



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
February 1, 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; Benning; Oliphant; Wheatley; Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Barney.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Barney

4. Invocation: Pastor Ben Lee – Living Waters Bible Church

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

- Mayor Barney recognized and welcomed former Representative Kirk Adams.
- Recognition of the Queen Creek Crime Prevention Posse: Mayor Barney and Emergency Management Coordinator Joe LaFortune presented Certificates of Appreciation to Queen Creek Crime Prevention Posse members who served 150 or more hours to the community during 2011:

Bill Evans, Walter Burks, Brian Messenger II, John Dussault, Tim Morgan, Chris Hossele, Dave Williams, James Smedley, George Vasquez, Roger Hyles, Ramsey Lopez, Mike Bryant, Phil Solis, Steven Conklin and Fernando Azuri

Dave Williams provided information on the activities of the Posse and thanked the Council for on-going support.

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.

Mayor Barney attended and reported on several meetings:

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- Gilbert State of the Town Address on January 19, 2012 which carried a centennial theme and a focus on economic development and regional partnerships.
- Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board – January 23, 2012: The Board approved a lease agreement with Able Engineering Company, which employs approximately 320 people and expanding when located at the Airport. The Board also approved special facility bonds. The next meeting is February 21, 2012.
- Queen Creek Unified School District & Town Joint Meeting – January 24, 2012. Each organization provided presentations on financing/budgeting and economic development and discussed more partnerships in the future.
- Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) – January 25, 2012: The Council approved several transportation program related expenditures including additional street sweepers and received the results of the Arizona Auditor General's report on MAG Prop. 400 Regional Transportation Plan. The Council also approved a new meeting time of 11:30am. The next meeting is February 22, 2012.
- City of Mesa State of the City Address on January 26, 2012 focusing on Mesa's accomplishments and value to the region that include SR24 Freeway construction from the 202 to Ellsworth Road and the relocation of the Air Force Research Laboratory at Gateway Airport to the AZ LABS.
- Gateway/Northern Pinal Area Alliance of Governments Committee – January 30, 2012: The Committee members received an update on the Superstition Vistas Planning Project; State Route 23 and North-South Freeway updates and discussed planning in and around the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

Vice Mayor Brown participated in a conference call facilitated by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to discuss proposed legislation. Mr. Brown reported on the proposed bill that would eliminate the assessment on cities & towns to fund the Arizona Department Water Resources and the League is tracking other bills regarding building permits, transaction privilege taxes and regulating the sale of fireworks.

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.

- Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley-Queen Creek Branch – 2nd Quarter Report
Kevin McCoy – Branch Executive Director, provided an update on the Club enrollment for Before and After School Programs. He also provided updates on the teen program, community activities the Club members participated in and plans for the 3rd Quarter.
- Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce – 2nd Quarter Report

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Marquis Scott, Chamber Director reported on the Chambers 2nd Quarter highlights that included: Taste of Queen Creek – an event partnered with Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre and local restaurants which was very successful and scheduled again for March 2012; member luncheons and mixers; QC Incubator activities and the status of the Business Retention and Expansion surveys – 16 were completed during the 2nd Quarter. Mr. Scott also provided a schedule of events for the upcoming 3rd Quarter.

C. Budget Committee – January 24, 2012: Vice Mayor Brown, Chair of the Budget Committee, reported the Committee received the report of the 6-month financials ending 12/31/11; reviewed the FY 12-13 Budget Calendar; and reviewed the Town’s preliminary five-year financial forecast. The Committee also voted unanimously to have additional grant dollar or matching funding percentage on Council agendas. The next meeting is April 30, 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.

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 January 18, 2012 Regular Session Minutes.

B. Consideration and possible approval of expenditures over \$25,000.

C. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 896-12** affirming the existing, current transient lodging tax rate under Section 8A-447 of the Town Code, Chapter 8A Tax Code, as three percent (3%) as required by the Arizona Department of Revenue for the purpose of including and acknowledging this rate in the Arizona Department of Revenue Tax Tables.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented (Benning/Alston/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

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are limited to three (3) minutes each.

9. Public Hearing, discussion and possible action on Resolution 897-12 amending the FY2010-2014 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funded project activities.

Management Assistant Tracy Corman gave an overview of the purpose of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan to outline the needs and goals for the community. She added that the HOME program had been suspended at this time.

Ms. Corman proposed two projects be added to the Strategic Objectives based on recommendations from the Community Development Advisory Committee. Those projects would be 1) a revolving loan fund for businesses participating in the QC Incubator program; and 2) business training for businesses participating in the QC Incubator program. Ms. Corman did note that there was no guarantee of receiving funding for the programs but by adding the two projects to the plan would provided additional flexibility when applying for funds.

Council asked if matching funds would be required. Ms. Corman responded no but CDBG does like to see some type of contribution from the community.

Council Member Barnes, who serves as the CDAC Representative for Queen Creek added that the focus of funding is now on regional projects.

Motion to approve Resolution 897-12 amending the FY2010-2014 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funded projects with the addition of the project activity to construct, rehab, or purchase a facility to be used for the business incubator program and/or job training purposes (Barnes/Benning/Unanimous)

There was discussion on job-training importance.

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.

None.

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. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm (Brown/Alston/Unanimous)

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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 February 1, 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 15, 2012.