



**Minutes**  
**Regular Session**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway  
October 7, 2020  
6:30 PM

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**2. Roll Call: (Members of the Town Council may attend electronically and/or telephonically)**

Gail Barney	Mayor	Present
Julia Wheatley	Vice Mayor	Present via WebEx
Robin Benning	Council Member	Present
Jeff Brown	Council Member	Present via WebEx
Jake Hoffman	Council Member	Present
Dawn Oliphant	Council Member	Present via WebEx
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 those in uniform protecting us and those who gave their lives in the service.

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

**A. Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October)**

Mayor Barney recognized Domestic Violence Awareness Month to foster safety and security in our community and to prevent domestic violence from happening in Queen Creek.

**B. Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week (October 4 - 10)**

Mayor Barney praised the Queen Creek Fire Department for their work and outlined steps for fire prevention in our homes. The theme for Fire Prevention Week is “Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen” which works to educate everyone about simple safety tips.

**C. Proclamation: Cities and Towns Week (October 19 - 23)**

Mayor Barney said the proclamation is part of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns initiative to provide citizens with important information about services and programs provided by local government.

**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.

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

**1. Economic Development Commission (EDC)**

Grant Tayrien, Vice Chair of EDC provided an update on the Economic Development Strategic Work Plan that was discussed at the September 23 meeting. The plan focuses on increasing competitiveness in Queen Creek over the next three years. Mr. Tayrien said that consultants facilitated a discovery session where the Commission provided feedback on a variety of questions pertaining to the Work Plan.

**2. Arts and Placemaking Advisory Committee**

Council Member Oliphant provided an update on the September 10 meeting. The committee selected Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions. They received an update on the Downtown Town Center Core and committee members shared ideas for placemaking and the Shop Queen Creek campaign.

- 7. Public Comments:** *Members of the public may address the Town Council on items not on the printed agenda and during Public Hearings. Please address the Town Council by completing a Request to Speak Card and turn it into the Town Clerk, sending an email to [PublicComment@queencreek.org](mailto:PublicComment@queencreek.org) by 6:30 p.m. on October 7, 2020 (limited to 500 words – identify your name, address and whether you wish your comment to be read at the meeting or just submitted as part of the written record). The Town Council may not discuss or take action on any issue raised during public comment until a later meeting. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each. Only one comment (either by email or by WebEx) per person per*

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*Agenda Item will be allowed and comments without identifying name and address will not be read or submitted as part of the written record.*

None.

- 8. 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 Town 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.*

Item E was removed by staff for a presentation and Item H was removed by Council Member Hoffman for a separate vote.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve the Consent Agenda, minus Items E &amp; H.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (7-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robin Benning, 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 the September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Session Minutes.
- B. Consideration and possible approval of the appointment of Local Public Safety Retirement Board Members and Clerk of the Board.
- C. Consideration and possible approval of FY 19/20 year-end expenditure budget adjustments of \$1,158,405; adjustments to FY 19/20 Transfers budgets of \$1,306,734; adjustments to Other Financing Sources of \$4,755,095; and FY 20/21 carry-forward budget reallocations of \$3,179,333.
- D. Consideration and possible approval of three Power Distribution Easements to be granted to Salt River Project on Power Road between Chandler Heights Road and Brooks Farm Road (Project #A1404)
- E. Item E was moved to Items Pulled from Consent Agenda.
- F. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with San Tan Irrigation District in an amount estimated at \$440,000 for the relocation of a 15 inch irrigation pipeline currently located in the Power Road Right of Way. CIP project #A1404 (FY 2020/21 Budgeted Item).

- G. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Queen Creek Fire and Medical Department to provide seasonal influenza vaccines.
- H. Item H was moved to Items Pulled from Consent Agenda.
- I. Consideration and possible approval of a Second Amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Southwest Groundwater, a Division of Matrix New World for Physical Availability Demonstration Services increasing the total contract amount by \$40,000 for a total amended contract not to exceed \$66,610. (FY 20/21 Budgeted Item)
- J. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1367-20 creating Street Light Improvement District Number 126 (No. 2020-017 for Malone Place Parke Parcel 1); Resolution 1368-20 creating Street Light Improvement District Number 127 (No. 2020-018 for Malone Place Parke Parcel 3).
- K. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1369-20 creating Street Light Improvement District Number 128 (No. 2020-019 for Madera Phase 1A); Resolution 1370-20 creating Street Light Improvement District Number 129 (No. 2020-020 for Madera Phase 1B).
- L. Consideration and possible approval of a Delegation Resolution No. 1371-20 for the Ocotillo Road project in an amount not to exceed \$14,091,583 for all associated contracts, agreements and land purchase required to complete proposed construction improvements between Sossaman Road and Hawes Road, Projects A0116, and WA176 (FY 18/19 Carry forward, FY 19/20 Current Budget and Contingency) and all associated budget transfers.
- M. Consideration and possible approval of Delegation Resolution No. 1372-20 in an amount not to exceed \$12,885,374 for all associated contracts, agreements, and right of way purchases required to complete the proposed construction improvements for Chandler Heights: Recker to Power; Power: Brooks Farm to Chandler Heights; and Traffic Signal: Chandler Heights at 180th Street (CIP #A0604, #A1404, and #A0605), (FY 20/21 Budgeted Item)
- N. Consideration and possible approval of Delegation Resolution 1375-20 authorizing and directing the Town Manager, and/or Utilities Department Director to take any and all action necessary; and to sign any and all documents, contract or agreement related to construction and completion of water improvements on Chandler Heights and Recker Roads (WA196) in an amount not to exceed \$1,320,000; and necessary carry-forward and budget adjustments.

- O. Consideration and possible approval of Delegation Resolution 1376-20 authorizing and directing the Town Manager, and/or Utilities Director to take any and all action necessary; and to sign any and all documents, contracts or agreements related to the construction and completion of water improvements on Chandler Heights Road project number WA259 in an amount not to exceed \$870,717; and necessary budget adjustments.
- P. Consideration and possible approval a Resolution 1377-20 and Bill of Sale with Maricopa County for the transfers of the systems associated with and owned by the Queen Creek Domestic Water Improvement District of Maricopa County.

**Items Pulled from Consent Agenda:**

- E. Consideration and possible approval of Job Order contract with SD Crane Builders, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$348,005.15 and Wist (Town Contract 2019-115) in an amount not to exceed \$44,383.09 for a total not to exceed amount of \$392,389 for the construction and furnishing of the Utility Customer Service Area Remodel (WA088) (FY 20/21 Carry Over Budgeted Item).

Assistant Town Manager Bruce Gardner presented slides on the front office remodel project. Changes were recommended in the front desk area to improve security and to create a better workflow in the back office areas for Utilities and Development Services staff. Mr. Gardner said the remodel was a continuation of work from the efficiency recommendations outlined in the 2018 Raftelis Financial Report that was presented to Council. Mr. Gardner presented detailed information on height options for the protective glass to be installed at the front counter. Option #1 shows 8.5 foot high glass panels with some open space at the ceiling and the counter. Option #2 was added to show the protective glass at 6 feet high for a more inviting view.

Council Members discussed employee safety and project costs. There was additional extensive discussion on the glass barrier height options, customer friendly alternatives and the importance of staff safety.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve Consent Agenda Item 8E.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved (5-2)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Brown, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dawn Oliphant, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Benning, Brown, Oliphant, Wheatley
<b>NAYES:</b>	Hoffman, Turley

- H. Consideration and possible approval of a Standard Design Professional Services Contract with Perlman Architects of Arizona, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$207,675 for the Fire Resource / Skills center building design. (FY 20/21 Budgeted Item).

Council Member Hoffman requested that this item be tabled for a few months to get a better understanding of the true needs and economic impact and to explore options for Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with the Town of Gilbert.

Council Members Brown and Benning commented that this item has been previously discussed and has been in the works for over a year. The Council had further discussion on how long to table the item.

Mayor Barney asked if this item was time sensitive and if it could be tabled to the next meeting. Fire and Medical Chief Vance Gray said that the need is here today and explained the daily training requirements and the benefits of having our own skill center. Chief Gray responded that in regards to timing the item could be tabled to the next meeting.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To table Consent Agenda Item 8H to the November 4<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved (4-3)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jake Hoffman, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Emilena Turley, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Hoffman, Turley, Wheatley
<b>NAYES:</b>	Benning, Brown, Oliphant

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

A. None.

- 10. **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. Please address the Town Council on any items on the Public Hearing Consent Agenda by completing a Request to Speak Card and turn it into the Town Clerk, sending an email to [PublicComment@queencreek.org](mailto:PublicComment@queencreek.org) (limited to 500 words – identify your name, address and whether you wish your comment to be read at the meeting or just submitted as part of the written record) or by WebEx (instructions at [QueenCreek.org/WatchMeetings](http://QueenCreek.org/WatchMeetings)). Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each. Only one comment (either by email or by WebEx) per person per Agenda Item will be allowed and comments without identifying name and address will not be read or submitted as part of the written record.*

A. None.

**11. Public Hearings:** *If you wish to speak to the Town Council on any of the items listed as a Public Hearing, please address the Town Council by sending an email to [PublicComment@queencreek.org](mailto:PublicComment@queencreek.org) (limited to 500 words – identify your name, address and whether you wish your comment to be read at the meeting or just submitted as part of the written record) or by WebEx (instructions at [QueenCreek.org/WatchMeetings](http://QueenCreek.org/WatchMeetings)). Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each. Only one comment (either by email or by WebEx) per person per Agenda Item will be allowed and comments without identifying name and address will not be read or submitted as part of the written record.*

A. None.

**12. Final Action:** *If you wish to speak to the Town Council on any of the items listed under Final Action Please address the Town Council by completing a Request to Speak Card and turn it into the Town Clerk, sending an email to [PublicComment@queencreek.org](mailto:PublicComment@queencreek.org) (limited to 500 words – identify your name, address and whether you wish your comment to be read at the meeting or just submitted as part of the written record) or by WebEx (instructions at [QueenCreek.org/WatchMeetings](http://QueenCreek.org/WatchMeetings)). Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each. Only one comment (either by email or by WebEx) per person per Agenda Item will be allowed and comments without identifying name and address will not be read or submitted as part of the written record.*

A. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Queen Creek Police Department (QCPD) Logo and Exterior Vehicle Color/Design Scheme. (FY20-21 Budgeted Item)

QCPD Chief of Police Randy Brice presented feedback received from the Council following the September 16 Town Council Meeting, reviewed options, and requested final direction.

After discussing the presented options, the Town Council approved option “2A” as the Department Logo, option “4A” for ceremonial and other special needs, and Exterior Vehicle Color and Design Scheme “5” replacing the logo with option “2A.”

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve Exterior Vehicle Color and Design Scheme “5” with the logo option “2A”; Department Logo option “2A” for the logo; and option “4A” for ceremonial and other special needs.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (7-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>Emilena Turley, Council Member</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>Dawn Oliphant, Council Member</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Barney, Wheatley, Benning, Brown, Hoffman, Oliphant, Turley</b>

- B. Consideration and possible approval of: (i) the material terms for a Wastewater System Interconnection Agreement between the Town of Queen Creek and Johnson Utilities, LLC through its Interim Manager EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. for the Pecan Water Reclamation Facility; (ii) delegating authority to the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to negotiate, finalize and execute such an agreement consistent with the approved material terms; and (iii) authorizing the Town Staff to negotiate with EPCOR Water

Attorney for the Town, Scott Holcomb discussed the potential Wastewater Interconnection Agreements with Johnson Utilities (JU) through EPCOR. The main focus is the Pecan Water Reclamation Facility which is located next to the QC Wash and is important to the Town because it provides wastewater services to Ironwood Crossing, Encanterra and Banner Hospital.

Mr. Holcomb provided the following highlights:

JU wastewater capacity problems at the Pecan Water Reclamation Facility (PWRF).  
Section 11 is another area of concern (open lagoon ponds)

- Constant violation of various environmental laws and regulations
- No capacity to add additional developments, homes or users
- Flows to Section 11 are being diverted to other JU facilities

Problems caused by JU’s lack of capacity impacting the region

- Continuing serious environmental violations
- Sewage overflows and illegal discharges
- ADEQ refusing to issue additional authorization so construct homes
- Moratoriums on development

Wastewater Interconnection

- Queen Creek (QC) has proposed that interconnection of the JU wastewater system to the QC wastewater system for over two years as the most time and cost effective solution.



- QC is not seeking annexation

Utilities Engineering Manager, Darren Farar presented on the Interconnection opportunities for the Council's consideration to alleviate capacity issues at PWRF and Section 11 (regional solution).

Mr. Holcomb indicated that there is no benefit to landowners seeking relief from JU's CC&N. Even after the interconnection, the landowner have been unable to get any firm commitment to serve their properties from JU or EPCOR. He then reviewed the PWRF interconnection terms. Mr. Holcomb then discussed options for addressing Section 11 but waiting on EPCOR.

Mr. Holcomb said benefits to the Town are more environmentally sound service to Town residents in Ironwood and Encanterra. It helps protect the QC Wash from discharges; provides certainty to Town developments allowing them to build; provides additional effluent credits to the Town at cost to the Town and lastly it is a regional solution which benefits the entire region at no cost to the Town residents.

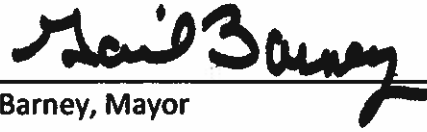
Mr. Ralph Pew, 1744 S Val Vista Ste. 217, Mesa spoke in favor of Item 12(B) on behalf of the affected landowners. He thanked the town for the support and urged the adoption of this item.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve: (i) the material terms for a Wastewater System Interconnection Agreement between the Town of Queen Creek and Johnson Utilities, LLC through its Interim Manager EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. for the Pecan Water Reclamation Facility; (ii) delegating authority to the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to negotiate, finalize and execute such an agreement consistent with the approved material terms; and (iii) authorizing the Town Staff to negotiate with EOCOR Water.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (7-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>Robin Benning, Council Member</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>Jeff Brown, Council Member</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Turley, Benning, Wheatley, Hoffman, Oliphant, Barney, Brown</b>

### **13. Adjournment**

The Regular Session adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK



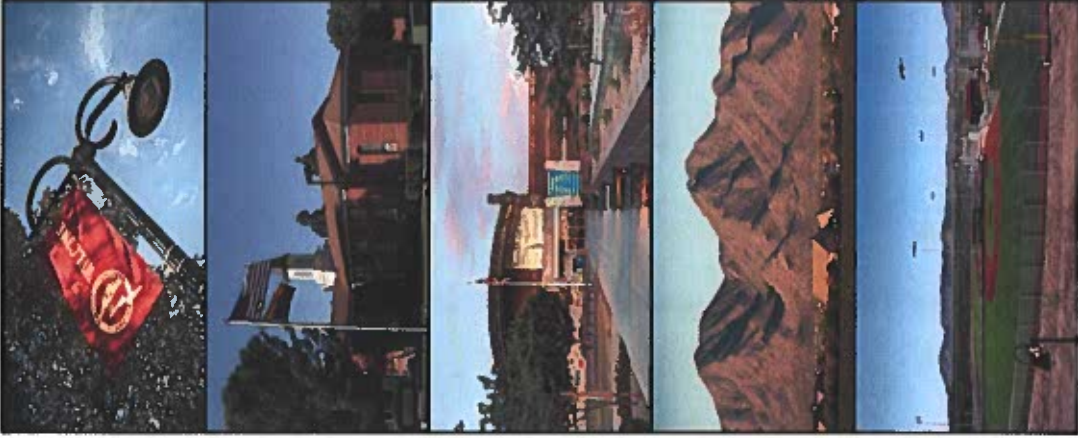
Gail Barney, Mayor

ATTEST:



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 Regular Session Minutes of the October 7, 2020 Regular Session of the Queen Creek Town Council. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.  
The Regular Session adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



## **Council Committee Reports (1)**

- 09/17 – Valley Metro Board Meeting (Barney)
- 09/18 – Legacy Sports Park Groundbreaking (Barney, Wheatley)
- 09/19 – QC Botanical Garden Town Council Tour (Wheatley)
- 09/21 – Town Trails Meeting with Recreation Manager Adam Robinson (Brown, Wheatley)
- 09/22 – Quarterly Meeting with Supervisor Goodman (Barney, Brown)
- 09/22 - Queen Creek Economic Development Program of Work Interviews (Brown, Oliphant, Wheatley)
- 09/23 – EDC Meeting (Brown, Oliphant)
- 09/23 – MCDPH Weekly Municipalities, Tribal and Partner Webinar (Barney)
- 09/23 – MAG Transportation Policy Committee Meeting (Barney)
- 09/23 – COVID-19 Mayors and County Supervisors call with Senator Sinema (Barney)
- 09/23 – Legacy Sports Meeting (Wheatley)
- 09/23 – PRTA Board of Directors Meeting (Benning)



## **Council Committee Reports (2)**

- 09/23 – CAG Regional Council Meeting (Benning)
- 09/24 – Meeting with Jordan Rose (Barney, Brown, Wheatley)
- 09/24 – PHX EVP Board of Directors Special Webinar (Hoffman)
- 09/24 – Meeting with Eagle Scouts (Benning)
- 09/25 – EVTI Stakeholder Meeting (Barney)
- 09/25 – Meeting with Jordan Rose (Benning)
- 09/30 - National COVID-19 Briefing Call with State, Local, and Tribal Officials (Barney)
- 10/01 – PHX EVP Board of Directors Meeting (Hoffman)
- 10/07 – MCDPH Weekly Municipalities, Tribal and Partner Webinar (Barney)