



Minutes
Town Council Regular Session
Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
4:45 PM

1) **Call to Order:**

2) **Roll Call:**

PRESENT:

Gail Barney, Mayor
Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor
Robin Benning, Council Member
Leah Martineau, Council Member
Dawn Oliphant, Council Member
Julia Wheatley, Council Member

ABSENT:

Emilena Turley, Council Member

3) **Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

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

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

A. Recognition of Police Professional Staff

Queen Creek Police Chief Randy Brice recognized the following QCPD professional staff for their efforts to help get the department established and up and running in a short period of time: Kaileigh Wright, Crime & Intelligence Analyst, Robyn Hall, Police Records Supervisor, Tina Brinkman, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Jaclyn Thurmond, Crime Scene/Evidence Specialist, Ben Lau, Police Records Specialist, Mallory Withers, Police Records Specialist, Ashanti Netsanet, Police Support Specialist, and Rachel O'Connor, Police Support Specialist.

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 summery unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

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

1. Transportation Advisory Committee Report (February 4, 2022)

Vice Chair Bob Adolfson delivered the report. The committee heard presentations from Public Works Director Mohamed Youseff on the Pinal County/Queen Creek Small Area Transportation Study and State Route 24 progress. Brad Novacek, CIP Project Manager reported on the CIP Program and provided regional updates. Marshall Riegel, Traffic Engineer presented on MAG Grants and reported \$3.3M in funding for Queen Creek.

7) **Public Comments:**


Mr. Jeffrey Comianni, 22251 E Stone Crest Court, Queen Creek expressed safety concerns on the public parking of oversized vehicles. Mayor Barney directed staff to follow up with Mr. Comianni.

8) **Consent Agenda:**

8.A) Consideration and possible approval of the February 2, 2022 Regular Session minutes.

Department: Town Clerk's Office

Staff Report 

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8.B) Consideration and possible approval of Expenditures over \$25,000. (FY 21/22 Budgeted Items)

Department: Finance

Staff Report 

February 16, 2022 Expenditures over \$25k.pdf 

8.C) Consideration and possible approval of the appointment of Aric Bopp and Nate Knight and the reappointment of Perry Berry, Nancy Hormann, Shane Randall, Grant Tayrien, Marc Valenzuela and Brent White to the Economic Development Commission.

Department: Economic Development

Staff Report 

Updated Notice of Interest forms for the recommended appointments and reappointments 

Copy of the bylaws for the Economic Development Commission 

8.D) Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Flood Control District of Maricopa County and The Town of Queen Creek for the acquisition of real property at the southwest corner of Ellsworth Road and the Queen Creek Road alignment in an amount not to exceed \$500. (FY 22 Budgeted Item)

Department: Capital Improvement Projects

Staff Report 

SITE MAP LOCATION 

LEGAL DESCRIPTION 

IGA with Flood Control District 

- 8.E) Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Pinal County and the Town of Queen Creek for the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Gary Road and Grange Parkway in an amount estimated at \$650,000, and the necessary budget adjustments. (This is not a FY 22 Budgeted Item)

Department: Capital Improvement Projects

Staff Report 

SITE MAP LOCATION 

IGA Pinal County - Gary Road & Grange Parkway Traffic Signal 

- 8.F) Consideration and possible approval of a one-year On-Call Professional Services Contracts for Construction Management Services with up to four possible one-year renewals with Consultant Engineering, Inc.; Civil Solutions Engineering & Management, LLC; Entellus, Inc.; Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; Ritock-Powell & Associates; and Tristar Engineering & Management, Inc.

Department: Capital Improvement Projects

Staff Report 

ON-CALL CONTRACTS-CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT 

- 8.G) Consideration and possible approval of a one-year On-Call Professional Services Contracts for Geotechnical Engineering Services with up to four possible one-year renewals, with ACS Services, LLC; ATEK Engineering Consultants, LLC; Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical and Environmental Sciences Consultants; Speedie & Associates, Inc.

Department: Capital Improvement Projects

Staff Report 

ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS 

- 8.H) Consideration and possible approval of a one-year On-Call Professional Services Contracts for Roadway Improvement Projects with up to four possible one-year renewals, with EPS Group, Inc.; Kimley-Horn and Associates; Ritoch-Powell and Associates; Stanley Consulting; Stantec; and TY Lin International.

Department: Capital Improvement Projects

Staff Report 

ON-CALL CONTRACTS-ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS 

- 8.I) Consideration and possible approval of a one-year On-Call Professional Services contract for Traffic Engineering Services, with up to four possible one-year renewals, with EPS Group, Inc.; Kimley-Horn and Associates; Lee Engineering; Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.; Y2K Engineering, LLC.

Department: Capital Improvement Projects

Staff Report 

CONTRACTS TRAFFIC ENGINEERING 

- 8.J) Consideration and possible approval of a one-year On-Call Professional Services Contracts for Transportation Planning Services with up to four possible one-year renewals, with Burgess & Niple; Kimley-Horn and Associates; Michael Baker International; and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

Department: Capital Improvement Projects

Staff Report 

ON-CALL CONTRACTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING 

- 8.K) Consideration and possible approval of Delegation Resolution #1443-22 authorizing and directing the Town Manager and/or Capital Improvement Projects Department Director to take any and all action necessary; and to sign any and all documents, contracts, and/or agreements related to the investigation and design of the Rittenhouse and Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) sanitary sewer crossing remediation project in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, and the necessary budget adjustments. (this is not a FY 22 budgeted item).

Department: Capital Improvement Projects

Staff Report 

DR 1443-22 Location Map.pdf 

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- 8.L) Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 781-22 amending the Queen Creek Town Code Chapter 2 Mayor and Council, Article 2-6 Ordinances, Resolutions and Contracts, Section 2-6-8 Posting Required, to establish one physical posting location for public notice of ordinances imposing a penalty, fine, forfeiture, or other punishment.

Department: Town Clerk's Office

Staff Report 

Ordinance 781-22 

MOTION:	To approve To approve the Consent Agenda.
RESULT:	Approved unanimously (6-0)
MOVER:	Julia Wheatley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dawn Oliphant, Council Member
AYES:	Gail Barney, Mayor, Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor, Robin Benning, Council Member, Leah Martineau, Council Member, Dawn Oliphant, Council Member, Julia Wheatley, Council Member
ABSENT:	Emilena Turley, Council Member

- 9) **Public Hearing Consent Agenda: None.**

10) **Public Hearings: None.**

11) **Items for Discussion:**

11.A) Presentation - Small Area Transportation Study

Department: Public Works

Public Works Director Mohamed Youseff reported on the Small Area Transportation Study done in partnership with Pinal County. He said the study will address the impact of potential growth in terms of roadway improvements. Mr. Youseff gave an overview of the study area; population estimates; traffic volume and levels of service. He said there is exponential growth in the study areas and it would result in gridlock if nothing was done.

Mr. Youseff briefly outlined the Pinal County Proposal, a concept to construct a road from Ironwood to US60 (Pinal Parkway/Expressway). He said the parkway would relieve traffic and change the whole dynamic for Queen Creek. The concept would require approval of Arizona State Land Department as the landowner.

Council had questions on the timeline and amount of lanes for the proposed parkway. Mr. Youseff said it should be built by 2025 and is proposed to have two lanes in each direction with exits at Ocotillo and Germann, but said the dynamics could change.

Governmental Relations Manager Heather Wilkey addressed Council on the steps involved for this project, including the State Route 24 portion, and the involvement of the legislative delegation to assist with funding.

11.B) Overview of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.

Department: Finance

Staff Report 

Presentation 

Deputy Finance Director Dan Olsen presented an overview of the ARPA, which is a federal program started one year ago in response to impacts from Covid. He said funding is based on population and there is guidance on how monies can be spent. Mr. Olsen outlined the four main categories where money can be spent. He provided recommendations on how Queen Creek might use the funding with a focus on prioritizing public safety.

Council concurred with the recommendations and said they appreciate the local control.

11.C) Comprehensive classification, compensation and performance management update.

Department: Town Manager's Office

Staff Report 

Logic Compensation Group draft powerpoint presentation. 

Assistant Town Manager Bruce Gardner introduced Lori Messer of Logic Compensation Group.

Ms. Messer provided a high-level overview and key objectives on the classification study; job evaluation study; the compensation study and performance management. She explained how results were validated and said the Town's market index alignment levels are in the ideal range.

Mr. Gardner presented the recommendations and proposed implementation cost to Council and said the process should be concluded by the end of March.

12) **Final Action: None.**

13) **Adjournment:**

ATTEST:



Maria E. Gonzalez, Town Clerk
TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK



Gail Barney, Mayor

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 Town Council Regular Session Minutes of the February 16, 2022 Town Council 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: 2/2/2022

Council Committee Reports

- 02/04 – League of Arizona Cities and Towns Executive Committee Meeting (Barney)
- 02/05 – Roots N’ Boots Royalty Court Judging (Benning)
- 02/07 – Featured Speaker at Eastmark High School (Oliphant)
- 02/08 – PHX East Valley Partnership Infrastructure & Transportation Meeting (Benning)
- 02/09 – Queen Creek Fire Station 2 Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony (Barney, Brown, Oliphant, Wheatley)
- 02/09 – City of Apache Junction State of the City (Barney)
- 02/10 – Queen Creek State of the Town (Barney, Brown, Benning, Martineau, Oliphant, Turley, Wheatley)
- 02/11 – East Valley Transportation Infrastructure Stakeholder Meeting (Benning)
- 02/11 – Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Meeting & Tour with Senator Kyrsten Sinema (Barney)
- 02/11 – Queen Creek Police Department Recruit Graduation (Brown)
- 02/15 – City of Mesa State of the City (Barney, Oliphant)
- 02/16 – Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board Meeting (Barney)
- 02/16 – Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee Meeting (Barney)

