



Minutes
Work Study and Possible Executive Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
December 6, 2006
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the following purposes:

- A. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorneys and designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7).
- B. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorneys for legal advice and with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding the acquisition of right of way: Petersen property. (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) & (7).
- C. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorney regarding an intergovernmental agreement with the Queen Creek School District (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) & (4).
- D. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorney regarding a contract that is the subject of negotiations: Borgata (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4).
- E. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice concerning drainage and flooding issues (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).
- F. Discussion and consideration of employment of permanent Town Manager (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).

Motion: Valenzuela

Second: Coletto-Cohen

To adjourn to Executive Session at 5:31pm.

Vote: Unanimous

The Work Study Session reconvened at 6:25 pm.

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

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4. Presentation and discussion of Fee Philosophy for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Management Assistant Katie Crevda reviewed the Recreation Advisory Board recommendation for adopting a policy to set fees in a uniform matter for recreation programs. Council Member Wootten, Chair of the Recreation Advisory Board, commended staff for working with the Board to create the philosophy structure.

5. Presentation and discussion on transportation strategies for the community.

Management Assistant Mark Young gave an update on transportation issues; improvements and current needs; “gateway” status between Maricopa County & Pinal County; and current projects including the Improvement District, Ellsworth Road and Riggs Road. Mr. Young also reviewed possible transit options and the five-year transportation improvement program (TIP).

Planning Consultant Wayne Balmer gave a brief overview of the Proposition 400 projects, of which no roads in Queen Creek were considered for funding. He said the County had used outdated data. Mr. Balmer discussed possible north/south access options, including Meridian Road which would benefit Pinal County residents.

Mr. Balmer stated that transportation needs should be shared by Maricopa County, Pinal County, MAG, partnerships with Mesa & Gilbert and state and local transportation funding. Mr. Balmer introduced a proposed new statewide program, LCAT (Local Circulation Arterial Transportation Program). Mr. Balmer stated that legislative help will be needed as well as experienced lobbyists to assist staff in presenting the program in the next legislative session.

Council discussed supporting the initiative and fixing problem areas before commercial centers are completed. Council also asked what the funding timeline might be if the proposed LCAT program is successful. Interim Town Manager Kross responded possibly next calendar year.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Valenzuela

Second: Barney

To adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:57pm.

Vote: Unanimous

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 December 6, 2006 Work Study 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 20, 2006.