



**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**2500 Old State Road 3**  
**Questa, NM**  
**6:00 P.M**

~ NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ~

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Mayor Mark L. Gallegos  
Mayor Pro-Tem Charlie I. Gonzales  
Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | 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) November 26, 2019 – Regular 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 – Approval of Resolution 2019-23 Employee Holiday Schedule
  - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Agreement between the Village of Questa and Cordova Contracting & Development, LLC – Questa Business Park Phase I
  - C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Taos Bakes Conversion from Electric to Natural Gas
- VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – Open Meetings Resolution Review
- IX. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**
- X. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
- XI. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**
- XII. **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) Pending or Threatening Litigation (§10-15-1(H) (7))
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

8 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:03pm  
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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

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 17 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo arrived at 6:06pm

18 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos arrived at 6:10pm.  
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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 Ortega

25 Second: Councilman Gonzales  
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27 Roll Call:

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 29 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

30 Councilman John Ortega YES  
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32 To approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.  
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35 V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 1) November 26, 2019 – Regular Meeting

36 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

37 Second: Councilman Ortega  
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39 Roll Call:

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 41 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

42 Councilman John Ortega YES  
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44 To approve the November 26, 2019 minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.  
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46 VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*  
 47 *your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may*  
 48 *direct staff to address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum*  
 49 *of three minutes.)*  
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51 There were no Public Comments.  
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53 VII. **ACTION ITEMS**

54 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Resolution 2019-23 Employee Holiday  
55 Schedule

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57 A motion by Councilman Ortega to table until after Item C. Seconded by Councilman Gonzales.

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59 In Favor: All  
60 Against: None

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62 To table after Item C. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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64 B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision –Agreement between the Village of Questa and Cordova  
65 Contracting & Development, LLC – Questa Business Park Phase I

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67 Mr. Rick Beltramo of WH Pacific informed the Council that the contract amount is \$2,238,389.66. He stated  
68 that he has submitted the contract to Scott at EDA who has reviewed it but can only accept a fully executed  
69 copy. The deadline to have this contract executed and construction started is December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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71 Mayor Gallegos asked what the legal recommendation was from Legal Counsel. Mr. DeFillippo stated that this  
72 contract is approved contingent on his review of the documents. He does not see that there should be any issues  
73 but would like the opportunity to review.

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75 Councilman Gonzales motioned to approve the agreement contingent upon attorney review. The motion was  
76 then seconded by Councilman Jaramillo.

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78 Roll Call:

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- 80 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 81 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
- 82 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
- 83 Councilman John Ortega YES
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85 To approve the agreement between the Village of Questa and Cordova Contracting & Development, LLC –  
86 Questa Business Park Phase I. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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88 C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Taos Bakes Conversion from Electric to Natural  
89 Gas

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91 Mayor Gallegos stated that the cost to heat and cool the building currently is excessive for Taos Bakes. The  
92 Village would like to support them with the conversion. Councilman Gonzales asked if they would be paying  
93 us back for the cost of the conversion. Councilman Ortega stated that he would like to hear from them; His  
94 concern is that we pay for this conversion and they close down. He stated he is not opposed to it but would like  
95 to hear from them first. Councilman Jaramillo stated that it is two separate issues; yes, we do need to hear from  
96 them on their viability. He stated that the conversion decision is an operations decision and it is Ms. Martinez’s  
97 call if she wants to go forward with the conversion. Councilwoman Gallegos stated that she agrees with  
98 Councilman Jaramillo, she can see the advantage of what the conversion will do and sees it as a benefit to move  
99 forward with it. Councilman Jaramillo inquired about the landlord requirements for local governments. Mr.  
100 DeFillippo stated that there is a landlord/tenant act; legally, there is not an obligation on the Village’s part to  
101 change from electric to gas; however; this is something that will make the property more desirable in the future  
102 and to perhaps keep the tenant. A discussion was held regarding the action item. A motion was then made by

103 Councilman Jaramillo to approve the procurement of the CES vendor to convert from electric to natural gas.  
 104 The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gallegos.

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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 ABSTAIN

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 113 To approve the procurement of the CES vendor for the conversion from electric to natural gas. All voted yes.  
 114 Motion carried.

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 116 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Resolution 2019-23 Employee Holiday Schedule

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 118 Ms. Martinez stated there were no changes from the schedule from last year.

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 120 Motion: Councilman Ortega  
 121 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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 123 Roll Call:  
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 125 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 126 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
 127 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES  
 128 Councilman John Ortega YES

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 130 To approve Resolution 2019-23 Employee Holiday Schedule. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 132 VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – Open Meetings Resolution Review

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 134 Ms. Martinez stated that the Open Meetings Resolution was included in the packet for review. She asked the  
 135 Council to please let her know if there will be any changes. It will be up for approval at the first meeting in  
 136 January.

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 138 IX. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**

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 140 Mr. DeFillippo stated that the 40-year water plan is moving forward; we are gathering the needed documents.  
 141 The collaborative meeting with the EPA, other state agencies and the Village will be January 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilman  
 142 Jaramillo stated that Mr. Rael should attend this meeting. He stated that we could possibly host the meeting in  
 143 Taos if it makes it easier. There will be the morning meeting and the meeting for the public in the evening at  
 144 the Questa VFW.

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 146 X. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

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 148 Ms. Martinez stated that a written report was submitted and stood for any questions. There were no questions.

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 150 XI. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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 152 Councilwoman Gallegos thanked the staff for all their hard work in getting the Washington trip scheduled and  
 153 set-up. Everything went very well. Councilman Gonzales thanked the staff that stayed behind to hold down the  
 154 fort. Ms. Martinez thanked the Council for the opportunity.

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156 Mayor Gallegos thanked the Council for the faith they have put in him and the staff.

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158 XII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (The Governing Body may convene into Executive Session at this time  
159 pursuant to the NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)

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161 A) Pending or Threatening Litigation (§10-15-1(H) (7))  
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163 A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Gallegos. Seconded by Councilman  
164 Gonzales.

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166 Roll Call:

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- 168 Councilman Ortega YES
- 169 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 170 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
- 171 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
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173 Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to discuss only the items listed.

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175 The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:01pm.

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177 A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:10pm by Councilman Gonzales, seconded by  
178 Councilman Ortega.

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180 Roll Call:

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- 182 Councilman John Ortega YES
- 183 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
- 184 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
- 185 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
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187 Mayor Gallegos stated that only the Executive Session Item regarding Pending or Threatening Litigation (§10-  
188 15-1(H) (7)) was discussed. This statement was concurred by Attorney Chris DeFillippo.

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190 XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**


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193 Motion: Councilman Ortega  
194 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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196 In Favor: All  
197 Opposed: None


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199 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

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201 **ATTEST:**

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Renee Martinez, CMC



**APPROVED:**



Mark Gallegos, Mayor

