VILLAGE OF QUESTA
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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 6:09pm.

II. ROLL CALL
Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.

Present:
Councilor John Ortega
Councilor Lawrence Ortega
Councilor Brent Jaramillo

Not Present:
Councilor Julian Cisneros

Also Present:
Village Clerk Renee Martinez
Attorney Marcus Rael
Attorney Lance Hough

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Attorney Marcus Rael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Attorney Marcus Rael requested Item V be moved to Executive Session. Councilor John Ortega asked the Attorney why Item V needs to be discussed in Executive Session. Attorney Marcus Rael stated that he always has given the quarterly update in Executive Session for the reason that there are decisions the Governing Body needs to make and strategies that need to be discussed regarding the cleanup and pending litigation that is currently ongoing. The people present from Chevron have kindly agreed to participate in Executive Session to assist him with the briefing that the Council needs to be aware of.

Councilor Lawrence Ortega asked that for clarification, that this is pending litigation concerning the consent decree? Attorney Rael stated yes, it is all pending litigation that is currently ongoing.

Motion: Councilor Brent Jaramillo
Second: Councilor Lawrence Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the agenda as amended. All voted yes. Motion carried.

V. UPDATES
A. Quarterly Review of Chevron Projects – Attorney Marcus Rael, Attorney Lance Hough

** Moved to Executive Session.
VI. **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. Pending or Threatening Litigation - (§ 10-15-1(H)(7))

Meeting with the Village Attorney pertaining to threatened or pending litigation relating to Chevron and the Village of Questa in which the Governing Body is or may become a participant.

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

Roll Call:

Councillor John Ortega	YES
Councillor Lawrence Ortega	YES
Councillor Brent Jaramillo	YES

Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to discuss only the items listed. The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 6:15pm.

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:03pm by Councilor John Anthony Ortega, seconded by Councilor Brent Jaramillo.

Roll Call:

Councillor Lawrence Ortega	YES
Councillor Brent Jaramillo	YES
Councillor John Anthony Ortega	YES

Mayor Gallegos stated that only the item listed were discussed during closed session. There was no action taken.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Councillor Lawrence Ortega
Second: Councillor John Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

**ATTEST:**

[Signature]
Renee Martinez, CMC

**APPROVED:**

[Signature]
Mark Gallegos, Mayor

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