AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2500 Old State Road 3
Questa, NM
6:00 P.M

~ NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ~

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

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) October 22, 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. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Veteran’s Memorial Park
   B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Sale of Village Property on North Kiowa Road
   C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – 12 Oaks Plans & Drawings - Complyancly with Ordinances which Govern the Village of Questa

VIII. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY

IX. MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

X. ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS
Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

ROLL CALL
Village Clerk Renee Martinez called roll where a quorum was present.

Those present were:
Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
Councilman John Anthony Ortega
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Edward Vigil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Jaramillo
Roll Call:
Councilman John Anthony Ortega  YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales  YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo  YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –
1) October 22, 2019
Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Gonzales
Roll Call:
Councilman Charlie Gonzales  YES
Councilman John Ortega  YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo  YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  YES
To approve the October 22, 2019 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.)

- Ms. Jeannie Masters, Northcentral Food Pantry – Went over the distribution numbers for September & November. The traffic going to the pantry is very busy and with the proposed Dollar General it will be very dangerous. She is in opposition of the store.
- Ms. Lou McCall – Stated that she is not in favor of the Dollar General coming to Questa; she is in objection of their corporate model.
- Ms. Esther Hall, Questa Supermarket Manager – Opposed to the Dollar General coming to Questa. Financially they struggle and with a new store it will impact their business.
- Ms. Betty Richter – Opposes the store coming to Questa. She was shocked about the callousness of the developers at the last meeting about how they disregarded the way people felt about the store coming into town. They don’t care about our culture or community. She was not allowed by Taos County to put a metal building up to start their business in that location many years ago.

VII. **ACTION ITEMS**

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Veteran’s Memorial Park

Former Councilman, Mr. Larry Sanchez thanked the Council for having this on the agenda. He stated that the late Senator Cisneros was a big supporter of all Veterans and was instrumental in making the Veteran’s Memorial a reality.

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

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

To approve the Veteran’s Memorial Park be named and dedicated after the late Senator Carlos R. Cisneros. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Sanchez thanked the Mayor for the Veteran’s ceremony on Veteran’s Day. He also thanked the Governing Body for the approval.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Sale of Village Property on North Kiowa Road

Mayor Gallegos stated that there are pieces of land on North Kiowa Road that belong to the Village on both sides of the road. He would like approval to sell these strips of land at fair market value to the property owners who would like to purchase them.

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Jaramillo
With discussion. Councilman Ortega asked if we have a map of these properties. Ms. Martinez stated that we can provide one. Councilman Gonzales asked how much each property owner would get. Attorney DeFillippo stated that these properties will have to be appraised. This action item is just so we can pursue the options.

Roll Call:

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

To approve moving forward with the sale of the properties at fair market value. All voted yes. Motion carried.

C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – 12 Oaks Plans & Drawings - Compliancy with Ordinances which Govern the Village of Questa

Mayor Gallegos referred to legal counsel at this time.

Village Attorney Chris DeFillippo stated that he has reviewed the documents that were provided by Dollar General; however there seems to be a missing document. Pursuant to New Mexico Code Section 18.31.6, the state highway access; there are supposed to be some documents pertaining to the access permit received by Dollar General; specifically, access from the highway onto the road; we are not aware if these documents have been completed. There are significant concerns brought up by the citizens of the Village regarding health and safety of driving on these roads. It is the duty of the Village to be concerned about the health and safety of the citizens of the Village.

Attorney DeFillippo asked the Council to table this item until these documents are provided and reviewed

Mr. Drew Crosby of 12 Oaks development stated that the site threshold assessment was submitted by their civil engineers to the NMDOT on November 1st. Their determination was that a traffic study would be needed verifying peak traffic hours in the morning and the afternoon to make sure they do not go over the threshold at those times. If they do, then the deceleration lane would be required.

Councilman Gonzales moved to table this item until we receive all documentation; he has a lot of questions and thinks the proper people to ask these questions to is the NMDOT. He stated that he does not support the Dollar General coming into Questa.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gallegos.

Roll Call:

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

To table this item until requested documents are received and reviewed. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VIII. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY

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Attorney Chris DeFillippo stated that he has no matters at this time but stood for any questions. He stated he will be here next meeting with some updates.

IX. MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Councilman Jaramillo stated that there is a bare wall against the art room in the C.A. Cisneros Youth & Family Center and he would like to temporarily put up Senator Cisneros’ awards and achievements, if it is fine with the Governing Body. It was agreed by all.

- Councilman Gonzales thanked the Mayor and Staff and all who participated in sending the Capitol Christmas tree off to Washington as well as the Veterans Ceremony. He stated that we love our Veterans. Councilman Gonzales also asked for prayers for General Baca as he battles an illness.

- Mayor Gallegos stated that the QEDF is in the process of creating their budget. The Village has made a request for $165,000.00, which includes project management, representation, rapid action fund and matching money for grants. Mayor Gallegos also recognized newly elected school board member Mr. Juan Cisneros and looks forward to working with the schools.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

ATTEST:

Renee Martinez, CMC

APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos, Mayor

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