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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
3 **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
4 **SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023**
5 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
6 **9:30 AM**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

9 Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 09:35 AM
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12 **II. ROLL CALL**

13 Valerie Vigil, Village Clerk, called roll; Quorum was present.
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15 **Governing Body Present**

16 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

17 Councilman Jason Gonzalez

18 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

19 Councilman Brent Jaramillo
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21 **Governing Body Absent**

22 Mayor John Anthony Ortega (arrived at 1:34 pm)
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24 **Others present were:**

25 Raynelle Sanchez-Cordova, EMS Director

26 Sharon Nicholson, Library Director

27 Ronald Montez, Chief of Police

28 John Rael, Public Works Director
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30 **Those present virtually were:**

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33 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

34 Council Members
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36 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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38 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

39 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
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41 Changes presented: Remove item IX: Matters from the Attorney
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43 Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.
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45 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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47 Regular Council Meeting April 11, 2023
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49 Motion to table meeting minutes to the next scheduled Council Meeting per Councilwoman Louise
50 Gallegos

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52 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
53 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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55 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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57 **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*
58 *your issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct staff to*
59 *address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*
60 Public comments opened at 09:38 am and ended at 09:38 am. No one for Public Comment.

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63 **IX. ACTION ITEM**

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65 A) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2023-05 FY 2023 Q3 State BAR

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67 A motion to approve the Resolution 2023-05 FY 2023 Q3 State BAR

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69 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

70 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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73 **Roll Call:**

74 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

75 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

76 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

77 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

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79 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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82 **B) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – FY 2023 Q3 Local BAR**

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84 A motion to approve the FY 2023 Q3 Local BAR

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86 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

87 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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90 **Roll Call:**

91 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

92 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

93 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

94 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

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96 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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98 **X. DISCUSSION ITEM**

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100 A) FY 2024 Budget

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102 Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon prepared slides for the Council to review for the Village of Questa Budget.
103 Four Department Heads were present to discuss their budget to the Council. Raynelle Sanchez-Cordova,
104 EMS Director, Sharon Nicholson, Village of Questa Library Director, Ronald Montez, Chief of Police, and
105 John Rael, Public Works Director (others were not able to make it). They each discussed the needs for their
106 department and how beneficial their department remains to the Village of Questa. Mrs. Karen Quintana
107 Shannon discussed budget numbers per department, their strengths, and areas that need more funding.
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109 Motion to take a recess at 10:28 am
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111 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

112 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
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114 Motion to come out of recess at 10:34 am
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116 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

117 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
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119 Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon continues her presentation on payroll, department finances, and
120 administration general costs. Ms. Sharon Nicholson stated to the Council the “Trucking Event” is scheduled
121 for June 9th, 2023.
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123 Motion for lunch break at 12:16 pm
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125 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

126 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
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128 Motion to come back from lunch at 12:57 pm
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130 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

131 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
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133 Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon continues her presentation on payroll, department finances, and
134 administration general costs.
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136 Mayor Ortega arrived at 1:34 pm
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138 Budget Discussion ends at 02:20 pm.
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141 **XII. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR** 142

- 143 • Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon states the Budget Public Hearing will be scheduled for May 9th,
144 2023, and the Approval of the Budget will be on May 23rd.
- 145 • Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon requested to the Council that the Village Administration Office to
146 be closed at 04:30 pm to ensure that staff can leave by 05:00 pm. Mayor Ortega gave the approval
147 with the ask for any community members that have appointments with the Mayor to be let in.
- 148 • Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon stated to the Council the Administration Building is in the process
149 of switching the phone lines from Granite to Century Link
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151 **XIII. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS** 152

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- Councilor Jason Gonzalez stated the Earth Day clean up collaborated by the school were very happy they were able to clean in Town and at the Questa Municipal Park, they were also able to tackle different issues due to the clean up crew work that was put in during the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Councilor Jason Gonzalez attended the Fire Department Meeting, they had some concerns with the way the water drains in front of the bay. The Administrative Staff will follow up on the matter.
- Mayor Ortega would like to schedule a special meeting sometime next week to approve the MOU for the possible Day Care Center.
- Mayor Ortega and the Fire Department Personnel would like to implement a Burn Ordinance. There may be a possible fee for burn permits per Mayor Ortega \$5-\$10; not yet approved.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 02:34 pm

ATTEST:

Valerie Vigil

Valerie Vigil, Clerk



APPROVED:

John Anthony Ortega

John Anthony Ortega, Mayor