



**Regular and Possible Executive Session  
Queen Creek Town Council**

Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway

March 18, 2020

6:00 PM

**1. Call to Order:**

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

Gail Barney	Mayor	Present
Julia Wheatley	Vice Mayor	Present via telephone (joined at 6:06 p.m.)
Robin Benning	Council Member	Present via telephone
Jeff Brown	Council Member	Present via telephone
Jake Hoffman	Council Member	Present (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
Dawn Oliphant	Council Member	Present via telephone
Emilena Turley	Council Member	Present

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Mayor Barney.

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

A moment of silence was held for all of the men and women in uniform who are making sure we have a safe place to live. This includes our own Queen Creek Fire and Medical department and all of the local MCSO officers.

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

None.

A. None.

**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.  
*See attached report.*

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

1. None.

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.

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

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To adjourn into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (5-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Emilena Turley, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Robin Benning, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Benning, Brown, Oliphant, Turley
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hoffman, Wheatley

- A. 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)
- B. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and with the Town's representatives regarding annexations and providing utility services. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)
- C. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and with the Town's attorney and Town's representatives regarding potential water rights agreements. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)
- D. Discussion and consultation with the Town's bond counsel for legal advice regarding an excise tax bond issuance. 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 representatives regarding the Town Center right-of-way and Infrastructure Improvements. 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 attorneys regarding a pending lawsuit: Encanterra Residents Against Annexation vs. Town of Queen Creek. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)

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The Regular Session reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

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.*

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve the Consent Agenda</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (7-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jake Hoffman, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Emilena Turley, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Wheatley, Benning, Brown, Hoffman, Oliphant, Turley

- A. Consideration and possible approval of Expenditures over \$25,000. (FY19/20 Budgeted Items)
  - 1. CDW-g - Virtual Server Hosts & Replacement Computers: \$180,000 (Information Technology)
  - 2. Corporate Technology Solutions (CTS) - Security Camera & Installation: \$79,900 (Information Technology)
  - 3. Sentinel Technology - Security Operation Maintenance: \$100,000 (Information Technology)
  - 4. Thin Client Computing - Additional Datrium License and Disaster Recovery as a Service DRaaS: \$65,000 (Information Technology)
- B. Consideration and possible approval of the appointment of Bill Smith to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- C. Consideration and possible approval of the appointment of Marc Valenzuela and Nancy Hormann to the Economic Development Commission.
- D. Consideration and possible approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation Advisory Committee Work Plan.
- E. Consideration and possible approval of FY 19/20 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments totaling \$2,913,915 in expenditures, \$16,303,661 in revenues, and \$1,751,821 in transfers.

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- F. Consideration and possible approval of an Amendment to Delegation Resolution 1265-19 for the Queen Creek and Signal Butte Intersection Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,669,115 for construction contracts associated with the Queen Creek & Signal Butte Intersection Improvement Project which includes; Queen Creek Road: Ellsworth to Signal Butte (Project # A1002-Phase 1) & Signal Butte: Ocotillo to Queen Creek (Project # A0801). Funding from FY19/20 Project Budgets with all associated budget transfers.
- G. Consideration and possible action to award the Residential and Town Facilities Solid Waste Services Agreement to Right Away Disposal (RAD) for an initial term commencing on July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for (1) one additional (3) three-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$2,662,459 for the first year of services. (FY20/21 Budgeted item).
- H. Consideration and possible approval of Project Order #4 (Master On-Call Contract 2016-114) with Kimley-Horn and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$341,000 for the engineering design of a multi-use trail along Sonoqui Wash, between Hawes Road and Crismon Road. (Project TE200 - Sonoqui Wash: Hawes to Ellsworth and TE210-Sonoqui Wash: Ellsworth to Crismon, both of which are included in the FY19/20 Budget)
- I. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the State of Arizona and the Town of Queen Creek in an amount of \$3,290,000 for the Town's share of State Route 24 Ellsworth Road Overpass and other project enhancements.
- J. Consideration and possible approval of a Letter of Engagement with Gammage & Burnham, PLC in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 for legal services in the Town's water sustainability program.
- K. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1329-20 declaring official intention to be reimbursed in connection with certain capital expenditures relating to water and sewer projects in an amount not to exceed \$85 million.
- L. Proclamation Emergency Declaration to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**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. Presentation: 2019 Citizen Survey Report

Public Information Officer Constance Halonen-Wilson briefed the Council on the background of the survey process and introduced Ms. Kathy DeBoer, Sr. Vice President of WestGroup. Ms. DeBoer presented on the results of the survey and key findings, noting that overall ratings were strong.

B. Presentation: 3-Year Transportation Improvement Program Update

This presentation was continued to the April 1, 2020 Town Council Meeting.

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

A. 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.*

A. 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.*

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To move forward with the development of a Police Department and begin the proper steps through the Town Manager to hire a Police Captain.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (7-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gail Barney, Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jake Hoffman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Wheatley, Benning, Brown, Hoffman, Oliphant, Turley

A. Discussion and possible action on options concerning law enforcement.

Mayor Barney noted that although this item is not a Public Hearing as defined by state law, it has been the Town Council's practice to take public comment on Final Action items. There were no public comments made. The Mayor expressed his appreciation to those that have joined in person and online, and those who participated in the Town's public outreach efforts over the past three months.

Town Manager John Kross introduced the efforts made in developing the Law Enforcement Study as presented to the Town Council. He discussed the Council's direction to staff to begin the 60-day public outreach process given at the December 4th Town Council meeting and introduced Public Information Officer Constance Halonen-Wilson to discuss the results of the public outreach.

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Ms. Halonen-Wilson recapped the outreach methods which included social media, partner newsletters, emails to stakeholder distribution lists, presentations at Boards, Commissions and other meetings, as well as focus groups. She noted media coverage across all platforms, radio, newspapers and tv stations. Due to sound issues during the presentation, the public was redirected to the Town's Facebook page to view the video.


The impact of the outreach efforts reached 405 people in person; received 354 feedback forms (after duplicates were removed) and recorded 175,861 total impressions on social media. The total reach across the media stories 2.6M showing how important of an issue this is to the Town as well as providing opportunity for others to read and provide feedback on the study.

The Town Council praised the communication efforts made by staff, noted the transparency and mindfulness throughout the process, expressed their readiness to make a decision and thanked MCSO for their partnership over the years.

**14. Adjournment**

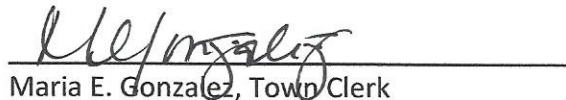
The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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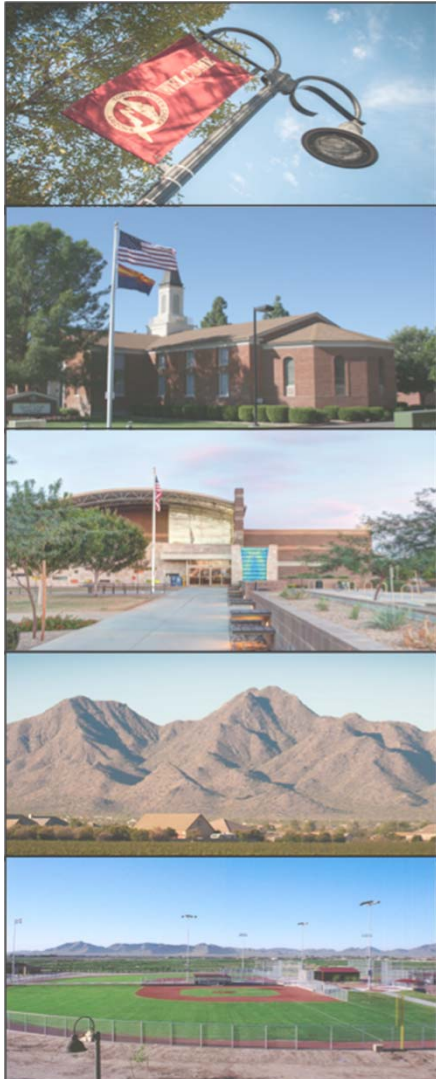
Gail Barney, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Maria E. Gonzalez, Town Clerk

I, Maria E. Gonzalez, 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 March 18, 2020 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 April 15, 2020.



## Council Committee Reports

- 03/05 – EVP Board of Directors Meeting (Hoffman)
- 03/12 – 03/15 – Roots ‘N Boots Rodeo (Barney, Benning, Oliphant, Turley)
- 03/16 – MAG Regional Council Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting (Barney)
- 03/16 – COVID-19 Update Call with Senator Sinema (Barney)
- 03/17 – Phoenix Mesa Gateway Board Meeting (Barney)