



## **AGENDA**

**VILLAGE OF QUESTA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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** – August 25, 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. **PUBLIC HEARING** – FY 2022-2026 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2020-18 / FY 2022-2026 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan
  - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – MOU between the Village of Questa and the Questa Independent School District regarding the Public Information Marquee
- IX. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** - Attorney Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- X. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator
- XI. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**VILLAGE OF QUESTA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020  
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:00PM**

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

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Those present in the virtual meeting were:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Those present in person were:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Staff:

Renee Martinez – CMC / Interim Administrator

Dina Coleman – CPO / Deputy Clerk

Others present virtually:

Karen Shannon – VOQ Finance Director

Chris DeFillippo – Attorney

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor John Anthony Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

**Roll Call:**

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo Not Present at this time

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 25, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

**Roll Call:**

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

To approve the August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because your 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.)*

There were no participants present virtually or in person for public comments.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2022-2026 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan**

Mayor Gallegos officially entered into a Public Hearing 6:11 pm, at this time Mayor Gallegos opened the floor to allow the public to address any recommendations, comments, and / or concerns regarding the FY 2022-2026 ICIP

After several minutes of discussion regarding the ICIP plan, the Mayor and Council made some changes to the proposed plan. They agreed upon the following priorities to be submitted.

1. Water System Improvements
2. Sewer System Improvements
3. Cabresto Road Improvements
4. New Fire Department Building
5. Business Park / Economic Development Projects
6. Library Improvements to existing Building
7. Administration Building Improvements
8. Vehicles for Public Works and Administration
9. Questa to Red River Trails

Mayor Gallegos concluded the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 6:31 pm.

There were no participants from the public in attendance for the Public Hearing.

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2020-18 / FY 2022-2026 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan**

Motion: Councilwoman Charlie Gonzales

Second: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

96 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 97 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 98 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
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100 To approve Resolution No. 2020-18 / FY 2022-2026 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan  
 101 as presented. All voted yes . Motion carried.  
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103 **B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – MOU between the Village of Questa and the Questa**  
 104 **Independent School District regarding the Public Information Marquee**  
 105 Ms. Martinez made the Council aware of Mr. DeFilippo's virtual attendance at the Questa Independent School  
 106 Districts Board meeting, he was there on behalf of the Village of Questa.  
 107 Mr. DeFillippo stated that there was only one request made by the QISD board regarding the Marquee. It  
 108 was their request that the Village and QISD would split the cost on any graffiti or vandalism damages that  
 109 may occur to the Marquee. The school board also agreed to pay their share of cost to utilities of the Marquee  
 110 and will allow the Village access to the Marquee to add and remove messages of the Marquee.  
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112 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
 113 Second: Councilman John Anthony Ortega  
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115 **Roll Call:**

116 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 117 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 118 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 119 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
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121 To approve MOU between the Village of Questa and the Questa Independent School District regarding the  
 122 Public Information Marquee as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.  
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125 **X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**  
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127 Mr. DeFillippo gave an update regarding the MOU between the Village of Questa and Taos County  
 128 Sheriff's Office. Mr. DeFillippo intends to meet with Randy Autio, Attorney for Taos County to discuss a  
 129 couple concerns regarding the insurance and other issues . Mr. DeFillippo invited Ms. Martinez into the  
 130 discussion since she has been in communication with HUB insurance.  
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132 Ms. Martinez stated that the Village of Questa will be liable for anything that would happen while in use.  
 133 She intends to follow up with HUB insurance regarding the use of the building for prisoner processing.  
 134 Mr. DeFillippo will be bringing the MOU to council at the next meeting.  
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136 Councilman Gonzales had some concerns with the office availability at this time. Ms. Martinez did inform  
 137 the Councilor that once the insurance issues are cleared up, the Sherriff's Department will have availability  
 138 to use the Questa Police Department offices. There is a need for more clarification on Liability Insurance  
 139 versus Building Insurance.  
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141 **XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION**  
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143 Ms. Martinez gave an update on the following:  
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- 145 • Planning of a Retreat Day, preferably a Saturday – possibly on Sat. Sept. 26, 2020 if all are available

- GRT numbers
- Project Updates
- Cares Act Funding applications coming in, the deadline is Friday September 11, 2020.
- Departments putting in COVID request so they can be submitted for reimbursements

## **XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

- Several Council members expressed their availability for a Saturday Retreat Event.
- Councilman John Anthony Ortega informed the Council of a Vida del Norte meeting to be held tentatively on September 17. The meeting will be focused on the current trends of drug and alcohol abuse by teens in our community.
- Mayor Gallegos informed Council of a potential upcoming EPA meeting, to be held in October or before the holiday season. He also spoke about several issues to be a part of the Retreat/ Work study Agenda.
- Councilman Gonzales would like to see a delinquent amount of our utility services and also would like to know what steps we have taken to receive delinquent payments.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos


Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

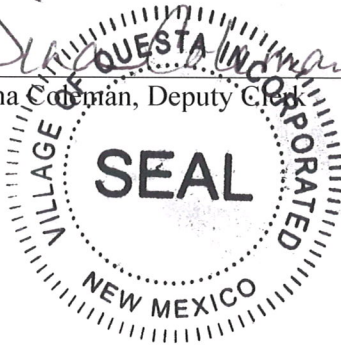
### **Roll Call:**

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

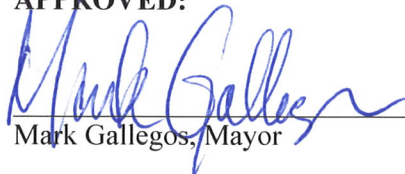
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk



**APPROVED:**

  
Mark Gallegos, Mayor