



# AGENDA

## VILLAGE OF QUESTA **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

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 Brent P. Jaramillo

Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales | Councilmember John A. Ortega | Councilmember Louise T. Gallegos

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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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 1) March 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting  
2) March 16, 2020 - Special Meeting  
3) March 18, 2020 – Emergency 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. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - MOU between Taos County/Taos County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Questa for Law Enforcement Assistance.  
B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2020-09 / Mayor Pro-Tem Schedule

VIII. **FINANCIALS** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director

- A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – FY2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Local BARs  
B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2020-08 / FY2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter State BARs

IX. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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 18 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

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 20 II. **ROLL CALL**

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

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 24 Those present by phone were:

- 25 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
- 26 Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
- 27 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos
- 28 Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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 30 III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

31 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 33 IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 34 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
- 35 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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 37 Roll Call:

- 38 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
- 39 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES
- 40 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES
- 41 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

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 45 V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 1) March 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting  
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 47 2) March 16, 2020 - Special Meeting

## 3) March 18, 2020 – Emergency Meeting

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallegos to table the approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded Councilman Ortega.

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos	YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES

To approve the tabling of the minutes until the next meeting. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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There were no public comments.

VII. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - MOU between Taos County/Taos County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Questa for Law Enforcement Assistance.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales  
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Discussion.

Councilman Ortega asked if this MOU was for a year and how it will affect the budget. Mayor Gallegos stated that the MOU is for up to a year. Councilman Ortega asked if we will be getting the police vehicle back; the decals were removed from it which costed the Village a lot of money – he stated he was fine with them borrowing the vehicle but was concerned about the removal of the decals from the vehicle. He asked when we will be revisiting this issue. Mayor Gallegos stated that we will bring it back up during the new budget process.

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos	YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES

To approve the MOU between Taos County/Taos County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Questa for Law Enforcement Assistance. With a majority vote. Motion carried.

- B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2020-09 / Mayor Pro-Tem Schedule

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo  
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

102 Roll Call:

103 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 104 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 105 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES  
 106 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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108 To approve Resolution No. 2020-09 / Mayor Pro-Tem Schedule. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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110 VIII. **FINANCIALS** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director

111 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – FY2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Local BARs

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113 Motion: Councilman Jaramillo

114 Second: Councilman Ortega

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116 Roll Call:

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118 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 119 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 120 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES  
 121 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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123 To approve FY2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Local BARs. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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125 B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2020-08 / FY2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter State BARs

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127 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

128 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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130 Roll Call:

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132 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 133 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 134 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES  
 135 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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137 To approve Resolution No. 2020-08 / FY2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter State BARs. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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139 IX. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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141 Ms. Raynelle Cordova, EMS Director, stated that the positive case in the 87556 area was presumed to be tested  
 142 at the NM Dept of health. We will not get any further information because of HIPPA. She stated she met with  
 143 Mayor Gallegos and Ms. Martinez on a PSA was put out this afternoon acknowledging that there is a positive  
 144 case and that we are taking the necessary steps to keep everyone safe.

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146 Councilman Jaramillo stated that the positive test may or not be from Questa but in the 87556-zip code area  
 147 which runs from Lama north to Sunshine valley. Ms. Cordova stated that is correct.

148 Ms. Cordova stated that people have gotten a bit to lax since there had not been a case in ten days in Taos  
 149 County. Councilman Gonzales suggested that the PD/Fire could give out hand-outs to people or we get on the  
 150 radio and request people to wear protective gear. Taos County Sheriff's dept would like to pass out information  
 151 to people coming through Questa. The Questa EMS will assist, and it will most likely be held on Friday.

152 Councilwoman Gallegos thanked Ms. Cordova for her hard work. Councilwoman Gallegos stated her concern  
 153 about not knowing before it was on social media. Mayor Gallegos stated that he understands and that sometimes

154 it is difficult getting the information out as well as getting it confirmed. Councilman Ortega stated yes, we need  
155 to be concerned but we do not have community spread yet in Questa or in Taos; we do not want to start a panic.  
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157 Ms. Martinez informed the Council regarding the project update report that was included in the Financial  
158 Packet. She stated that three projects are now closed and stood for any questions. Councilwoman Gallegos  
159 asked if the project up at the dam area is complete. Mayor Gallegos stated that the seeding company needs to  
160 come back, but we do not know when.  
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162 Councilman Gonzales stated that we are approaching May and the Healing Field is scheduled; how are we  
163 going to handle this. Mayor Gallegos stated that the conversation has been to display the flags only, no  
164 ceremony. Mayor Gallegos stated that he believes we should wait until May to decide since we may have  
165 crowds assemble. Councilwoman Gallegos stated that she is willing to cross any hurdle on her part to see the  
166 flags up; it will bring the American spirit back and give us something positive at this time. Councilman  
167 Jaramillo stated that he would like to see it happen; it is a symbol of hope and is willing to help, but we should  
168 wait to make the decision. Councilman Ortega stated that he agrees that the flags should definitely go up.  
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170 Councilwoman Gallegos stated that she is concerned about the 2020 Census and how we can get the information  
171 out to people to fill them out. Councilman Jaramillo stated that all operations for the census have been ceased  
172 because of the Covid-19. They are asking people with PO boxes not to fill out their census until June.  
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174 Councilman Ortega asked if someone from the County Sheriff's office can attend the Vida del Norte meetings.  
175 Also, is QEDF assisting businesses during this time. Councilman Ortega would also like to know about our  
176 funding and if the state will be pulling it back. Mayor Gallegos stated he will have Mr. Cisneros give an update  
177 to the Council regarding the funding.  
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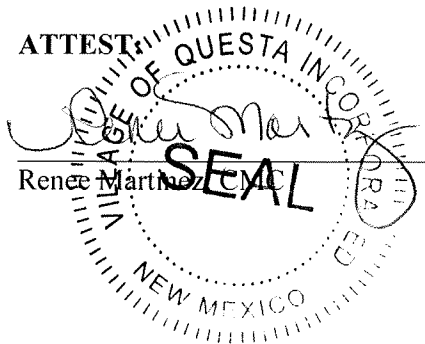
179 X. ADJOURNMENT

180 Motion: Councilman Ortega  
181 Second: Councilman Jaramillo  
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183 In Favor: All  
184 Opposed: None  
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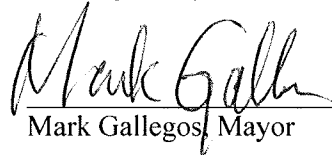
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187 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.  
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190 ATTEST:



191 Renee Martinez  
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Mark Gallegos, Mayor