



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Louise T. Gallegos
Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales | 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 August 10, 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 ITEM**
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Village of Questa Resolution 2021-24 – A Resolution adopting the FY2023-2027 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)
 - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-23 – A Resolution declaring the intent of the Village of Questa to support an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year 2023/2024 TAP and RTP funds for the Questa to Red River Trail.
- IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A) Mileage & Per Diem Rates
 - B) Past Projects / Projects Update
 - C) Water Usage
- 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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1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
2 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
3 **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 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 -NOT PRESENT
- 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 Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- 22 Lynn Skall, QEDF Administrator

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24 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

25 Ms. Renee Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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27 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

28 Mr. DeFillippo asked to include an Executive Session to the agenda to discuss the threat of pending litigation
29 that was brought to his attention today.

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31 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

32 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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34 **Roll Call:**

- 35 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
- 36 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
- 37 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 38 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos NOT PRESENT

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40 To approve the agenda as amended. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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42 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting August 10, 2021

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44 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

45 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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47 **Roll Call:**

- 48 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
- 49 Councilman Brent Jaramillo ABSTAIN

50 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 51 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos NOT PRESENT

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53 To approve the minutes as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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

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59 **VII. PRESENTATION**

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

61 Ms. Skall gave an update to the following.

- 62 • Congratulations to Councilman Gonzales' son for winning a Sports Emmy.
- 63 • The funding that was requested by Village of Questa, has been paid.
- 64 • QEDF is still pursuing a second location for the Welcome Sign that would be closer to Eagle Rock
 65 Lake
- 66 • Cambalache is scheduled to take place on Sunday October 3, 11 am – 4pm. Cucui will burn at 4pm.
- 67 • QBEN Meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting on October 6, 2021. Public Land Solutions will
 68 present.
- 69 • QEDF will have a Board Retreat on October 16 and will follow up with a joint retreat between the
 70 Village of Questa and QEDF.

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72 **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

73 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Village of Questa Resolution 2021-24 – A Resolution adopting
 74 the FY2023-2027 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

75 Ms. Martinez went through the status of the ICIP and had some recommended changes to modify the plan.
 76 Ms. Martinez stated that Sharon Nicholson the Librarian would like to request an addition to the ICIP of \$143k
 77 for roof repair on the existing library, Councilman Ortega recommended to increase the request to \$150k.
 78 Councilman Gonzales would like to add to the Administration building, he would like to solicit help from State
 79 Representative Gonzales and Councilman Jaramillo would like to add on Fire Department improvements for
 80 existing building.

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82 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

83 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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85 **Roll Call:**

86 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
 87 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 88 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 89 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos NOT PRESENT

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91 To approve Village of Questa Resolution 2021-24 – A Resolution adopting the FY2023-2027 Infrastructure
 92 Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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94 **B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – A Resolution declaring the intent of the Village of Questa to**
 95 **support an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year 2023/2024**
 96 **TAP and RTP funds for the Questa to Red River Trail.**

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 98 Ms. Martinez and Mr. DeFillippo presented this Resolution. The allowable changes that had been requested in
 99 past meetings were made but there are still some concerns regarding the level of commitment the agreement
 100 is requiring of the entities involved. Mr. DeFillippo explained the need to pass this to support the application
 101 process.

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 103 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

104 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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106 Roll Call:

107 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	NO
108 Councilman Brent Jaramillo	YES
109 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
110 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	NOT PRESENT

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112 To approve request from A Resolution declaring the intent of the Village of Questa to support an application
 113 to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year 2023/2024 TAP and RTP funds for
 114 the Questa to Red River Trail. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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116 **IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

117 **A) Mileage & Per Diem Rates**

118 Ms. Martinez placed this on the agenda per the request of Councilman Gonzales. Councilman Gonzales has
 119 some concerns with the rates of the Mileage & Per Diem. He would like to better understand why the rates are
 120 so low given the increase of gas prices continues to hike up. Ms. Shannon and Mr. DeFillippo explained the
 121 statutes and why increases to be paid out by the Village for Mileage and Per Diem is not allowable by State
 122 Statute.

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124 **B) Past Projects / Projects Update**

125 Ms. Martinez gave updates to the following.

- 126 • Village Library Parking Lot Project plans are being reviewed and are hoping to break ground in Spring
- 127 2022
- 128 • Romero's Excavation is almost finished with the vault install on the Cabresto Road project
- 129 • GM Emulsion will have a tentative start date of October 4 to begin paving.
- 130 • Red River Restoration Project will hold a Public Hearing on September 28, 2021, during the Regular
- 131 Council Meeting, Mr. Chris Phillips will be present to answer any questions.
- 132 • Mayor gave a brief update for the business park; this project is almost over other than minor touch ups
- 133 and completion of the punch list.

134 Councilman Gonzales would like an updated project list.

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136 **C) Water Usage**

137 Mayor Gallegos has growing concerns with the ongoing overuse and abuse of water usage. He would like to
 138 see a change in how the Village is charging and consider an increased fee for gallons used beyond the allowable
 139 minimums. He believes that if there isn't better control over the water abuse and overuse, the Village water
 140 system may be in serious trouble in the long term and that trouble can be detrimental to the system.

141 Councilman Jaramillo recommended that Ms. Martinez look into the National League of Cities water insurance
 142 that may be a resource to assist water users.

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X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
Mr. DeFillippo informed the Mayor and Council that the EPA is preparing for a September meeting. He asked for all to email him any questions and concerns that need to be placed on the agenda.
Councilman Gonzales asked about the new well project. He asked for location and Ms. Coleman and Mayor Gallegos explained this information to him.

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

A) Concerns and/or Announcements

Ms. Martinez shared that she is considering bringing in a Vista Volunteer to assist with projects, this was a recommendation from Alison Turner from North Central Economic Development Association

Ms. Shannon gave a brief financial update.

B) New Business to be considered at future Council Meetings

No new business

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XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - *(The Governing Body will convene into Executive Session at this time to pursuant to the NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)*

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A) Pending or Threatening Litigation – (§10-15-1(H) (7))

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A motion to enter Executive Session was made by Councilman Ortega seconded by Councilman Gonzales

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Roll Call:

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

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Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session at 7:30 pm to discuss only the items listed above. The Governing Body entered Executive Session.

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A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:44 pm by Councilman Gonzales seconded by Councilman Ortega.

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Roll Call:

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

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Mayor Gallegos stated that only the items listed were discussed during closed session. There was no action taken.

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
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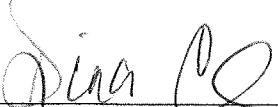
Motion: Councilman John Anthony Ortega
Second: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Roll Call:

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


There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:



Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:



Mark Gallegos, Mayor