



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
September 3, 2008
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm.

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

Council Members present: Barnes; Brown; Hildebrandt; Mortensen; Wootten; Vice Mayor Barney and Mayor Sanders.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Todd Storey of Boy Scout Troop 287

4. Invocation: Scoutmaster Andy Redd, Boy Scout Troop 287

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

A. Recognition of Park Name submission winners: Anthony Edwards and Tracy McClure were recognized for submitting the winning names for the following parks:

Desert Wells Park (Chandler Heights & Sossaman Roads)
Sonoqui Park (San Marqui neighborhood)
Queen Creek Sports Complex (East park site)

6. Committee Reports

A. Recreation Advisory Board – August 26, 2008: The Board discussed allowing alcoholic beverages at HPEC; HPEC status report; recently approved Fee Philosophy and accepted that goals created by the Senior Advisory Committee for programming.

B. Queen Creek Youth Commission – August 20, 2008: Omar Reyes reported that Executive officers were elected; t-shirt graphics were discussed and a QC Kids Day sub-committee was created to plan the event.

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.

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Bob Hildebrandt, Queen Creek, spoke regarding medians in Mesa and said that the raised medians in Town need to be taken out and replaced with flat medians. He requested that raised medians be reconsidered.

Stu Searing, Queen Creek-Pinal County, spoke in regard to the Ocotillo water standpipe failure. He commended the Water Department staff for the customer service but didn't like being told to go to a Johnson Utility or Apache Junction standpipe. He wanted to know what the plan was when the standpipe went away.

Rustyn Shearer, representing the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce, showed a video promoting the Chamber's Golf Tournament to be held at the Encanterra Golf Course.

Mark Johnson, Gilbert, said he owned Lot 55 in Santo Vallarta and asked how and when the subdivision would be completed if the developer was unable to and commented on the lack of progress.

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 expenditures over \$10,000.

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

C. Consideration and possible approval of a professional services contract in the amount not to exceed \$156,000 with NEC Unified Solutions, Inc., for network design and implementation services for Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre.

D. Consideration and possible approval of a professional services contract in the amount not to exceed \$56,000 with DHPace Systems Integration, Inc., for door and video security design and implementation services for Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre.

E. Consideration and possible approval of a professional services contract in the amount not to exceed \$195,000 with CCS Presentation Systems for audio and visual design and implementation services for Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre.

F. Consideration and possible approval of "Replat of Pegasus Aircraft Storage Condominium Phase Two" located in a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 34 Circle G Pegasus LLC.

G. Consideration and possible approval of the Duncan Road and Ocotillo Road "Map of Dedication" located in a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 21 QuikTrip Corporation.

H. Consideration and possible approval of the final acceptance of public improvements at Queen Creek Marketplace I and begin the one-year warranty period.

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I. Consideration and possible approval of a Job Order to AJP Electric, Inc., JOC#2006-70 in the amount not to exceed \$118,093 for construction of a traffic signal at Rittenhouse Road and Village Loop Road North.

J. Consideration and possible approval of a consulting contract increase in the amount of \$1,853 to Professional Services Industries, Inc., for materials testing on the Ellsworth Roadway Improvement Project from Queen Creek Road to Germann Road (Project#A0201).

K. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 757-08 and Ordinance 438-08** amending Chapter 7 of the Subdivision Ordinance Improvement Requirements by requiring an electronic version of as-built plans, allowing the Town Engineer to accept public improvements and making certain technical corrections.

L. Consideration and possible approval of one-year printing services contracts with up to three possible one-year renewals, with Harris Printers and Complete Print Shop for miscellaneous printing services on an as-needed basis.

Items D, E and K were pulled for discussion.

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

Item D: Council asked if the digital surveillance at HPEC was a necessity and if there was a possibility of postponing the purchase because of the costs. HPEC Project Manager Troy White explained that the surveillance equipment would not be for watching horses but for the protection of Town property at the site (plumbing, speaker systems, heavy equipment and horse panels) and would also provide a visual deterrent. Council asked if there would be 24-hour monitoring. Mr. White responded that there would be video recordings but would not be visually monitored. Council also asked if a full-time security guard would be more effective. Mr. White said that a guard would actually be more expensive and that the expenses for the digital equipment were included in the FY08-09 budget. Town Manager John Kross added that the cameras were similar to what is in other Town buildings. Council commented that the facility was open with no perimeter fencing. Mr. Kross said that Park Rangers would be patrolling and on-site.

Motion to approve Item D as presented (Brown/Hildebrandt/Unanimous)

Item E: Council asked for clarification on visual design & equipment proposed. IT Director Lester Godsey explained that the majority of the equipment is audio. Questions were related to the digital display equipment, mobility of equipment and life expectancy of the equipment. Mr. Godsey said life expectancy would probably be about ten years but he would get that information from the vendor and added that the equipment is similar to what is at Westworld and is designed for the desert environments.

Motion to approve Item E as presented (Brown/Barney/Unanimous)

Item K: Council complimented staff on the revisions to the Subdivision Ordinance especially in regard to the electronic submissions.

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Motion to approve Item K as presented (Wootten/Hildebrandt/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.

Town Manager Kross stated that Items 9 & 10 had been continued by the Planning and Zoning Commission and continuances were being requested of the Council.

9. Public Hearing and possible approval of the continuance of **CU08-020 Pegasus Airpark** request for modifications to Conditional Use Permit to the October 15, 2008 Council meeting.

Motion to continue CU08-020 Pegasus Airpark request for modifications to Conditional Use Permit to the October 15, 2008 Council meeting (Barney/Wootten/Unanimous)

10. Public Hearing and possible approval of the continuance of **SP08-073/CU08-074 Schnepf Farms** Conditional Use request to the December 3, 2008 Council Meeting.

Alise Dana, Queen Creek (Maricopa County), spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit and amount of people, traffic, safety and intoxicated drivers. She said that a perimeter fence should be put up by Schnepf Farms and they should be required to make road improvements.

Rondalee Jones, Queen Creek (Maricopa County), spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit. She commented on the traffic on her street during events and felt that 15 events a year was too much.

Peggy Peterson, Queen Creek (Maricopa County), spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit because of the traffic on roads and number of people attending events. She also commented that Edgefest had been banned from Tempe.

Adrienne Call, Queen Creek (Maricopa County), spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit. She said it would go against the noise ordinance and had concerns with traffic and safety of the 75 homes affected by Schnepf Farms.

Motion to continue SP08-073/CU08-074 Schnepf Farms Conditional Use request to the December 3, 2008 Council Meeting (Mortensen/Barnes/Unanimous)

11. Discussion and possible action on directing staff on the next step for solid waste services in the Town.

David Bradhurst, Queen Creek, spoke in support of the Town's green building policy but said he was concerned with the lack of recycling facilities in Queen Creek and requested the consideration for curbside recycling.

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Council continued discussion from Work Study regarding the need to move forward with some type of recycling with consideration given to the needs of large lot owners for yard waste etc., as well as economical considerations (Fire Department, Water Department, foreclosure rate etc.,) when considering any additional services/costs to residents. There was discussion of expanding drop off locations and going through the bid process for recycling of plastics, aluminum, glass, etc.

The bid process costs for advertising and consultant fees were discussed as well as the possibility of piggybacking with the City of Chandler on a current RFP. Possible cost savings on the RFP by including solid waste and recycling were also discussed. Other comments and concerns of Council included safety factors in subdivisions with multiple providers picking garbage up daily; monthly cost savings to residents vs. capital outlay and multiple drop off locations for recyclables.

Motion to prepare an RFP for solid waste/recycling services/bulk pick-up, including large lot service; and include an option for recycling services only and an option for expanded drop off recycling services; with the RFP to include the capital outlay for containers; with the amount for RW Beck to review and assist with the RFP is not to exceed \$10,000 (Mortensen)

Mr. Kross asked if all recyclables were to be included – Council responded yes. Deputy Town Manager Shane Dille said an analysis would be done on the impact on internal operations for the maintenance of drop off sites. Council asked if the drop off service option should be delayed. Mr. Kross said that the RFP can include alternates to cover all components of recycling.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Brown

Further discussion included the importance of including the capital cost for containers as well as costs for maintenance of drop off locations and possible revenues generated by selling recyclables. Council also questioned whether different size containers could be provided. Staff explained that the size of containers depends on the provider and specific contract. Mr. Kross said that draft bid documents would be prepared and brought back to Council for review and approval prior to being issued.

Vote: 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.

12. Discussion on communications and public outreach programs.

Council continued discussion on the proposed Howdy Doody Neighbor Day program and schedule and Mr. Kross pointed out that any expansion of the program would increase the budget expenditure. Discussion on the Volunteer of the Year program included concern that very few volunteers were being nominated and that perhaps a banquet for all volunteers be scheduled. The possibility of having businesses sponsor the banquet and incorporating recognition of the Student of the Month at the banquet was also discussed.

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Communications & Marketing Director Dee Anne Thomas gave a brief overview of media relations and responsibilities of the PIO.

Mr. Kross asked for clarification on the banquet for Volunteer of the Year and possible increase in budget. Council directed to keep the Volunteer of the Year and Student of the Month programs separate and to solicit sponsorships or donations from local businesses or organizations for the Volunteer of the Year recognition. Ms. Thomas added that the Sponsorship Policy could be used.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:48pm (Brown/Wootten/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 September 3, 2008 Regular 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 October 1, 2008.