



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
September 4, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 7:05p.m.

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

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Deputy Mike Lucas

4. Invocation: A moment of silence was held.

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

A. Recognition of Queen Creek area charter schools for receiving "A" ratings

Mayor Barney presented certificates to the following schools: American Leadership Academy Queen Creek K-5; Benjamin Franklin Charter School – Queen Creek and Benjamin Franklin Charter School – Power Campus

B. Proclamation – Boys & Girls Club Day for Kids – Mayor Barney proclaimed Saturday September 21st as Boys & Girls Club Day for Kids

C. Recognition of Fire Chief Van Summers (reception to follow immediately)

Mayor Barney recognized and honored Van Summers as the Town's first Fire Chief and his accomplishments during his tenure that include building up the Town's Fire Department, disaster management preparation and providing leadership during the formation of the Queen Creek County Island Fire District.

Town Manager John Kross also gave commendations to Chief Summers.

Assistant Fire Chief Ron Knight and Fire Engineer Matt Skowron, on behalf of the Fire Department, presented Chief Summers with a shadow box holding memorabilia of the Queen Creek Fire Department.

The meeting recessed from 7:43p.m. – 8:05p.m.

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 two events:

- 2nd Annual Mayor's Bowling Challenge – August 23, 2013: The event was hosted by Mayor Wolcott, City of Surprise. Barney's Bombers included Vice Mayor Oliphant, Council Member Barnes and Pam Barney.
- Arizona League of Cities & Towns Annual Conference – August 27-30, 2013: The conference was held in Oro Valley and Vice Mayor Oliphant, Council Member's Brown and Wheatley also attended. Sessions were on economic development, innovation, transportation and local government finance.

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. Economic Development Commission – August 28, 2013: Council Member Gad reported included the Commission's selection of Chair & Vice Chair; Commission accomplishments during FY12/13 and the recommended FY13/14 Work Plan. Congressman Matt Salmon attended the meeting and Development Services Director Chris Anaradian reviewed projects within the department. The next meeting is September 25, 2013.

D. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee – August 15, 2013: Committee Chair David Dobbs reported on the Committee's discussion on creating the purpose, mission and goals statement for the committee. Updates on upcoming Trunk or Treat activities were discussed. The next meeting is September 10, 2013.

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 expenditures over \$25,000:

1. Toter, Inc. – purchase 624 carts (312 trash/312 recycle): \$34,262 (*budgeted FY13/14*)

B. Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet ¾ ton crew cab pick-up truck through Arizona State Contract #ADSSP012-016667 from Courtesy Chevrolet and a John Deere 210LI Loader Tractor from RDO Equipment in the amount of not to exceed \$122,500 to replace existing Truck #43 and Tractor #200. (*This is an amended request from August 21, 2013*)

C. Consideration and possible approval of a contract in the amount of \$133,000 with Truesdell Corporation for Ocotillo Road Bridge repairs. (*budgeted in FY13/14*)

D. Consideration and possible approval of the Economic Development Commission FY13/14 Work Plan.

E. Consideration and possible ratification of the appointment of Lee Ester as Chair and Carson Brown as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Commission.

F. Consideration and possible approval of the re-appointment of Nichelle Williams and Steve Conklin to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring on August 31, 2015.

G. Consideration and possible approval of the re-appointment of Kyle Robinson, Alex Matheson, Ryan Nichols and Gregory Arrington to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term expiring on August 31, 2016.

H. Consideration and possible approval of **DR13-031 “Maracay at Hastings Farms Parcel D”**, a request for approval of two additional standard floor plans with three elevations each to be constructed on 344 lots zoned R1-7 and R1-9 located on the north side of Cloud Road at the Crismon Road alignment.

I. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 966-13** authorizing the abandonment of surplus roadway within the Pecans of Queen Creek subdivision.

Council requested Item C removed for discussion.

Motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented

**1st: Benning
2nd: Brown**

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Vote: Unanimous

Item C: Council requested a staff report. Public Works Division Manager Troy White provided a brief review of the bridge history which was built by Maricopa County at the time Ocotillo Road was still owned and maintained by the County. Mr. White reviewed the inspection results of the bridge, which showed expansion/cracking and explained the long-term repair process. Council asked if additional repairs would be required. Mr. White responded that the bridge will continue to be monitored.

Motion to approve Item C as presented

1st: Gad

2nd: Benning

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.

8. Discussion and possible approval of the re-appointment of Jason Barney to the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) Board of Directors for FY13/14. *This item was continued at the August 21, 2013 Council meeting.*

Council had discussion regarding multiple appointments to Town Committee's and applicability of the Standard Form By-laws to committee appointments that represent Queen Creek regionally, and whether there would be any conflicts.

Jason Barney, stated he served on GPEC and the Economic Development Commission at the Council's discretion and that if there were any conflicts when representing Queen Creek he would state so. Mr. Barney explained that he does have multiple roles in representing Queen Creek by serving on the Economic Development Commission, GPEC and being a land developer and those roles can be complimentary when working or discussing a project, and acknowledged that he has been involved in projects that do or will provide employment and economic development within the Town. Mr. Barney stated he would resign from the Economic Development Commission if the Council requests, but he would like to continue to serve.

Motion to re-appoint Jason Barney to the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) Board of Directors for FY13/14; and direct staff to bring back a voting policy at a future Council meeting

1st: Brown

2nd: Benning

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.

9. Presentation on the Town's Disaster Management Program. *(If necessary)*

No further discussion.

10. Presentation on the zoning ordinance update. *(If necessary)*

Community Development Services Director Chris Anaradian, discussed the purpose for updating the zoning ordinance and the quality, consistency and clarity that would be provided to customers. He discussed the steps to select a consulting through an RFP and how the ordinance would be updated in steps. Council stated that the high standards already expected in the Town must be kept and the Town committee's should be involved in the appropriate sections. Council also requested that the business community and residents be involved in the discussion and development of the signage sections. There was discussion on expanding the ombudsman program during the update/transition between zoning ordinances.

11. Presentation on public outreach plan for capital projects. *(If necessary)*

Public Works Division Manager Troy White gave a presentation on how public outreach is achieved during construction projects. He explained the three phases and activities in each: 1) project approval; 2) design phase; and 3) construction phase – with a possible grand opening event depending on the project. Mr. White said that if the project is large an outside consultant may be hired. Some of the outreach activities include open houses, direct mailings, news releases, dedicated project websites and social media.

Council recommended that open houses are held earlier in the design phase for high impact projects and individual notification to businesses is appreciated. Other suggestions included using the QR codes and water bill inserts.

Mr. White highlighted a few CIP road, intersection and parks/open space projects and showed three options for the Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop Roads that will be presented to businesses and general public.

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.

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None.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:28p.m.

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 September 4, 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 September 18, 2013.