



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING
6:00 P.M

~ NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ~

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

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Village of Questa will hold a Regular Council Meeting on the above date and time. The tele-conference meeting will follow the Attorney General's guidelines and observe the Governor and Secretary of Health's public health orders. This format will allow the Village Council to conduct the meeting without Councilmembers being physically present and in accordance with the NM Open Meetings Act. There will be no live audience present. Members of the public wishing to participate can do so by calling **1-877-309-2073** and entering **access code 560-761-013** or from a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/560761013>. Those wishing to comment during the meeting may do so in the chat section and also by submitting comments or questions before the meeting to Interim Administrator Renee Martinez at rmartinez@villageofquesta.org

- I. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting April 27, 2021
Regular Meeting May 11, 2021
- 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) Questa Economic Development Fund Update, Ms. Lynn Skall | Director
- VIII. **PROJECT UPDATES**
 - A) Cabresto Road Waterline Project Update – Mr. Arvind Patel | Director of Water Resources | NV5
 - B) Cabresto Road Paving Project Update – Mr. Adam Miera | Project Manager | NV5
 - C) Business Park Project Update – NV5
- IX. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Proposed Recycling Agreement (Landfill Board)
 - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision Resolution No. 2021-12 / A Resolution regarding purchase of property on North Kiowa Road
 - C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Transfer of Assets between Departments (EMS/Fire Department & Public Works Department)
- X. **FINANCIALS** Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Fiscal Year 2020 Interim Budget
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
 - A) Geotechnical Consulting Services
 - B) Llano Ditch Invoice
 - C) Status of Cell Phone Tower Services
 - D) Proposed Ordinances
- XII. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator
- XIII. **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**
 - A) Concerns and/or Announcements
 - B) New Business to be considered at future Council Meetings.
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 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 6:03 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
Arvind Patel, NV5 Director of Water Resources
Adam Miera, Project Manager NV5

Those present by phone:

Christian Isely, Chevron Representative (Caller 01), public comments

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dina Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

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

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50 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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

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54 V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting April 27, 2021, and May 11, 2021

55 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

56 Second: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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58 Roll Call:

59 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

60 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

61 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

62 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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64 To approve the April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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66 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

67 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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69 **Roll Call:**

70 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

71 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

72 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

73 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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75 To approve the May 11, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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77 **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*
 78 *your issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct staff to address*
 79 *issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*

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81 Mr. Christian Isely, Chevron Representative (Caller 01) Gave an update to the Granite rock pile reclamation
 82 project forward next week we will start to see the hauling in of aggregate material coming into the project
 83 starting June 2nd, there will be trucks coming into town from the north generally this will vary between 10-14
 84 trucks per day carrying approximately 6 loads. He stated that this phase of the project will continue until
 85 September.

86 Councilman Gonzales asked Mr. Isely if there is a plan in place to have traffic control near the school during
 87 this project. Mr. Isely stated that at this time he did not believe there is a need for traffic control per the schedule
 88 but will consider if a concern arises.

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90 Ms. Renee Martinez stated that she had not received any emails or prior requests for Public Comment
 91 participation.

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93 **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

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

95 Ms. Skall gave an update of the following.

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- Questa Visitors Center will be opening May 29, 2021, 10 am -3 pm

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- Community Connection Clean Up Day will be held on June 12, 2021.

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- Conversations regarding Kit Carson Charging Center Collaboration are in the works.

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- Questa Promotional Campaign (info was shared)
- New Mexico True
- Crafts and Collectibles Weekly Craft Market on Saturdays from 10pm -2pm throughout the summer.
- Questa Fishing Derby at Eagle Rock Lake, June 26, 2021
- Vida Del Norte Kids Group to paint dumpster at the library with Sharon's input.
- QBEN Meeting June 9, 2021- Terry Brunner

VIII. PROJECT UPDATES

A) Cabresto Road Waterline Project Update – Mr. Arvind Patel | Director of Water Resources | NV5
Mr. Patel gave a brief update and provided information regarding a recent change order to change out a PRV's. He also gave an update on budget compliance.

Councilman Gonzales asked if any pot holing would be done, and Mr. Patel stated that at this time pot holing cannot be done as it is outside of the scope of the project.

B) Business Park Update – Arvind Patel| NV5
Mr. Patel presented on behalf of Mr. Falco, he stated that WHPacific is working on getting actual re-start date to continue the business park project.

C) Cabresto Road Paving Project Update – Mr. Adam Miera | Project Manager | NV5
Mr. Miera gave a brief update on the upcoming paving project. He addressed the focused area to be paves, the budget, and the anticipated start date of late July. Procurement for a construction contractor will begin in the near future. Mayor Gallegos has some concerns regarding Waste Management.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Proposed Recycling Agreement (Landfill Board)**
An agreement was brought to the Council to consider signing an agreement in support of the Landfill. There are some concerns and further discussion regarding the agreement and what the future would look like for the Village if the agreement were supported.

Motion: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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 decline Proposed Recycling Agreement. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision Resolution No. 2021-12 / A Resolution regarding purchase of property on North Kiowa Road
Mayor Gallegos presented an offer of \$100.00 that was made by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Montoya to purchase a 7-foot strip of property located near 99 North Kiowa. The property is of no use to the Village and would be more costly to have it appraised. Per questions and slight concern from Council, Mr. DeFillippo stated that this dollar amount does not set a precedence, but simply accepting the \$100.00 offer.

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Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman John Anthony Ortega, with discussion

Councilman Ortega asked Mr. DeFillippo if the Village accepts the offer of \$100.00 made by the Montoya's does this become the fair market value of any other property in area in the future? Mr. DeFillippo stated that he does not believe so. His understanding of how appraisal works is that you take like properties from around the area and then you come with some sort of determination of what the property value would be, should another section be appraised he assumes that they would use the same structure to determine that price perhaps taking into account that the Village did sell this specific piece of property for that amounts but he does not think that it sets any precedent or standard for future sales.

Councilman Ortega also asked why it had taken so long to address the request of Mr. and Ms. Montoya? Mayor Gallegos explained and stated that in the future it is the Village's intent to address in a timely manner. Councilman Ortega would like to see these types of requests brought to Council sooner in the future.

Roll Call:

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

To approve Resolution No. 2021-12 / A Resolution regarding purchase of property on North Kiowa Road. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Transfer of Assets between Departments (EMS/Fire Department & Public Works Department)

Mayor Gallegos provided a letter of request on behalf of the EMS/FIRE Dept. to ask for the approval to transfer 2 vehicles from the Fire Department to Utility Department in exchange for the purchase of a new command vehicle and decals for the Fire Department. There was a discussion and much support of the transfer. Councilman Ortega did ask when the funding for the new vehicle would be available, and Mayor Gallegos assured him that it would be available as soon as the Asst. Fire Chief selected the vehicle needed.

Motion: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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

D) To approve Transfer of Assets between Departments (EMS / FIRE Department & Public Works). Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

X. FINANCIALS -Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Fiscal Year 2020 Interim Budget
Ms. Shannon explained the interim budget changes and was also available for any questions.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Second: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Roll Call:

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

To approve Fiscal Year 2020 Interim Budget. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

XI. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

A) Geotechnical Consulting Services

He stated that Dr. Miller will be retiring. He is considering the options available to have another firm or individual provide these services. Councilman Gonzales would like to see more involvement in the future with the Geotech engineer. It was also suggested that a meeting be held before Dr. Miller is officially retired to get caught up and prepare for the future contractor.

B) Llano Ditch Invoice -He still trying to get more support documents to see if this is a valid request per Village ownership. Mayor and Council would like to see this issue resolved as soon as possible.

C) Status of Cell Phone Tower Services – Mr. DeFillippo stated that Mr. Rael contacted Robert Fiser the owner of the tower and learned that due to Covid there has been an issue with the maintenance of the tower but a follow up will happen soon.

E.) Proposed Ordinances for review

1. Proposed Fire Work Ordinance
2. Nuisance, Abatement and Danger Building Ordinance
3. No Burn Ordinance
4. Zoning Ordinance

1-3 of these ordinances are ready to go unless Mayor and Council see anything that needs changing.
4 needs further discussion and approval.

XII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION- Ms. Renee Martinez, CMC /Interim Administrator

Ms. Martinez provided a report in the packet and gave an update on the following.

- Healing Field readiness and preparations. Entact has put the rebar out on the field and Village staff will go out this week to place flags and banners out.

Councilman Gonzales and Councilwoman Gallegos express their thanks for the Village continuing with the Veterans Healing Field of Honor. Ms. Martinez was also appreciative of Councilwoman Gallegos and her assistance in making this event happen.

Councilman Ortega asked about Ms. Martinez's request to Taos County for more funding for the Questa EMS. A request of \$150,000.00 rather than the \$120,000.00 has already been sent and a pending County meeting will be set to review and discuss this request. Mayor explained the need for more funding as well as reaching

out to Chevron for added assistance to the Questa /EMS Department. Councilman Ortega also suggested that more wildland gear is needed too.

Councilman Ortega also shared that Vida del Norte will be starting Thursday Night Movies and would like to have sponsors provide popcorn and drinks. He said that they are also beginning to plan upcoming events.

Councilman Gonzales stated that RTD will have a new building in Taos County.

Councilman Jaramillo appreciated the Public Works and staff for the successful dumpster / clean up day. He suggests that we plan for a fall dumpster / cleanup day.

XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

A) Concerns and/or Announcements

Mayor Gallegos spoke about and extended an invitation to all for the upcoming Dedication of the Veterans Memorial Park to late Senator Carlos Cisneros that will take place on Monday May 31, 2021, at 10:00 am.

B) New Business to be considered at future Council Meetings.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Second: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

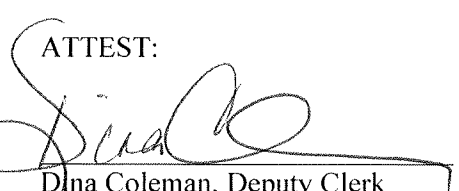
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

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