



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 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

NOTE: This tele-conference meeting will allow the Village Council to conduct the meeting without 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 **447-114-941** or from a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/447114941>.

- 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 December 14, 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. **PRESENTATION**
 - A) Questa Economic Development Fund Update, Ms. Lynn Skall | Director
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2021-33 / Village of Questa Mileage & Per Diem Policy
- IX. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- X. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION**
- XI. **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**
 - A) Concerns and/or Announcements
 - B) New Business to be considered at future Council Meetings.
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
2 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
3 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021**
4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
5 **6:00PM**

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11 <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/228677485>.

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

13 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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15 **II. ROLL CALL**

16 Village Clerk Renee Martinez called roll where a quorum was present.

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18 **Those present virtually were:**

- 19 Mayor Mark Gallegos
- 20 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
- 21 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
- 22 Councilman Charlie Gonzales
- 23 Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator
- 24 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO
- 25 Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
- 26 Lynn Skall, Questa Economic Development Fund
- 27 Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

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29 **Those present by phone:**

- 30 Dylan Crabb, Questa Del Rio Newspaper Reporter

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32 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

33 Mr. Chris DeFillippo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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35 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

36 A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

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38 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

39 **Second:** Councilman John Ortega

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41 **Roll Call:**

- 42 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
- 43 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT
- 44 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 45 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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47 A motion to approve the agenda as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

50 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2021**

51 Councilman Ortega had questions and needed clarification on lines 120-135 in December 14, 2021 minutes,
52 regarding the request to table the variance request submitted by La Casa Cannabis. He also clarified that he
53 voted yes during roll call and not no. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended.

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55 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

56 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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58 **Roll Call:**

59 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

60 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

61 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

62 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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64 To approve the December 14, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes as amended. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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

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70 There was no one present for public comments.

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72 **VII. PRESENTATION/UPDATE**

73 **A.)** Questa Economic Development Fund – Ms. Lynn Skall, Director

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Ms. Skall gave an update to the following:

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- Alumbra 2021, the event was a success and had a very good turn out from both vendors and participants.

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- Welcome Sign #1 proposed sight. Proposed location will be on highway 522 just south of highway 387, in front of the Jeannie Masters / Jerry Sanchez residence.

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- QEDF 2022 goals and Key areas of Focus

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1. Business Park Recruitment: Development and promote a Business Recruitment Tool Kit and New Business Check List, identifying incentives and benefit to attract new business

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2. Lodger's Tax Assessment /Ordinance: Research and draft Lodger's Tax Business Plan with community input to guide a proposal for a Village Ordinance

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3. Outdoor Recreation Development: Using the Questa Recreation Assessment Report, garner community input to prioritize recreation projects for development; seek grant funding

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4. Water Rights Transfer Policy Change/Agricultural:

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Advocate legislators to change water rights transfer policies so new agricultural opportunities and an agricultural co-op can be established

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5. La Cienega Multi- Purpose Building Project: Chevron and the Village of Questa will partner to commission a structural and architectural building assessment to guide development.

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6. Business Center / Maker Space / Co-Op Market; Building Acquisition: Community input will determine needs for a shared space/market: assess feasibility: develop Business Plan: explore a building purchase

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100 **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

101 A.) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2021-33 / Village of Questa Mileage and
102 Per Diem Policy

103 Ms. Martinez provided a information regarding the resolution and there was little discussion.

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105 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

106 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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108 **Roll Call:**

109 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

110 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

111 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

112 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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114 A motion to approve Resolution 2021-33 / Village of Questa Mileage and Per Diem Policy. Majority voted
115 yes. Motion carried.

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

118 Mr. DeFillippo gave an update about the following:

- 119 • Proposed 8K Cannabis proposal- he has been in communication with Mr. Nezi regarding his request.
120 Ms. Martinez has also been in communication with Lisa Larson of EDA and learned that any future
121 federal funding requests could be affected if Cannabis related businesses were accepted to the
122 business park.
- 123 • Update regarding Chevron water rights and OSE approval.

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125 **X. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION- Ms. Renee Martinez, CMC /Interim Administrator**

126 Ms. Martinez gave an update on the following:

- 127 • Water leak on Embargo Road area.
- 128 • Red River Skate Park Equipment for sale and the opportunity to purchase for the Questa community.
- 129 • Election, Declaration of Candidacy is on January 4, 2022, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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131 **XI. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

132 A) Concerns and/or Announcement

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

134 Mayor Gallegos stated the following:

- 135 • He would like the Village to move forward with expending the funding provided by Chevron for La
136 Cienega.
- 137 • Employee Appreciation Luncheon to be held on Friday December 31, 2021, at 12:00pm.

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139 **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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141 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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143 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm


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Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2021

APPROVED:


Mark Gallegos, Mayor