



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
May 15, 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 and Mayor Barney.

Vice Mayor Benning was absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Austin Zane, Scout Troop 125.

4. Invocation: A moment of silence was held in honor of all first responders.

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

A. Proclamation – National Public Works Week – May 19-25

Mayor Barney read highlights of the proclamation and the importance of Public Works programs.

Council Member Oliphant announced that on May 5, 2013 Mayor Barney was awarded the Teal & Silver Leader Award from Chandler Gilbert Community College.

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.

Mayor Barney reported on the following meetings:

MAG Executive Committee: The membership dues/assessments were discussed as well as the expanded boundaries of MAG.

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MAG Economic Development Committee: Discussion items included tourism & the impact on Arizona from Mexican tourists and the possibility of expanding the free travel zones to include Phoenix area and perhaps the entire state.

National Day of Prayer held on May 2, 2013, approximately 50 attendees met in front of the Town Hall.

Meeting with Mark Bonsell, CEO of Salt River Project (SRP): The Transaction Privilege Tax issue was discussed among Mr. Bonsell and other Valley Mayors.

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.

None.

C. Town Center Committee – May 8, 2013: Council Member Oliphant reported the Committee heard a presentation on metal architectural art; discussed and recommended continuing the Façade Improvement Program with a funding level of \$100,000 and discussed and approved the FY13-14 Work Plan. The next meeting is June 12, 2013.

D. Transportation Advisory Committee – May 9, 2013: Committee Chairman Ryan Nichols reported on several presentations and updates. Those included the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) tentative five-year program; regional transportation studies that include the Meridian Design Concept Report and Germann Road Corridor Study; and the Town's CIP and Pavement Maintenance Program. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2013.

E. Budget Committee – May 6, 7 & 13, 2013: Committee Chair Council Member Oliphant reported on three Budget Committee meetings that focused on the Town Manager Recommended Budget for FY13-14 and non-profit organizations requests for funding and in-kind service support. The budget schedule was also discussed.

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.

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

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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 17, 2013 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.

B. Consideration and possible approval of the May 1, 2013 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.

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

- 1) Weber Water Resources – well repairs - \$41,039 (*budgeted item*)
- 2) InfoSend, Inc. – bill printing and mailing - \$45,000 (*budgeted item*)

D. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town and Pinal County for roadway maintenance in San Tan Ranches area in an amount not to exceed \$142,500. (*budgeted item*)

E. Consideration and possible approval of the Final Plat for Preserve at Hastings Farms Parcel D – Phase 1, a request by Maracay 91, LLC.

F. Consideration and possible approval of the Final Plat for Preserve at Hastings Farms Parcel D – Phase 2, a request by Maracay 91, LLC.

G. Consideration and possible approval of a Services Contract, with up to four (4) additional one-year periods, with San Tan Youth Football League to produce a Flag and Tackle Football League in the Town of Queen Creek, making San Tan Youth Football League an official Youth Sports Partnership of the Town.

H. Consideration and possible approval of a lease agreement with Sprint Spectrum, LP for a renewable five-year lease of premises located Founders Park for a cellular tower and equipment compound.

I. Consideration and possible approval of the Employment Agreement with Town Manager and adding a telecommunications stipend of \$75/month.

J. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with the City of Scottsdale and with Clifton Larson Allen, Auditing Firm in the amount not to exceed \$48,675 for the year ending June 30, 2013 audit of the financial statements of the Town of Queen Creek. (*budgeted item*)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

- 1st: Gad**
- 2nd: Oliphant**

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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. Speakers will be called upon in the order in which their cards are received. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each.

Mayor Barney suspended the rules and moved the discussion of Agenda Item #11 up prior to Agenda Item #9.

9. Discussion and possible action on the continuation of the Town Center Façade Improvement Program.

Economic Development Specialist Kim Moyers gave a status update on the Town Center Façade Program that was implemented April 2012 as a pilot program that utilized \$100,000 from the Town Center Municipal fund. She reviewed the project guidelines and the four projects that were completed. She said an additional project was not yet completed. Total funds expended for the initial year was \$27,688.

Ms. Moyers discussed the Town Center Committee's recommendation to continue the program. Council asked if there was consideration to increase the reimbursement percentage, which could possibly increase participation. Council also asked if there were any applicant's waiting for approval. Ms. Moyers responded that there were no pending applications, but that the program had continued interest.

Council discussed further the purpose of the Town Center Municipal fund; attracting and encouraging new businesses to locate in the Town Center and using a proactive approach towards businesses while not giving preferential treatment.

Motion to continue the Façade Improvement Program utilizing Town Center Municipal Funds

1st: Brown

2nd: Oliphant

VOTE: Unanimous

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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10. Discussion on an Organizational Compensation and Classification Study. *(If necessary)*

No further discussion.

11. Presentation and discussion on Calendar Year 2012 policing statistics and 1st Quarter 2013 policing activities. *(If necessary)*

Town Manager Kross said that the public safety program is moving towards a pro-active program and includes timely, detailed reporting.

MCSO Capt. Randy Brice reviewed the 2012 statistics: total incidents, calls for service and on-view reporting. He also reviewed the trending 2013 statistics. Capt. Brice said the average response remained under five (5) minutes. He also reviewed the federally required Uniformed Crime Report (UCR) statistics: Part 1 – crimes against persons and Part 2 – crimes against property. He said that compared to other cities and towns of similar size and location, Queen Creek remains in the middle or below in crime rates.

Capt. Brice provided a summary of statistics for the 1st Quarter of 2013, showing an increase in calls and on-view reporting but remaining under a five-(5) minute response time.

Capt. Brice also discussed areas that are being improved in crime prevention programs by enhancing community partnerships and using the Posses. Mr. Kross added that the current MCSO contract hours include directed patrol and that false alarm calls are becoming an issue and takes away time from other policing activities. He said that the issue is being evaluated and options for a false alarm ordinance would be presented to Council for consideration in the future.

Council discussed with Capt. Brice when additional beats would be required and whether the School Resource Officer program was effective. Capt. Brice said that additional beats would depend on resources and working smarter with existing coverage, but the safety of officers with increased calls for service also needs to be considered.

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.

None.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

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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 May 15, 2013 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 June 19, 2013.