



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
May 1, 2013
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: Barnes; Brown; Gad; Oliphant; Wheatley; Vice Mayor Benning and Mayor Barney.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Barney.

4. Invocation: A moment of silence was observed.

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

Recognition of Service – Wendy Kaserman: Mayor Barney commended Ms. Kaserman on her 7 years of service with the Town and her assistance with the Legislature and many projects and programs.

Ms. Kaserman thanked the Council and staff for the opportunities to grow and gain experience.

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; CAG. 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.

Vice Mayor Barney reported on the April 24, 2013 CAG Special Regional Meeting and the appointment of Ken Hall as the new Executive Director.

Mayor Barney reported on several meetings:

- Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport – April 30, 2013: Two contracts were approved.
- MAG Regional Council – May 1, 2013: Agenda items included transportation funding at the state and federal level; HOV and passenger rail.

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-East Valley Mayors – Discussion topics included transaction privilege taxes, branding and marketing.

-GPEC – Conference in Washington D.C. – Mayor Barney reported he attended several aerospace/technology sessions and other discussions were in regard to immigration, sequestration and airport funding. He also met with Representatives Frank, Sinema and Salmon and Senators Flake and McCain.

Council Member Barnes reported on his visit to Sonoma Ranch Elementary School on April 23, 2013 as part of a student's request for information. He visited the classroom and delivered brochures and other information.

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.

- Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce – 3rd Quarter Update: Marquis Scott, Executive Director gave a report on the luncheon meeting topics; EVCCA and Breakfast with the Governor event. Mr. Scott also reported on the status of QC Inc. visitors/Chamber visitors and information available in the lobby; membership and 4th Quarter events.

- Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley Queen Creek Branch – 3rd Quarter Update: Kara Holmes, Development Director, reviewed the membership statistics; transportation statistics and branch activities. She reported on the 4th Quarter plans that include preparing for summer day camp and creating a consistent teen program.

Kevin McCoy, Club Director announced the Queen Creek Branch officially achieved the Medium Club classification and announced his move to Indiana.

- Queen Creek Cultural Foundation (QCPAC) Update: Molly Jacobs reported that more kids are auditioning for shows and 150 were cast. She said current auditioning is being done for Queen Creek Scout Talent and Wiz. Ms. Jacobs said funding for QCPAC would be reduced by \$62,000 due to the override failure but she is working on grants and fundraisers. She thanked the Town for continued support of the facility and programs.

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.

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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 April 3, 2013 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.

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

1) Building Plan Review, Permitting & Inspection Services – \$160,000

C. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Transportation to allow the State to acquire federal funds for Phase III of the Town's Intelligent Transportation System (QNC 12-804). This is a grant funded project.

D. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Transportation to allow the State to acquire Highway Safety Improvement Funds to purchase and install pedestrian countdown modules (QNC 13-104). This is a grant funded reimbursable project.

E. Consideration and possible approval of a Contract with Dibble Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$134,800 for the Ocotillo Road Alignment Study and 30% Design Services in Town Center (Project A0002). This is a budgeted item.

F. Consideration and possible approval of \$60,000 from the Town Contingency Fund for dust control and stabilization measures of Town-owned vacant lots at Appleby Road/196th Street to comply with Maricopa County Air Quality regulations.

G. Consideration and possible approval of an application for a Wine Festival License submitted by John McLoughlin, Bitter Creek Winery, to be held in conjunction with the Schnepf Farms Peach Festival on weekends during the month of May and on the first weekend in June 2013. The wine festival will be held at Schnepf Farms, 24810 S. Rittenhouse Road.

H. Consideration and possible approval of **DR13-012 "Richmond American Homes at Sossaman Estates Phase 3A"**, a request by Richmond American Homes for design approval of seven (7) new floor plans with three (3) elevations each to be constructed on 113 lots located at the northwest and southwest corners of Sossaman and Queen Creek Roads.

Council requested Items G & H removed for discussion.

Motion to approve A-F on the Consent Calendar as presented

**1st: Wheatley
2nd: Barnes
VOTE: Unanimous**

Item G: Council requested the applicant, John McLoughlin to provide more information on the wine festival events and whether he had any other events planned in Queen Creek.

Mr. McLoughlin responded that he currently has a vineyard in Willcox and winery in Jerome. He said that the winery industry adds great value to agri-tourism and farming areas. He discussed the economic benefits of wineries and that he is working with Schnepf Farms to plant a vineyard and open a winery in the warehouse at Schnepf Farms.

Council asked if Queen Creek labels would be used on wines from the Queen Creek Winery and if educational tours were planned. Mr. McLoughlin responded yes.

Motion to approve the application for a Wine Festival License submitted by John McLoughlin, Bitter Creek Winery.

**1st: Barnes
2nd: Wheatley
VOTE: Unanimous**

Item H: Council requested an additional stipulation regarding the “Harlan Plan – P28H” specifying that it would be built as show on the floor plan (two bay garage with additional storage and no garage door).

Motion to approve Item H with the additional Stipulation #9 that the Harlan Plan (Plan P28H) garage to be built only as shown on the floor plan submitted, not as shown on the plot plan.

**1st: Benning
2nd: Gad
VOTE: 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.

None.

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.

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

9. Presentation and discussion on Calendar Year 2012 policing statistics and 1st Quarter 2013 policing activities.

Town Manager Kross requested a continuance of this presentation to the May 15, 2013 Council meeting as a result of the projector failing due to SRP surges.

10. Update on the Pavement Preservation Plan and Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) Budget. *(If necessary)*

None.

11. Discussion on sewer capacity, plant expansion and wastewater re-use. *(If necessary)*

None.

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

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55pm

1st: Benning

2nd: Gad

VOTE: Unanimous

13. Adjournment

The Regular Session reconvened and adjourned at 9:45pm.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

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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 May 1, 2013 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 May 15, 2013.