Town Council Meeting April 22, 2010 at 12noon

- X. ADJOURNMENT** – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

**Ross Aragón
Mayor**