

**Special Meeting
of the Town Of Ignacio Board of Trustees
Monday, January 26, 2015**

I. CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Stella Cox called the Special Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Trustees:** Lawrence Bartley, Edward Box, Thomas Atencio, Dixie Melton and Cecilia Robbins. **Staff:** Lee San Miguel, Town Manager; Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk; Lisa Rea, Town Treasurer; David Liberman, Town Attorney and James Brown, Public Works Director. Mayor Protem Alison deKay arrived at 7:08 p.m.

The Agenda was amended to address the discussion of Sales Tax Exemption before the Personnel Issues. The Board agreed by consensus.

- II. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Seek Legal Advice under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) to discuss Sales Tax Exemption – Trustee Melton moved to go into executive session to seek legal advice for discussion of sales tax exemption under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). Trustee Box seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.** The open meeting was closed at 7:04 p.m. The Executive Session concluded at 8:20 p.m. The Executive Session was held for the purpose previously stated. No action followed the Executive Session. Those in the Executive Session were Mayor Stella Cox, Mayor Protem Alison deKay, Trustees Thomas Atencio, Lawrence Bartley, Edward Box, Dixie Melton, Cecilia Robbins, Town Manager Lee San Miguel, Treasurer Lisa Rea and Attorney David Liberman.

Audience: Emily and Gary Meisner, Chuck Farago, Bruce Valdez, Andrea Taylor, Kathy Calderwood, Bill Frownfelter, Raymond Dunton and Richard Olguin.

- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Issue under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss Budget Review – Excessive Overtime. Trustee Atencio moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Issue – Budget Review: Excessive Overtime. Trustee Melton seconded.** Before the vote was taken, Mayor Protem deKay asked if the audience could be given the opportunity to speak now, rather than keeping them waiting. **The motion passed by 4-3 vote with Trustees Bartley, Trustee Box and Mayor Protem deKay voting no.** The open meeting was closed at 8:24 p.m. The Executive Session concluded at 8:32 p.m. Mayor Cox explained the subject was briefly discussed and was found to be a topic that did not qualify for Executive Session. Those in the Executive Session were Mayor Stella Cox, Mayor Protem Alison deKay, Trustees Thomas Atencio, Lawrence Bartley, Edward Box, Dixie Melton, Cecilia Robbins, Town Manager Lee San Miguel, Treasurer Lisa Rea, Attorney David Liberman and Public Works Director James Brown. **Mayor Protem deKay moved to place Budget Review – Excessive Overtime on the Agenda for the February 18, 2015 Regular Meeting. Trustee Box seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Mayor Protem deKay moved to amend the Agenda to allow for Public Comment from the audience on the Board's concerns regarding the Town Manager. Trustee Bartley seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Emily Meisner, Chair of the Economic Development Alliance appreciated the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Town Manager. Although the audience is not aware of the Board's concerns, she felt the Board should hear from the community about what they are seeing from a business prospective. She has worked with Mr. San Miguel on Boards said there is more economic development in the community since his arrival namely the grocery store and the Dollar Store. He is dedicated to the welfare of this community. Personnel issues can be resolved for the good of all. Gary Meisner reiterated Ms. Meisner's stand on the recent economic development and stated solutions can be found for personnel issues.

Chuck Farago, Operations Manager for the Growth Fund said he has worked well with Mr. San Miguel through the Growth Fund and the Tribal Utility Division in developing an MOA (mutual aid agreement) for both utility divisions to work together. Bruce Valdez, Executive Director of the Growth Fund has worked with Mr. San Miguel on the GIS Mapping project. The relationship between the Town and the Tribe is the best it's ever been under the current staff.

Andrea Taylor, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce commended Mr. San Miguel's enthusiasm in moving the projects forward. Kathy Calderwood, Executive Director of the Pine River Community Learning Center stated Mr. San Miguel stops by regularly to discuss where the Town is moving, its growth, housing and education. He serves on several Boards, and is well respected in La Plata County business community. There may be issues, disagreements and miscommunications, but it is important that everyone works together and keep the lines of communications open. Raymond Dunton has worked with him in a church environment and on SUCAP Board. He is dedicated to the community's success. He has met his wife, Kathy, and appreciates the sacrifice they are making to allow him to fulfill his commitment here. Bill Frownfelter, Senior Project Manager of Russell Engineering stated he has a good working relationship with the Alliance, CDOT, and Ken Charles from DOLA. The grants he has acquired for the Town have benefited Town. Julie Westendorff, La Plata County Commissioner has worked with him on the Economic Development Alliance and the Regional Housing Alliance and said she has had positive experience working with him.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Issue under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss the Board's concerns with the Town Manager. Mayor Protem deKay moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue – the Board's concerns with the Town Manager. Trustee Atencio seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The open meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m. Those in the Executive Session were Mayor Stella Cox, Mayor Protem Alison deKay, Trustees Thomas Atencio, Lawrence Bartley, Edward Box, Dixie Melton, Cecilia Robbins and Attorney David Liberman. At 10:10 Town Manager Lee San Miguel was called into the Executive Session. The Executive Session concluded at 11:08 p.m. The Executive Session was held for the purpose previously stated. No action was taken following the Executive Session.

- V. POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ADDRESSING ITS CONCERNS WITH TOWN MANAGER:** The Board will hold a Special Meeting Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 6:00 for Town Manager Review Work Session in Executive Session.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be February 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino in the Bonnie Kent Room (Joint Meeting with Tribal Council).

Stella Cox, Mayor

Date

Attest: Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk