



**MINUTES**  
**WORK STUDY SESSION**  
**QUEEN CREEK PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
**May 11, 2022**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:54 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:** One or more members of the Commission may participate by telephone.

David Gillette	Chair	Present
Bill Smith	Vice Chair	Present
Leah Gumm	Commissioner	Present
Alex Matheson	Commissioner	Absent
Jeff Nielsen	Commissioner	Present
Lea Spall	Commissioner	Present
Troy Young	Commissioner	Present

**3. Items for Discussion:** These items are for Commission discussion only and no action will be taken. In general, no public comment will be taken.

**A. Permanent Base Adjustment (Dan Olsen, Deputy Finance Director)**

Deputy Finance Director Dan Olsen summarized the history of the Arizona statute on expenditure limits for local governments. Mr. Olsen said there are two options to override the limit and both require voter approval and it is a policy choice. He said that Queen Creek has voted in favor of the alternative expenditure limit or "Home Rule" since incorporation. He said at the upcoming 2022 election the Town is seeking voter approval for a Permanent Base Adjustment for local control over its own budget limits. Mr. Olsen said if passed it would eliminate the cost of an election every four years and remove the uncertainty that comes with an election.

He said that Permanent Base Adjustment does not raise or impose taxes and it does not allow the Town to spend more than it receives in revenues. He said the current limit is set at \$63.5M and in comparison, our current budget is \$487M. Mr. Olsen provided examples of what would happen to core services if not passed by the voters.

The Commissioners had discussion on growth; revenues and expenses; and the formula used to determine the base rate. They acknowledged the importance of voter outreach on this topic.

4. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

<p><b>MOTION: To adjourn the Work Study Session</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup>: Young</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Spall</b> <b>AYES: Gillette, Smith, Spall, Gumm, Nielsen, Young</b> <b>RESULT: Approved (6-0)</b></p>
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TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

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David Gillette, Chair

ATTEST:

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Joy Maglione, Deputy Town Clerk

I, Joy Maglione, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that these are the minutes of the May 11, 2022 Work Study Session of the Queen Creek Planning Commission. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Passed and approved on: June 8, 2022