



**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**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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**NOTE:** This tele-conference meeting will allow the Village Council to conduct the meeting without all Council members 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 **452-454-669** or from a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/452454669>.

- 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 July 27, 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. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITIZEN INPUT** - Draft Ordinance 2021-147 regarding the Cannabis Regulation Act (NMSA 1978 § 26-2C-1-26-2C-42)
- VIII. **ACTION ITEM**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Village of Questa Ordinance 2021-147 / Village of Questa Cannabis Regulation Ordinance
  - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of request from Quilting Group for use of Youth & Family Center
- IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A) FY 2023-2027 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)
  - B) La Cienega / Taos Behavior Health
  - C) Tree Removal on various Village properties
  - D) Business Park business proposal
  - E) North Central New Mexico Development District
- 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 future Council Meetings.
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**VILLAGE OF QUESTA  
VIRTUAL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 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 6:00 pm

**II. ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

**Those present were:**

Mayor Mark Gallegos  
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
Councilman John Anthony Ortega  
Councilman Charlie Gonzales  
Councilman Brent Jaramillo – NOT PRESENT  
Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator  
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO  
Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director  
Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Chris DeFillippo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

**Roll Call:**

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| Councilman John Anthony Ortega | YES         |
| Councilman Brent Jaramillo     | NOT PRESENT |
| Councilman Charlie Gonzales    | YES         |
| Councilwoman Louise Gallegos   | YES         |

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting July 27, 2021

Councilwoman Gallegos pointed out a few grammatical errors and spelling corrections that need to be made on the minutes for July 27, 2021.

Special Council Meeting Minutes  
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**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

To approve the minutes with corrections. 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 persons from the public present during this time.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITIZEN INPUT** - Draft Ordinance 2021-147 regarding the Cannabis Regulation Act (NMSA 1978 § 26-2C-1-26-2C-42)

Opened at 6:09 pm/ closed at 6:11 pm

There were no persons from the public present during this time.

### **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

**A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Village of Questa Ordinance 2021-147 / Village of Questa Cannabis Regulation Ordinance**

Mr. DeFillippo assured the Mayor and Council that the requested changes have been made to the ordinance and he is confident with moving forward to approve this ordinance in its present state.

**Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

**Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

To approve Village of Questa Ordinance 2021-147 / Village of Questa Cannabis Regulation Ordinance. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

**B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of request from Quilting Group for use of Youth & Family Center.**

The Quilting group would like to use the Youth Center to gather twice a week to quilt and socialize. However, they are requesting to use the facility without paying a monthly fee. To avoid conflict with the Anti- Donation Clause the Village has offered the Quilting Group the ability to use the center at a rate of \$20.00 per month, this amount was not supported by the Quilting Group and asked it to be waived. With much conversation the

\$20.00 fee will stay in place as a requirement to use the Youth Center Facility. There were several individuals that have donated to the ladies to cover their first year of use. The ladies will use the facility Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

**Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

**Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

To approve the request from Quilting Group for use of Youth & Family Center. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

## **IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A) FY 2023-2027 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)**

The Mayor and Council had much discussion on the possible adjustments to be made to the ICIP

Councilman Ortega would like the fire station funding to stay on the ICIP and an additional request for a new fire engine to be included to the ICIP. He also stated that a request support for the skate park and corral/ rodeo arena grounds should be added to the list. Councilman Gonzales also agrees to add on a new fire engine onto the emergency vehicles. Councilwoman Gallegos supports and would like to see corrals added on as a priority. Mayor Gallegos gave an update about other funding that is available for other projects and future recreational funding requests.

Ms. Martinez informed the Mayor and Council that a grant request has been submitted for Fire Department repairs.

### **B) La Cienega / Taos Behavior Health**

Mayor Gallegos gave an update to the Council regarding Taos Behavioral Health and the buildings donated by the Red River Charter and QISD. He stated he would like to see TBH move their program to the La Cienega property, Mayor has met with the program leaders, and they are excited to have a space of their own. Taos Behavioral Health has funding available to restore the building and make building improvements to suite their program. The Council is in support of this.

### **C) Tree Removal on various Village properties**

Ms. Martinez informed the Council that she is working on getting a tree removal service to clear out trees from the La Cienega School property and in areas where there is tree overgrowth. One area of concern is Cabresto Road.

### **D) Business Park business proposal**

Mayor Gallegos made the Council aware of a local business owner, Michael Nezi who is interested in leasing 5 acres at the business park. Mr. Nezi is also interested in acquiring the use of Chevron water rights to manufacture Cannabis. Mayor Gallegos will bring more information to the Council once received and has asked Mr. DeFillippo to continue working on the proposed land lease agreement.

### **E) North Central New Mexico Development District**

Ms. Martinez shared with the Council that Mr. Chris Madrid from North Central Economic Development will be helping with ICIP this year. He has knowledge on working on budgets and project movement as it pertains to the ICIP.

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

Mr. DeFillippo had no updates this meeting. Councilwoman Gallegos was complimentary to Mr. DeFillippo and all his hard work.

**XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator**

Ms. Martinez gave an update regarding the vault needed to complete the Cabresto waterline project. It is expected to be complete within two weeks and the paving project will begin soon after.

**XII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

**A) Concerns and/or Announcements**

Mayor Gallegos gave an update regarding 10 Garcia Road. The new owner Connie Shirley intends to clean up the property and will try to make sure it stays free of drugs, squatters, and problematic behavior.

- Mayor Gallegos would like to stay on top of the Dollar General building schedule so that Ms. Richter is not overly disturbed all hours of the day and night.
- Mayor would like the Council to consider putting lock bars on all the dumpsters on Highways 522 and 38. Councilman Gonzales is supportive of the idea.
- Councilman Gonzales would like to request for potholes on Embargo to be filled. He also addressed his concern with the QEDF parking that takes place during the farmer's market.
- Councilman Ortega wanted it noted that he sees an issue with Chevron using Embargo Road since they no longer use Abra to access their property.

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

No new business was discussed

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

**Second:** Councilman John A. Ortega

**Roll Call:**


|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Councilman John Anthony Ortega | YES         |
| Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo  | NOT PRESENT |
| Councilman Charlie Gonzales    | YES         |
| Councilwoman Louise Gallegos   | YES         |

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

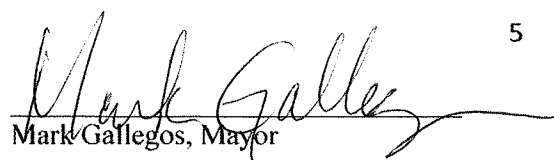
**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

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Mark Gallegos, Mayor