



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway
April 17, 2019
5:30 PM

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.
2. **Roll Call:** (one or more members of the Council may participate by telephone)

Jeff Brown	Council Member	Present
Jake Hoffman	Council Member	Present
Dawn Oliphant	Council Member	Present
Emilena Turley	Council Member	Present
Julia Wheatley	Council Member	Present – arrived at 5:33pm
Robin Benning	Vice Mayor	Present
Gail Barney	Mayor	Present

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Eagle Scouts.

4. **Invocation/Moment of Silence:**

A moment of silence was held for men and women in uniform including Queen Creek Fire & Medical and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Deputies - District 6.

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

A. Great Neighbor Award(s)

Mayor Barney explained what the Great Neighbor Award program was and recognized the following:

1. Nicole, Desert Lily Academy - nominated by Barry McBride.
2. Skip & Dawn McDougall, Ironwood Crossing - nominated by Jamie Geng.

B. Eagle Scout recognition

Mayor Barney and the Council recognized the following for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout:

Austin Guerena; Jet Severtson; Trey Peterson and Zachary Morris.

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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.

B. Committee and outside agency reports (only as scheduled)

1. Budget Committee - April 4, 2019: Council Member Wheatley, Chair of the Budget Committee thanked Council Member Hoffman and Vice Mayor Benning for serving on the committee and provided some highlights of the proposed operating budget, revenues and expenditures. The approval of the Tentative Budget is scheduled for May 1, 2019.

2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee - April 9, 2019: Council Member Wheatley reported on the committee's discussion on the Sonoqui Wash Trail Design project; close-out reports from the Arizona Soccer League and San Tan Youth Football League; and alcohol permits in parks.

7. Public Comments: 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 Community Chambers and turn it in to the Town Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. The Town Council may not discuss or take action on any issue raised during public comment until a later meeting. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes for each speaker.

None.

Mayor Barney suspended the rules and moved Item #10A up prior to Item #8.

8. Motion to Adjourn into Executive Session (to be held in the Ironwood Conference Room in the Community Chambers Building) for the following purposes):

MOTION:	To adjourn to Executive Session at 5:56pm:
RESULT:	Approved unanimously
AYES:	Barney, Wheatley, Benning, Brown, Oliphant, Turley, Hoffman

A. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and with the Town's attorney and Town's representatives to consider the Town's position and instruct its representatives regarding Town-owned properties in Town Center. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)

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- B. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and with the Town's representatives regarding the Arizona Corporation Commission actions related to Johnson Utilities. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)
- C. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney and with the Town's representatives regarding annexations and providing utility services. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)
- D. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and with the Town attorney and representatives to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding the pending lawsuit(s): Johnson Utilities vs. Town of Queen Creek. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)
- E. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and with the Town's attorney and Town's representatives to consider the Town's position and instruct its representatives regarding the pre-annexation development agreement with the Arizona State Land Department. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)
- F. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and with the Town's attorney and Town's representatives to consider the Town's position and instruct its representatives regarding the proposed Water System Interconnect Agreement between the Town and Johnson Utilities, LLC through its Interim Manager EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)
- G. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and with the Town's attorney and Town's representatives to consider the Town's position and instruct its representatives regarding local regulation of sober living homes. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3)

The Regular Session reconvened at 7:20pm.

9. **Consent Agenda:** Matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Members of the Council and or staff may comment on any item without removing it from the Consent Agenda or remove any item for separate discussion and consideration.

MOTION:	To approve the Consent Agenda as presented:
RESULT:	Approved unanimously
MOVER:	Council Member Brown
SECONDER:	Council Member Hoffman
AYES:	Barney, Wheatley, Benning, Brown, Oliphant, Turley, Hoffman

- A. Consideration and possible approval of the October 23, 2018 Joint Meeting with Queen Creek School Governing Board and March 6, 2019 Regular Session Minutes.

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- B. Consideration and possible approval of Expenditures over \$25,000. (FY19 budgeted items)
 - 1. Thin Client - software support/technical services: \$85,000 (Workforce/Technology)
 - 2. Empire Southwest - heavy equipment rental: \$50,000 (Utilities)
 - 3. Courtesy Chevrolet - 1-ton Isuzu truck: \$75,000 (Public Works)
 - 4. Harvest QC, LLC - water extinguishment credits: \$339,122 (Utilities)
 - 5. L.N. Curtis & Sons - emergency equipment for ladder truck (L411): \$110,878 (Fire & Medical)
- C. Consideration and possible approval of the appointment of Council Member Jeff Brown to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee.
- D. Consideration and possible approval of the "Map of Dedication" for Ocotillo Road, a request by Queen Creek Assisted Living LLC.
- E. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1257-19 in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley application for a grant from the Fort McDowell Indian Community.
- F. Consideration and possible approval of Work Order #4 for Valley Rain Construction Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$ 97,213 for the construction of supplemental landscape improvements along Marsh Road within the Sonoqui Wash Channelization Phase IIB (Riggs Road: Ellsworth to Meridian - Project #A0510).
- G. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Agreement for appraisal services with Nagy Property Consultants, Philip M. Barlow and Associates, Landpro Valuation and Harding & Associates.
- H. Consideration and possible approval of the pre-annexation development agreement with the Arizona State Land Department to facilitate annexation and continuing development of approximately 4,140 acres of state land at the northeast corner of the Town's Planning Area, adjacent to the Town limits.

10. Items for Discussion: These items are for Council discussion only and no action will be taken. In general, no public comment will be taken.

- A. Citizen Leadership Institute Group presentations.

Communications, Marketing and Recreation Director Marnie Schubert provided a brief overview of the Citizen Leadership Institute and the requirement for class projects. The following gave presentations on behalf of their groups:

- 1. Chris Moss - Queen Creek Veteran's Memorial: Mr. Moss explained this project is a continuation from the 2018 Citizen Leadership Institute and reviewed an executive summary for funding options through private campaigns, location within future park and construction and operations/maintenance.

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2. David Gillette - Backpack drive benefiting the Queen Creek Family Resource Center: Mr. Gillette explained this project would provide backpacks to middle and high school kids which would boost confidence in the recipients. Mr. Gillette explained the process of collecting the backpacks and the groups initial goal of 200 backpacks for the upcoming school year, with 250 had been collected to date.

3. Jesse Rothe - Desert Wells Stage Stop kiosk: Mr. Rothe reported that the group had discussions with the San Tan Historical Society and other groups regarding what information should be included to determine how the kiosk should be designed and installed.

B. Discussion on the results of the Solid Waste & Fleet Refueling Study.

Public Works Director Troy White provided the background for the current solid waste/recycling contract with RAD (Right Away Disposal) that was initially approved in 2010 for a seven-year term with three one-year renewals. Mr. White stated the contract expires in June 2020 and it is now time to issue an RFP (Request for Proposals).

Mr. White reviewed the 2019 Solid Waste Study that evaluated options of continuing with contracted services vs. in-house; possible rates for services and included an evaluation of fleet fueling and trash/recycle center transfer station. Mr. White explained that the Town is currently in an intergovernmental agreement with the Queen Creek School District for fleet fueling but as the Town's fleet and fuel needs have grown, it is now depleting the fuel supply weekly.

Mr. White reviewed the proposed timeline for issuing an RFP, negotiations, possible contract approval and services beginning July 2020.

Council asked for more information on costs to start up a municipal owned/operated service. Scott Pasternak, the Town's consultant (Burns & McDonnell), responded that the costs for vehicles would be approximately \$5-6M and other infrastructure that would include parking for vehicles, administration, etc. would be several million additional dollars and take approximately two years to implement.

Council also asked for additional information on the recycling program, asking that it be included in the RFP and whether a reduced rate could be negotiated. Mr. White responded that the reduced rate has been explored in the past but it is not cost effective for a recycling station. There was also discussion on providing commercial trash collection and the requirement to competitively bid for the service since the Town contracts for municipal solid waste services.

11. Public Hearing Consent Agenda: Matters listed under the Public Hearing Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. If you wish to speak to the Council on an item listed on the Public Hearing Consent Agenda, please complete a Request to Speak Card and turn it in to the Town Clerk.

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

None.

12. 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.

13. 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.

None.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

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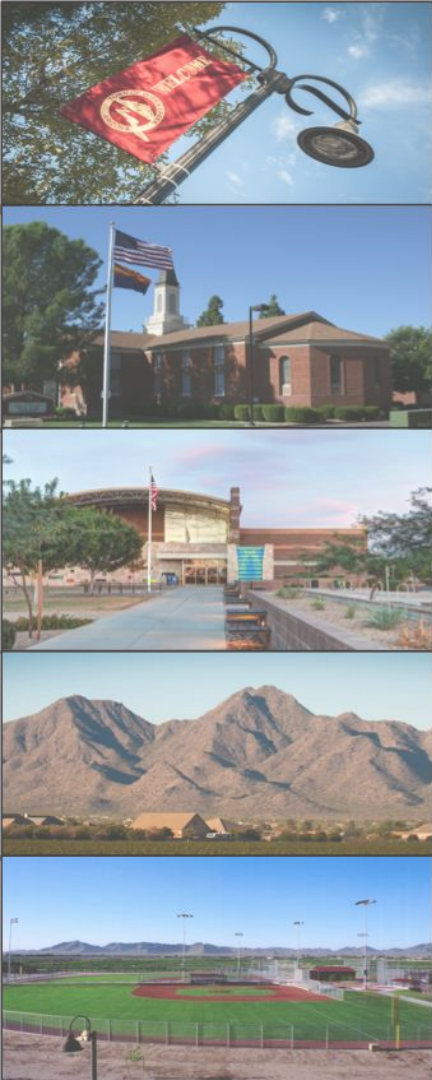
Gail Barney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk

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 April 17, 2019 Regular Session of the Queen Creek Town Council. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Passed and approved on June 5, 2019



Council Committee Reports

- 04/04 – Town Council Budget Committee Meeting (Benning, Hoffman, Wheatley)
- 04/05 – QCHS Presents “Thoroughly Modern Millie” Musical (Benning, Brown, Turley)
- 04/08 – CAP East Valley Cities & Towns Dinner (Benning)
- 04/09 – Town Council Tour of New QCUSD Schools (Brown, Wheatley)
- 04/09 – QC Chamber Business Network Luncheon (Oliphant)
- 04/09 – College Bound at Benedictine University (Benning)
- 04/09 – PRAC Meeting (Wheatley)
- 04/12 – 04/16 – APA National Conference (Benning, Wheatley)
- 04/13 – Meeting with QCUSD Superintendent Berry (Barney)
- 04/15 – MAG Regional Council Executive Committee Meeting (Barney)
- 04/16 – PMGAA Board Meeting (Barney)
- 04/17 – PMGAA Triennial Full Scale Exercise (Brown)
- 04/17 – Power Road Opening Picture (Barney, Benning, Brown, Hoffman, Oliphant, Turley, Wheatley)