



**Minutes**  
**Regular Session**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway  
February 17, 2021  
6:30 PM

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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
Jeff Brown	Council Member	Present via WebEx
Leah Martineau	Council Member	Present
Emilena Turley	Council Member	Present
Julia Wheatley	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 our communities across the Nation and for those in uniform servicing us for peace and safety.

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

**A. Recognition of MCSO Queen Creek District 6 Captain Greg Lugo and introduction of new MCSO Captain Fred Aldorasi.**

Mayor Barney recognized Maricopa County District 6 Queen Creek Captain Greg Lugo, who is being reassigned within the MCSO organization. Captain Lugo served Queen Creek for more than three years and Mayor Barney thanked him for his professionalism and commitment to his position. Mayor Barney spoke of Captain Lugo's experience and accomplishments and also thanked him for his help assisting with the Queen Creek Police Department transition.

The Town Council presented Captain Lugo with a street sign plaque as a memento on behalf of the Town. Mayor Barney said Captain Lugo's last day is Monday, February 22, after which we will welcome Captain Aldorasi.

Captain Lugo thanked staff and the deputies who serve Queen Creek and said it was a privilege to serve the residents of the community.

Mayor Barney welcomed Captain Aldorasi who was in attendance. Captain Aldorasi gave a brief summary of his experience in the Sheriff's Department and said he hopes to be an asset during the transition and said he will give 100% effort.

**B. Proclamation: Go Red for Women Month (February)**

Vice Mayor Oliphant read the Go Red for Women Month proclamation which brings awareness to the American Heart Association's national movement to end heart disease and strokes in women.

**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. Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) -February 4, 2021**

Transportation Advisory Committee Vice chair Bob Adelfson reported on an update on Traffic Management Software; introduction of a new CIP website; State Rt. 24 construction updates and state and regional construction projects. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021.

**2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (February 9, 2021)**

Council Member Benning said three potential Master Plan Concepts for the East Park site were presented by staff and J2 Engineering. Additional presentations will be provided at the March 2 meeting with a possible recommendation to Town Council.

- 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 17, 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***

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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.*

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

- A. Consideration and possible approval of the January 20, 2021 Regular Session Minutes.
- B. Consideration and possible approval of expenditures over \$25,000. (FY 20/21 Budgeted Items)
  - 1. Dell EMC - Computer Hardware and Peripheral Equipment: \$115,000 (Information Technology)
- C. Consideration and possible approval of a Power Distribution Easement to be granted to Salt River Project on property owned by the Town of Queen Creek Along Sonoqui Wash at Bridle Ranch.
- D. Consideration and possible approval for the purchase of hardware, professional services, and licensing for the Body Worn Camera (BWC) program, interview rooms, and standards software (includes cameras, accessories/equipment, docking stations, installation, configuration, etc.) in an amount not to exceed \$130,254 with Axon Enterprises through the Sourcewell national cooperative contract #010720-AXN and related budget adjustments of the same amount from Police contingency.
- E. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement through Maricopa County Contract 200217-ITN with Advanced Chemical Transport dba ACTenviro for on demand environmental services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 annually. (FY 20/21 Budgeted Item)
- F. Consideration and possible approval of a grant related Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for Project #I0081 to upgrade the Town's older traffic signal detection systems and incorporate automated traffic signal performance measure systems in an amount not to exceed \$1,804,000. (FY 20/21 Budgeted Item)

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- G. Consideration and possible approve of Delegation Resolution 1387-21 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, and/or agreements related to construction and completion of Queen Creek Road-Ellsworth to Crismon Road (Project #A1001) in an amount not to exceed \$6,105,060. (FY 20/21 Budgeted Item).
- H. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1400-21 of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Queen Creek Arizona, re-affirming the Town's support for the Pinal County preferred alignment of the North-South Freeway Corridor as detailed in the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan approved by the voters of Pinal County, Arizona.

**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 and discussion providing an update on the Utility Rate Study**

Finance Director Scott McCarty updated the Council on the progress of the Utility Rate Study which started in 2019 and applies to the Town's three Utilities (water, wastewater and trash/recycling). The study will set the rates for the next five years. He reported consistent account growth and increases in service areas for all three sectors. Mr. McCarty said they are trying to set multi-year rates that will cover costs, set aside money for any repair or replacements and encourage water conservation.

Mr. McCarty outlined key accomplishments for our customers; improvements in the financial structure; benefits of using WIFA financing and recent water resource acquisitions. He said they are addressing items that need to be done due to significant growth and expansion of the service areas.

Mr. McCarty said the update is being done internally by staff and they will take their time to do a thorough job. He provided Council with a timeline for some of the key issues and said they will be looking for direction from Council sometime in Fall 2021. Mr. McCarty thanked Council for their support and also thanked the Utilities Department for their knowledge and assistance.

Council expressed appreciation for the hard work from staff for doing the study in-house and for the savings that were passed on to the customers.

**B. Police Department Status Report/Update**

Police Chief Randy Brice gave an update on activity and goals for the month of January. He summarized the testing process and said it is very expansive and detailed and they are very impressed with the candidates. He said there were 300 applicants total.

He reported on the timeline for other areas including Code Amendments; radio and equipment deliveries; training and academies; and the RMS implementation schedule. He said the first patrol car will be coming soon and the PD Policies are well ahead of schedule.

Chief Brice reported on public outreach and recruitment. He highlighted the many activities that were attended by himself and his two lieutenants and the connections they are making throughout the community. He said recruitment efforts have resulted in great feedback from across the country.

Chief Brice concluded with recognition of MCSO and their partnership and said he has great respect for all they do.

**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*

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- A. Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 1398-21 adopting the updated Program of Work for the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Downtown Development Manager Jennifer Lindley provided a brief background on the Economic Development Strategic Plan that was adopted in December 2015 and said that this is an update to that plan. She said staff reached out to SRP regarding available resources and they agreed to assist with the update by offering the services of Boyette Strategic Advisors. Ms. Lindley said that EDC recommended approval of the Program of Work at their last meeting. She thanked SRP for their sponsorship and introduced Tracy Sharp of Boyette who virtually presented the update to the 2015 Plan.

Ms. Sharp gave a high level overview of the updated Program of Work which will serve as a guide over the next three to five years. She explained the extensive review and outreach process and she said five target sectors and five strategic focus areas were identified for Queen Creek.

**The final report included five target sectors:**

1. Advanced Manufacturing – includes Aerospace/Aviation; Electronic Equipment and Components and Autonomous/ Electric Vehicles
2. Agritainment/Destination Tourism – Stems from the “farm to table” movement which is well established in Queen Creek
3. Business Services – Focused on broad support services
4. IT/Software - Focused on computing via hardware, software service and infrastructure
5. Healthcare – Support the future expansion of Banner Ironwood Medical Center

**Strategic focus areas include:**

1. Product Development – Identify and market to attract high-impact projects and development
2. Town Center Development – Focus on brand identity, awareness and arts
3. Business Attraction/Retention – Establish development programs and/or specific funds to attract new business and plan for retention
4. Entrepreneurship/Innovation – Embrace and enhance IT/Software startups
5. Marketing/ Communications – Develop and enhance existing tools; build on website and QC taglines

Council thanked Economic Development staff and all those involved for their efforts and for the amount of information provided. They appreciated having a focused document with many suggestions and said there are many areas that they can support but there are also areas that may be costly and they had reservations with.

Council Member Benning would like staff to continue to make progress in permitting and asked staff to look into self-certification to expedite the plan review process.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve Resolution 1398-21 adopting the updated Program of Work for the Economic Development Strategic Plan.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (7-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Brown, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dawn Oliphant, Vice Mayor
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Oliphant, Benning, Brown, Martineau, Turley, Wheatley

- B. 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).

Mayor Barney introduced the item and said Chief Gray is available for questions.

Council Member Benning was in support of the item. He said public safety is a priority and this is the next step for a growing community to continue to support the services we provide for our residents.

Council Member Wheatley recognized the priority Queen Creek has made to public safety but felt we should exhaust all avenues before spending tax payer money.

Council Member Turley said public safety is a top priority but questioned whether this is needed at this time. She asked if we could utilize other existing space in our fire stations and maximize what we already have.

Vice Mayor Oliphant said public safety is important and this is a need for a growing community. She said we cannot depend on the use of other cities' facilities and work around other cities' schedules. She said it is a responsible use and we need to finance our own public safety needs.

Council Member Martineau said we are still building and growing and we have other options we can explore with the building of new stations.

Council Member Brown said now is the time to build to serve future needs and it is a wise expenditure to save money long term. He said the money spent on interim solutions and the increased construction cost to delay building could end up costing more for something we will still have to do in the end.

Mayor Barney said it is the right time to do this and to move forward.

A motion was made by Council Member Brown and discussion followed:

Council Member Turley asked how many hours the conference rooms in the new stations are filled right now for regular trainings?

Fire Chief Vance Gray replied that the only station with a training room is Station #4, and that is shared with the Police Department and serves a dual purpose. In response to a follow-up question by Council Member Turley, Chief Gray did not have the number of exact hours that the training room was used and he answered that it is not always filled.

Council Member Brown commented that an interior space training room is not what is on the agenda and asked for clarification from Chief Gray of what comprises a Fire Resource/Skill Center.

Chief Gray said the three components of the skills center are 1) outside training (props utilized), 2) dirty classroom (hose lines) 3) clean classroom (classroom setting).

Council Member Wheatley made an Alternative Motion, which was seconded by Council Member Turley. Motion: To approve Option #2 (staff report) which provides funding for the outside skills training facility and fleet maintenance bay.

Town Attorney Scott Holcomb clarified that since the motion was made as an "alternative" and not an "amendment" to the pending motion, the Council would need to vote on the pending motion first. If the pending motion is not passed, an alternative motion may be introduced.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve the 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.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved (4-3)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>Jeff Brown, Council Member</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>Dawn Oliphant, Vice Mayor</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Barney, Oliphant, Benning, Brown</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>Martineau, Turley, Wheatley</b>

The Mayor and Council reconvened into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.



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**13. Adjournment**

The Regular Session was reconvened (Mayor Barney, Council Members Benning, Martineau and Turley) and adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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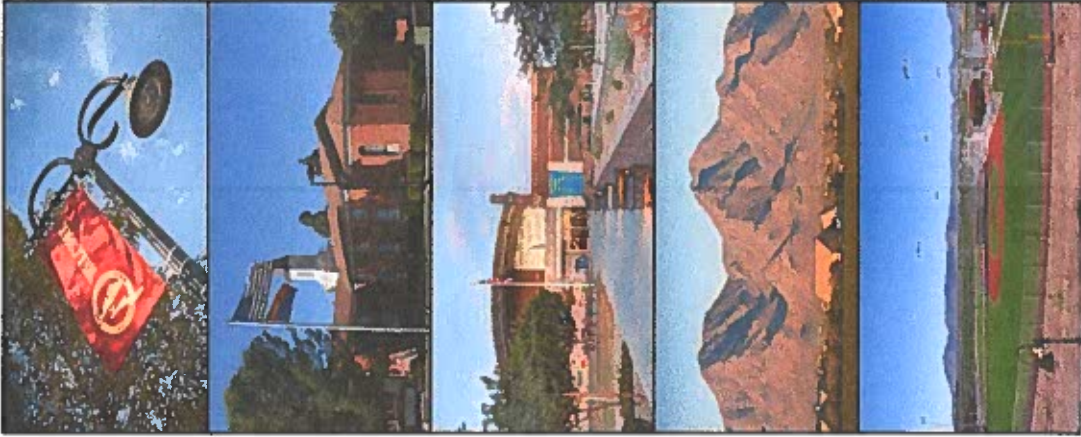
  
Gail Barney, Mayor

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 17, 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 March 3, 2021



## **Council Committee Reports**

- 02/04 – PHX EVP Board of Directors Meeting (Brown)
- 02/05 – EVTI Action Subcommittee Meeting (Benning)
- 02/05 – League Executive Committee Meeting (Barney)
- 02/08 – Fire Station #2 Groundbreaking Ceremony (Barney)
- 02/08 – Town Council Meeting with Maricopa and Pinal County Supervisors Sellers and Goodman (Barney, Oliphant, Wheatley)
- 02/09 – PRAC Meeting (Benning)
- 02/10 – MCDPH Weekly Municipalities, Tribal and Partner Webinar (Barney)
- 02/11 – PHX EVP Economic Development /Aviation & Aerospace Committee Meeting (Martineau)
- 02/16 – Bridger Aerospace Super Scooper Air Drop at Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport (Brown)
- 02/17 - MCDPH Weekly Municipalities, Tribal and Partner Webinar (Barney)