



**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 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 **697-090-709** or from a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/697090709>.

- 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 28, 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) A public hearing to allow the public to provide input to the proposed changes to Village of Questa Ordinance # 2021-147 – An Ordinance Related to Cannabis Regulations within the Village of Questa.
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision–Village of Questa Ordinance # 2021-147 / Ordinance Related to Cannabis Regulations within the Village of Questa
  - B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2022-01 / 2022 Approval of Open Meetings Resolution
  - C) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2022-02 / Approval of 2022 Legislative Priorities
  - D) Discussion, Consideration and Decision–Resolution 2022-03 / Adoption of 40-Year Water Development Plan
- IX. **FINANCIALS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Local BAR's
  - B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2022-04 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter State BAR's FY 2022
- 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, JANUARY 11, 2022  
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:00PM**

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

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**Those present virtually were:**

Mayor Mark Gallegos  
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
Councilman John Anthony Ortega  
Councilman Charlie Gonzales  
Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator  
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO  
Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director  
Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya  
Christian Isely, Chevron Representative  
William Miller, Geotechnical Engineers  
Gayle Martinez, Living Word Ministries

**Those present by phone:**

Larry Archuleta, Questa Resident

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Karen Shannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Councilman Ortega asked Ms. Martinez if the Public Hearing was advertised. Ms. Martinez stated it was advertised in the Taos News and the Questa Del Rio Newspaper.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

**Roll Call:**

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

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49 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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

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54 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 28, 2021**

55 Councilwoman Gallegos noticed that two corrections needed to be made in the minutes. Those corrections  
56 were spelling errors that were located on line 78, Jeannie Masters name was spelled in correctly and line 129  
57 River was missing the letter R.

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59 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

60 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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62 **Roll Call:**

63 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

64 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

65 Councilman Charlie Gonzales NOT PRESENT

66 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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68 To approve the December 28, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes as amended / corrected. Motion carried.

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70 Councilman Ortega requested a time of prayer to be taken at this time for Councilman Jaramillo.

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

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76 Mr. Larry Archuleta- Questa resident, had a question regarding the surveillance camera in town and wanted to  
77 know who monitors them because he has concerns regarding vandalism in the center of town. Mayor Gallegos  
78 provided information, the system, and the process.

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80 Mr. Archuleta also had a concern regarding the Cabresto Road paving project and the culverts. He feels that  
81 they are too narrow. Mayor Gallegos provided information about the project and what will be done once the  
82 project resumes.

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84 Gayle Martinez – Pastor of Living Word Ministries, Ms. Martinez was very complimentary of the Mayor and  
85 Council and the work that has been done as well as praying wisdom for decisions to come.

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88 **VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

89 **A) A public hearing to allow the public to provide input to the proposed changes to Village of Questa**  
90 **Ordinance # 2021-147 – An Ordinance Related to Cannabis Regulations within the Village of**  
91 **Questa.**

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93 Mayor Gallegos opened the Public Hearing at 6:19 pm

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95 Mr. DeFillippo gave background information regarding the ordinance amendments, the proposed changes are  
96 regarding the places of worship and 300 ft distance that needs to be applied in relation to all three aspects of  
97 Cannabis, packaging, manufacturing, and growing.

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Ms. Gayle Martinez had several questions regarding the Village Cannabis Ordinance and Cannabis House Bill 2. Mr. DeFillippo was able to answer her questions and provide information.

Councilman Gonzales was present in the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Mr. Larry Archuleta asked if the community would get any percentage of funding from the sales of Cannabis. Mr. DeFillippo answered the question.

Councilman Gonzales asked Mr. DeFillippo if an educational component can be placed in the ordinance. Mr. DeFillippo answered the question.

Mayor Gallegos closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 pm.

# **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

## **A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision–Village of Questa Ordinance # 2021-147 / Ordinance Related to Cannabis Regulations within the Village of Questa**

**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

### **Roll Call:**

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	NOT PRESENT
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	NO
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

A motion dies due to lack of majority vote. Motion carried.

## **B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2022-01 / 2022 Approval of Open Meetings Resolution**

**Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

**Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

### **Roll Call:**

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

A motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 / 2022 Approval of Open Meetings Resolution . Motion carried.

## **C) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2022-02 / Approval of 2022 Legislative Priorities**

Councilman Ortega asked if item 3 of the Legislative Priorities list can be eliminated from Cabresto Road improvements and change to road improvements? There was much discussion by all regarding his question.

Councilman Ortega made a motion to approve the resolution with a sixth item added on to list to address Village Road improvements.

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148 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega149 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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151 **Roll Call:**

152 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

153 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

154 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

155 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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157 A motion to approve Resolution 2022-02 / Approval of 2022 Legislative Priorities as amended. Motion carried.

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159 **D)** Discussion, Consideration and Decision–Resolution 2022-03 / Adoption of 40-Year Water  
160 Development Plan

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162 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos163 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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165 Councilman Ortega asked if the 40-year plan covers the future growth of the Village and consideration of the  
166 Cannabis industry moving into the community. Mr. DeFillippo and Mr. Miller were able to give a detailed  
167 response to Councilman Ortega's question.

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169 **Roll Call:**

170 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

171 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

172 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

173 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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175 A motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 / Adoption of 40-Year Water Development Plan as presented.

176 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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178 **IX. FINANCIAL** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director

179 Ms. Shannon presented her report with explanation of Local BAR's.

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181 **A)** Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Approval of 2nd Quarter Local BAR's

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183 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega184 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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186 **Roll Call:**

187 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

188 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

189 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

190 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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192 A motion to approval of 2nd Quarter Local BAR's. Motion carried.

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194 **B)** Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2022-04 / 2nd Quarter State BAR's FY

195 2022

Ms. Shannon presented her report with explanation of this Resolution.

**Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

**Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Roll Call:**

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

A motion to approval Resolution 2022-04 / 2nd Quarter State BAR's FY 2022 as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. DeFillippo did not have any new matters to discuss. He will continue his work on the Cannabis Ordinance.

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

Ms. Martinez gave an update on the following:

- Election Update
- Councilman Gonzales thanked Ms. Martinez for taking care of staff
- Councilman Ortega would like a follow up to the theft of Christmas decorations in town on the Perovich Corner

**XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**A) Concerns and/or Announcement**

Mayor Gallegos will be gathering important information for all those running in the election.

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


**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Councilman Gonzales


**Second:** Councilman Ortega

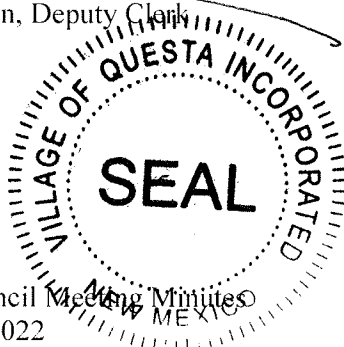
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm

ATTEST:

  
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Mark Gallegos, Mayor



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