



Minutes
Special Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
August 27, 2008
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

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

Council Members present: Brown; Hildebrandt; Mortensen; Wootten; Vice Mayor Barney and Mayor Sanders. Council Member Barnes was attending the APRA Conference Awards with Parks and Recreation Staff.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Sanders.

4. Invocation: There was a moment of silence held in remembrance of Don Noble, Public Works Director.

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

None.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Parks Trails and Open Space Committee – August 12, 2008: The Committee elected Dru Alberti as Chair and Eric Kerr as Vice Chair for the 08/09 fiscal year; discussed the committees accomplishments of the past year and the proposed work plan for 08/09 and agreed to a quarterly meeting schedule with additional meetings if necessary. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2008.
- B. Transportation Advisory Committee – August 7, 2008: Committee members discussed the status of a possible transportation ballot initiative and heard updates on Ocotillo Road medians, Ellsworth Loop Road, Rittenhouse Road and CIP projects. The next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2008.
- C. Economic Development Commission – July 23, 2008: Commission members heard a presentation from SRP on the 230kV transmission line and Abel Moody project; the by-laws were discussed and approved; John Schroeder was elected Chair and Roseann Sweet

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was elected Vice Chair. The Commission also approved the work program. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2008.

- D. Queen Creek Youth Commission – August 6, 2008: Commission members discussed the 2007-2008 Retreat synopses; reviewed proposed changes to the by - laws and approved a new “Member Expectations” document.

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 the July 21, 2008 Special Session Minutes.

B. Consideration and possible approval of the August 6, 2008 Special Session, Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.

C. Consideration and possible approval of expenditures over \$10,000.

D. Consideration and possible approval of budget line item reallocations.

E. Consideration and possible approval of the reappointment of Andrew Fritz, Chuck Lopez and Thom Schuett to the Board of Adjustment for an additional three-year term expiring August 31, 2011.

F. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 756-08** modifying assessments and assessment diagrams for ID001-Ellsworth Road/Rittenhouse Road Improvement District.

G. Consideration and possible approval of a Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Queen Creek Kiwanis Club Community Welfare Foundation for the EdgeFest concert to be held on September 27, 2008 at Schnepf Farms.

H. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 754-08** approving the form of, and authorizing the execution and delivery of, a Fifth Loan Repayment Agreement and a continuing disclosure undertaking; accepting a loan from The Greater Arizona Development Authority pursuant to such loan repayment agreement in the amount of not to exceed \$2,045,000 (Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre); authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution and declaring an emergency.

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*I. **Public Hearing** and possible approval of a Series 12 Restaurant liquor license application submitted by Garrett Randolph Moss on behalf of Queen Creek Café and Sports Lounge, 22002 S. Ellsworth Road.

Item I was pulled for discussion.

Motion to approve remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented
(Barney/Wootten/Unanimous)

Item I: Council requested that additional comments be included in a letter to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control in regard to the accuracy and completeness of applications forwarded for consideration.

Motion to forward a recommendation of approval of a Series 12 Restaurant liquor license application submitted by Garrett Randolph Moss on behalf of Queen Creek Café and Sports Lounge, 22002 S. Ellsworth Road (Brown/Mortensen/Unanimous)

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FINAL ACTION: If you wish to speak to the Council on an item listed as a Public Hearing or 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 repealing Resolution 669-07 and approving **Resolution 755-08** revising the Town's Green Building Policy by deleting the sunset provisions.

Management Assistant Tracy Corman reviewed the Town's current green building policy which includes a one-year review period. Ms. Corman in her presentation discussed the LEED features that are included in the new library building that demonstrates the Town's commitment to implementing the green building policy. She said approval of the proposed resolution would remove the sunset provision (one-year review period).

Council discussed the cost savings in relation to the construction costs for the LEED features and the possibility of adding solar panels in the future. Ms. Corman explained that the Town continues to look at solar power opportunities, however many tax incentive programs don't apply to governmental entities and third party partnerships aren't feasible at this time because of the smaller size of the facility. Ms. Corman added that the building is designed to accommodate solar panels in the future. There was additional discussion on the costs of paying for electricity and what SRP would buy excess electricity back for.

Motion to approve Resolution 755-08 (Brown/Mortensen/Unanimous)

10. Discussion and possible approval of continuing the hours of operation for Town business through FY08-09.

HR Director Bruce Gardner provided an update on the trial period of the four-day work week for most Town business, but pointed out that some services are provided 24/7 (emergency and Public Safety) while some (such as building inspections and water services) were still being

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provided on Fridays. Mr. Gardner briefly explained the staggered work schedules. He also presented the results of a simple survey of customers conducted during the trial period with the majority of the responses preferring the new schedule. A survey of employees also showed a majority preferring the new schedule. He also said that walk-in and phone usage was tracked for the extended hours and the energy savings for July 21 thru August 21 was \$4,811.

Mr. Gardner said that there were some challenges for employees in regard to day care, school schedules and meeting conflicts but supervisors work with the employees to alleviate those challenges.

Mr. Gardner also reported that there was state-wide interest in Queen Creek's program. Mr. Gardner recommended that the program be continued through the remainder of the fiscal year with quarterly reports and monitoring of the program.

Council comments included direction to monitor the recreation program sign-up periods; how the employees needs were addressed (fatigue); keeping employee morale high; cost savings to the Town and overall positive comments during the trial period.

Motion to continue the hours of operation of 7am – 6pm Monday-Thursday through the 08/09 Fiscal Year (June 30, 2009) and continuing the closure of the following offices on Friday: Town Hall, Development Services, Parks & Recreation and Water Department with continued monitoring and quarterly reports to Council (Mortensen/Wootten/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. Presentation by Pinal County on the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan update.

Ken Buchanan, Assistant County Manager and Jerry Stabley, Planning Director for Pinal County, gave a presentation on the status of the 60-day review of the Comprehensive Plan. Areas of discussion included public participation programs, citizen committees, creating the "Pinal Vision" and priorities, land use philosophies, transit; economic development and the final steps in the review period with possible adoption in December 2008.

Council commended Pinal County on the plan and realizing the County impacts on other communities.

12. Discussion on new laws enacted by the 2008 Legislature.

Town Attorney Cliff Mattice reviewed several new laws relevant to local government that take effect September 30:

- HB 2745 – Employer sanctions – includes provisions for contractors that will need to be incorporated into new contracts and issuance of licenses. The use of e-verify was emphasized.
- SB 1024 – posting of campaign finance reports on the Town's website

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- HB 2410 – Open Meeting Laws – allows elected officials to discuss their opinion/view in public places (ball game/social event/blogs) as long as no direct communication is given to other elected officials
- HB 2209 – appropriations to the state by local governments based on HURF distributions. Town Manager John Kross stated the League had hired legal counsel on behalf of cities & towns
- HB 2066 – sign walkers
- Public records in regard to employment and disciplinary records

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Special Session at 8:10 pm (Barney/Brown/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 August 27, 2008 Special 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 September 17, 2008.