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**VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
VIA ZOOM
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 10:00 A.M**

1. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor Brownell at 10:00 a.m. The notice of the Special Meeting was properly posted.

2. ROLL CALL

Ann Wooldridge, Village Clerk, called the roll and a quorum was present.

Governing Body Present

Mayor Christof Brownell
Councilor Jeff Kern
Councilor Neal King
Councilor Chris Stagg
Councilor Tom Wittman, Mayor Pro Tem

Village Staff Present

Village Administrator John Avila
Village Clerk Ann Wooldridge
Finance Director Nancy Grabowski
Public Works Director Anthony Martinez
Attorney Susan Baker

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion: Councilor Wittman Second: Councilor King Passed: 4-0

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. Discussion of Pending Litigation Concerning Ovivo Contract

This matter may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 0-15-1(H) (7)

MOTION: To go to Closed Session

Motion: Councilor Wittman Second: Councilor King Passed: 4-0

MOTION: To go to Open Session

Motion: Councilor Wittman Second: Councilor Kern Passed: 4-0

No decisions were made, and no votes taken in the Closed Session.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Introduction and Direction to Publish and Post Amended Ordinance 2022-71 Establishing a Local Cannabis License and Adopting Regulations Regarding Cannabis

The proposed Ordinance establishes a local license for cannabis establishments within the Village limits. It also creates general regulations regarding the use of cannabis and cannabis infused

products. According to the New Mexico Cannabis Regulation Act (“the Act”), the Village has the authority to regulate the “time, place and manner” of cannabis uses within the Village’s jurisdictional limits. The Act does not specify limitations on the Village’s authority, except that the Village cannot require a cannabis establishment to be located more than three hundred (300) feet from a school, and cannabis establishments cannot be prohibited. The State has authorized local governments to require local business licenses for cannabis establishments and to enact zoning regulations to ensure compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods.

The Village Council previously adopted this Ordinance in August 2021 with a sunset provision effective January 31, 2022. Staff now requests that Council consider readopting the Ordinance in this revised form. The revisions simplify the previous Ordinance, but the general content of the regulation is substantially the same. The Village Council has also recently passed zoning regulations regarding cannabis in amendments to Village Zoning Ordinance No. 22-30.

MOTION: To Approve Publishing and Posting Amended Ordinance 2022-71 Establishing a Local Cannabis License and Adopting Regulations Regarding Cannabis

Motion: Councilor Stagg Second: Councilor Wittman Passed: 4-0

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Village Council will be the Council Workshop immediately following this meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn

Motion: Councilor Stagg Second: Councilor Wittman Passed: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Mayor Christof Brownell

ATTEST: _____

Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Clerk