



Minutes
Work Study Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
August 15, 2012
6:30pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

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. 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).

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:31 (Unanimous)

The Work Study Session reconvened at 6:40pm.

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. Presentation and discussion on the Town Center Access Management Plan.

Public Works Division Manager Troy White gave a presentation focusing on parallel parking standards in the Town Center Access Management Plan and the Transportation Advisory Committee's recommendation to allow angled parking also. Mr. White pointed out that on-street parallel parking is only allowed on Ellsworth Road between the library and Sierra Park Blvd. The recommendation from the Transportation Advisory Committee would also allow on-street angled parking anywhere in the Town Center if there is sufficient right-of-way and design standards for parking are met.

Mr. White explained staff's recommendation to leave the Town Center Access Management Plan as it is based on the consideration of better visibility, traffic volumes and speed, internal parking for future development and sufficient or lack of sufficient right-of-way when ultimate road improvements are made in the Town Center. Mr. White added that there is only one area of Ellsworth Road with adequate right-of-way for angled parking at this time, but that will go away when the ultimate roadway improvements are made. He added that new development provides parking internal to

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the project and if a developer proposes on-street parking with a new development, it could be looked at on a case-by-case basis and there could be an issue of redesigning Ellsworth Road.

Mr. White presented for consideration an alternative to allow angled parking if the following three criteria are met:

- Sufficient right-of-way exists
- Design standards can be met
- Angled parking would only be allowed until the ultimate road improvements are completed

Mr. White discussed the area north of Ellsworth Road where parallel parking is striped and provides six parking spaces in addition to other parking around the businesses. He said an additional two parallel spaces could be striped at an approximate cost of \$1,500 or approximately 10-12 smaller angled spaces could be striped at an approximate cost of \$2,500. He added that handicapped parking must be provided.

Council discussed the timeline for any angled parking to be removed. Mr. White explained that it would depend on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and that it is not included in the current 5-Year CIP. There was also discussion on redesigning the Dibble Plan north of Ocotillo which would cost approximately \$15,000-\$16,000. Council also discussed lack of right-of-way for businesses on the south-side of Ocotillo east of Ellsworth Road; as well as setting a precedent for additional changes to the Town Center Access Management Plan.

Council discussed signage showing where parking was available.

5. Adjournment

The Work Study adjourned at 7:05pm.

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 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 September 19, 2012.