



# **AGENDA**

**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018**

**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. **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.)*
- VI. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-32 / Municipal Officer Election Day
- VII. **DISCUSSION ITEM**
  - A) Questa Business Park Update
- VIII. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

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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 6:00 pm.

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 11 **II. ROLL CALL**  
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13 Mayor Gallegos asked the Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll:

- 14 Present:  
 15 Councilman John Anthony Ortega  
 16 Councilman Charlie Gonzales  
 17 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo  
 18 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos arrived at 6:25 pm.  
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- 21 Also Present:  
 22 Administrator Nicholas Maestas  
 23 Village Clerk Renee Martinez  
 24 Village Attorney Chris DeFillippo  
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26 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

27 Village Attorney Chris DeFillippo led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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29 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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31 Motion: Councilman Jaramillo  
 32 Second: Councilman Gonzales  
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34 In Favor: All  
 35 Opposed: None  
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37 To approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.  
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39 **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*  
 40 *your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately, but may direct*  
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 42 *minutes.)*  
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44 There were no Public Comments.  
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46 **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

47 **A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-32 / Municipal Officer Election Day**  
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49 Ms. Martinez stated that this resolution states that the Village of Questa has chosen not to opt-in to the Local  
 50 Election Act and will hold their own elections.  
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52 Motion: Councilman Jaramillo  
 53 Second: Councilman Ortega

54 Roll Call:

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56 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

57 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

58 Councilman John Ortega YES

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60 To approve Resolution 2018-32 / Municipal Officer Election Day. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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62 VII. **DISCUSSION ITEM**

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64 A) Questa Business Park Update -

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66 At this time Attorney Marcus Rael participated by phone.

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68 Mayor Gallegos updated the Council on the meeting that was held with representatives from EDA, DFA,  
69 CDBG, engineers and Chevron. CDBG decided that they still wanted to see the Village of Questa dedicating  
70 \$200,000.00 for the expansion of the Taos Mountain Energy Bar structure. When this application was put  
71 together there was a 50/50 match requirement for the Village from EDA of \$1.2 million. Chevron then put  
72 in their \$500,000.00 which led the Village to chase \$500,000.00 from CDBG and the Village would come  
73 up with the remaining \$200,000.00. In the application, it was said that the Village would solely be  
74 responsible for creating 11 new jobs. The application went through and was approved. Mr. Gabriel Cisneros  
75 was hired to secure the \$500,000.00 of the CDBG funds to build out the business park. We went through  
76 the process of getting the engineers and everyone on board. Chevron stood firm and said if the Village  
77 cannot come up with our money, they would be pulling out; along with EDA.

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79 Towards the end of this meeting, Rick Lopez of DFA told us that there are two options that we have. Option  
80 one is that the Village submits a letter taking responsibility for the 11 jobs and go from there. Option two  
81 basically forces the Village to go to the legislature and ask for the \$200,000.00 to fill the void of the \$2.4  
82 million so that they can use \$200,000.00 to go to Taos Mountain Energy Bar. We were hoping to come back  
83 with a signed commitment.

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85 Councilman Jaramillo stated that EDA needs to be completed by 2019 so if we go out for legislative money  
86 we run the risk of losing that funding. We would need to get a grant extension right away which won't look  
87 good. Mr. Maestas stated that it is required that the project begin by mid-2019, not that the funds need to be  
88 expended by that time. Councilman Jaramillo stated that even if we got legislative money we wouldn't see  
89 it until probably January of 2020.

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91 Mr. Cisneros stated that two things were accomplished at that meeting:

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- 93 • CDBG did not have an issue with extending the time until as long as we needed to.
- 94 • EDA didn't have any issues
- 95 • We have 3 years from the date we signed the grant agreement with DFA to fill the 11 jobs

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97 He stated we are fine when it comes to the time for the funding agencies. He stated that he and the Senator  
98 met with CDBG; their scope of the project is for infrastructure, not for building. They still want us to proceed  
99 with adding \$200,000.00 for Taos Mountain Energy Bar. First they were in agreement, now they're not.

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101 Councilman Ortega stated that his frustration is that Taos Mountain Energy Bars did not hire one single  
102 miner. We need to start looking at jobs for these miners so they don't have to keep relocating elsewhere for  
103 work.

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105 Councilman Gonzales stated that if something was to come up that we can't get the money from the  
106 Legislature we should work with DFA so they can lend us the money contingent on something.

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108 Mayor Gallegos asked that the Council allow him and Mr. Cisneros move forward with further conversation  
109 with the Senator and DFA. We will get the ball rolling and move forward.

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111 **VIII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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113 Councilman Ortega inquired about the curfew that is still in effect or has it been lifted. Mayor Gallegos  
114 stated that he believes it is still in effect. He will look into it. Mayor Gallegos has asked Chief Lamendola  
115 to do a monthly report to keep the Council updated regarding the activity in Questa. Councilman Ortega  
116 stated that he does not believe it is the youth who are committing the burglaries and that they deserve another  
117 chance.

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119 Councilwoman Gallegos asked for an update on Officer Shore's memorial. She stated that she found out that  
120 his badge was on display at the Department of Public Safety. She stated that this is at the request of Ms.  
121 Chapman and Councilwoman Gallegos would appreciate if we can get this going.

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123 Councilman Gonzales thanked the Mayor and Council as well as the staff for all their hard work.  
124 Councilwoman Gallegos stated that it is the employees that make us proud and make us shine; we thank  
125 them for their hard work and dedication.

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127 **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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129 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

130 Second: Councilman Ortega

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132 In Favor: All

133 Opposed: None

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135 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

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138 **ATTEST:**

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The seal is circular with a dotted border. The text "VILLAGE OF QUESTA INCORPORATED" is written around the top inner edge, and "NEW MEXICO" is at the bottom. A signature, "Renee Martinez", is written across the center of the seal. Below the seal, the text "Renee Martinez, CMC" is printed.

**APPROVED:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Gallegos", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Mark Gallegos, Mayor" is printed.