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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
3 **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
4 **MONDAY, MAY 1ST, 2023**
5 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
6 **6:00 PM**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

9 Mayor Ortega called the meeting to order at 06:02 pm

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11 **II. ROLL CALL**

12 Valerie Vigil, Village Clerk, called roll; Quorum was present.

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14 **Governing Body Present**

15 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

16 Councilor Jason Gonzalez

17 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

18 Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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20 **Governing Body Absent**

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22 **Others present were:**

23 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist

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25 **Those present virtually were:**

26 Chris DeFillippo, Village Attorney

27 Taylor Etchemendy, Inspire Daycare

28 Susie Martinez

29 Pastor Kristi Gonzales, Freedom Questa

30 Jessica Trujillo

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32 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

33 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist

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35 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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37 **Motion:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

38 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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40 Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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42 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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44 Regular Council Meeting April 11, 2023

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46 Motion to approve minutes with changes.

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48 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

49 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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51 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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53 Regular Council Meeting April 22, 2023

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55 Motion to approve minutes with changes.

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57 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

58 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

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60 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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

65 Public comments opened at 06:07 pm

66 Pastor Kristi Gonzales stated in public comment that Freedom Center Church has been in the process to
67 open up a day care facility. They have established a director and are in the process of sending in their state
68 requirement paperwork.

69 Public Comment ended at 06:11 pm

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71 **IX. ACTION ITEM**

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73 **A) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2023-06 NM Self Insurers Fund**

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75 Valerie Vigil, CPO presented to the Council Resolution 2023-06 to switch the Village of Questa to the NM
76 Self Insurers Fund for Liability Insurance.

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78 A motion to approve the Resolution 2023-06 NM Self Insurers Fund

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80 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

81 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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84 **Roll Call:**

85 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

86 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

87 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

88 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

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90 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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93 **B) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2023-07 Capital Appropriation Project**

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95 Jacob LaFore, Project Manager presented to Council Resolution 2023-07 for the \$25,000.00 funding from
96 DOT.

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98 A motion to approve the Resolution 2023-07 Capital Appropriation Project

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100 **Motion:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

101 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

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Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
Councilor Jason Gonzalez	YES
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales	YES
Councilor Brent Jaramillo	YES

Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

C) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2023-08 Close Hillcrest Bank CDBG Account

Mrs. Quintana Shannon presented to the Council, Resolution 2023-08 to close the bank account for CDBG as it has not had any activity and the project is in the process of closing.

A motion to approve the Resolution 2023-08 Close Hillcrest Bank CDBG Account

Motion: Councilor Brent Jaramillo
Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
Councilor Jason Gonzalez	YES
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales	YES
Councilor Brent Jaramillo	YES

Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

D) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – MOU & Lease Inspire Bilingual Early Learning Center

Taylor Etchemendy presented to the Council the need for a day care facility in Questa. Inspire Daycare located in Taos would like to expand into Questa. Ms. Etchemendy received a grant to begin the process of using one of the modules currently located at La Cienega to renovate and move near the Village of Questa Public Library. The grant expires June 30, 2023. The Contractor is ready to get started. Ms. Etchemendy is asking for approval from the Council to enter an MOU to use the facility and provide services to the Village of Questa. Councilor Jaramillo had some discussion on whether the Village obtained a fair market value study to ensure fair rental fees. He also wanted more research to ensure this project did not have to be approved by the Board of Finance. The lease will be revisited. At this time Councilor Jaramillo would like to revisit the proposed lease and do a short-term MOU while the buildings are being moved.

A motion to approve the MOU to move the Module to the proposed location and begin work while research is being done and the lease be revisited.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Second: Councilor Brent Jaramillo

153 **Roll Call:**
154 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
155 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES
156 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
157 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

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159 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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163 **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

164 *(The governing body may convene into Executive Session at this time pursuant to the NM Open Meetings*
165 *Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)*

166 A) Real Property and Water Rights 1-15-1 (H)(8)
167 • Property Regarding Municipal School Well

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169 Motion to go into executive session at 6:55 pm

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171 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
172 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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174 **Roll Call:**
175 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
176 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES
177 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
178 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

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180 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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182 Motion to come out of executive session at 7:10 pm

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184 **Motion:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez
185 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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187 **Roll Call:**
188 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
189 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES
190 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
191 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

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193 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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197 **XI. MATTERS FROM THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

198 Mr. DeFillippo had no updates for the Council at this time.

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XII. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

- Mrs. Quintana Shannon has scheduled the Budget Public Hearing for May 9, 2023, and the approval of the budget on May 23, 2023
- Mrs. Quintana Shannon updated the Council about the vacant MVD Position. The Village has interviewed 3 people and will be deciding by the end of the week.

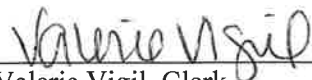
XIII. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

- Councilwoman Gallegos has updated the Council on the planning of the Healing Field. Everything is moving right along. She will reach out if she needs additional help.
- Councilwoman Gallegos announced a church raffle that is currently underway if anyone would like to purchase tickets.
- The Mayor will be reciting a motorcycle awareness proclamation next scheduled regular meeting May 9, 2023.
- Councilor Jaramillo suggested using the Youth Center for community meetings in addition to the Council Chambers.
- Kit Carson will be having their district meeting scheduled for May 9, 2023, during the day in the Council Chambers
- A Green Hydrogen Meeting is also scheduled on Monday May 8, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.
- Village of Questa Fiestas are tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2023
- Councilor Gonzalez inquired about the Taos Little League Questa Team using Moly Corp Field for practice and if they had started. Maintenance needs to be done beforehand and will possibly begin next week.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 07:23 pm

ATTEST:


Valerie Vigil, Clerk



APPROVED:


John Anthony Ortega, Mayor