



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
August 15, 2012
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

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

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

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.

- Recognition of Holly Paxson, Queen Creek Branch Librarian

Mayor Barney presented Holly Paxson with a print of the design of the Mary Lou Fulton Children's Center at the Queen Creek Library. Ms. Paxson was a part of the design/build team for the library that opened in 2008. She served as the librarian since August 2004.

Ms. Paxson commented that the past eight years in Queen Creek have been the best of her career.

Town Manager John Kross announced the award and recognition from 31st Annual Engineering Excellence Awards to the Town of Queen Creek in partnership with Maricopa County Department of Transportation and Pinal County for the Ellsworth Road widening project between Hunt Highway and Cloud Road.

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.

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Mayor Barney reported on his participation with several other Mayors on a conference call with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Topics of discussion were the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century which is a federal transportation reauthorization bill and air quality issues.

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. Transportation Advisory Committee – August 2, 2012: Vice Mayor Benning reported on the Committee’s discussion of the Town Center Access Management Plan and recommendation to Council to allow angled parking in the Town Center; Sidewalk Gap Analysis; overview of a July 2012 meeting with UPRR regarding improvements for railroad crossings; and the FY2012-2013 Committee Work Plan. The next meeting is September 6, 2012.

D. Town Center Committee – August 8, 2012: Council Member Oliphant reported on the Committee’s selection of Chris Webb to serve as Chair for FY2012-2013 and Bill Smith to serve as Vice Chair. The committee discussed and made final approval of a Façade Improvement Program application; discussed a presentation on other municipalities parking requirements as compared to Queen Creek’s; and reviewed and commented on the General Plan Amendment 12-52 regarding transit oriented design in Town Center. The next meeting is September 12, 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.

Congressman Paul Gosar, running for re-election in the new District 4 which includes the Pinal County portion of Queen Creek, introduced himself and said he was looking forward to working with Queen Creek and the surrounding area.

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 August 1, 2012 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.

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B. Consideration and possible approval of a Work Order to CPC Construction (Contract 2011-081) in the amount not to exceed \$70,775.30 for the construction of the Villages crosswalk improvements.

C. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 905-12** a Master Lease-Purchase Agreement with Zions First National Bank for the acquisition of equipment for the Public Works Division and to allow the Town Manager to sign the necessary loan documents.

D. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 906-12** authorizing a property acquisition from Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$110,000 (including closing and other associated costs) for property located north of the northwest corner of Ellsworth and Ocotillo Roads (21838 S. Ellsworth Rd.).

E. Consideration and possible approval of a change to the Town Center Access Management Plan allowing for angled parking.

F. Consideration and possible approval of the Town's position on the proposed League of Cities and Towns resolutions.

G. Consideration and possible approval of the reappointment of David Dobbs, Eric Kerr, Eileen Koceja, Nancy Uptain and Barbara Young to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

H. Consideration and possible approval of the reappointment of Steve Ingram, Debbie Reyes and Steve Sossaman and the new appointment of Gregory Arrington to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

I. Consideration and possible approval of the Transportation Advisory Committee FY12/13 Work Plan.

Council requested Item E pulled for discussion.

Staff requested Item G pulled for discussion.

Motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented (Brown/Barnes/Unanimous)

Item E: Follow-up discussion from the Work Study presentation and discussion included differing recommendations from the Transportation Advisory Committee and Town staff; the vision for Town Center parking; safety concerns from staff and the need to apply equitable parking requirements to all businesses in the Town Center. There was discussion on the additional parking available to the business located at the northwest corner of Ellsworth and Ocotillo Roads and costs to change the current parallel parking striping, additional signage for parking, future roadway improvements and respecting the recommendation from the Transportation Advisory Committee.

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Motion to retain the current Town Center Access Management Plan and implement parking signage as discussed (Brown/Barnes)

**Vote: 5-2 (Benning/Barney)
MOTION PASSED.**

Item G: Town Manager Kross stated that Nancy Uptain had withdrawn her name for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee but all other names are recommended for approval.

Motion to approve the appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee as recommended except for Nancy Uptain (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.

9. Public Hearing and possible action on **TA12-033/Ordinance 515-12** a request from Debbie Oleskow on behalf of ALB Industries for approval of a text amendment to Article 6.16, Paragraph 7, Temporary Real Estate Signs of the Zoning Ordinance regulating the use of temporary real estate signs by homebuilders.

Planning Manager Wayne Balmer provided a brief review of the implementation of kiosk signs to replace the weekend directional signs and Council's discussion and concerns from the July 18, 2012 Council meeting. Mr. Balmer presented a revised ordinance with the following changes:

- Definition of model home complex included
- Requirement for a Comprehensive Sign Plan for all master planned communities or subdivisions with two or more model home complexes
- Definition of "sign rider panel" included
- Prohibition of sign rider panels

Mr. Balmer also provided a comparison of the current subdivision sign requirements and the proposed amendments. He further explained that a Comprehensive Sign Plan would be required for all master planned communities or developments with more than one model home complex that would establish locations and unique sign designs; allow and identify alternative locations for signs and prevent too many signs at highly visible locations. Mr. Balmer stated that the homebuilders and Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona supports the amendments.

Dennis Webb, representing Fulton Homes, gave a presentation on master plan signage examples.

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Council discussed how signage can attract customers; balancing the communities request for quality developments and builders not abiding by current sign requirements. Discussion was also in regard to the number of interior builder attention flags allowed at model homes and reducing the number from 5 to 3.

Motion to approve TA12-033/Ordinance 515-12 text amendment to Article 6.16, Paragraph 7, Temporary Real Estate Signs of the Zoning Ordinance regulating the use of temporary real estate signs by homebuilders as presented with the revised Condition 6 reducing the maximum number of attention flags from 5 (five) to 3 (three) (Benning/Barnes/Unanimous)

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. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: The Council may reconvene the Executive Session for any of the items listed on the Executive Session Agenda.

None.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:04pm (Brown/Oliphant/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 August 15, 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 September 19, 2012.