



**Regular Session Minutes**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway  
July 21, 2021  
6:30 PM

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 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
Robin Benning	Council Member	Present
Jeff Brown	Council Member	Present
Leah Martineau	Council Member	Present
Emilena Turley	Council Member	Present
Julia Wheatley	Council Member	Present

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Mayor Barney.

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

A moment of silence was held for first responders and men and women in uniform that are keeping our country safe.

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

**A. Great Neighbor Recognition (Video)**

Mayor Barney recognized Courtney Kleinebreil for her efforts to help her neighbors interested in the Covid vaccine get signed up. She assisted 50 neighbors with the process. A video highlighting Courtney was shown and the Mayor presented her with a certificate and gift bag from the Town.

**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. None.

**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 July 21, 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.*

- Joan Etzenhouser, 8488 W Sundance Drive, unincorporated Pinal County commented on earth fissures on her property and in the area. She said fissures have made her property worthless and does not want this to happen to others. She advocated for better mapping and awareness for those developing homes in the area.
- Tom Lang, 6875 West Hunt Highway spoke about fissures and sinkholes. He said people are filling the land with dirt and dumping in the area and was opposed to building homes near fissures. He said his neighbors lost a septic tank and a horse in a fissure.
- Bobby West, 8082 W. Sundance Drive was opposed to a proposed project by Toll Brothers and was against more apartments in Queen Creek. He lives at the base of San Tan Mountains and spoke on the problem of fissures and water run-off in this area.
- Sylvia Centos, 26226 S. Hawes Rd, commented on fissures and homes being built on illegal dumpsites. She said the topic of fissures must be re-opened to protect the citizens and the Town.

Assistant Town Manager Bruce Gardner read two email comments into the record:

- Brian Eslinger commented on the need for a crosswalk on Gary Road.
- Taylor McNeill, 4057 E. Santa Clara Drive commented on rapid development in Queen Creek and water resources.

**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 pulled Consent Item 8U for a separate vote.

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

- A. Consideration and possible approval of the May 19, 2021 and June 2, 2021 Regular Session Minutes.
- B. Consideration and possible approval of the reappointment of Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Adam NeVille, Michael Shirley and Sylvia Tarin to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)
- C. Consideration and possible approval of the FY22 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Program.
- D. Consideration and possible approval of a Budget Adjustment of \$248,102.00 to the Police Department Operating Budget for Two (2) Positions/FTEs Including One (1) Sworn Lieutenant and One (1) Crime Scene/Evidence Specialist AND RELATED EQUIPMENT NEEDS.
- E. Consideration and possible approval of a Warranty Deed for Ellsworth Road. A request by Cindy Barnes Family Trust.
- F. Consideration and Possible Approval of Expenditures Over \$25,000. (FY 21/22 Budgeted Items)
  - 1. Axon - Equipment and Annual Subscription Services: \$177,682 (Police)
  - 2. Graybar Electric Company - Electrical Components: \$50,000 (Utility Services)
  - 3. Courtesy Chevrolet - New Vehicle Purchase, Traffic: \$60,000 (Public Works)
- G. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with RDH Environmental Services, LLC for wastewater flow monitoring services and supplies as needed in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 annually. (FY 21/22 Budgeted Item)
- H. Consideration and possible approval of a one-year electrical services contract, with up to four (4) possible one-year renewals, with Swain Electric, LLC for electrical services on an as-needed basis for an amount not to exceed \$585,000 annually.
- I. Consideration and possible approval of an Emergency Job Order with MGC Contractors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$671,002 for the completion of repairs for Pecan Creek South Tank 1 (WA206).

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- J. Consideration and possible approval of a one-year bedding/shavings contracts, with up to four possible one-year renewals, with Winner's Circle Soil Products, Queen Horse Bedding of Texas, and Mallard Creek for bedding/shavings up to a cumulative amount of \$150,000 annually, on an as-needed basis.
- K. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement through Arizona State CONTRACT #ADEQ18-00007515 with East Valley Disaster Services, Inc. For Town wide disaster reconstruction in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 annually. (FY 21/22 Budgeted Item)
- L. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement through the State of Arizona Contract # ADSPO18-207134 with Superior Protection Services for afterhours unarmed security guard services at the Field Operations Facility in an amount not to exceed \$155,000 annually. (FY 21/22 Budgeted Item)
- M. Consideration and possible approval of a five-year Master Agreement with Selectron Technologies, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$250,475 for upgrades to interactive voice response system. (FY 21/22 Budgeted Item; Project IT044)
- N. Consideration and possible approval of the First Amendments to the Recovered Reclaimed Water Agreement and the Water Services Agreement between the Town and Sossaman Holdings, LLC and Taylor Morrison/Arizona, Inc. to facilitate development generally located at the northwest corner of Sossaman and Ocotillo Roads known as Legado Phase 1, 2 and 3.
- O. Consideration and possible approval of "Final Plats" for Empire Pointe Parcels 2, 3, 4, 5 and Empire Blvd., a request by Mattamy Arizona LLC and Arizona Thoroughbred Center Inc.
- P. Consideration and possible approval of the "Final Plat" for Picket Post, a request by Power and Riggs 72 LLC.
- Q. Consideration and possible approval of the "Final Plat" of Shops at the Pecans, a request by Meyer Ranch LLC.
- R. Consideration and possible approval of the "Final Replat" of Heritage Town Square Center Lot 16, a request by Wadsworth Queen Creek LLC and JKG LLC.
- S. Consideration and possible approval of Delegation Resolution 1415-21 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 Harvest Well and Tank Site (Project WA202) in an amount not to exceed \$8,374,383; and necessary budget adjustments.

- T. Consideration and possible approval of Delegation Resolution 1416-21 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 Barney Well and Tank Site (Project WA020) in an amount not to exceed \$8,026,163; and necessary budget adjustments.
- U. Item U was moved to Item(s) Pulled from the Consent Agenda

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

8(U). Consideration and possible approval of Delegation Resolution 1417-21 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 the Fire Resource & Skills Facility (CIP Project MF011) in an amount not to exceed \$4,817,394. (FY22 Budgeted Item)

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve Consent Agenda Item 8U.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved (4-3)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Brown, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Robin Benning, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Oliphant, Benning, Brown
<b>NAYES:</b>	Martineau, Turley, Wheatley

Mayor Barney changed the order of the agenda items and moved Discussion Item 11A (Pinal County Partnership Update) ahead on the agenda before the Public Hearing Consent Agenda.

- 9. **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.*

Mayor Barney opened the Public Hearing.

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- Kaja-Anne Jezycki, 21920 S. 195<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke in opposition to Item 9B, Ordinance 763-21, Case P21-0051 Queen Creek 14, and said she had a petition signed by 26 neighbors opposing the project. She had concerns regarding privacy, views, and wants an easement on the east side of the project to create a reasonable transition to their properties. She also requested that only single story homes be built on the east side of the project.

There were no other public comments. The public hearing was closed.

- A. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 761-21, Case P21-0134 Drive-Thru Conditional Use Permit, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section 1.14, Definitions, Table 4.6-1, Permitted Uses, and Section 6.5, Supplemental Use Regulations, requiring a Conditional Use Permit for drive-thru restaurants that are located within 1,200-feet of a residential zoning district.

Staff pulled Item 9A for continuance to the August 18, 2021 Town Council meeting.

Council Member Robin Benning declared a conflict on Item 9A and recused himself.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To continue Public Hearing Consent Agenda Item 9A to the August 18, 2021 meeting</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved (6-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Brown, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Emilena Turley, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Oliphant, Brown, Turley, Martineau, Wheatley
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Benning

- B. Public Hearing and possible action on Ordinance 763-21, Case P21-0051 Queen Creek 14, a request by Jessica Sarkissian (Upfront Planning & Entitlements) to rezone approximately 13.9 acres from R1-43 (Rural Estate) to R1-18 (Suburban Residential Type B) for a 19-lot residential subdivision, located east of Sossaman and north of Ocotillo roads (193rd Way alignment).

**MOTION:** To approve Public Hearing Consent Agenda Item 9B, Ordinance 763-21, Case P21-0051 Queen Creek 14  
**RESULT:** Approved (6-1)  
**MOVER:** Emilena Turley, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Leah Martineau, Council Member  
**AYES:** Barney, Benning, Turley, Oliphant, Martineau, Wheatley  
**NAYES:** Brown

- C. Public Hearing and possible action on P20-0141 and P20-0143 Speedway Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan, a request from Todd Leslie (EPS Group, Inc.) for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for fuel sales and Site Plan approval on approximately 1.80 acres located at the southwest corner of Empire Blvd. and Ellsworth Road.

**MOTION:** To approve Public Hearing Consent Agenda 9C, Speedway Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan  
**RESULT:** Approved unanimously (7-0)  
**MOVER:** Jeff Brown, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Emilena Turley, Council Member  
**AYES:** Barney, Oliphant, Benning, Brown, Martineau, Turley, Wheatley

10. **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. Public Hearing for the Town’s Biennial Development Impact Fee Audit for fiscal years 2016-17 and 2017-18 and accept the Audit Report.

Finance Director Scott McCarty provided a brief presentation on the Town’s biennial audit process. He said the audit was presented to Council at the June 2 meeting and audit results were posted to the Town’s website. He said that tonight’s public hearing and acceptance of the audit is the final step in the process.

Mayor Barney opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public or the Council and the public hearing was closed.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve the Town’s Biennial Development Impact Fee Audit for fiscal years 2016-17 and 2017-18 and accept the Audit Report</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (7-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Brown, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Julia Wheatley, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Oliphant, Benning, Brown, Martineau, Wheatley, Turley

**11. 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. Pinal Partnership Update presented by Tony Smith, President/CEO**

Tony Smith, President and CEO of Pinal Partnership, thanked the Council and Town for their support and participation in Pinal Partnership. He introduced Rina Rien, their Executive Director, who recently succeeded Melissa Johnson in that position.

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the organization and recognized the various committees who are actively supporting issues facing Pinal County. He highlighted notable projects that were completed, and projects planned for the future. Mr. Smith invited Council to the August 20 Pinal Partnership Breakfast where they will discuss topics such as water supplies and water sources.

**C. Recreation Survey Results**

Marnie Schubert, Communications, Marketing and Recreation Director said this item is a follow-up from the April 7 Town Council Meeting regarding funding for the Parks Master Plan. Council asked staff to conduct a survey of our residents to gain insight on priorities and opinions related to new parks and new recreation facilities. Ms. Schubert said it was important that the residents knew the costs associated with the items and this was included in the survey. She said there was a lot of interest in this survey and emailed comments from those who were not part of the invitation survey were received and are part of the record.

Ms. Schubert introduced Kathryn DeBoer of WestGroup Research, who was contracted by the Town to conduct the survey. Ms. DeBoer said it was an online survey of randomly selected residents. She said 555 Queen Creek residents completed the survey, which was above our target number and provided a solid sample.

Ms. DeBoer explained that residents were shown descriptions of five possible new parks and asked to prioritize building each park by ranking them 1-5. They were also asked if they supported or opposed possible recreation center ideas for Queen Creek (multigenerational center; stand-alone aquatic center; or a combination aquatic/multi-generational center).



Ms. DeBoer provided an in-depth analysis of the key findings for each item. She reported that East Park Site was the most highly prioritized park followed by Desert Wells and Mansel Carter Oasis Park. Three-quarter of Queen Creek residents supported the idea of a combination aquatic/multi-general rec center or a stand-alone aquatic center. She said descriptions of possible amenities and costs to build and to maintain each item was included in the survey.

Finance Director Scott McCarty presented information on funding sources, which would come from impact fees and the operating budget. He noted that this is the same approach used for all of the Town's master plans. Mr. McCarty asked for direction on the outstanding policy issues, including possible final direction on remaining park sites and a multi-generational rec center and/or an aquatic center and the sequencing for any decisions on these options. He said that based on Council direction staff can come back with a funding plan for one, two, or all three options for review as soon as August 18. He noted that there will be no tax increases to do this, and this approach is no different from the process used for the other Town master plans.

Council discussed the timing of providing for parks now that the Transportation Master Plan and Public Safety Plan are being addressed. There was discussion on taxes, the use of impact fees and the survey results. Council discussed the importance of following the survey responses, which showed a preference for East Park and positive feedback for recreational centers.

Council asked staff for more information on the following:

- Funding amounts for East Park with a combined aquatic and multi-generational center; and East Park with each center separated out (not combined)
- More information on the ongoing costs of an aquatic center
- Provide funding amounts for each park site in the survey (in addition to East Park)
- More information on what will be covered by impact fees for the park sites

Mr. McCarty said there will be a lot of flexibility within the Master Plan and he will provide a menu of options for review.

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

Police Chief Randy Brice provided an update on monthly activity and goals for the Queen Creek Police Department. He thanked Town Council for their support and leadership throughout this process.

Chief Brice outlined the recruitment process and said officer testing is concluding. He expects to hire all positions by September/October, as allowed by budget. Chief Brice was very excited about the quality of people moving forward and encouraged Council and residents to watch an introduction video of recently hired QCPD supervisors on our website.

Chief Brice said they are solidifying an IGA with Mesa for dispatch services and several other IGA's are in the works for various needs, including a regional task force with East Valley Coalition for investigating officer-involved shootings.

Chief Brice said QCPD has been accepted into the AZ Law Enforcement Accreditation Program and we are the first agency to be accepted before we go live. He hopes to be accredited in our first year.

Chief Brice gave an overview new technology including body cameras, car cameras and tracking software.

Council said they appreciate the work Chief Brice and Town staff are doing. Council commented on the professionalism from the department and Human Resources in regards to the hiring process and the quality and accomplishments of the new hires. Council provided positive feedback on the new equipment being purchased to keep the officers safe and provide transparency.

**D. Code changes Associated with the New Utility Billing System**

Finance Director Scott McCarty introduce Jessica Platt, Enterprise Finance Manager who presented recommendations associated with the implementation of the new utility billing software.

Ms. Platt discussed two recommendations for Council feedback.

**1. Monthly Billing Changes**

Ms. Platt explained the current practice, which bills all accounts (water, wastewater, irrigation and solid waste services) at once on the same billing day each month. She said that we are experiencing significant growth and have 36,000 customers with an annual revenue of \$36M. The new approach proposes to continue monthly billing, but break the accounts into four (4) billing cycles and bill a different cycle each week. This would flatten out the workload for staff, which sees high volume calls for shut-offs, collections and billing inquiries.

**2. Initiate Third Party Collection Services**

Ms. Platt said we are currently one of the few towns who do not use a collection agency. She said staff performs limited collection efforts and a collection agency would achieve better results. Ms. Platt said unpaid accounts are written-off after one year and she explained the avenues we take before it would go to the collection agency. Ms. Platt presented two options regarding the 15% collection fee: Option 1) the Town could pay the fee or Option 2) customer pays the fee (staff recommended option). Ms. Platt explained the timeline for the State required public notice process if Option 2 is chosen:

- August 4 Town Council Meeting – consideration of 60-day Notice of Intent to apply collection fees for delinquent accounts
- September 15 Town Council Meeting – new utility billing software go-live presentation and consideration of an ordinance to amend the billing schedule
- October 6 Town Council Meeting – public hearing and consideration of approval of collection fees

Council agreed with staff's recommendation for Option 2, where the customer pays the collection fee. They directed staff to continue with the steps outlined to complete the process.

**E. Transportation Improvement Plan Update**

Public Works Director Troy White provided an update on the Transportation Improvement Plan and started by thanking the team in the Public Works Department.

Mr. White outlined the progress for the different phases of the program:

- Phase 1: Principal arterial roadways widened - completed
- Phase 2: New circulation roadways (critical piece to reroute traffic) - completed
- Phase 3: SR24 and road widening – in process. Mr. White said projects are either in construction, at bid, reviewed or in design. He reported on challenges due to Covid including supply chain issues and contractor labor shortages.
- Phase 4: Remaining projects in the queue – will be in design this year.

Mr. White provided an overview of the projects that have been completed since 2017 and said that 47 new lane miles have been completed.

Council thanked Mr. White for the presentation and recognized the accomplishment of completing 47 lane miles. They suggested that public outreach be performed to make residents aware of some of the delays due to COVID-19.

**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 adoption of Ordinance No. 762-21 amending Chapter 16 Utilities, Article 16-3-8 (C) creating a monthly bill cap for residential wastewater accounts.

Finance Director Scott McCarty said this is a follow up to the presentation at the June 2 meeting asking for approval of a bill cap for residential wastewater accounts. Mr. McCarty explained that the wastewater flow to the treatment plant is not metered (only the water is metered). He said the winter water average is used to calculate the monthly sewer rate for residential accounts. The cap will prevent customers using outdoor water that is not going into the treatment plant from being charged.

He provided information on how the cap is calculated, savings to the customer, and notification and outreach if approved.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To approve Ordinance 762-21 amending Chapter 16 Utilities, Article 16-3-8 (C) creating a monthly bill cap for residential wastewater accounts</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Approved unanimously (7-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gail Barney, Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Julia Wheatley, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Barney, Oliphant, Benning, Brown, Martineau, Turley, Wheatley

Council Member Brown discussed possible unintended consequences of the water cap. He did not want to encourage additional usage with the lower costs. He asked staff to determine which accounts are high users and stressed the importance of water conservation and public awareness of water usage. He asked how soon this could be addressed by staff.

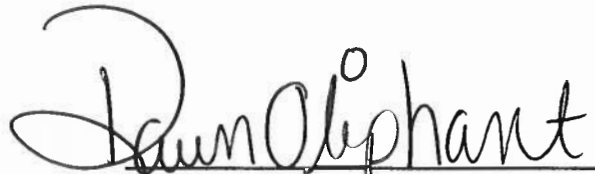
Mr. McCarty explained that customers would still pay for their water usage, just not the wastewater.

Town Manager Kross noted that we do have a water conservation program and added that we will follow up on this issue.

**13. Adjournment**

The Regular Session adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

  
Dawn Oliphant, *Vide 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 July 21, 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: Aug 4, 2021



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

- 06/03 – League Public Safety, Military Affairs & the Courts Policy Committee Meeting (Wheatley)
- 06/03 – League Budget, Finance & Economic Development Policy Committee Meeting (Wheatley)
- 06/04 – East Valley Transportation Infrastructure Action Subcommittee Meeting (Benning)
- 06/04 – Upfitter Tour (Oliphant, Martineau, Wheatley)
- 06/04 – Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee Meeting (Barney)
- 06/05 – Jeremiah's Italian Ice Pre-Grand Opening Event (Barney, Martineau, Wheatley)
- 06/14 – League Transportation, Infrastructure & Public Works Policy Committee Meeting (Brown)
- 06/15 – Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board of Directors Meeting (Barney)
- 06/16 – Gilbert Public Safety Training Facility Tour (Brown)
- 06/16 – Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee Meeting (Barney)
- 06/17 – Arizona Rock Products Association Annual Conference Mayors' Roundtable (Barney)
- 06/17 – Valley Metro Board of Directors Meeting (Brown)
- 06/22 – Arizona Department of Transportation State Route 24 Interim Phase II: Ellsworth Road to Ironwood Drive Project Tour (Oliphant, Benning, Brown)





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

- **06/22 – Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee Special Meeting (Barney)**
- **06/23 – Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council Meeting (Barney)**
- **06/25 – East Valley Transportation Infrastructure Action Subcommittee Meeting (Benning)**
- **06/25 – Jeremiah's Italian Ice Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Brown)**
- **06/29 – Supervisor Goodman's Economic Development Town Hall (Barney, Benning, Brown)**
- **07/08 – Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee Special Meeting (Barney)**
- **07/13 – Chamber Network QC Luncheon (Barney)**
- **07/19 – Schnepf Elementary School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Barney, Wheatley)**
- **07/20 – Ocotillo Widening Project Groundbreaking Ceremony (Barney, Oliphant, Benning, Wheatley)**
- **07/20 – Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board of Directors Meeting (Barney)**
- **07/20 – Pinal Regional Transportation Authority Executive Committee Discussion (Benning)**
- **07/21 – Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee (Barney)**

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## Crosswalk on Gary Rd.

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**beslinger5** <beslinger5@cox.net>  
To: PublicComment@queencreek.org

Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 4:25 PM

With the new Schnepf Elementary school opening today it is apparent that a crosswalk is badly needed. There are new housing developments in Harvest and Magnolia that are going to feeding into that school along with Circle cross ranch neighborhoods. The amount of cars that are lined up down Gary Rd and the amount of blind passing both north and southbound lanes will eventually cause a potentially grave result. I am not sure if we want to rely on the neighborhood, school districts or the city to paint the street but someone needs to take ownership of it. The school staff, city volunteers or PTO parents can all fill in the manning of the crosswalk for the safety if those kids. As the weather cools down more and more parents and kids will be walking and riding their bikes. 5 gallons of paint and a few hours of work should be not be debated over the safety of the pedestrians trying to cross the street. Please make this a quick decision and do what is best for the community. I will add that I know this a border street between 2 countries and 2 cities. If queen creek/Maricopa are not in charge of this section of road between riggs and empire on Gary directly east if Schnepf elementary pleas point me in the direction of who is so I can bring this up with them. If any further details are needed do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Brian Eslinger  
[Beslinger5@cox.net](mailto:Beslinger5@cox.net)  
480-578-4107

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



## Public Comment

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**Taylor McNeill** <taylorismcneill@gmail.com>  
To: PublicComment@queencreek.org

Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 4:50 PM

My name is Taylor McNeill, I am 11 years old and a Boy Scout in Troop 10. I am concerned about the rapid development of housing in Queen Creek and surrounding areas, and if we will have enough water for everyone.

Could you tell me what is being done on this issue by the Town of Queen Creek and how young people like me can help make a difference.

-Taylor McNeill - Troop 10  
(4057 E. Santa Clara Dr. Queen Creek, AZ 85140)