



**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020**  
**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 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** – May 12, 2020 – 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. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A) WH Pacific – Business Park Update
  - B) Universal Professional Services – Mr. Gabriel Cisneros
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Approval of Zoning Variance
  - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Approval of Amendment 2 / Universal Professional Services Contract
  - C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Approval of Amendment 2 / Ambitions Consulting Group IT Contract
- IX. **FINANCIALS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Approval of Resolution 2020-10 – Bank Accounts (Closing/Combining)
- X. **PROJECT UPDATES**
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**
- XII. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION**
- XIII. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:13pm

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Those present in the virtual meeting were:

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales

Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Not Present:

Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Dina Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Councilman Ortega

Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega      YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo      YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales      YES

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 12, 2020 – Regular Meeting**

Motion: Councilman Ortega

Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:



51 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 52 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 53 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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55 To approve the May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried

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57 VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*  
 58 *your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct*  
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 60 *minutes.)*

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62 Ms. Delena Trujillo was present to request connection of her new double wide mobile home to the existing  
 63 water and sewer lines on her family property. After a brief discussion it was recommended by the Mayor and  
 64 Council for Ms. Trujillo to meet with Ms. Martinez and review the Water/Sewer Ordinance and come to an  
 65 agreement.

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67 VII. **PRESENTATIONS**

68 A) WH Pacific – Business Park Update

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70 There was no presentation by WH Pacific. Mayor Gallegos stated that most of the grubbing has been completed,  
 71 the sewer connections and manholes are complete, and they are currently working on the water lines. The next  
 72 phase will be getting the sub grade lifted to the manhole height and get it ready for paving if we can get that  
 73 completed. Electricity and gas will be put in in the next month or two. Councilman Ortega stated that he  
 74 thought that the electric and gas installation was not part of the project. Mayor Gallegos stated that the electricity  
 75 and gas would be funded by the Village's share in this project. None of the other funding agencies would fund  
 76 the installation of private utilities. The water and sewer are public utilities which they will fund.

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78 B) Universal Professional Services – Mr. Gabriel Cisneros

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80 Mr. Gabriel Cisneros informed the Mayor and Council that with the passing of Senator Carlos Cisneros, the  
 81 Governor appointed Representative Bobby Gonzales to his seat; and Town of Taos Mayor Dan Barrone  
 82 appointed to Bobby Gonzalez's seat. Senator Gonzales ran unopposed and Mayor Barrone decided not to run.  
 83 Elected to the Representative seat was Kristina Ortez, defeating Mayor Gallegos. DFA has also had many  
 84 changes, which created chaos for northern New Mexico. The Village had secured some money from the  
 85 Legislature which has since been pulled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There will be a special session this  
 86 month in which some monies may be pulled in order to balance the state budget. He stated that we need to talk  
 87 to the Senator about our funded projects. We are waiting on getting the money from the CDBG grant for the  
 88 Business Park. We will get this money, but it will take a little longer to receive it. The Cabresto water line  
 89 replacement project is also a CDBG project in the amount of \$750,000.00. We will be going out for bid on this  
 90 project within the next couple of weeks.

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92 Mr. Cisneros stood for questions. Councilman Ortega stated that his concern is the CDBG funding for the  
 93 Business Park project being that we have started on the construction. Mr. Cisneros stated that the local  
 94 government director at the state has assured us that the money will come in towards the end of the completion  
 95 of the project. Councilor Ortega stated that he is concerned about the contractors not getting paid as well as  
 96 hearing about the CDBG funding through the grapevine and not knowing it may be in jeopardy. Mayor Gallegos  
 97 stated that the CDBG funding is still promised and if we would have thought that we would not be receiving it  
 98 at all we would have most definitely made the Council aware of it and presented a scaled down project to the  
 99 Council for approval. Mayor Gallegos assured the Council that the local contractors will be finished with their  
 100 part of the project way before the CDBG funding is needed and will get paid. Mayor Gallegos stated that this  
 101 CDBG funding has never been at risk and he does not appreciate Mr. Isely speaking on the Village's behalf



when it comes to funding or anything else. He assured the Council that we would have informed the Council if we thought this money was at risk. Councilman Gonzales thanked Mr. Cisneros for all his hard work.

# VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

## A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Approval of Zoning Variance

Ms. Martinez stated that this variance is for Ms. Delena Trujillo who would like to place a double-wide mobile home on and existing home site that has been demolished. Ms. Martinez stated that a map identifying the location has been provided. A discussion was held regarding the need to update the zoning ordinance with Village Attorney, Chris DeFillippo.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales

Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

To approve the zoning variance for Ms. Delena Trujillo. All voted yes. Motion carried.

## B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Approval of Amendment 2 / Universal Professional Services Contract

Ms. Martinez stated that this amendment is to extend the term of the contract for an additional year, per the original contract.

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo

Second: Councilman Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

To approve Amendment 2 to the Universal Professional Services Contract. All voted yes. Motion carried.

## C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Approval of Amendment 2 / Ambitions Consulting Group IT Contract

Ms. Martinez stated that this amendment is to extend the term of our IT contract for an additional year, per the original contract.

Motion: Councilman Ortega

Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES



Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

To approve Amendment 2 to the Ambitions Consulting Group IT Contract. All voted yes. Motion carried.

IX. **FINANCIALS**

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Approval of Resolution 2020-10 – Bank Accounts (Closing/Combining)

Ms. Karen Shannon informed the Council that this Resolution to combine some of our accounts will satisfy one of the findings in our 2019 audit. The auditor thought that there were too many accounts for the software we have. Ms. Shannon stated that combining these accounts will help keep the fund balance intact.

Motion: Councilman Ortega  
 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

To approve Resolution 2020-10 – Bank Accounts (Closing/Combining). All voted yes. Motion carried.

X. **PROJECT UPDATES**

Ms. Martinez stated that a project update sheet was provided in the packet. She stated that the DRAM grant will be expended by next update. Ms. Martinez stood for questions.

Councilman Gonzales thanked the staff for the projects report. Councilman Ortega inquired if we have applied for the MAP grant. Ms. Martinez stated that she has not heard anything regarding that application, but we did receive an \$80,000.00 COOP grant award letter that we submitted for in March for drainage and road work on Shirley Drive.

XI. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**

Mr. DeFillippo stated that he is working on a few contracts he needs to finalize. In addition, he will be providing an update on the chevron documents. Councilman Gonzales asked if there is any dust monitoring at the tailing's facility. Mr. DeFillippo stated that there is no active work going on at the tailings facility and that there have not been any spikes in dust from the air monitoring devices. Councilman Gonzales wants a copy of these monitoring reports as well as water sampling results. Mr. DeFillippo stated that he will request the documents.

XII. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Martinez informed the Council that the new truck that was approved for purchase at the previous meeting has been purchased and picked up. She stated that will have the Waste Management contract for approval at the next Council meeting as well as the MOU with the Taos County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Martinez stated that she would like to thank the staff as well as the ENTACT crew for their hard work on the Healing Field. Ms. Martinez stated that she and her staff are working on finalizing the Water/Sewer Ordinance as well as the Personnel Policies and Mileage/Per Diem Policy.



204 XIII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

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206 XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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208 Motion: Councilman Ortega

209 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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211 Roll Call:

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213 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

214 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

215 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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217 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

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220 ATTEST

APPROVED:

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Renee Martinez, CMG

Mark Gallegos, Mayor

