



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
September 18, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10p.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 Jaron Gledhill

4. Invocation: Pastor Ron Nelson, Life Link Church

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

A. Eagle Scout Recognition:

Jaron Gledhill – Team 388: organized 29 volunteers and 95 hours to build & install ¼ mile markers along a 2-mile section of Sonoqui Wash.

Kyle Brague – Crew 9835: organized 47 volunteers and 125 hours to improve a 10,000 sq. ft. section of a public trail along Aldecoa Road leading to Founders Park.

B. 10-year Service Award – Liz Martin: Utilities Director Paul Gardner presented Ms. Martin with a certificate in recognition of her 10 years of service to the Town. Ms. Martin began as a high school student worker and moved into the Utilities Department.

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.

Council Member Wheatley reported on her attendance at a groundbreaking ceremony for a LDS Religious Institute building at the ASU Polytechnic Campus on September 9, 2013.

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Vice Mayor Oliphant reported on her attendance at the September 6, 2013 dedication of Sossaman Middle School, located in Sossaman Estates. Mayor Barney and Town Manager John Kross also attended.

Mayor Barney reported on the following meetings:

MAG Economic Development Committee – September 10, 2013: presentations given by Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and SEED-Spot; updates were given on a draft resolution of support to extend the Border Zone to improve tourism; and on the Greater Phoenix Rising website. The next meeting is October 8, 2013.

9-11 A Day of Service, Remembering, Recognizing and Respecting @ Queen Creek High School: this was a ceremony in remembrance of the heroes and first responders on September 11, 2001.

Duane Ellsworth American Legion Post 129 First Responders Dinner – September 11: those in attendance included Town firefighters, MCSO officers and local emergency medical technicians.

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board of Directors – September 16, 2013: The Board was presented with the PMGA Economic Impact Study; updates and reports were given by ASU Polytechnic, Chandler Gilbert Community College and the Airport Executive Director. The Board also approved several construction contracts. The next meeting is October 14, 2013.

MAG Executive Committee – September 16, 2013: The Committee approved several appointments to the Economic Development Committee; approved contract amendments and the FY14 budget to allow for a federal grand of \$75,000 with matching funds of \$27,500 for a rooftop solar grant. The next meeting is October 15, 2013.

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.

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 August 21, 2013 Town Council Meeting minutes.

B. Consideration and possible approval of the September 4, 2013 Town Council Meeting minutes.

C. Consideration and possible approval of a Map of Dedication for Ocotillo Road, requested by William Lyon Homes, Inc.

D. Consideration and possible approval of a Map of Dedication for Signal Butte Road, requested by William Lyon Homes, Inc.

E. Consideration and possible approval of the Final Plat for Quail Creek, requested by K. Hovnanian at Quail Creek, LLC.

F. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Contract with Friends of Horseshoe Park Inc., to construct driveways at Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre in the amount of \$230,000. *Funding will be reimbursed through Maricopa County Air Quality Department.*

G. Consideration and possible approval of the appointment of Karen Fabritiis, Philomena Van Etten and Todd Broadhead to the Transportation Advisory Committee with terms ending August 31, 2014.

H. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 963-13** authorizing the acceptance of real property (APN 304-89-678 and 304-89-679) from PJM Partnership for use as a water/sewer facility and road right-of-way.

Council requested Item F removed for discussion.

Motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar:

1st: Wheatley

2nd: Benning

VOTE: Unanimous

Item F: Council requested the staff report be presented so that the partnership between Friends of Horseshoe Park and the Town could be highlighted.

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Public Works Division Manager Troy White explained the \$230,000 grant award to Friends of Horseshoe Park from Maricopa County Air Quality, which will be used to pave the driveways at Horseshoe Park.

Motion to approve Item F on the Consent Calendar as presented:

1st: Brown

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

9. Discussion and possible approval of a Design Contract in the amount not to exceed \$55,000 with Dibble Engineering for the design update of the Ellsworth Road Improvement Project from Ocotillo Road to Rittenhouse Road.

Public Works Division Manager Troy White reviewed the design of the Ellsworth Road improvements that was previously recommended to be delayed until 2014 in order to combine it with the Ocotillo Road improvement project at a cost savings. He explained that staff has been monitoring construction & material costs and now are recommending moving forward with the Ellsworth Road improvements since the project is ready.

Mr. White provided project details for the improvements between Ocotillo Road north to Rittenhouse Road. Those details include signalization, sidewalks, benches, lighting and public art. He also explained that the additional design costs are due to adding Victoria Lane, water lines and potholing to the project.

Mr. White reviewed the project schedule which will begin immediately with outreach to the businesses and public; releasing the RFP in January 2014, bid opening in February 2014 with construction beginning in March 2014.

Council asked for clarification on the parallel parking on the west side of Ellsworth Road. Mr. White responded that it will remain as parallel parking. He added that construction will take approximately 6-8 months and that there would be signage for both parking and businesses.

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Council also asked for more information on the cost analysis of the Ellsworth Road improvements vs. Ellsworth Rd/Ocotillo Rd. improvements. Mr. White responded with information on the increasing costs of materials and construction and the increase in construction activity in general. An additional question was asked in regard to the procurement process. Town Manager John Kross explained the Town policy for the lowest, most responsive and most responsible bid and that all bidding requirements are included in the bid package. Mr. White followed up with information on using a Statement of Qualification (SOQ), and that this method would not allow the Town to ask for costs/pricing.

Motion to approve a Design Contract in the amount not to exceed \$55,000 with Dibble Engineering for the design update of the Ellsworth Road Improvement Project from Ocotillo Road to Rittenhouse Road:

1st: Gad

2nd: Brown

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.

10. Demonstration of GIS Web Maps available on the Town's website. *Completed at Work Study.*

11. Update on the recent flooding events. *Completed at Work Study.*

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 adjourned at 7:53p.m.

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 September 18, 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 October 2, 2013.