



**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M**

**~ NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ~**

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Mayor Mark L. Gallegos  
Mayor Pro-Tem Louise T. Gallegos  
Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales | Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | Councilmember John Anthony Ortega

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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) April 13, 2021 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/UPDATES**
  - A) Questa Economic Development Fund Update, Ms. Lynn Skall, Director
- VIII. **FINANCIALS** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-08 / Opening MVD and Municipal Court Bank Accounts at Questa Credit Union
- IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A) Review of Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget – Employee Compensation
- X. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator
- XII. **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**
  - A) Concerns and/or Announcements
  - B) New Business to be considered at a future Council Meeting
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**VILLAGE OF QUESTA  
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TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 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 6:17 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  
Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya  
Lynn Skall, QEDF Director

Those present by phone:

Christian Isely, Chevron Representative ( Caller 01)

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Mark Gallegos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

**Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Roll Call:**

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

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2021**

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

**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 April 13, 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. 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.)*

Ms. Renee Martinez stated that she did not receive any emails or prior requests for Public Comment participation.

**VII. PRESENTATION/UPDATE**

A) Questa Economic Development Fund Update, Ms. Lynn Skall, Director

Ms. Skall provided an update to the following items:

- May 1<sup>st</sup> Community Cleanup day, QEDF in collaboration with others would like to have a larger cleanup event in the fall.
- Visitors Center will open Memorial Day weekend.
- Welcome signs will be installed near the Village Offices in mid-May. The second sign is currently under review with NMDOT.
- The Mural project is still moving forward. Lynn is speaking with Waste Management asking for approval of painting dumpsters along 522.
- Passion to Profit Thursday May 6, Farming into Fund. Farming Sustainability.
- QBEN Meeting for May will be postponed until June 9. Kyle of Taos Bakes will be a presenter. This meeting will possibly be in person.

Councilman Ortega was very supportive of the cleanup day, he shared some ideas on a competition for cleanup day to promote cleanup participation.

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

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-08 / Opening MVD and Municipal Court Bank Accounts at Questa Credit Union

Ms. Shannon explained the plan to move forward with the transition of account changes.

Councilman Gonzales asked how many accounts will be moved to the Questa Credit Union. Ms. Shannon stated that a couple of accounts would be moved to the Questa Credit Union.

Councilman Ortega asked if the Village would continue to carry accounts at the Hillcrest bank? Ms. Shannon stated that at this time the Village will have 6 accounts at the Hillcrest Bank.

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99 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos100 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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102 **Roll Call:**

103 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

104 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

105 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

106 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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108 To approve the Resolution No. 2021-08 / Opening MVD and Municipal Court Bank Accounts at Questa  
 109 Credit Union. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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112 **IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

113 A) Review of Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget – Employee Compensation

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115 Ms. Martinez and Ms. Shannon presented the proposed employee compensation budget and discussed with the  
 116 Mayor and Council the future requirements and changes to minimum wage increase. Other budget discussions  
 117 regarding wage increases were discussed. Councilmembers expressed their support and their  
 118 recommendations.

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120 **X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya**

121 Mr. DeFillippo gave a brief update regarding the recent EPA meeting. He is coordinating a follow up meeting  
 122 with EPA and Chevron and needs the Mayor and Council to consider when they are available for the meeting.  
 123 A tentative date of June 10, 2021 was mentioned and will be proposed as the meeting date.

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125 Due to problematic cell phone issues, Mayor asked if Mr. DeFillippo can contact the owner of the cell tower  
 126 located on the Village property to consider getting out of the contract between the Village and the owner(s).  
 127 Councilman Gonzales had a question about the last EPA meeting as it regards to minutes from the meeting.  
 128 Mr. DeFillippo stated that he does not have minutes from that meeting, however, Mr. DeFillippo has strong  
 129 notes that he would be willing to share with Councilman Gonzales.

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131 **XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION– Ms. Renee Martinez, CMC /Interim Administrator**

132 Ms. Martinez gave an update on the following.

- 133 • Bixby Electric is in town to troubleshoot and repair the streetlights.
- 134 • The receptionist position is still open and accepting applications.
- 135 • MVD is now open to walk ins.
- 136 • Election support, how would the Village like to run the election?
- 137 • Ms. Martinez would like to start in person Council Meeting as of May 11, 2021
- 138 • Need to plan a work study meeting session for the budget.

139 Councilman Ortega congratulated Ms. Martinez on her Clerk of the Year award.

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141 **XIII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

142 A) Concerns and/or Announcements

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Councilman Gonzales asked for project funding updates to several projects and Mayor Gallegos was able to provide the answers to his question.

Mayor Gallegos also gave an update to recent activities that have taken place on 10 Garcia Road a very problematic residence. He also stated that the law enforcement has been busy.

Councilman Gonzales asked Mr. DeFillippo about the initial request from the Verga Trust and if easement from the Village is still needed. Mr. DeFillippo stated that he did not have much information but that the property owners are continuing to look into their options available to accessing the property.

B) New Business to be considered at a future Council Meeting

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm

ATTEST:

  
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Mark Gallegos, Mayor

