



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021
6:00 P.M
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2500 OLD STATE ROAD 3
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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

- 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) Regular Meeting October 19, 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. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2021- 28 / A Resolution requesting an extension for project number L500260 from the NM Department of Transportation
 - B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2021- 29 / A Resolution requesting an extension for project number L500303 from the NM Department of Transportation
 - C) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2021- 30 / A Resolution requesting an extension for project number L500335 from the NM Department of Transportation
 - D) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2021- 31 / A Resolution requesting an extension for project number L500398 from the NM Department of Transportation
- IX. **FINANCE DEPARTMENT** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director
- 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.
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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2 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
3 **TUESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2021**
4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
5 **6:00PM**

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

7 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

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9 **II. ROLL CALL**

10 A quorum was present.

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12 **Those present were:**

- 13 Mayor Mark Gallegos
- 14 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
- 15 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
- 16 Councilman Charlie Gonzales
- 17 Councilman Brent Jaramillo
- 18 Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator
- 19 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO
- 20 Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
- 21 Lynn Skall, QEDF Director

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24 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

25 Ms. Dina Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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27 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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29 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales
30 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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32 **Roll Call:**

33 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
34 Councilman Brent Jaramillo	YES
35 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
36 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

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

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40 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2021

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42 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega
43 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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45 **Roll Call:**

46 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
47 Councilman Brent Jaramillo	YES
48 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
49 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

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51 To approve the minutes of October 19, 2021, as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried

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53 **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because your
54 issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct staff to address
55 issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)
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57 No one present during this time.
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59 **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

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

61 Ms. Skall gave updates to the following:

- 62 • New proposed location for the Welcome Sign. The Proposed location west of Eagle Rock
- 63 Lake on highway 38 coming in from Red River.
- 64 • Discussion regarding the options of moving the first Welcome Sign further north along
- 65 highway 522 to a new and pre- approved location.
- 66 • Retreat follow up and invitation to hear a presentation regarding the topics discussed.
- 67 • Alumbra Christmas Market, December 11, 2021.
- 68 • New Mexico True Photo Shoot was held on Thursday October 21, 2021. They will be used
- 69 for future marketing and promotions.

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71 **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**
72 **A)** Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2021- 28 / A Resolution requesting an extension
73 for project number L500260 from the NM Department of Transportation
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75 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

76 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega
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78 **Roll Call:**

79 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
80 Councilman Brent Jaramillo	YES
81 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
82 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

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84 To approve Resolution 2021- 28 / A Resolution requesting an extension for project number L500260 from
85 the NM Department of Transportations presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried
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87 **B)** Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2021- 29 / A Resolution requesting an extension
88 for project number L500303 from the NM Department of Transportation
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90 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

91 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
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93 **Roll Call:**

94 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
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95 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 96 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 97 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
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99 To approve Resolution 2021- 29 / A Resolution requesting an extension for project number L500303 from the
 100 NM Department of Transportation. Majority voted yes. Motion carried
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102 C) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2021- 30 / A Resolution requesting an extension
 103 for project number L500335 from the NM Department of Transportation
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105 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

106 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales
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108 **Roll Call:**

109 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
 110 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 111 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 112 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
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114 To approve Resolution 2021- 30 / A Resolution requesting an extension for project number L500335 from the
 115 NM Department of Transportation. Majority voted yes. Motion carried
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117 D) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2021- 31 / A Resolution requesting an extension
 118 for project number L500398 from the NM Department of Transportation
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120 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

121 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales
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123 **Roll Call:**

124 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
 125 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 126 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 127 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
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129 To approve Resolution 2021- 30 / A Resolution requesting an extension for project number L500335 from the
 130 NM Department of Transportation. Majority voted yes. Motion carried
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132 **IX. FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director**

133 Ms. Shannon provided information regarding BAR's, GRT and quarterly reporting. Ms. Shannon also
 134 answered Councilman Gonzales's question regarding a spike in GRT within the Town of Taos.
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136 **X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya**
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138 No matters. Mr. DeFillippo was not present.
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140 **XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator**

141 Ms. Martinez provided an update to the following:

- 142 • Bixby Electric was scheduled to be out to repair lights.

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- 143 • Electric car charging station logistics are being worked on to start the install at the Youth Center
- 144 • An invite was extended to Mayor and Council for the Candlelight Vigil to be held. Councilman Ortega
- 145 also mentioned this event and encouraged support.

147 **XII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

148 **A) Concerns and/or Announcements**

- 149 • Councilman Ortega asked Ms. Shannon if she looked into what financially it would take for us to
- 150 consider the Village obtaining its own police department. Ms. Shannon provided information to
- 151 respond to the question. More research needs to be done before a decision to pursue a Village Police
- 152 Department is considered.
- 153 • Clean up day is scheduled for Saturday October 24, 2021, from 9am -12pm
- 154 • Mayor continues to hear from individuals regarding Cannabis growers.
- 155 • Mayor spoke about the ongoing concerns surrounding Chevron and the water rights that have been
- 156 promised to the Village of Questa.

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

- 159 • None mentioned

161 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

163 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

164 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

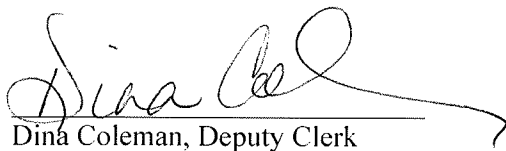
166 **Roll Call:**

167 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
168 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
169 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
170 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

171 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

172 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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179 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

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179 Mark Gallegos, Mayor