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NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL PROPOSED AGENDAS ADOPTED

During its meeting today, the Ethics and Rules Committee of the 20th Navajo Nation Council adopted a proposed agenda for the 2007 Winter Session, which begins January 22, 2007. The committee also approved the date and a proposed agenda for a special session of Council to take place on January 9, 2007.

The sole item on the proposed agenda for the special session, which was recommended by Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan, is the selection of a Speaker Pro Tem to administer the duties of the Office of the Speaker during the interim between the inauguration of Council delegates on January 9, 2007 at noon and the selection of a Speaker on January 22, 2007 as the Council's first order of business for the Winter Session.

The Speaker of the Council is selected by the 88 delegates for a two-year term. There are no term limits for the position. Council delegates wishing to run for the position have until January 10, 2007 to submit official paperwork. The selection of the Speaker will take place on January 22.

While the Council would normally recess the Winter Session to enter caucus meetings to make recommendations for standing committee membership, the caucus meetings should be taking place prior to the beginning of session.

There are two items under Old Business for the Winter Session agenda, including amendments to increase the Navajo Nation sales tax by 1 percent and amendments to the Navajo Nation Election Code to clarify qualifications provisions for elective positions.

Items under New Business for Council consideration during the Winter Session include:

- Approving supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$299,075 as a grant to the North American Technical College from the undesignated, unreserved fund balance for specialized training for Navajo carpenters and electricians
- Amending the plans of operation for the Kayenta Township Commission, the Economic Development Committee and the Resources Committee
- Repealing the enabling legislation for the Kayenta Township
- Amending the Navajo Sovereign Immunity Act and the Navajo Nation Arbitration Act
- Approving the Shiprock Tribal Gaming Enterprise

- Approving the To'Hajiilee Gaming Enterprise
- Confirming the Standing Committee membership of the 21st Navajo Nation Council
- Approving the Navajo Nation Cemetery Amendments of 2006

The Navajo Nation Council Winter Session begins January 22, 2007, at 10 a.m. at the historic Council Chamber in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona).

The project to rehabilitate the roof of the Council Chamber will begin following the Winter Session on January 29, 2007

The proposed special session agenda is posted on the Navajo Nation Council website at:

<http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/010907-proposed-agenda.pdf>

The proposed Winter Session agenda can be downloaded at:

<http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/2007-Winter-Session-proposed-agenda.pdf>