



**Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council**

Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
November 6, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08p.m.

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

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Council Member Barnes

4. Invocation: A moment of silence was observed.

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

A. Swearing-In Ceremony – Fire Chief Ron Knight

Town Manager John Kross provided opening comments on the selection of Chief Ron Knight and Mayor Barney gave Chief Knight the official oath afterward and Mr. Kross presented the Fire Chief Badge.

B. “American Legion – Operation Wounded Warrior”

Council Member Barnes introduced American Legion Riders – Queen Creek, President Jim Grace. Mr. Grace gave brief overview of the Operation Wounded Warrior program and the October 3, 2013 ride to Camp Balboa in San Diego, CA. Mr. Grace ran a short video produced by the Navy on the program.

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 Gad reported on his attendance at the Southeast Valley Regional Association of Realtors (SEVRAR) on October 24, 2013.

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Council Member Brown reported on the 2013 Trick or Trunk; November 5, 2013 Communiversity Tour and Education Reception; and the Joint Town Hall also held on November 5, 2013 with Congressman Matt Salmon and Mayor Barney.

Mayor Barney reported on the MAG Economic Development Committee meeting on October 23, 2013. A report on the legislative mission to Mexico was given by Representative Andy Tobin and Juan Carlos Escamilla. Nogales, AZ Mayor Garino and Nogales, Sonora Mayor Guzman discussed several initiatives in their cities and expansion of inter-regional cooperation. The next meeting is December 3, 2013.

Mayor Barney also reported on the November 5, 2013 Communiversity Tour and Education Reception; and the Joint Town Hall also held on November 5, 2013 that he co-hosted with Congressman Matt Salmon. Mayor Barney stated there were about 190 in attendance at the Town Hall event.

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.

C. Economic Development Commission – October 23, 2013: Council Member Gad reported on presentations given to the Commission. Those included residential real estate trends; Queen Creek Unified School District's Maintenance & Override budget program and the Town's 6 General Plan Amendment applications. The next meeting is November 27, 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.

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. InfoSend, Inc. – Utility billing/newsletter printing: \$175,400 (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)
2. Sunrise Engineering – engineering services: \$271,000 (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)
3. VSS International – microseal services: \$250,000 (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)

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4. CPC Asphalt Concrete – pavement repair: \$503,050 (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)
5. Sunline Contracting – annual road striping: \$55,000 (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)
6. Arizona Labor Systems – temporary labor services: \$30,000 (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)

B. Consideration and possible approval of a 1st Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Queen Creek Unified School District for fuel cost sharing. (*Budgeted in FY13/14*)

C. Consideration and possible approval of a renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement amendment with the Town of Gilbert for municipal court services.

D. Consideration and possible approval of the following Streetlight Improvement Districts (SLIDS):

1. **SLID #72, No. 2013-005 – Preserve at Hastings Farms Parcel D – Phase 1: Resolution 967-13** Intention to Order the purchase of electricity and **Resolution 968-13** Ordering the Improvements for the purchasing of electricity.

E. Consideration and possible approval of the Maps of Dedication for Via del Jardin Road Phase 1 and 226th St; Via del Jardin Road Phase 3; and Via del Jardin Road Phase 3 as requested by William Lyon Homes, Inc.

F. Consideration and possible approval of the Final Plat of Church Farm Parcel A1, as requested by William Lyon Homes, Inc.

G. Consideration and possible approval of a Permanent Extension of Premises Application submitted by Mark Schnepf on behalf of Schnepf Farms, 22601 E. Cloud Rd., for festivals and other events held at Schnepf Farms. The farm has a current liquor license #07070502.

Staff requested that Item G be continued to November 20, 2013.

Motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented:

1st: Benning

2nd: Brown

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion to continue Item G – Permanent Extension of Premises for Schnepf Farms to the November 20, 2013 Council meeting:

1st: Benning

2nd: Barnes

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.

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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 the Ocotillo Road Alignment Study and ultimate alignment of Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop Roads.

Public Works Division Manager Troy White gave an introduction of the alignment study and the request for approval of the study and alignment of Ocotillo Road at this time and explained that details of the design, parking and temporary signage will be addressed in the design phase. Mr. White also clarified that Section 3.1.7 of the study regarding parking along the roadway is covered within the Town Center Access Plan, and should be deleted from this study.

Kevin Roberts, Dibble Engineering, the Town's consultant, provided some historical background on a previous alignment that shifted Ocotillo Road 37-feet to the north at the Ocotillo & Ellsworth Road intersection and was reflected in both the Town Center Design Concept and Improvement District #001. That alignment impacted several property/businesses located on Ocotillo Road. Mr. Roberts reported that the new alignment study provides alignment alternatives that mitigate those impacts.

Mr. Roberts reported that the three alternatives were presented to businesses and other stakeholders on September 10, 2013. At that meeting, 15 businesses were represented and there was overwhelming support for Alternative #3 that still shifts the alignment 37-feet to the north and further east of Ellsworth. Additional public outreach was held on September 11, 2013 for the general public and 30 attendees viewed the alternatives and also supported Alternative #3. Mr. Roberts added that the Town Center Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee also recommend Alternative #3. Mr. Roberts stated that additional evaluation of easements, right-of-way, utilities, access and parking will be included in the design phase.

Council discussed the proposed speed limit on Ocotillo Road with the additional curves. Staff responded that the current speed limit is 25 mph but the road is designed for 35 mph and it is proposed to remain at 25 mph. Additional signage and engineering safety standards were discussed.

Motion to approve the Ocotillo Road Alignment Study and ultimate alignment of Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop Roads with the deletion of Section 3.1.7:

1st: Benning

2nd: Barnes

VOTE: Unanimous

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10. Discussion and possible approval of a Professional Services Contract with Dibble Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$385,000 for the design of Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop Roads. *(Budgeted in FY13/14)*

Motion to approve a Professional Services Contract with Dibble Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$385,000 for the design of Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop Roads:

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

11. Discussion and possible approval of Council Meeting Agenda changes.

Town Manager Kross presented as a follow-up to the August 2013 Council Retreat, agenda formatting changes that could help facilitate discussion of 30+ policy issues and provide adequate time to manage other agenda related items. Mr. Kross briefly reviewed the retreat discussion on the possibility of combining the Work Study and Regular Session into one meeting and keeping the start time at 5:30p.m. and two meetings a month. This approach would allow more flexibility within the agenda. Mr. Kross also reviewed staff's discussion in regards to maintaining a 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing time. Mr. Kross then reviewed the proposed agenda format, stating again that public hearings would be specifically noted. He also outlined public outreach methods on any changes.

Council discussed the difficulty of making 5:30p.m. meetings and schedule conflicts.

Motion to maintain the current agenda format and meeting times (no changes):

**1st: Brown
2nd: Benning
VOTE: 5-1 (Barney)
Motion Passed.**

12. Discussion and possible approval of a recommendation to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors regarding Pinal County Zoning Case PZ-010-13 and PZ-PD-010-13, "Borgata at San Tan".

Planning Manager Wayne Balmer reviewed the rezoning proposal and possible comments to forward to Pinal County for consideration. There was discussion on the sewer service area split between Johnson Utility and Queen Creek Water and a possible trade of services areas. Mr. Balmer reviewed two staff recommendations for consideration, both would support the change based on a utility franchise trade; addressing earth fissures and density.

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Mark Voigt, owner/developer of the Borgata at San Tan, stated that he would like to preserve more mountain/hillside open space in consideration of all concerns from adjacent property owners and said he supports and agrees with staff Option #2.

Council discussed the Town's planning area and future annexations; fissures and flood control.

Motion to submit a letter to Pinal County on PZ-010-13/PZ-PD-010-13 Borgata at San Tan recommending a reduction in density in Phase 2 to be consistent with Queen Creek's General Plan, with the remainder of the proposal as is:

1st: Gad

2nd: Barnes

VOTE: 5-1 (Barnes)

Motion Passed.

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

13. Presentation and discussion on entry monuments.

Public Works Division Manager Troy White explained that the entry monuments were included in the Capital Improvement Program and staff was looking for consensus on the location and design of the entry monuments.

Public Information Officer Marnie Schubert presented the concept designs that are 3-panels, made of metal and lighted. Ms. Schubert also presented eight art designs for the tallest back panel. Council discussed that some of the concept art designs were difficult to recognize and asked that more options be available. There was consensus to have resident input on the design through some type of art design contest. Ms. Schubert provided an overall timeframe that includes 2-3 months of public outreach; 2 months for art design and 4-6 months for construction and installation of the signs.

Council suggested additional monument signs be located at Riggs and Power Roads and Power and Pecos Roads.

14. Quarterly Marketing update.

Public Information Officer Marnie Schubert introduced Jennifer Snyder, Digital Media Specialist. Ms. Schubert then presented the statistics for July-October 2013 for on-line marketing; social media; marketing partnership events; updated photos in print ads; and status of the mobile app project with ASU Technology Innovation Labs. Ms. Schubert also briefly discussed the initial 25th Anniversary events that have been discussed.

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15. 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.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52p.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 November 6, 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 December 4, 2013.