



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 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 Louise T. Gallegos
Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | Councilmember John A. Ortega | Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales

- 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) Regular Meeting, July 09, 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 – Resolution No. 2019-13 – NMED Capital Appropriation Project Agreement #SAP 19-D2554-GF to plan, design and construct water system improvements
 - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Taos County and the Village of Questa regarding EMS
 - C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-14 – Designation of location of polling place for Municipal Officer Election Day 2020
- VIII. **FINANCIALS** – Karen Shannon, Finance Director
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Local BAR's 4th Quarter FY2019
 - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR's 4th Quarter FY2019
- IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A) 2021-2025 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)
 - B) Commercial Business – Dollar General
- X. **MATTERS /UPDATES FROM ATTORNEY**
- XI. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
 2 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
 3 **TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019**
 4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
 5 **6:00PM**

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

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 15 Those present were:

16 Councilman John Anthony Ortega

17 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

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 19 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos arrived at 6:18pm.

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 21 Not Present:

22 Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales

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 25 III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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 27 Ms. Karen Shannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 29 IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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 31 Mayor Gallegos requested that Item IX.B be removed from the agenda.

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 33 Councilman Jaramillo motioned to move the Financials up following Public Comments followed by
 34 Discussion Items, and back to Action Items in the following order; B,C and then A. Also at the Mayor's
 35 request, remove Item IX B.

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 37 The motion was seconded by Councilman Ortega

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 39 Roll Call:

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 41 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

42 Councilman John Ortega YES

43 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

44 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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

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 48 V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

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 50 1) Regular Meeting, July 09, 2019

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 52 Motion: Councilman Jaramillo

53 Second: Councilman Ortega

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 55 Roll Call:

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 57 Councilman John Ortega YES
 58 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

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 60 To approve the July 09, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 62 VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment.*
 63 *Because your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond*
 64 *immediately, but may direct staff to address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public*
 65 *comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*
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67 Chief Nicholas Lamendola reviewed his report provided to the Council.
 68 Regarding the ICIP discussion later in the meeting, Chief Nicholas Lamendola requested 2 new police units.

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 70 ** At 6:36 pm, Ms. Lindsay Mapes of QEDF updated the Council on the following:

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 72 • New Trust protector Mr. Mike Gaillour is on board.
 73 • Fishing Derby was a success. Thank you to Councilman John Ortega and Christian Isely for
 74 speaking at the event.
 75 • Christmas in July was also a success in conjunction with the US Forest Service.
 76 • Banners were put up last week on the decorative lights in town.
 77 • The Questa tourism videos will be available next week. She will email the videos to the Council as
 78 soon as they are received.
 79 • New Vista Volunteer is on board working on the Farmers Market.
 80 • A Social Media intern is also in board
 81 • Newspaper is still growing; from 28 pages to 32 pages.

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 83 VII. **FINANCIALS** – Karen Shannon, Finance Director

84 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Local BAR's 4th Quarter FY2019

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 86 Ms. Shannon stood for questions. There were none.

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 88 Motion: Councilman Ortega
 89 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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 91 Roll Call:

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 93 Councilman John Ortega YES
 94 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

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 96 To approve the Local BAR's 4th Quarter FY2019 as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 98 B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR's 4th Quarter FY2019

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 100 A Motion to table this item until later in the meeting was made by Councilman Jaramillo. Seconded by
 101 Councilman Ortega.

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 103 In Favor: All
 104 Opposed: None

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 106 To approve the tabling of Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR's 4th Quarter FY2019. All voted yes. Motion
 107 carried.

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 109 VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

110 **A) 2021-2025 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)**

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112 Ms. Martinez informed the Council that provided to them was last year's plan. This is only a discussion.
113 Councilman Jaramillo stated that from what he understands, it was mentioned that only the top 5 priorities
114 be included. Ms. Martinez stated she will inquire with Ms. Carmen Morin from DFA.

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116 Councilman Ortega asked if we should remove the library since we received the money for it. Ms. Martinez
117 stated that Ms. Nicholson stated that they will need additional funds for improvements to the existing
118 building as well as to the parking lot.

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120 It was decided that items 1-5 should remain the same.

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122 Ms. Vilma Bailon requested the following on behalf of the Questa EMS:

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- The property next to their building for parking. There are 2 property pieces.

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- Electric Gurney which costs about \$34,000.00.

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- Fire Department in need of some building improvements.

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127 Councilman Jaramillo stated that we have the money in the budget to purchase the property instead of it
128 being part of the ICIP. A discussion was held.

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130 Councilman Ortega stated that the Fire Department need a new firetruck, sooner than later. He understands
131 that we have other priorities right now but maybe we can purchase it through a grant or other means.

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133 **At 6:36pm Mayor Gallegos stated that we would go back up the agenda to Public Comments for the QEDF
134 update.

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136 **B) Commercial Business – Dollar General**

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138 Removed from Agenda.

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140 **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

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142 **A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Taos
143 County and the Village of Questa regarding EMS**

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145 Ms. Martinez stated that the MOU has since been corrected from the last meeting.

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147 Motion: Councilman Ortega

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149 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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151 Roll Call:

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153 Councilman John Ortega YES

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155 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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157 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo Abstained

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159 To approve Memorandum of Understanding between Taos County and the Village of Questa regarding EMS.
160 All voted yes. Motion carried.

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162 **B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-14 – Designation of location of
163 polling place for Municipal Officer Election Day 2020**

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165 Ms. Martinez stated that this Resolution is a requirement from the Secretary of State's Office for the Election
166 to be held in March of 2020 identifying the polling places. .

165 Motion: Councilman Ortega
 166 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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 168 Roll Call:

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 170 Councilman John Ortega YES
 171 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 172 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

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 174 To approve Resolution No. 2019-14 – Designation of location of polling place for Municipal Officer Election
 175 Day 2020. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 177 C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-13 – NMED Capital Appropriation
 178 Project Agreement #SAP 19-D2554-GF to plan, design and construct water system improvements

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 180 Ms. Martinez stated that this Resolution is a requirement from NMED to be submitted with the grant
 181 documents. It is for \$100,000.00 to be used on Cabresto Road.

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 183 Motion: Councilman Ortega
 184 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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 186 Roll Call:

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 188 Councilman John Ortega YES
 189 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 190 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

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 192 To approve Resolution No. 2019-13 – NMED Capital Appropriation Project Agreement #SAP 19-D2554-
 193 GF to plan, design and construct water system improvements. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 196 ** The following item was tabled earlier in the meeting.

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 198 D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR's 4th Quarter FY2019

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 200 There were no questions.

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 202 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
 203 Second: Councilman Ortega

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 205 Roll Call:

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 207 Councilman John Ortega YES
 208 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 209 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

210
 211 To approve Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR's 4th Quarter FY2019. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 213 X **MATTERS /UPDATES FROM ATTORNEY – Attorney Chris DeFillippo**

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 215 A memo was provided by the attorney.

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 217 Mr. DeFillippo stated that this memo describes the main projects concerning Chevron and the Village. These
 218 are proposals that have been drafted and are in the works.

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220 Councilman Jaramillo stated that the one project missing from the memo is the tailings pipe slurry off of
221 Embargo Road; the project is complete and the Village has not received what was agreed upon. Attorney
222 DeFillippo stated that he will pass this item on to Attorney Marcus Rael.
223 Mayor Gallegos asked the Council to submit any questions or comments to the Attorney's.
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225 XI. MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
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227 Mayor Gallegos informed the Council that 1.1 acres of property was purchased next to Ms. Betty Richter's
228 property in town by Dollar General. When he was approached by an individual about zoning for a business,
229 he believed it was a general merchandise store; not a chain store. This individual continued to pursue the
230 required processes. A week ago he received a call from Taos County Planning & Zoning Department
231 Director stating that Dollar General was submitting an application and inquiring about the permitting process
232 to place a sign on the property.
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234 Mayor Gallegos also informed the Council regarding the meeting with Chevron, NMED, NMMD and EPA
235 regarding Chevron applying for a different kind of water discharge permit that would probably relax the
236 outfall levels. They talked about the tailings cover project; they are running behind schedule. He expressed
237 his concern with the communication and how it seems that the Village is last to know.
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239 Councilman Ortega requested an updated status on all of our projects.
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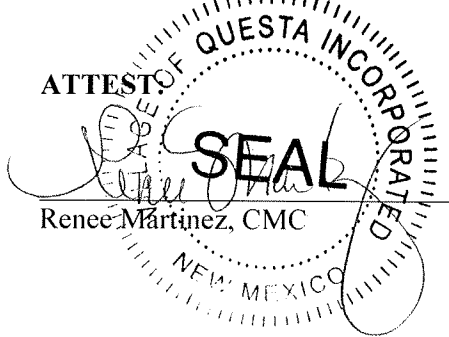
241 XII. ADJOURNMENT
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243 Motion: Councilman Ortega
244 Second: Councilman Jaramillo
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246 In Favor: All
247 Opposed: None
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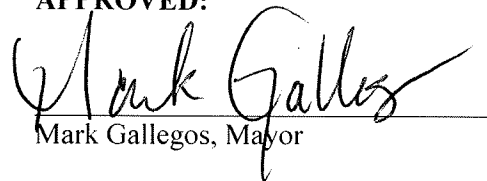
249 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.
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252 ATTEST:



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255 Renee Martinez, CMC
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APPROVED:


Mark Gallegos, Mayor