



Minutes
Work Study Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
June 20, 2012
5:30pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

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

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

Council Member Oliphant arrived at 5:45pm.

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

A. Discussion and consultation with the Town Attorney for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct the staff regarding acquisition of property. (A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (7).

B. Discussion and consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorney regarding negotiations for sponsorship contracts for Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre. ARS 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (4).

C. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the public body. This is regarding the appointment of a Council Member to fill the position created by the resignation of John Alston. (A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1).

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:36pm (Barnes/Barney/Unanimous)

The Work Study Session reconvened at 6:50pm at which time Mayor Barney was excused from the meeting and Vice Mayor Benning conducted for the remainder of the meeting.

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

4. Media Update.

Public Information Officer Marnie Schubert provided an update on the various news publications, both print and on-line that provide news and information coverage about Queen Creek.

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Paul Maryniak, of the Arizona Republic, introduced the new on-line subscription model that will be launched in September, charging for on-line viewing. He also gave information on the use of community contributors and non-staff reporters. He said Queen Creek was the most active of the 16 “neighborhood sites”.

Stacy Deprey, of San Tan Today, provided information on the publication, stating that it has been on-line for two years and in print for three years. Ms. Deprey described the paper and coverage as “hyper-local”. She introduced Michael Carnes owner of Copper Basin News and stated the two have now partnered in the publication of San Tan Today and have dedicated one page of the publication to the Town of Queen Creek with print content submitted by Queen Creek (Marnie Schubert).

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Work Study Session at 7:06pm
(Barnes/Wheatley/Unanimous)

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 June 20, 2012 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, MMC

Passed and approved on July 18, 2012.