



# AGENDA

## VILLAGE OF QUESTA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2500 OLD STATE ROAD 3

6:00 P.M

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Mayor Mark L. Gallegos  
Mayor Pro-Tem John A. Ortega  
Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | Councilmember Louise T. Gallegos | Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales

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- I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 1) Special Meeting, January 29, 2019
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately, but may direct staff to address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*
- VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
  - A) Questa Police Department – Chief Nicolas Lamendola
- VIII. ACTION ITEMS
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - 2019-2020 NMDOT Local Government Road Program  
Re: Project Proposal
  - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - 2019-2020 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP)  
Re: Project Proposal
- IX. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
 2 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
 3 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019**  
 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 6:02 pm.

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 11 II. **ROLL CALL**

12 Village Clerk Renee Martinez called roll.

- 13 Those present were:  
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 15 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos  
 16 Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales  
 17 Councilman John Anthony Ortega  
 18 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

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 21 Also Present were:  
 22 Administrator Nicholas Maestas  
 23 Village Clerk Renee Martinez  
 24 Chief Nicolas Lamendola  
 25 Judge Michael Rael

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 27 III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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 29 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 31 IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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 33 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos  
 34 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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 36 Roll Call:

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 38 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
 39 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES  
 40 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 41 Councilman John Ortega YES

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 43 To approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 45 V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

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 47 1) Special Meeting, January 29, 2019

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 49 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos  
 50 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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 52 In Favor: All  
 53 Opposed: None

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To approve the January 29, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately, but may direct staff to address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*

There were no Public Comments.

VII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A) Questa Police Department – Chief Nicolas Lamendola

Chief Lamendola stood for questions.

Councilwoman Gallegos inquired about the progress for the memorial for Officer Shore. Chief Lamendola stated that he has something in mind. We need to work out how we are going to pay for it and where we’re going to place it. Councilwoman Gallegos asked that Chief Lamendola let her know how she can assist; she would like it done sooner than later. A concern about traffic control in the mornings at the south end of town was also discussed. Chief Lamendola stated that they have amped up traffic enforcement.

Councilman Gonzales thanked Chief Lamendola for all the department does.

Councilman Ortega requested Chief Lamendola’s attendance at the Vida del Norte meetings. There is a lot of discussion regarding the drug problem in Questa and surrounding areas. We are needing law enforcement representation at these meetings from throughout the county. He believes that Chief Lamendola is the right person to attend. The meeting times are flexible. There will be a narcan training next meeting. Chief Lamendola stated that he is willing to help. Councilman Ortega also inquired about the numerous assists to the schools and what they are about. Chief Lamendola stated that that he does not believe the school officials are aware of what law enforcement is able to do at the schools. They cannot just walk in to a school and deal with juveniles; an advocate needs to be present. He has advised the school officials that they need to bring in some kind of security or add the police department into their policy and suspension program. They are called to the school at least five times a week. Councilman Ortega requested an annual report for 2018.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that he has heard some good things about Officer Brown and asked how the Tahoe he is driving is holding up. Chief stated that it has had some minor repairs and that they are waiting on ordering a wrap for it.

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - 2019-2020 NMDOT Local Government Road Program  
Re: Project Proposal

A discussion was held.

A motion by Councilman Gonzales to use the possible funding for improvements to Lower Embargo Road to the bridge. Seconded by Councilman Ortega.

Roll Call:

- Councilwoman Louise Gallegos            YES
- Councilman Brent Jaramillo                YES
- Councilman Charlie Gonzales            YES
- Councilman John Ortega                    YES

108 To approve 2019-2020 NMDOT Local Government Road Program project proposal for Lower Embargo  
109 Road. All voted yes. Motion carried.

110 **B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - 2019-2020 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP)**  
111 **Re: Project Proposal**  
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113 A discussion was held regarding the completion of Cabresto Road.  
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115 A motion was made by Councilman Ortega to apply for the funding for use on the remainder of Cabresto  
116 Road. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallegos.  
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118 Roll Call:  
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| 120 | Councilwoman Louise Gallegos | YES |
| 121 | Councilman Brent Jaramillo   | YES |
| 122 | Councilman Charlie Gonzales  | YES |
| 123 | Councilman John Ortega       | YES |

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125 To approve the 2019-2020 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) project proposal for use on the  
126 remainder of Cabresto Road. All voted yes. Motion carried.  
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128 **IX. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
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130 Councilman John Ortega:

- 131 • Inquired about when the Christmas tree in town will be taken down. Also the banners that are hanging  
132 have been there since last July.
- 133 • He stated that at the EDLT meeting he mentioned working with Lyndsey Mapes on planning a couple  
134 of beautification days in March before the upcoming events.
- 135 • Concerned about not being informed; the legislative priorities were voted on by the council and in  
136 reviewing the legislative requests, priorities that we voted down were added to the request anyway.  
137 He stated that he does not understand how some of the items requested are not items we agreed on.  
138 He feels that there is a lot of dishonesty and we are not showing transparency. Councilman Gonzales  
139 stated that he does not know about the dishonesty and pointing fingers but he has worked with the  
140 Senator for 7 or 8 years and knows that if there is money available, they will ask if we want it and we  
141 have to make the decision at a moment's notice to either take it or not. We can always send it back.  
142 There is no time to generate a meeting and make a decision. Councilman Ortega stated that the  
143 property next to the EMS is not on the ICIP list. Mayor Gallegos stated that he had a discussion with  
144 the senator in which the senator inquired about the property and water rights were also discussed. He  
145 stated that if there was extra money available he would see what he could do for us. Mayor Gallegos  
146 stated that there was no dishonesty intended. He apologized for the disconnect between he and the  
147 council regarding this discussion. Councilman Ortega stated that he is concerned that we won't get  
148 the funding for the things that we really need. Mayor Gallegos stated that he will do his best to keep  
149 the Council more informed.
- 150 • Thanked Mr. Maestas for the organizational chart and inquired if the staff has a copy of it.  
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152 Councilman Brent Jaramillo:

- 153 • Inquired about the lights that aren't working or that are down. He stated that he believes the County  
154 uses a vendor that could possibly match the poles we have here in Questa. Mayor Gallegos stated  
155 that we can ask Kit Carson to assist us with replacing the bulbs.
- 156 • Suggested getting a head start on the Corrals and the well before spring.  
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158 Mayor Gallegos:

- 159 • The water study is complete and we will set up a meeting with them for the results.  
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161 Councilman Charlie Gonzales:

- 162 • Asked for the Council to please recognize Mr. Brent Jaramillo as the new Taos County Manager.

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164 Mr. Nicholas Maestas:

- 165 • Suggested the corral users volunteer their time to do the work needed.
- 166 • Would like to take as much staff as possible to Enchanted Circle Day. He is looking into getting
- 167 transportation. Mayor Gallegos asked the Council if they would consider using some of the Rapid
- 168 Action Fund monies to purchase items to give out at the table.
- 169 • The NPRTPO will be holding a meeting at Taos Pueblo on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Councilwoman
- 170 Gallegos stated that she will commit to attending that meeting.

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172 X. ADJOURNMENT

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174 Motion: Councilman Ortega

175 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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177 In Favor: All

178 Opposed: None

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180 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

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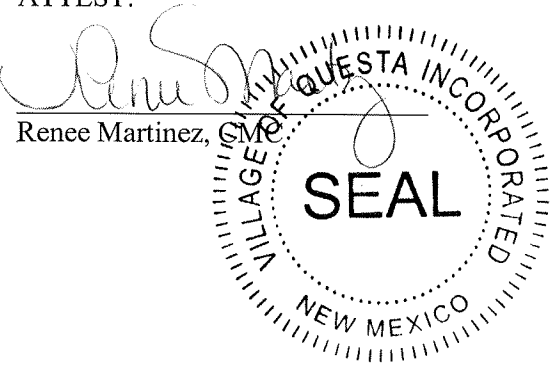
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APPROVED:

*Mark Gallegos*  
 Mark Gallegos, Mayor