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**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Aragon, Council Member Cotton, Council Member Jackson, Council Member Pierce, Council Member Weiler, Council Member Volger

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ORDINANCE NO. 742 – Impact Fee Abatement** - The Town of Pagosa Springs should strive to be economically and financially self-sufficient. The adoption of a long-term perspective is required. Effective economic development relies on good government and good public-private partnerships. With the Archuleta Economic Development Association taking the lead, the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Town Tourism Committee, Town Planning Commission, Pagosa Springs General Improvement District, Pagosa Chamber of Commerce, and Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District must work in unison if we are to expand our community's economy during the national recession. This ordinance and subsequent resolution is the concept of partnering to foster economic growth and job creation with all the above entities to develop a pro-business/pro-development climate by deploying a portfolio of incentives. As an initial step, these resolution and ordinance waive the majority of building, planning, and impact fees for eighteen months. Council Member Pierce asked about the fees collected on behalf of the school and fire district. Town Manager Mitchem explained the intent of this ordinance is not to stop collecting the fees, but we will ask the districts to waive their fees as well. Council Member Pierce inquired on several references to the land use development code that will need to be corrected before the second reading. Mayor Aragon opened discussion to the public. Mr. Larry Fisher would like this economic development incentive to help the current businesses in Town with a reduction of property taxes. Diane Dowell with the Fire District would like the Town to contact the Fire District when these meetings are to be held. Carrie Weiss with PAWSD explained that the PAWSD board has made some changes to the fees they charge for fixture count. She also feels the burden will be placed on the existing businesses and this goes against the PAWSD codes. Steve Van Horn believes the waiving of fees will be an experiment to find if the impact fees are really as detrimental to the economy as he believes they are. Darrel Breckner says his income has dropped 70% while PAWSD income has gone way up. He believes PAWSD should also waive fees. Mr. Larry Ash believes this package will put Pagosa ahead of other areas and feels this will give the community an injection to get construction jumpstarted. Council Member Weiler believes the Council has a responsibility to lead and respond to the pain our community feels. Council Member Weiler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 742 (2009 Series) authorizing the waiver of impact fee payments, and correcting reference items relating to land use codes prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Council member Jackson seconded, unanimously approved.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 19 (2009 SERIES) – Building/Planning Fee Waiver and Sales Tax Rebate** – In the best interest of the citizens of the Town and to encourage land development activities and stimulate the local economy, this resolution approves the temporary waiving of land use development fees and building fees, sales tax rebate for locally purchased building materials and local labor for an 18 month trial period. Restrictions include development activity applications after July 1, 2009 through the end of 2010 with a percentage waived or rebated depending on the completion dates. Council

Member Weiler moved to approved Resolution No. 19, building planning fee waiver and sales tax rebate, to include not less than 50% of labor costs referenced in Section 6, and correction of references relating to the land use code, Council Member Volger seconded, unanimously approved.

**III. ADJOURNMENT** – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned 5:40pm

**Ross Aragón**  
**Mayor**