



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Session**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway  
February 3, 2021  
6:30 PM

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m.

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

Gail Barney	Mayor	Present
Dawn Oliphant	Vice Mayor	Present via WebEX
Robin Benning	Council Member	Present
Leah Martineau	Council Member	Present
Emilena Turley	Council Member	Present
Julia Wheatley	Council Member	Present via WebEx
Jeff Brown	Council Member	Present via WebEx

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Mayor Barney.

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

A moment of silence was held for all those mourning a loss of a loved one under any circumstances, including Covid or otherwise.

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

**A. Presentation of ASPRA Award from QCUSD for Census video**

Mayor Barney discussed the importance of the Census and thanked the volunteers of the Complete Count Committee who helped with the census. He introduced Queen Creek Unified School District (QCUSD) Superintendent Dr. Perry Berry.

Dr. Berry said they are here to celebrate the collaborative video on the Census which was made by the Town and the School District and won the Arizona Schools Public Relations Award (ASPRA). He introduced intern Michaela Lopez and QCUSD Director of Public Relations and Marketing Stephanie Ingersoll and thanked them for their efforts in the community. Dr. Berry provided the Town Council with a plaque for the Town's part in the *Queen Creek Counts* award winning video.

Mayor Barney said the video will be shown at the Queen Creek State of the Town on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6 p.m.

**B. Maricopa County Sheriff Office (MCSO) Queen Creek District 6 Service Awards**

Mayor Barney introduced MCSO Captain Lugo and announced that he will be taking on a new assignment in the coming weeks and thanked him for his leadership in Queen Creek. Mayor Barney said we appreciate the extraordinary circumstances that law enforcement is in each and every day.

Captain Lugo provided the Town Council with a presentation recognizing service awards earned by four MCSO District 6 Deputies in 2019. He explained that the presentations were postponed due to the pandemic and thanked all who serve.

- Sergeant Glenn Heine - 30 Years of Service Award
- Deputy Daniel Prindiville - Life Saving Medal 2019
- Deputy Sean Laflam - Life Saving Medal 2019
- Sergeant Mark MacDougall - Sergeant of the Year 2019

Award recipients Prindiville and MacDougall were in attendance to accept their award.

**C. Proclamation: Black History Month**

Council Member Brown read the proclamation for Black History Month, which celebrates the contributions of African Americans to our community, state, and nation.

**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 attachment.

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

**1. Economic Development Commission (January 27, 2021)**

Council Member Wheatley provided a summary of the January 27 meeting. A review of the updated Economic Development Program of Work was presented to the Commission. The Commission approved the plan which will serve as a guide over the next 3-5 years. An update on the Downtown Core was provided by Downtown Development Manager Jennifer Lindley. The next meeting is on February 24, 2021.

- 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 February 3, 2021 (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 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.*

Council Member Wheatley made a comment on Item 8(C) applauding the efforts to reduce fees in permitting.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve the Consent Agenda (minus Item K).</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (7-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robin Benning, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Julia Wheatley, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Oliphant, Benning, Martineau, Turley, Wheatley, Brown

**A. Consideration and possible approval of expenditures over \$25,000. (FY 20/21 Budgeted Items)**

- 1. ACRO - Temporary Staffing - Customer Service Representative: \$75,000 (Finance-Utilities Customer Service, HPEC)**

- B. Consideration and possible approval for the purchase of mobile cellular equipment in an amount not to exceed \$95,183 with Discount Cell, Inc. through the State of Arizona Contract #CTR045264 and related budget adjustments of the same amount from Police contingency.
- C. Consideration and possible approval of FY 2020-21 budget amendments totaling \$66,594,804 in revenues, a net amount of \$2,898,134 in expenses reallocated from contingency, and \$5,520,331 in transfers.
- D. Consideration and possible approval of a Job Order with MGC Contractors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$439,817 for the completion of project number WA206, Phase 1 Water Storage Tank Assessment and Repair program. (FY20/21 Budgeted Item)
- E. Consideration and possible approval of a Project Order under On-call Master Contract 2017-016 with AZTEC Engineering Group, Inc. for surveying and design services associated with a field condition assessment and design for re-profiling Queen Creek Road through the Sossaman Road intersection to eliminate a severe bump in an amount not to exceed \$69,910. (FY20/21 Budgeted Item)
- F. Consideration and possible approval of Delegation Resolution 1386-21 authorizing and directing the Town Manager and/or Department Director to take any and all action necessary; and to sign any and all documents, contracts, or agreements related to utility construction and right-of-way acquisition, and additional pre-construction services of CIP Project #A1505 Meridian Road: Combs Road to Queen Creek Wash and CIP Project #A1507 Meridian Road: Queen Creek Road to Germann Road in an amount not to exceed \$4,030,409. (FY20/21 Budgeted Item)
- G. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1397-21 authorizing the Town Manager, Town Utility Service Director, and/or the Town Attorney to do all acts, and execute and deliver all necessary documents related to enrollment of member land in the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District.
- H. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1389-21 creating Street Light Improvement District Number 131 (No. 2021-001 for Terravella Phase 2)
- I. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1390-21 creating Street Light Improvement District Number 132 (No. 2021-002 for Madera Phase 2A); Resolution 1391-21 creating Street Light Improvement District Number 133 (No. 2021-003 for Madera Phase 2B).

- J. Consideration and possible approval of Delegation Resolution 1399-21 authorizing and directing the Town Manager and/or Department Director to take any and all action necessary; and to sign any and all documents, contracts, or agreements related to the construction and right-of-way acquisition for CIP Project #A1506 Meridian Road: Germann to State Route 24 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000. (FY 20/21 Budgeted Item)
- K. Item K was moved to Item(s) Pulled from Consent for a separate vote.
- L. Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 747-21 amending the Town Code Chapter 9 Offenses, Article 9-1 Offenses, Section 9-1-3 Fireworks and Explosives in compliance of Arizona Revised Statute.

**Item(s) Pulled from Consent:**

- K. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1388-21 approving the development agreement between the Town and H&QC, LLC and authorizing and directing the Mayor, Town Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney to do all acts and execute all documents to finalize such agreement.

Council Member Martineau commented that she supports free market but is opposed to giving deals to big companies.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve the Consent Agenda Item K.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved (5-2)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robin Benning, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Brown, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Oliphant, Benning, Wheatley, Brown
<b>NAYS:</b>	Turley, Martineau

**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. Presentation/Update on Banner Ironwood Medical Center by Robert Gardner, CEO

Banner Ironwood CEO Robert Gardner thanked the Council for the opportunity to present and said they are happy to be the local Queen Creek hospital. He said COVID has been taxing but we continue to maintain a safe environment and Banner continues to expand and grow.

Dr. George Figueroa presented Council with a brief COVID Update. He reported on fatality rates and said we are seeing a downward trend. He reported on the impact of COVID on

Banner campuses; capacity levels; flu activity and vaccines. He discussed some COVID-19 variants which are occurring and said the good news is the vaccines are effective against mutations at this time. Dr. Figueroa said the spikes are down but to continue to be vigilant. He briefly addressed vaccine dosage, side effects, and discussed scheduling and hotlines that are available. Dr. Figueroa said that elective surgery resumed at Banner and is fully open.

Council thanked Dr. Figueroa for his time tonight and for the helpful information.

Mayor Barney thanked Banner for their service to the community and also recognized Banner for their volunteerism and the support they provide to the community outside of healthcare.

**B. Presentation on Annual Community Law Enforcement for 2020**

MCSO Captain Lugo presented the Annual Law Enforcement Summary for Queen Creek for 2020 and explained how the pandemic effected some of the results in the areas of policing activity, traffic activity and Uniform Crime Report Estimates.

Captain Lugo said that calls for service for the year were down 19%, but the types of calls remain consistent year after year. He reported a slight decrease in traffic stops and collisions. Captain Lugo gave an overview of arrests for adults and juveniles and the top charges. He said that shoplifting dropped off the top charges list in 2020.

Captain Lugo gave a brief overview of the Uniform Crime Report Estimates for 2020 and how the report shows various statistics for crimes against persons; crimes against property and comparisons with other municipalities.

Captain Lugo discussed adjustments that were made due to the pandemic and the political climate in areas of public safety, directed patrol and traffic enforcement. He said the 2021 goals include building on collaborative partnerships; innovative mental health response and social services; and increased outreach for young adult/juveniles.

The Council thanked Captain Lugo for his service and the detailed report. They discussed the reduction in crime due to the pandemic and cautioned that next year's results may be skewed if there is an increase.

**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*

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(This item was heard after Agenda Item 8 Consent Agenda).

Mayor Barney opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

A. Public Hearing and possible action on Ordinance 746-21, P20-0073 Riggs and Hawes Commercial PAD Rezone, a request by Chris Jones (RVI Planning + Landscape Architecture) to rezone approximately 7.7 acres from R1-43 to C-2 with a PAD Overlay for a future commercial development, located at the northeast corner of Riggs and Hawes roads.

**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*

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A. None.

**13. Adjournment**

The Regular Session adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

  
Gail Barney, Mayor

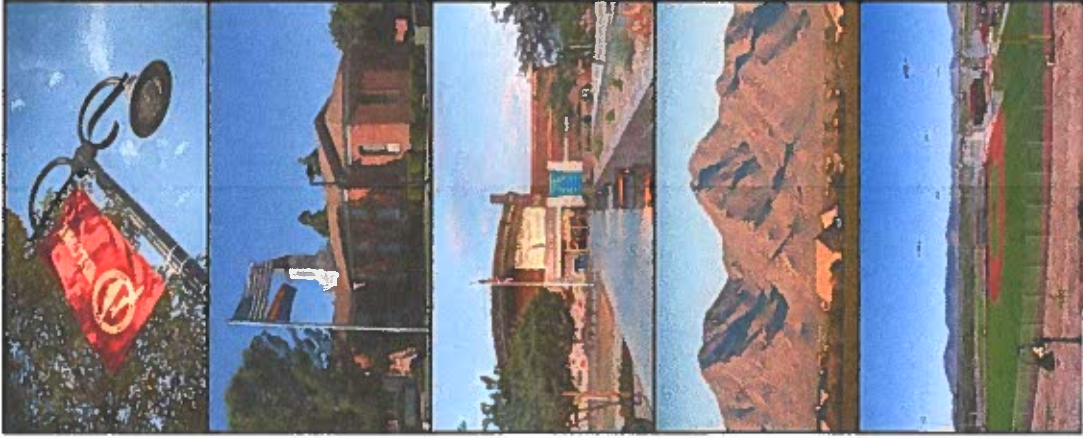
ATTEST:

  
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 February 03, 2021 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:





## **Council Committee Reports**

- 01/21 – Valley Metro Board Meeting (Barney, Brown)
- 01/22 – EVTI Action Sub-Committee Meeting (Benning)
- 01/25 – Project Everest Presentation Review (Barney)
- 01/27 – Economic Development Commission Meeting (Wheatley)
- 01/27 – MCDPH Weekly Municipalities, Tribal and Partner Webinar (Barney)
- 01/27 – MAG Regional Council (Barney)
- 01/27 – Pinal RTA Board Meeting (Benning)
- 01/27 – CAG Regional Council Meeting (Benning)
- 01/28 – Antonov at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (Brown)
- 01/29 – EVTI Stakeholder Meeting (Barney, Benning)
- 02/03 – MCDPH Weekly Municipalities, Tribal and Partner Webinar (Barney)