



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
October 16, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.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 Mayor Barney

4. Invocation: A moment of silence was held.

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

A. Proclamation – Arizona Cities and Towns Week

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 Brown reported on the October 13, 2013 East Valley Partnership Board meeting. State School Superintendent John Huppenthal and Representative Justin Pierce (LD-25) gave a presentation on the Common Core program.

Mayor Barney reported on the following meetings/events:

Maricopa Association of Governments Economic Development Committee – October 8, 2013: Presentations were given on several programs including “Go Build Arizona Initiative”, digital technology and impacts on education and work force in underserved areas, and “Tallwave” a venture development firm. The next meeting is November 5, 2013.

Day of Play and Pan de Vida Health, Social and Community Fair – October 12, 2013.

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Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board of Directors meeting – October 14, 2013: The Board approved several contracts and heard a presentation from Allegiant on the impacts of the federal shutdown. The next meeting is November 18, 2013.

Maricopa Association of Governments Executive Committee meeting – October 15, 2013: The Committee, acting as the Regional Community Partners Board of Directors, accepted a grant award of \$145,504 to support aging services planning. The Committee also approved two contracts to conduct surveys on regional transportation. The next meeting is November 18, 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.

B1. Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce – 1st Quarter Report

Charlie Deaton, acting President of the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce, discussed the importance of the relationship between a municipality and Chamber of Commerce. He provided an update on the recruitment of a new Director; and statistics on membership, annual awards dinner and ribbon cuttings.

C. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – September 24, 2013

Council Member Wheatley reported on the September 10 & 24, 2013 Committee meetings. At the September 10th meeting, presentations were given by the Little League Baseball & Softball organizations on the 2013 season; the FY13/14 Work Plan was discussed and updates were given by Development Services Director Chris Anaradian and Recreation Superintendent Adam Robinson. At the September 24th meeting, the FY13/14 Work Plan was approved. The next meeting is November 12, 2013.

D. Transportation Advisory Committee – October 10, 2013

Council Member Benning reported on the October 10th Committee meeting. Valley Metro gave a presentation on community travel survey results; Town staff gave a presentation on the alignment alternatives for Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Lp. to Heritage Lp. Roads; and staff provided several updates on local and regional transportation projects. The next meeting is November 14, 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

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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 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 October 2, 2013 Town Council meeting minutes.

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

1. Valmont Industries – traffic signal poles/hardware: \$25,861 (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)
2. Vertech Industrial Systems – SCADA support: \$35,000 (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)
3. Horine Electrical Service – as-needed services: \$250,000 (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)

C. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 961-13** authorizing and directing staff to take all actions necessary to acquire interest in real and/or personal property, located at the south side of Rittenhouse Road from Sossaman Road east to and including Canyon State Academy, through gift, purchase or eminent domain; identifying the interest in real and/or personal property as necessary for right-of-way for the Rittenhouse Road Phase II Improvement project. (Portions of parcels: 304-61-032T; 304-61-039B; 304-61-039A; 304-61-034B; 304-62-016D; 304-66-010D; and 304-66-010M)

D. Consideration and possible approval of a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless, LLC for a renewable five-year lease of premises located at Founders Park for a cellular tower and equipment compound.

E. Consideration and possible approval of the 2nd Amendment to the Orange Screen Service Agreement, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the acquisition, installation and service for new and additional technologies for Council Chambers. (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)

F. Consideration and possible approval of an Extension of Premises Application submitted by Tom Estabrook on behalf of Skippy's Grille & Cantina, 23858 S. Power Rd., #101 (Basha's Shopping Center) for a cornhole tournament to be held October 18 & 19, 2013. The restaurant has a current liquor license #12077549.

G. Consideration and possible approval of an Extension of Premises Application submitted by Mark Schnepf on behalf of Schnepf Farms, 22601 E. Cloud Rd., for the Banzai Challenge event to be held November 2-4, 2013. The farm has a current liquor license #07070502.

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H. Consideration and possible approval of the re-appointment of Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Adam Neville, Michael Shirley and Sylvia Tarin to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC).

Motion to approve 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 Professional Services Contract with EPS Group, in the amount not to exceed \$539,000 for the design of Ocotillo Road from Power to Recker Roads. (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)

Public Works Division Manager Troy White discussed the history of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Town of Gilbert regarding boundaries between Queen Creek and Gilbert along Recker and Ocotillo Road and responsibilities of each jurisdiction for roadway improvements. The Town's responsibility includes Recker Road from Ocotillo Road to Brooks Farm Road and Ocotillo Road from Power to Recker Roads. Mr. White explained that the Trilogy development on the north side of Ocotillo Road developed and the Town of Gilbert collected \$2 million cash-in-lieu for ½ street improvements from the developer on behalf of Queen Creek to be used when Ocotillo Road was improved.

Mr. White continued with his presentation that with development now occurring south of Ocotillo Road (Dorada Estates) and in Gilbert to the west of Recker Road, now is the time to move forward with the design of Ocotillo Road. Mr. White reiterated that the proposed professional services contract with EPS Group, is for design of the road only and will include interim improvement and permanent improvement design. He added that additional construction funding sources need to be identified since the cost difference between 2001 (Trilogy development) and today's costs are much different. Also, there will be expenses for the box culvert at Sonoqui Wash, irrigation relocation and signal costs at the Ocotillo and Power Roads intersection.

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Mr. White provided details on the proposed improvements and budgeting in future years to complete the full street improvements and the design and construction schedules.

Council asked for more information on the proposed interim ½ street improvement design landscaping and sidewalks. Town Manager Kross added that full street improvements need to go through the capital improvement program (CIP) process.

Motion to approve a professional services contract with EPS Group in an amount not to exceed \$539,000 for the design of Ocotillo Road from Power to Recker Roads:

1st: Barnes

2nd: Benning

VOTE: Unanimous

10. Discussion and possible approval to authorize the use \$60,000 in FY13/14 Drainage & Transportation Revenue to fund staffing service needs in the Capital Improvement Program.

Public Works Division Manager Troy White reviewed the request for additional staffing to accommodate CIP projects including Ellsworth Road improvements, Ocotillo Road improvements and sewer projects. He explained that the construction phase of projects is the longest and most time intensive for project management. Mr. White also stated that the costs include salary & benefits for the remainder of FY13/14 and full costs will be included in the FY14/15 budget.

Motion to approve the use \$60,000 in FY13/14 Drainage & Transportation Revenue to fund staffing service needs in the Capital Improvement Program:

1st: Benning

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.

11. Update and discussion on recent changes in the Development Services Department including the land use, building and development engineering programs. *(If necessary)*

No further discussion.

12. Update and discussion on the H2O Water Utility acquisition, interconnecting the two water systems and the long-term water master plan. *(If necessary)*

No further discussion.

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13. 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.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04p.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 October 16, 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 November 20, 2013.