



Minutes
Work Study and Possible Executive Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
February 20, 2008
5:30 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Council Members present: Coletto-Cohen; Hildebrandt; Mortensen (arrived at 5:35pm); Valenzuela; Wootten (telephonically); Vice Mayor Barney and Mayor Sanders.

3. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the following purposes:

A. Discussion and consultation with the Town Attorney for legal advice concerning conflict of interest issues and referrals of matters for investigation (A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3)).

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:31pm (Valenzuela/Hildebrandt/Unanimous)

The Work Study reconvened at 6:03pm.

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

4. Discussion on Sonoqui Wash landscape options.

Park Planning Manager Troy White provided background information on the joint Sonoqui Wash channelization project between the Town and Maricopa County Flood Control District and the proposed landscape plan. Mr. White showed the four phases of the project and the Town's responsibilities for landscaping. The four phases include: 1) channelization including native seeding (County); 2) Town Phase 1 – landscaping; 3) Town Phase 2 – decomposed granite trail per the 5-Park Masterplan; and 4) Developer Phase (Via del Jardin and west – adjacent to undeveloped property).

Council asked when the south side of the wash east of Sossaman Road would be landscaped – Mr. White responded that full landscaping would occur when the park was developed, but native seed will be applied. Council asked for information on the maintenance of the native seed. Parks Maintenance Manager Rich Purcell explained that there was no guarantee if or when the native seed would germinate – stating it could take several seasons. Council discussed the possibility of residents donating trees and volunteering in the planting. Staff responded that donation of trees would be excellent and could be worked out. Mr. Purcell explained the equipment and safety issues while supervising volunteers and reviewed the installation and maintenance plan. Council asked when a bridge on Sossaman would be built – Mr. White responded that it was unknown at this time.

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5. Discussion on implementing four measures of the Arizona State Senate Bill 1552 for Air Quality Control.

Public Works Director Don Noble briefly reviewed the nine air quality measures adopted by the Council last year and the four additional measures recently mandated by the State Legislature. Those additional four measures are: 1) leaf blower restrictions; 2) operating vehicles on public/private unpaved property; 3) parking, maneuvering and ingress/egress other than residential and residential; and 4) vehicle parking on vacant lots. Mr. Noble added that these are unfunded mandates with no revenue identified and that the Council committed \$242 – 244k through FY09 for enforcement/implementation. The costs for the additional four measures will be presented to Council at the March 19 meeting.

Council asked if Maricopa County and Pinal County were under the same mandates. Mr. Noble responded that all of Maricopa County was and any part of Pinal County within the Maricopa non-attainment region.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:35pm (Mortensen/Barney/Unanimous)

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Arthur M. Sanders, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer F. Robinson, CMC

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 February 20, 2008 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, CMC

Passed and approved on March 5, 2008.