



AGENDA

VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 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) November 12, 2019 – Regular Meeting
2) November 19, 2019 – Special Meeting
- 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. PRESENTATIONS – Questa Economic Development Fund Board Update – Ms. Lindsay Mapes
- VIII. RECOGNITION – Village of Questa Police Officer Waylon Brown
- IX. ACTION ITEMS
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Out of State Travel – Interim Administrator
 - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – MOU between NMED and the Village of Questa
Re: The Red River Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project
 - C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Date for December Council Meeting
- X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY
- XI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
- XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL
- XIII. 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) Limited Personnel Matters (§10-15-1(H) (2))
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

8 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
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10 II. **ROLL CALL**

11 Village Clerk Renee Martinez called roll where a quorum was present.
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13 Those present were:

- 14 Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
- 15 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
- 16 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

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 18 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos arrived at 6:05pm.
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20 III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

21 Councilman Charlie Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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23 IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

24 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 25 Second: Councilman Ortega
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27 Roll Call:

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- 29 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
- 30 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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 32 To approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.
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34 V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

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 36 1) November 12, 2019 – Regular Meeting
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38 Motion: Councilman Ortega
 39 Second: Councilman Gonzales
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41 Roll Call:

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- 43 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 44 Councilman John Ortega YES

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 46 To approve the November 12, 2019 minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.
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48 2) November 19, 2019 – Special Meeting
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50 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos – with submitted corrections to the Clerk.

51 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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53 Roll Call:

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55 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

56 Councilman John Ortega YES

57 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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59 To approve the November 19, 2019 minutes with submitted corrections. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

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66 There were no Public Comments.

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68 VII. **PRESENTATIONS** – Questa Economic Development Fund Board Update – Ms. Lindsay Mapes

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70 Ms. Mapes updated on the following:

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- 72 • The annual Alumbra event will be held December 15th.
- 73 • Next round of streetlight banners will be put out in January.
- 74 • Gateway signs will be ready to be placed in the spring. Councilman Gonzales requested a picture of
 75 the signs.
- 76 • December is last month that the newspaper will be running the police blotter.
- 77 • Requested pictures from the Washington DC trip to feature it in the Newspaper.

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79 VIII. **RECOGNITION** – Village of Questa Police Officer Waylon Brown

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81 Police Chief Nicolas Lamendola stated that Officer Waylon Brown attended the certification by waiver
 82 academy at the NMDPS and received his certification as a NM State Certified Police officer.

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84 Officer Waylon Brown thanked everyone in attendance and stated that there a great cultural significance for
 85 him.in Questa. He stated it is not about him but about the people and he took an oath to serve and protect the
 86 people of Questa. He thanked the Chief, Sergeant and Governing Body for the opportunity.

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88 Mayor Gallegos thanked the Police Department for their work and congratulated Officer Brown on his
 89 accomplishment.

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91 A motion to take a 5-minute break for refreshments for Officer Brown was made by Councilman Ortega,
 92 Seconded by Councilwoman Gallegos.

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94 Roll Call:

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96 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

97 Councilman John Ortega YES

98 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

99 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

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101 To approve a 5-minute break. All voted yes. Motion carried.

102 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 103 Second: Councilman Ortega

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 105 Roll Call:

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 107 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 108 Councilman John Ortega YES
 109 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 110 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

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 112 To re-adjourn the meeting, all voted yes. Motion carried.

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 114 IX. **ACTION ITEMS**

115 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Out of State Travel – Interim Administrator

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 117 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 118 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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 120 Roll Call:

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 122 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 123 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 124 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 125 Councilman John Ortega YES

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 127 To approve the Out of State Travel for Renee Martinez, Interim Administrator. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 129 B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – MOU between NMED and the Village of Questa
 130 Re: The Red River Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project

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 132 Councilman Gonzales asked if we will be using the same Engineer as the last project. Attorney DeFillippo
 133 stated that we will be going out for RFP for the engineering services. Councilman Ortega inquired about the
 134 target work area or will it be based on what landowners agree to. Mayor Gallegos stated it is from the south
 135 bridge to Eagle Rock Lake. There are targeted areas and may change in regard to the property owners.
 136 Councilman Ortega stated it would be nice to get the flooded area at the bridge to the hatchery.

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 138 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
 139 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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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 approve the MOU between NMED and the Village of Questa, regarding the Red River Aquatic Habitat
 149 Restoration Project. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 151 C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Date for December Council Meeting

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153 Ms. Martinez requested from the Council if it is possible to one meeting in December because of the holiday's
154 and the Washington DC trip. She suggested to schedule the meeting for December 17th.

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156 Motion: Councilman Ortega

157 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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159 Roll Call:

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161 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

162 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

163 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

164 Councilman John Ortega YES

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166 To approve the December meeting be scheduled for December 17th. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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168 X. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**

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170 Attorney Chris DeFillippo stated that he and Village staff met with Mr. Miller who is working on the 40- year
171 water plan for the Village.

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173 Councilman Ortega inquired about the traffic study regarding the Dollar General. Attorney DeFilippo stated
174 that he has not received anything as of yet. Councilman Jaramillo asked why we are requesting the traffic study
175 when we have no jurisdiction; let the state shut them down. Councilman Jaramillo stated that they will have to
176 eventually apply for a permit to apply for the driveway. Attorney DeFilippo stated that they comply with the
177 Village ordinances and will have to comply with the state also. However, the Village does have a valid concern
178 with the health and safety of the citizens of the Village. Councilman Gonzales stated that he believes we should
179 let the NMDOT know our concerns. Councilman Ortega stated that he believes that the item on the agenda for
180 approval last meeting regarding the Dollar General we should not have had to vote on; it should not have been
181 on the agenda. A discussion was held regarding an historic district. Councilman Gonzales requested that our
182 attorney review HB74 and the Village Historic Preservation Ordinance. Attorney DeFillippo will let the Council
183 know when the traffic study is completed and available for review.

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185 XI. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

186 Ms. Martinez reported on the following:

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- 188 • Working on a possible MOU with the Taos County Planning & Zoning. Met with Mr. Edward Vigil
- 189 to come up with some ideas and possible training.
- 190 • Working with Taos County on an MOU regarding the Senior's Center.
- 191 • Working with our Airport Consultants regarding the CIP for the Airport.
- 192 • Village Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm at the Sundance in Red
- 193 River.

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195 Ms. Dina Coleman updated on the following events for December:

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- 197 • Christmas Tree lighting will be held December 11th at 4:30pm; music and food will be available.
- 198 • Village Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday,

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200 XII. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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202 Councilwoman Gallegos inquired about the following:

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- The dead fish at Eagle Rock Lake. Mayor Gallegos stated that there is the possibility that there was not enough water gong through so there was not enough oxygen for the fish. He will update the Council as sure as he gets an answer form NM Game and Fish.

208 Councilman Jaramillo:

- Informed the Council that he and Councilman Ortega attended the NLC City Summit in San Antonio, Texas. They attended many workshops and game changer sessions regarding the Opportunity Zones and other economic development related sessions. Also, Paul Swenson, President, Creator and Founder of the Healing Field Foundation stated that he would be at our next healing field event; Questa is the 3rd longest running healing field in the country.

216 Councilman Ortega:

- Inquired if jackets and coveralls have been purchased for the public works crew. Ms. Coleman stated that jackets were purchased.

221 Mayor Gallegos:

- Met with Christian Isely and Inspire Early Childhood and Day Care Center in Taos. There are a lot of programs available to us if we are interested in this for having this program at the Senior Center.
- A grant application was submitted jointly from the Village and Taos County regarding affordable housing through the MFA.

229 XIII. **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)

232 A) Limited Personnel Matters (§10-15-1(H) (2))

234 A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilman Ortega. Seconded by Councilman Gonzales.

237 Roll Call:

- 239 Councilman Ortega YES
- 240 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 241 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
- 242 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

244 Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to discuss only the items listed.

246 The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:29pm.

248 A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:48pm by Councilman Gonzales, seconded by Councilman Ortega.

251 Roll Call:

- 253 Councilman John Ortega YES
- 254 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

255 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
256 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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258 Mayor Gallegos stated that only the Executive Session Item regarding Limited Personnel Matters (§10-15-
259 1(H) (2)) was discussed. This statement was concurred by Attorney Chris DeFillippo.
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261 XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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263 Motion: Councilman Ortega
264 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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266 In Favor: All
267 Opposed: None
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269 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.
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271 **ATTEST:**

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273 *Renee Martinez*
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275 Renee Martinez, CMC



APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos

Mark Gallegos, Mayor