

VILLAGE OF QUESTA  
COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES

Friday 05/13/2022 6:00pm and Saturday 05/14/2022 8:00am

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FIRST DAY OF RETREAT

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JOHN ANTHONY ORTEGA

Mayor Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ortega asked Finance Director Karen Shannon to take roll.

Present:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Councilor Jason Gonzalez

Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

Not Present:

Councilor Brent Jaramillo

Also Present:

Village Attorney Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

Administrator Dominic Martinez

Finance Director Karen Quintana Shannon

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All did the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Councilor Jason Gonzalez

Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

Motion carried.

V. BUDGET DISCUSSION 2023 FISCAL YEAR

Karen Shannon, Finance Director  
Dominic Martinez, Village Administrator  
John Ortega, Mayor

Mrs. Shannon went over the payroll portion of the FY2023 Budget by department explaining each position. Detail questions were asked by Council members and answered by Mrs. Shannon, Mr. Martinez, and Mayor Ortega.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ortega adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.

**SECOND DAY OF RETREAT**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JOHN ANTHONY ORTEGA

Mayor Ortega called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ortega asked Finance Director Karen Shannon to take roll.

Present:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
Councilor Jason Gonzalez  
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

Not Present:

Councilor Brent Jaramillo

Also Present:

Village Attorney Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya  
Administrator Dominic Martinez  
Finance Director Karen Quintana Shannon

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All did the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Ortega asked the agenda be re-ordered since he needs to leave early so he can be back in Questa for Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's visit at the Questa Library at 3:00pm today.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

Motion carried.

V. WATER RATES

John Ortega, Mayor  
Dominic Martinez, Village Administrator  
Karen Shannon, Finance Director

Presentation was the 2019 Water Rate Analysis Report compiled by NMED. The six different rate scenarios were reviewed and discussed in detail. Council will have future meetings and public hearings before they are able to make a decision on how to proceed with raising rates.

VI. PLANNING & ZONING

John Ortega, Mayor  
Chris DeFillippo, Attorney  
Dominic Martinez, Village Administrator

There was discussion on the Map and the need for its revision, the Zoning Board and what their responsibilities are, and the Planning & Zoning Ordinance. Council will have future meetings on these topics to decide how to proceed.

VII. CHEVRON & OSE DISCUSSION

Chris DeFillippo, Esq. – Robles, Rael & Anaya, P.C.

Mr. DeFillippo gave an update on Chevron and the donation of water rights to the Village. He also mentioned that the funding for the new well has been extended.

VIII. WORKING LUNCH – Team Building Exercise

After lunch, Mayor Ortega left to return to Questa. Councilwoman Louise Gallegos continued the meeting as Mayor Pro-Tempore (since Councilor Brent Jaramillo was not present).

IX. BUDGET DISCUSSION 2023 FISCAL YEAR REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Karen Shannon, Finance Director  
Dominic Martinez, Village Administrator

Mrs. Shannon went through the FY2023 budget in detail by fund, explaining how fund accounting works and is applied in this budget. She and Mr. Martinez answered various questions from the Council.

X. PROJECTS

Dominic Martinez, Village Administrator  
Karen Shannon, Finance Director

Mrs. Shannon went through the March 2022 Grant Financial Report explaining the projects and she and Mr. Martinez answered any questions.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tempore Louise Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm.

Attest:

Approved:

Sara Trujillo  
Sara Trujillo, Interim Clerk

John Anthony Ortega  
John Anthony Ortega, Mayor

