



Minutes

Special Work Study and Possible Executive Session Queen Creek Town Council

Development Services Building, 22358 S. Ellsworth Rd.
Saguaro Conference Room

October 12, 2006

5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:11pm.

2. Roll Call

Council Members present: Barney; Mortensen; Wootten and Mayor Sanders. Council Members Coletto-Cohen, Hildebrandt and Vice Mayor Valenzuela were absent.

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

3. Discussion on Fire/EMS Service Study Committee recommendation and financing options.

Public Safety Coordinator LaFortune reviewed the Queen Creek Fire Survey results and gave an overview of the Buracker Report and Fire/EMS Committee work. Council discussed funding options for a fire district vs. municipal fire department. The Fire/EMS recommendation was also reviewed and discussed. The recommendation included implementing a fire development fee for capital funding (buildings/equipment) and a primary property tax & sales tax increase for operations. Other issues discussed were fire station locations and coverage areas; response times in relation to traffic congestion and building of stations in relation to population increases.

Council also discussed reducing the burden of a property tax with the combination of sales tax & property tax, spreading the cost more broadly. Property and sales tax rates were discussed, with rates needing to be competitive with other areas and balancing the service of residents & non-residents.

Ballot language requirements were discussed including whether a sales tax increase could go on the ballot.

Council had further discussion on proposing a \$1.95 tax rate for Fire, EMS & Police and a .25% sales tax increase.

4. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session

A. Discussion or consideration of employment of executive search firm. The Town Council will interview executive search firms to assist the Town in the search for a permanent Town Manager. (A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1).

Motion: Wootten

Second: Barney

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To adjourn to Executive Session at 6:22 pm.

Vote: Unanimous

5. Adjournment

Motion: Barney

Second: Wootten

To adjourn the Special Work Study Session at 10:06 pm.

Vote: Unanimous

Dated November 14, 2006

Jennifer F. Robinson, CMC

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Arthur M. Sanders, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer F. Robinson, CMC

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 October 12, 2006 Special 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, CMC

Passed and approved on December 6, 2006.