VILLAGE OF QUESTA
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2017
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.

Present:
Councilor Lawrence Ortega
Councilor Brent Jaramillo
Councilor John Anthony Ortega
Councilor Julian Cisneros

Also Present:
Administrator Loretta Trujillo
Village Clerk Renee Martinez

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor John Anthony Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Julian Cisneros requested Item VI be moved up to Item V. He stated that he has no interest in Executive Session whatsoever. Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that he would second the motion for the reason that he does not have a lot of time, but asked if the Mayor could give his recommendation without going into Executive Session. Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated that he would have no problem with this except for he does see the need for some discussion before he would act on the Mayor’s recommendation. Councilor Brent Jaramillo stated that he would also like to have some discussion.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brent Jaramillo NO
Councilor Lawrence Ortega NO
Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES
Councilor Julian Cisneros YES

Mayor Gallegos broke the tie vote with a NO vote.

To approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Councilor Julian Cisneros stated that it was his understanding that if two Councilmen who motioned to change the agenda, it would be changed. Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that they lost the vote, it was tied and the Mayor broke the tie.

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V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – *(The Governing Body may convene into Executive Session at this time pursuant to the NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)*

A. Limited Personnel Matters (Section 10-15-1(H) (2)) – Administrator Position

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilor John Anthony Ortega, seconded by Councilor Lawrence Ortega.

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Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to discuss only the item listed. The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 6:04pm.

Councilor Julian Cisneros stated that he will not be attending Executive Session but will be available by phone for the action item. Councilor Julian Cisneros left the meeting at this time.

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:35pm by Councilor Brent Jaramillo, seconded by Councilor Lawrence Ortega.

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Mayor Gallegos stated that only the item discussed during closed session was Limited Personnel Matters (Section 10-15-1(H) (2)) – Administrator Position.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Councilor Julian Cisneros was contacted by phone at this time.

VI. **ACTION ITEM** –

A. Approve or Disapprove Mayor recommendation regarding Administrator position

Mayor Gallegos stated that his recommendation is for termination.

Councilor Julian Cisneros motioned to disapprove the Mayor’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Lawrence Ortega. There was no discussion.

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VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion: Councilor Lawrence Ortega
Second: Councilor John Anthony Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

Mayor Gallegos informed Ms. Trujillo that she has been reinstated to come back to work tomorrow. He stated that she will be compensated for the days she was on Administrative Leave.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Rene Martinez, Clerk

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Mark Gallegos, Mayor

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