

1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
 2 **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
 3 **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2017**  
 4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
 5 **6:00PM**

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 7 **I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS**

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

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 11 **II. ROLL CALL**

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 13 Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.

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 15 Present:

- 16 Councilor Lawrence Ortega
- 17 Councilor Brent Jaramillo
- 18 Councilor John Anthony Ortega
- 19 Councilor Julian Cisneros

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 21 Also Present:

- 22 Administrator Loretta Trujillo
- 23 Village Clerk Renee Martinez

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 25 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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 27 Councilor John Anthony Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 29 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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 38 Roll Call:

- 39 Councilor Brent Jaramillo NO
- 40 Councilor Lawrence Ortega NO
- 41 Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES
- 42 Councilor Julian Cisneros YES

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 45 Mayor Gallegos broke the tie vote with a NO vote.

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 47 To approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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59 Roll Call:

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61 Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES  
62 Councilor Lawrence Ortega YES  
63 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES  
64 Councilor Julian Cisneros NO

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

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

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

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75 Roll Call:

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77 Councilor Lawrence Ortega YES  
78 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES  
79 Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES

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81 Mayor Gallegos stated that only the item discussed during closed session was Limited Personnel Matters (Section 10-  
82 15-1(H) (2)) – Administrator Position.

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84 No action was taken in Executive Session.

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86 Councilor Julian Cisneros was contacted by phone at this time.

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88 VI. **ACTION ITEM** –

89 A. Approve or Disapprove Mayor recommendation regarding Administrator position

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91 Mayor Gallegos stated that his recommendation is for termination.

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

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96 Roll Call:

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98 Councilor Julian Cisneros YES  
99 Councilor Lawrence Ortega YES  
100 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES  
101 Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES

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103 VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

104 Motion: Councilor Lawrence Ortega  
105 Second: Councilor John Anthony Ortega

107 In Favor: All  
108 Opposed: None  
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110 Mayor Gallegos informed Ms. Trujillo that she has been reinstated to come back to work tomorrow. He stated that  
111 she will be compensated for the days she was on Administrative Leave.


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

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116 **ATTEST:**

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120 Renee Martinez, CMC



**APPROVED:**

  
Mark Gallegos, Mayor