



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022
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 toll free **1-877-309-2073** and entering access code **137-720-397** or from a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://meet.goto.com/137720397>.

- 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 February 8, 2022
- 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. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2022-05 / Approval of State of New Mexico Department of Transportation Fund 89200 Capital Appropriation Project
 - B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2022-06 /A Resolution supporting the development and Construction of a skatepark in the Village of Questa
 - C) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – FY 2023 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Project Designation
 - D) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - FY 2023 Local Government Road Program (LGRF) Project Designation
- VIII. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- IX. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** – Ms. Renee Martinez, Interim Administrator / CMC
- X. **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**
 - A) Concerns and/or Announcements
 - B) New Business to be considered at future Council Meetings.
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

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1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
2 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
3 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022**
4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
5 **6:00PM**

6 **NOTE** This tele-conference meeting will follow the Attorney General's guidelines and observe the Governor
7 and Secretary of Health's public health orders. This format will allow the Village Council to conduct the
8 meeting without all Council members being physically present and in accordance with the NM Open Meetings
9 Act. There will be no live audience present. Members of the public wishing to participate can do so by call 1-
10 **877-309-2073** and entering access code **137-720-397** or from a computer, tablet, or smartphone at
11 <https://meet.goto.com/137720397> .

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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19 **Those present virtually were:**

- 20 Mayor Mark 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 Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- 27 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist
- 28 Lynn Skall, QEDF Director
- 29 Laura Vallejos, Skate Park Committee Member
- 30 Jason Gonzalez, Questa Resident
- 31 DRNC 11, Questa Del Rio Newspaper Reporter

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34 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

35 Ms. Lynn Skall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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37 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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40 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

41 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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43 **Roll Call:**

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

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49 A motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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51 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 8, 2022**

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53 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

54 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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56 **Roll Call:**

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

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62 To approve the February 8, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

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68 • Ms. Laura Vallejos, Skate Park Committee Member, provided the Mayor and Council with an update
69 of information pertaining to the proposed skate park dimensions. After speaking to Taos Children,
70 Youth, and Family Center employees regarding their skate park size she believes that the proposed
71 skate park size for the Village should be 6000-7000 square feet and not the initial estimate of 16,000
72 square feet.
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74 • Ms. Lynn Skall, QEDF Director, provided an update on the following. Ms. Skall would like to inform
75 the Mayor and Council that she would like to bring forth a presentation in the next meeting regarding
76 Lodgers Tax, an application has been submitted to the NMDOT requesting new placement of the
77 Welcome to Questa Sign, and Ms. Skall has been in contact with a possible welding instructor for the
78 welding program at Questa High School, Ms. Skall will be meeting with the school to see how
79 the program can move forward.

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81 **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

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83 **A)** Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2022-05 / Approval of State of New Mexico
84 Department of Transportation Fund 89200 Capital Appropriation Project

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86 Ms. Martinez stated that she was contacted by the NMDOT that they did not have a Resolution on file for this
87 grant. This Resolution is a requirement from the NMDOT.

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89 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales
90 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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92 **Roll Call:**

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

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98 Motion dies due to lack of majority vote.

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100 **B)** Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2022-06 /A Resolution supporting the
 101 development and Construction of a skatepark in the Village of Questa

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103 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega104 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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106 **Roll Call:**

107 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

108 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

109 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

110 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos NOT PRESENT

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112 Motion to table Resolution 2022-06 /A Resolution supporting the development and Construction of a skatepark
 113 in the Village of Questa. Motion carried.

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115 **C)** Discussion, Consideration and Decision – FY 2023 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP)
 116 Project Designation.

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118 A discussion was held regarding the recommendation of roads that may need to be identified in the MAP
 119 request. There was a consensus to designate this funding to Upper Embargo Road.

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121 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales122 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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124 **Roll Call:**

125 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

126 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

127 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

128 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos NOT PRESENT

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130 To approve FY 2023 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Project Designation to Embargo Road.

131 Motion carried.

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133 **D)** Discussion, Consideration and Decision - FY 2023 Local Government Road Program (LGRF) Project
 134 Designation

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136 A brief discussion was held and a consensus was made to designate this funding request to Lower Embargo
 137 Road.

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139 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales140 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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142 **Roll Call:**

143 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

144 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

145 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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146 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos NOT PRESENT

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148 To approve FY 2023 Local Government Road Program (LGRF) Project Designation to Lower Embargo Road.
149 Motion carried.

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

152 Mr. DeFillippo provided an update regarding the quarterly meeting with EPA, Chevron and the State. He asked
153 that if there are topics of interest to be discussed, he would like those submitted to him prior to the March 9th
154 meeting. Also, the OSE denied two of the water requests provided by Chevron of 7-acre feet of water. He is
155 confident that with a little extra work and conversations this issue can be resolved.

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

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159 Ms. Martinez provided the current election schedule.

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161 **XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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163 **A) Concerns and/or Announcement**

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

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168 A discussion was held regarding the long-term benefits of Lodgers Tax in Questa and the need to implement
169 this tax. Ms. Skall and possibly Ms. Karina Armijo will lead the discussion at the next council meeting.

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171 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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173 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

174 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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176 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm

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178 ATTEST:

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Dina Coleman

Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos
Mark Gallegos, Mayor

