



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022
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 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 Attorney General’s guidelines and observe the Governor & Secretary of Health’s public health orders. Members of the public wishing to participate can do so by calling toll free **1-866-899-4679** and entering access code **595-891-301** or from a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://meet.goto.com/595891301> .

- 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 March 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. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - A) Ms. Lynn Skall | QEDF Director – QEDF Update
 - B) Ms. Nadine Herrera | Utility Billing Clerk – Online Payment Presentation
 - C) Presentation by De’Aun Willoughby CPA, PC, Certified Public Accountant, regarding the Village of Questa FY2021 Financial Audit Report
- VIII. **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.
- IX. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution No. 2022-09 / Acceptance and Approval of the Village of Questa FY 2021 Audit
 - B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Village of Questa Ordinance # 2021-147 / Ordinance Related to Cannabis Regulations within the Village of Questa
 - C) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2022-10 / A Resolution Authorizing & Approving the submission of an application to the NM Finance Authority for a Pumper Fire Truck
 - D) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2022-11 /A Resolution Authorizing the authorized signers on Village bank accounts
- X. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

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12 <https://meet.goto.com/595891301>.

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

14 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
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16 **II. ROLL CALL**

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

18 **Those present were:**

19 Mayor Mark Gallegos
20 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
21 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
22 Councilman Charlie Gonzales
23 Councilman Brent Jaramillo, arrived at 6:05 pm
24 Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator
25 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO
26 Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
27 Sarah White, Village Administrative Assistant
28 Nadine Herrera, Village Utility Clerk
29 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist
30 Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
31 Peter Martinez, Living Word Ministries
32 Gayle Martinez, Living Word Ministries
33 Loretta Vigil, Living Word Ministries
34 Lynn Skall, Questa Economic Development Fund
35 Christian Isely, Chevron Public Affairs Advisor
36 Flavio Cisneros, Village Resident
37 Michael Rael, Questa Municipal Judge
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39 **Those present virtually were:**

40 Councilman Charlie Gonzales
41 DeAun Willoughby, Willoughby & Willoughby CPA's
42 Suzanne Holmstead, Express Bill Pay
43 Raynelle Cordova, EMS Coordinator, FD Asst. Fire Chief
44 Candyce O'Donnell
45 Edward V
46 Michelle
47 John Ortega
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 58 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

59 Christian Isely led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 61 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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 65 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

66 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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 68 **Roll Call:**

69 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

70 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

71 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

72 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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

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 76 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 8, 2022**

77 Councilwoman Gallegos note that two corrections need to be made, on line 48 Councilman Ortega's last
 78 name was missing and needed to be added and on line 132 the word need can be deleted from the sentence.

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 80 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

81 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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 83 **Roll Call:**

84 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

85 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

86 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

87 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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 89 To approve the March 8,2022 Special Meeting minutes as presented/ amended. Motion carried.

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

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 96 **Christian Isely, Chevron Public Affairs Advisor**

97 He gave a brief note of thanks to Mayor and Council and a welcome to the new incoming Mayor Elect John.
 98 Ortega and Councilman Jason Gonzalez. He also provides background information regarding water rights
 99 and the intent for Chevron to continue support and move forward with transfers of water rights to the
 100 Village.

101 **Flavio Cisneros, Early Voting Clerk and Village Resident**

102 Mr. Cisneros stated that he worked in the Village Office for the month of February during early election. He
 103 was very complimentary towards Village of Questa Administrative Staff and thanked them for the detailed
 104 and hard work that they provide.

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106 **VII. PRESENTATION**

107 **A) Ms. Lynn Skall | QEDF Director**

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109 Ms. Skall gave thanks and welcome to the outgoing and incoming Elected Officials. She also provide an
 110 update on the following.

- 111 • The Welcome Sign moves to new location. There has been a slight change to the new
 112 location per the NMDOT office recommendation.
- 113 • Lodgers Tax follow up, she inquired on the next line of protocol would be to move forward
 114 with bringing forth a Lodgers Tax Ordinance.
- 115 • QBEN Meeting being held Wednesday March 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
- 116 • Asset Building Community Development workshop to be held April 8 & 9, 2022 at Living
 117 Word Ministries.
- 118 • QEDF will continue to support in water rights efforts as it is a huge part of economic
 119 development in the community.

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121 **B) Ms. Nadine Herrera | Utility Billing Clerk – Online Payment Presentation, Ms. Suazanne Holmstead of**
 122 **Express Bill Pay**

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124 Ms. Herrera presented information regarding the new web-based system available to the Village customers to
 125 make payments online towards their utility bills. Due to technical difficulties Ms. Holmstead was not able to
 126 present.

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128 **C) Presentation by DeAun Willoughby CPA, PC, Certified Public Accountant, regarding the Village of**
 129 **Questa FY2021 Financial Audit Report.**

130 Ms. Willoughby provided Mayor and Council a detailed explanation of the independent auditor report
 131 regarding the status of the audit for FY 2021.

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133 **VIII. PUBLIC HEARING**

134 **A) A public hearing to allow the public to provide input to the proposed changes to Village of**
 135 **Questa Cannabis Ordinance – An Ordinance Related to Cannabis Regulations within the Village of**
 136 **Questa.**

137 Mr. DeFillippo stated the only change being made to the Ordinance at this time is to include the Place of
 138 worship on page 3, section 1.4, a.1

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- 140 • Gayle Martinez of Living Word Ministries shared encouragement to the Mayor and Council
 141 regarding the decisions that they need to make. She also reiterates her concern regarding Cannabis in
 142 the community.

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144 There was discussion regarding the changes.

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IX. ACTION ITEMS

A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution No. 2022-09 / Acceptance and Approval of the Village of Questa FY 2021 Audit

Motion: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

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

A motion to accept and approve Resolution No. 2022-09 / Acceptance and Approval of the Village of Questa FY 2021. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Village of Questa Cannabis / Ordinance Related to Cannabis Regulations within the Village of Questa

There was discussion regarding Cannabis in the community and future changes that may need to be made to the Cannabis Ordinance

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	NO
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	NO
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

There was a tied vote, Mayor Gallegos voted YES

A motion to approve Ordinance 2021. Motion carried

C) Discussion, Consideration and Decision - Resolution 2022-10 / A Resolution Authorizing & Approving the submission of an application to the NM Finance Authority for a Pumper Fire Truck.

Ms. Martinez explained that this resolution will support the submission of the application for a loan to the NM Finance Authority.

Motion: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Second: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Roll Call:

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

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195 A motion to support Resolution 2022-10. Motion carried.

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197 **D) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – Resolution 2022-11 /A Resolution Authorizing the**
198 **authorized signers on Village bank accounts.**

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200 Ms. Shannon explained the need for signatory changes.

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202 Councilman Brent Jaramillo requested to not be considered as a signer on the account. A request was made
203 by Councilman John Anthony Ortega to allow in - coming Councilman Jason Gonzalez to be a signer on the
204 accounts.

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206 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

207 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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209 **Roll Call:**

210 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

211 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

212 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

213 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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215 A motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 as amended. Motion carried.

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218 **IX. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya**
219 Mr. DeFillippo informed all that he will continue to work on obtaining the Village of Questa donation of
220 water rights from Chevron.

221 Mr. DeFillippo also thanked Mayor Gallegos and Councilman Charlie Gonzales for their work that they have
222 provided he also welcomed in the incoming Mayor Elect Council.

223 Due to technical difficulties other topics could not be clearly heard by the microphone.

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225 **X. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION- Ms. Renee Martinez, CMC /Interim Administrator**
226 Ms. Martinez notified the Mayor and Council of the NMDOT and LGRF grants applications have been
227 submitted. She also informed all of a Special Council Meeting to be held on Monday March 28, 2022, at
228 6:00 pm.

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231 **XI. MAYOR'S FINAL ADDRESS TO THE CITIZENS OF QUESTA**
232 Mayor Mark Gallegos addressed the community, staff and Mayor Elect and Council.
233 He bid a sincere and encouraging farewell to all.

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

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

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

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241 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**
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243 **Motion:** Mayor Mark Gallegos

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245 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm

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247 ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

Mark Gallegos, Mayor

