



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 - Compliancy 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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 2 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
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 4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
 5 **6:00PM**

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

11 II. **ROLL CALL**
 12 Village Clerk Renee Martinez called roll where a quorum was present.

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

20 III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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 22 Mr. Edward Vigil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

24 IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
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 26 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
 27 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

29 Roll Call:
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 31 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
 32 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 33 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 34 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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

38 V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**
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 40 1) October 22, 2019

42 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
 43 Second: Councilman Gonzales

45 Roll Call:
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 47 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 48 Councilman John Ortega YES
 49 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 50 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

51 To approve the October 22, 2019 minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.
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54 your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may
55 direct staff to address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum
56 of three minutes.)
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- 58 • Ms. Jeannie Masters, Northcentral Food Pantry – Went over the distribution numbers for September &
59 November. The traffic going to the pantry is very busy and with the proposed Dollar General it will be
60 very dangerous. She is in opposition of the store.
- 61 • Ms. Lou McCall – Stated that she is not in favor of the Dollar General coming to Questa; she is in
62 objection of their corporate model.
- 63 • Ms. Esther Hall, Questa Supermarket Manager – Opposed to the Dollar General coming to Questa.
64 Financially they struggle and with a new store it will impact their business.
- 65 • Ms. Betty Richter – Opposes the store coming to Questa. She was shocked about the callousness of
66 the developers at the last meeting about how they disregarded the way people felt about the store coming
67 into town. They don't care about our culture or community. She was not allowed by Taos County to
68 put a metal building up to start their business in that location many years ago.
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70 VII. **ACTION ITEMS**

71 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Veteran's Memorial Park
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73 Former Councilman, Mr. Larry Sanchez thanked the Council for having this on the agenda. He stated that the
74 late Senator Cisneros was a big supporter of all Veterans and was instrumental in making the Veteran's
75 Memorial a reality.
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77 Motion: Councilman Ortega

78 Second: Councilman Jaramillo
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80 Roll Call:

81 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

82 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

83 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

84 Councilman John Ortega YES
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87 To approve the Veteran's Memorial Park be named and dedicated after the late Senator Carlos R. Cisneros.
88 All voted yes. Motion carried.
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90 Mr. Sanchez thanked the Mayor for the Veteran's ceremony on Veteran's Day. He also thanked the Governing
91 Body for the approval.
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93 B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Sale of Village Property on North Kiowa Road
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95 Mayor Gallegos stated that there are pieces of land on North Kiowa Road that belong to the Village on both
96 sides of the road. He would like approval to sell these strips of land at fair market value to the property owners
97 who would like to purchase them.
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99 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

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

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 108 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 109 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 110 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 111 Councilman John Ortega YES
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113 To approve moving forward with the sale of the properties at fair market value. All voted yes. Motion carried.
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115 C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – 12 Oaks Plans & Drawings - Compliancy with Ordinances
 116 which Govern the Village of Questa
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118 Mayor Gallegos referred to legal counsel at this time.
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120 Village Attorney Chris DeFillippo stated that he has reviewed the documents that were provided by Dollar
 121 General; however there seems to be a missing document. Pursuant to New Mexico Code Section 18.31.6, the
 122 state highway access; there are supposed to be some documents pertaining to the access permit received by
 123 Dollar General; specifically, access from the highway onto the road; we are not aware if these documents have
 124 been completed. There are significant concerns brought up by the citizens of the Village regarding health and
 125 safety of driving on these roads. It is the duty of the Village to be concerned about the health and safety of the
 126 citizens of the Village.
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128 Attorney DeFillippo asked the Council to table this item until these documents are provided and reviewed
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130 Mr. Drew Crosby of 12 Oaks development stated that the site threshold assessment was submitted by their civil
 131 engineers to the NMDOT on November 1st. Their determination was that a traffic study would be needed
 132 verifying peak traffic hours in the morning and the afternoon to make sure they do not go over the threshold at
 133 those times. If they do, then the deceleration lane would be required.
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135 Councilman Gonzales moved to table this item until we receive all documentation; he has a lot of questions and
 136 thinks the proper people to ask these questions to is the NMDOT. He stated that he does not support the Dollar
 137 General coming into Questa.
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139 The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gallegos.
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141 Roll Call:

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 143 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 144 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 145 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 146 Councilman John Ortega YES
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148 To table this item until requested documents are received and reviewed. All voted yes. Motion carried.
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150 VIII. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**
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152 Attorney Chris DeFillippo stated that he has no matters at this time but stood for any questions. He stated he
153 will be here next meeting with some updates.

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155 IX. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**
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- 157 • Councilman Jaramillo stated that there is a bare wall against the art room in the C.A. Cisneros Youth
158 & Family Center and he would like to temporarily put up Senator Cisneros' awards and achievements,
159 if it is fine with the Governing Body. It was agreed by all.
- 160 • Councilman Gonzales thanked the Mayor and Staff and all who participated in sending the Capitol
161 Christmas tree off to Washington as well as the Veterans Ceremony. He stated that we love our
162 Veterans. Councilman Gonzales also asked for prayers for General Baca as he battles an illness.
- 163 • Mayor Gallegos stated that the QEDF is in the process of creating their budget. The Village has made
164 a request for \$165,000.00, which includes project management, representation, rapid action fund and
165 matching money for grants. Mayor Gallegos also recognized newly elected school board member Mr.
166 Juan Cisneros and looks forward to working with the schools.

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168 X. **ADJOURNMENT**

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171 Motion: Councilman Ortega
172 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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174 In Favor: All
175 Opposed: None


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

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179 **ATTEST:**

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183 Renee Martinez, CMC



APPROVED:



Mark Gallegos, Mayor