



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING
6:00 P.M

~ NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ~

Mayor Mark L. Gallegos
Mayor Pro-Tem John Anthony Ortega
Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales | Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | 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** – A) December 22, 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. **DISCUSSION -**
A) Village of Questa 2021 Legislative Priorities
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Appointment of North Central Regional Transit District Director and Alternate for 2021
B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Zoning Ordinance Moratorium Extension #2021-147
- IX. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Ms. Karen Shannon
A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - FY2021 2nd Quarter Local BARs
B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-01 / FY2021 2nd Quarter State BARs
- X. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator
- XII. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021
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 6:01 pm

II. ROLL CALL

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

Those virtually present were:

Mayor Mark Gallegos
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Councilman John Anthony Ortega
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
Councilman Charlie Gonzales
Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO
Karen Shannon – VOQ Finance Director
Sunshine Laier
Edward Vigil

Those present by phone:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Dina Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

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

A motion to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 22, 2021

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

To approve the December 22, 2021, 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.*

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No one present via phone or virtually for public comments

VII. DISCUSSION-

A.) Village of Questa 2021 Legislative Priorities

Mayor Gallegos gave an update on the Legislative Priorities meeting that was held with Senator Gonzales and attended by Councilman John Anthony Ortega and Mayor Gallegos. The Village ICIP priorities are as follows:

1. Water System Improvements
2. Sewer System Improvements
3. Cabresto Road Improvements
4. New Fire Department
5. Business Park Economic Development Project Plans
6. Library Improvements
7. Administrative Building Improvements
8. Emergency Vehicles
9. Regional Trail Project
10. Senior Center Property Improvements

Mayor Gallegos stated that Senator Gonzales recommended having the trail placed on the priority list. He sees that outdoor recreation is of importance to the Governor's office, he also asked for the Village to consider adding Childhood Development to the Senior Center improvements.

Councilman Ortega stated that the meeting was positive, and he was pleased at hearing Senator Gonzales' perspective and his willingness to hand walk our request to the Governor's office.

Councilman Gonzales asked if Cabresto Road improvements is on the list, Mayor Gallegos responded that Cabresto is on the list at number 3. Councilman Gonzales is pleased with this.

Councilwoman Gallegos commented that the list is appropriate and accurate per past discussions held in prior meetings.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that overall, it covers all the main asks. He stated that we need to finish several projects, Cabresto Road is a critical project to finish as well as La Cienaga.

Mayor Gallegos agrees that we push forward and focus on shovel ready projects.

Councilman Gonzales would like to have a current Project Update Report to take to the Legislative Session.

VIII. ACTION ITEM

A.) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Appointment of North Central Regional Transit District Director and Alternate for 2021

Ms. Renee Martinez stated that Councilman Gonzales would like to remain as the Village representative for the North Central Regional Transit District, per their conversation.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

Councilman Gonzales gave a brief update regarding meetings, audit, and budgets for the North Central Regional Transit.

A motion to approve the Appointment of North Central Regional Transit District Director and Alternate for 2021 as presented, with no mention of an alternate. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B.) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Zoning Ordinance Moratorium Extension #2021-147

Attorney Chris DeFillippo requested an extension to the current moratorium of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Mr. DeFillippo also requested a meeting to discuss possible changes to the ordinance.

Councilman Ortega asked how long the extension would be for, Mr. DeFillippo answered that an extension of 6 months is necessary and it can be repealed or removed at any time. Mr. DeFillippo would like a meeting prior to finalization of any changes being made in the ordinances.

Motion: Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

A motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance Moratorium Extension #2021-147 as requested / presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Karen Shannon

A.) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – FY 2021 2nd Quarter Local BARs

Ms. Karen Shannon stated that the local bars was placed in the packet. The purpose of this is to move line items with the budget and department to balance out.

Motion: Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

A motion to approve the FY 2021 2nd Quarter Local BARs as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B.) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2021-01 / FY 2021 2nd Quarter State BARs

Ms. Karen Shannon stated that the State BARs and Resolution was included in their packet. Included in the bars are revenues, increases such as the Fire Department grant, all others are just to keep us on budget.

Motion: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Councilman Gonzales asked if the Fire Department bunker gear has been ordered. Ms. Shannon stated that Ms. Dina Coleman would know more about the order status. Ms. Coleman responded the order has been placed and the gear has begun to arrive.

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

A motion to approve the Resolution No. 2021-01 / FY 2021 2nd Quarter State BARS as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY - Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

Mr. DeFillippo gave an update on the status of the Red River Aquatic Habitat Restoration, he stated that he has been in conversation with all interested parties and has a meeting planned. The intent is to clarify some concerns and get everyone involved on the same page due to all the numerous changes that have taken place. Mr. DeFillippo will provide an update to the Council after the meeting which is scheduled for January 19th, 2021.

Councilman Gonzales asked a question regarding the funding amount for this project. Mayor Gallegos stated that there is approximately \$1.3 million for this project.

XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Martinez stated she submitted a written report in the packet. She says that the Public Works department has been working very hard that last couple of weeks on several sewer issues. There is a need for another crew member in the PW department because of the large workload that this department carries, and she would like to see this individual be included in the next FY budget.

Councilwoman Gallegos was very complimentary of the work all VOQ staff are doing and asked if the Public Works position would be full time or parttime? Ms. Martinez responded that it would be a fulltime position. Councilman Gonzales agrees with Ms. Martinez and supports hiring another fulltime person.

Councilwoman Gallegos was appreciative of all the hard work being done and of Ms. Martinez's report. She stated that the Cares Act funding report was done very well and very informative. Councilwoman Gallegos also gave kudos to all the departments and their hard work.

XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Mayor Gallegos stated he would like the support of the Council allowing him to host a State of the Village virtual meeting for the community to address agreements, accomplishments and future plans and goals. Mayor Gallegos also met with Granite Construction and learned that the company is interested in moving onto the business park in the spring or summer. Granite has proposed that they would like to build a 10-20 space RV park to assist with housing their employees without taking up too much space in the local RV businesses in Questa. This infrastructure would be at no cost to the Village.

Mayor Gallegos recommended the mud bog pit as a possible site for this RV development. Councilman Jaramillo recommended the consideration of development on Molycorp park property. Councilman Gonzales asked about how many employees Granite intends on employing? Mayor Gallegos stated that they will do a job fair targeting our local workforce first and then they would bring outside individuals in. Councilman Gonzales also wants Granite to be in order with their GRT payments.

Councilwoman Gallegos gave her blessing on the State of the Village, she sees it very important to get information out to the community.

Councilman Gonzales had some concerns about security due to the current political climate.

Councilman Gonzales would Highway 522 to be put on the radar of the NMDOT, he says the road needs lots of work. Councilman Ortega agreed and asked law enforcement to patrol 522 as there is excessive speeding and reckless driving taking place that he has witnessed. He also asked Ms. Martinez and Mr. DeFillippo what the status of the EMS outstanding balances in the amount of \$50,000. that was to be collected from the previous collections company. Can this money be collected? Ms. Martinez will follow up with him after speaking to Mr. DeFillippo.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman John A. Ortega

Second: Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Roll Call:

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

254 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53Pm

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256 ATTEST:

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259 Dina Coleman

260 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos

Mark Gallegos, Mayor

