



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
January 18, 2012
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

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

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Barney

4. Invocation: Pastor Ron Nelson – Life Link Church

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

A) Volunteer Recognitions:

- Valencia Young Single Adult Ward: Melissa Wells, representing the Valencia Ward, was presented a certificate of appreciation for the volunteer project she coordinated with 30 other volunteers. The group cleaned along Ellsworth Road and the retention basin at Ellsworth & Chandler Heights Roads, as well as trimming bushes and trees on a section of public trail.
- Life Link Church: Kari Sleezer, representing Life Link Church, was presented a certificate of appreciation for her coordination with other volunteers to paint the curbs in the Town Hall area. The group provided 20 hours of service.

B) State of the Town Address – Mayor Barney (attached)

Mayor Barney recognized Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Gilbert Mayor John Lewis, Gilbert Vice Mayor Jenn Daniels and former Queen Creek Council Member Gordon Mortensen.

C) Reception – State of the Town Address and Citizen Leadership Alumni: Mayor Barney announced the reception was also to recognize the Citizen Leadership program and the 400 plus graduates from the program. Mayor Barney also recognized the following in attendance:

The meeting was recessed 7:25pm – 8:50pm.

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

Vice Mayor Brown reported on his conference call participation with the League of Arizona Cities & Towns staff. The Governor's proposed budget that includes continuing Arizona Department of Water Resources charge to cities & towns and Highway User Fund diversions. Several other bills were discussed but in particular one – SB1064 – local liberty charter, is opposed by the League and they are asking cities and towns to oppose it also.

Council Member Oliphant reported on her attendance at the 2012 Governor's East Valley Breakfast on January 12. The Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce and the Town sponsored a table at the event attended by other political, business, civic and educational leaders. The presentation was about the "Centennial Year" and the budget.

Council Member Barnes attended the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting – no Queen Creek business was considered. Mr. Barnes also attended the Town Center Committee meeting on January 11, 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.

C. Town Center Committee – January 11, 2012: Council Member Oliphant reported the committee heard a presentation and discussed the 17-acre town owned property in the Town Center and a sub-committee will review each section of the Town Center in relation to the ULI Study and ASU Capstone Report. The committee is continuing with the Façade Improvement Program and providing feedback to staff on banners in the Town Center and potential marketing. The next meeting is February 8, 2012.

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.

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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.

A. Consideration and possible approval of the December 7, 2011 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.

B. Consideration and possible approval of the December 21, 2011 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.

C. Consideration and possible approval of a one-year lease of Town-owned property located at 22249 S. Ellsworth Road (Tuck Hollimon).

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented (Brown/Barnes/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 approval of a Work Order with AJP Electric, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,760.77 for the construction of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Village Loop Road South and Rittenhouse Road.

Sr. Traffic Engineering Technician Bill Birdwell reviewed the results of the traffic study conducted in response to numerous complaints about the intersection of Village Loop Road South and Rittenhouse Road. Mr. Birdwell stated that the study looked at the number of collisions at the intersection; speeds; volume of traffic and turning movements. He also explained how the level of service is used in determining intersection efficiency.

Council asked what the approximate speed is at that area and when the traffic signal would be operational. Mr. Birdwell responded that the posted speed limit is 45mph and the average speed is 49.5mph. Council then asked if a right-turn lane would be added at any of the entrances to the neighborhood. Mr. Birdwell responded that one had been

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added at Village Loop North but the others would require right-of-way acquisition and funding.

Motion to approve a Work Order with AJP Electric, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,760.77 for the construction of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Village Loop Road South and Rittenhouse Road (Brown/Alston/Unanimous)

10. Discussion and possible approval of a Notice of Intention setting the time (7pm) and date (March 21, 2012) for the Public Hearing to amend the existing schedule of fees for residential waste services relating to cost and placement of carts for newly constructed homes and future annexations.

Public Works Division Manager Troy White explained that the Notice of Intention was the first step in amending the fee schedule for residential waste services. Mr. White further explained that the fee is included in the original residential waste services ordinance but not in the initial fee schedule. He also said that the fees allows growth to pay for growth and the Town paid upfront for the cost of carts for existing residents and with the fee added to the schedule of fees, those opening new accounts will pay directly for the cart.

Council wanted to clarify that future homeowners would pay this fee.

Motion to approve the Notice of Intention setting the time (7pm) and date (March 21, 2012) for the Public Hearing to amend the existing schedule of fees for residential waste services relating to cost and placement of carts for newly constructed homes and future annexations (Brown/Oliphant/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.

11. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session (to be held in the Saguaro Conference Room of the Development Services Building)for the following purposes:

A. Discussion and consultation for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding an intergovernmental agreement. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:18pm (Brown/Alston/Unanimous)

12. Adjournment

The Regular Session reconvened and adjourned at 9:00pm.

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TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

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 January 18, 2012 Regular Session of the Queen Creek Town Council. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

Passed and approved on February 1, 2012.