



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2021
6:00 P.M
VIRTUAL MEETING

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

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 717-934-261** or from a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/717934261>. 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 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** –
 - A) Regular Meeting October 26, 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**
 - A) Amendment to Ordinance 2002-117 / Establishing the annual compensation for the Governing Body of the Village of Questa.
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Amendment to Ordinance 2002-117 / Establishing the annual compensation for the Governing Body of the Village of Questa.
 - B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2021- 31 / PERA Return to Work Resolution
 - C) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Approval of purchase of Vehicle / EMS Department
- IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A) Cannabis Growing Locations
- X. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION**
- 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
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2021
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00PM**

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 virtually were:

Mayor Mark Gallegos
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Councilman John Anthony Ortega
Councilman Charlie Gonzales
Councilman Brent Jaramillo
Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO
Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
Raynelle Cordova, EMS Director / Asst. Fire Chief

Others Present Virtually or by Phone were:

Adrian Maestas, Owner - La Casa Dispensary, San Luis, CO - Virtually
Jason Gonzales- Questa Resident, Virtually
Lori Archuleta- Questa Resident, Virtually
Unknown Caller

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Roll Call:

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

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A) Regular Meeting October 26, 2021

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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Second: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Roll Call:

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

To approve the minutes of October 26, 2021, as corrected. Majority 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.)

No one present for public comments.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Amendment to Ordinance 2002-117 / Establishing the annual compensation for the Governing Body of the Village of Questa.

Mr. DeFillippo provided background information regarding the ordinance. There were several comments and questions of concern that were addressed by Mr. DeFillippo and Ms. Martinez.

There was no one from the public audience that was willing to speak during the public hearing.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Amendment to Ordinance 2002-117 / Establishing the annual compensation for the Governing Body of the Village of Questa.

Motion: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	NO
Councilman Brent Jaramillo	YES/ technical difficulties, see attached chat log
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

To approve the Amendment to Ordinance 2002-117 / Establishing the annual compensation for the Governing Body of the Village of Questa. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2021- 31 / PERA Return to Work Resolution

Motion: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Second: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo	YES

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93 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 94 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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96 To approve Resolution 2021- 31 / PERA Return to Work Resolution. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.
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98 C) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Approval of purchase of Vehicle / EMS Department

99 Ms. Martinez provided info on how the new vehicle purchase came about and Ms. Cordova was available to
 100 answer questions if there are any pertaining to this purchase.

101 No questions were asked.

102 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

103 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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105 **Roll Call:**

106 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

107 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

108 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

109 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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111 To approve the purchase of Vehicle / EMS Department. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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113 **IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

114 **A) Cannabis Growing Locations**

115 Mayor Gallegos provided the Council with information regarding 3(three) interested Cannabis growing
 116 businesses and the proposed areas of interest. They are as follows:

- 117 • Greenworld Taos LLC/ La Casa, Adrian Maestas – Proposed location is on Llano Road behind Living
- 118 Word Ministries Church. There are 7 acres available for purchase.
- 119 • LeRoy Romero – Proposed location is on the NW corner of Don Martinez and Shirley Road, Mr.
- 120 Romero owns this Property
- 121 • Roots & Herbs – Proposed location is at the business park; he is interested in having a land lease
- 122 agreement with the Village of Questa and would like several acres.

123 There were many conversations had regarding these proposed grow facilities and their potential to do
 124 business in the Village limits. As it stands, any proposed properties that are currently not zoned as
 125 agricultural and/ or business, will need to submit a variance request to the Village.

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

127 Mr. DeFillippo provided an update of the following:

- 128 • The next Chevron quarterly meeting will be tentatively December 9, 2021.
- 129 • NMED monthly update was sent to all by Mr. DeFillippo on Nov.9, 2021

130 Councilman Gonzales stated the importance of getting necessary information to Chevron prior to the meeting.
 131 He also requested that Mr. DeFillippo schedule a time to be present on site for a day or two a month. Mr.
 132 DeFillippo is going to get with Renee to look into scheduling a day.

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

135 Ms. Martinez provided an update of the following:

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- Cabresto Paving project letter was sent out and provided to Mayor and Council.
- Kit Carson is working on installing the electric vehicle charging stations at the Library and Youth Center.
- The Village will be closed on Thursday Nov. 11, 2021

Councilman Gonzales would like to see an RTD Bus charging station, he would like to have Ms. Martinez contact Luis Reyes of Kit Carson to inquire about the bus charging station.

Councilwoman Gallegos had a question regarding the Ambitions invoice. She also gave an update regarding the Support group and Saturday Nov. 13, Veterans Event.

Councilman Ortega asked Ms. Martinez if the plans from Arcadis for MolyCorp Field are available, she stated that she has not received them.

He also inquired about the Corral / Rodeo grounds prospected property.

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

A) Concerns and/or Announcements

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

Councilman Jaramillo would like to consider using a portion of the Village of Questa old airport property to be used as workforce housing.

Councilman Ortega recommended we look into incorporating the old airport property that Councilman Jaramillo is speaking of. It is currently considered to be on Taos County side.

Mr. DeFillippo will research further to see if the incorporation would be an option for the Village.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

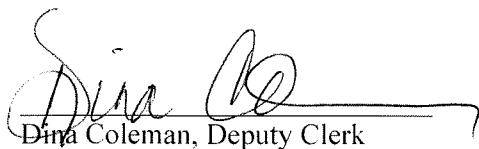
Roll Call:

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 7:55 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk


Mark Gallegos, Mayor



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