



**Minutes**  
**Regular Session**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road  
Council Chambers  
December 21, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

**2. Roll Call** (one or more members of the Council may participate by telephone)

Council Members present: Alston; Barnes; Benning; Oliphant; Wheatley; Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Barney.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Mayor Barney

**4. Invocation:** Moment of silence

**5. Ceremonial Matters:** Presentations, Proclamations, Awards, Guest Introductions and Announcements.

*Roots N' Boots/Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre – "Best Footing" Award from the Women's Professional Rodeo – Economic Development Director Doreen Cott recognized the HPECrodeo committee that ensured the best possible footing was provided and gave special recognition to HPEC staff Cole Alford, Richard Martinez and Jason Billetdeaux.*

Jon Wootten, representing Friends of Horseshoe Park came forward to present the award. He stated that he and Fred Brittingham, also a member of Friends of Horseshoe Park, accepted the award on behalf of HPEC at the PRCA National Convention. Mr. Wootten explained the importance of the footing as well as winning the award. He acknowledged Rich Purcell, Parks Superintendent, for his involvement and learning all about arena footing from the beginning of HPEC. In addition to the plaque, a \$1000 check and ostrich boots were also awarded.

*Recognition of Kennadee Riggs for learning and using lifesaving techniques – Mayor Barney invited Kennadee and her family up to the dais to present her with a Queen Creek Hero certificate recognizing her for taking CPR classes at Banner Desert and being able to perform the Heimlich maneuver on her brother.*

**6. Committee Reports**

A. Council summary reports on meetings and/or conferences attended. This may include but is not limited to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport; MAG; East Valley Partnership; CAAG. The Council will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal

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action on any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

*Pinal County Governmental Alliance:* Council Member Benning reported on the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Florence, AZ. The committee heard a presentation on the Phoenix Mart project in Casa Grande; briefly discussed the redistricting process; and discussed membership dues and assigning the membership committee to develop recommendations for a new dues rate. The next meeting is January 27, 2012.

*Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council:* Mayor Barney reported on the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Council heard a presentation by MAG staff on the multi-modal transit system in Salt Lake City that included financing mechanisms, governance and management of the system. The Council also received an air quality update and status report on the new PM-10 plan and an update on the MAG Economic Development Committee and Metropolitan Business Initiative. The next meeting is January 25, 2012.

*Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board:* Mayor Barney reported on the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. An update from East Valley Partnership was given; the Board approved a several contracts including a use agreement with Spirit Airlines. The next meeting is January 23, 2012.

B. Partner agencies quarterly or periodic updates to Council. This may include but is not limited to Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce; Queen Creek Performing Arts Center; Boys & Girls Club of East Valley; and Maricopa or Pinal County Board of Supervisors or other governmental agencies. The Council will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

*None.*

**7. Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Town Council on items not on the printed agenda and during Public Hearings. Please complete a "Request to Speak Card", located on the table at the rear of the Council Chambers and turn it in to the Town Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. There is a time limit of three minutes for comments.

*None.*

**8. Consent Calendar:** Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Public Hearing items are designated with an asterisk (\*). Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will ask whether any member of the public wishes to remove a Public Hearing item for separate consideration. Members of the Council and or staff may remove any item for separate consideration.

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A. Consideration and possible approval of **SP11-060 “Song of Life United Methodist Church”** a request for site plan approval for a church to be located on approximately 9.8 acres located at the northwest corner of Queen Creek and Sossaman Roads.

B. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 893-11** authorizing the Town of Queen Creek to submit an application to the Maricopa County Community Development Department for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Small Cities Transportation Assistance Program (SCTAP) Funds for Rittenhouse Road and Cloud Road intersection improvements.

C. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 894-11** modifying the Town’s Sewer Service Area.

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Wheatley/Benning/Unanimous)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** If you wish to speak to the Council on an item listed as a Public Hearing, please complete a Request to Speak Card and turn it in to the Town Clerk. Speakers will be called upon in the order in which their cards are received. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each.

*None.*

**FINAL ACTION:** If you wish to speak to the Council on an item listed under Final Action, please complete a Request to Speak Card and turn it in to the Town Clerk. Speakers will be called upon in the order in which their cards are received. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each.

**9.** Discussion and possible action on **Resolution 892-11** authorizing continuation of the existing development fees to the extent authorized by Chapter 243 adopted by the Fiftieth Legislature, First Regular Session of 2011; providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Town Manager John Kross stated that the provisions contained in Resolution 892-11 are necessary to come into compliance with the legislature mandated development reform.

Intergovernmental Liaison Wendy Kaserman explained that prior to recent legislation, local officials could determine necessary public services and set development fees for those services but with the new laws, several of the previously allowed fees are now excluded while some are grandfathered if they are pledged to debt service.

Ms. Kaserman gave a brief overview of the changes to the Town’s development fees:

- Library, Public Safety and Fire – no changes
- Wastewater and Transportation – minimal change by deleting vehicles & equipment component

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- Parks, Recreation and Open Space – substantial impact with the deletion of facilities, vehicles & equipment. Ms. Kaserman explained that since Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre was debt-financed, fees could continue to be collected for that facility but no new facilities.
- Town Facilities & equipment – substantial with the deletion of all new facilities & equipment. Existing municipal buildings debt financed will continue to be collected for.

The decrease in development fees assessed per single-family residential permit will decrease approximately \$2,100 effective January 1, 2012.

Assistant Town Manager Patrick Flynn provided additional information on the fiscal impact from the mandated reduction in fees. He said some of the impact can be absorbed from the General Fund but could also deplete all budget surplus/reserves.

Council discussed impact on cities and towns by growth and increased residents.

**Motion to approve Resolution 892-11** (Benning/Alston/Unanimous)

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** These items are for Council discussion only and no action will be taken. In general, no public comment will be taken.

*None.*

**10. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session:** The Council may reconvene the Executive Session for any of the items listed on the Executive Session Agenda.

The Council reconvened to Executive Session at 7:31pm.

**11. Adjournment**

The Regular Session reconvened and adjourned at 8:10pm.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

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Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

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I, Jennifer F. Robinson, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the December 21, 2011 Regular Session of the Queen Creek Town Council. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

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Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

Passed and approved on January 18, 2012.