



Minutes
Town Council Regular Session
Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
6:30 PM

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2) Roll Call:

PRESENT:

Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor
Robin Benning, Council Member
Leah Martineau, Council Member
Dawn Oliphant, Council Member
Emilena Turley, Council Member
Julia Wheatley, Council Member

ABSENT:

Gail Barney, Mayor

3) Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Vice Mayor Brown.

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):

- 5.A) Agency Award by the Western Region International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) for the Police Department Recruitment efforts.

Assistant Town Manager Bruce Gardner recognized the Human Resources Department for their initiative and contributions on the recruitment and selection for the Police Department transition. Mr. Gardner commended the

department for their excellence on this project and gave details of the prestigious award and the efforts involved in this achievement.

Mr. Gardner introduced Human Resource Division Manager Michelle Brown; HR Specialist Lori Lehman; Senior Human Resource Analyst, Nick Oakes; Human Resource Analyst, Tracy Bentley, Benefits Manager Meghann Nowak (not in attendance); Police Chief, Randy Brice; Police Lieutenant Noah Johnson and invited them to the podium to accept the award.

5.B) Vitalant's 2021 Impact Award

Mr. Gardner recognized the efforts of the Town of Queen Creek and Vitalant for the blood drives that were organized in 2020-2021 and the benefits it provided to the community. He said donations in 2020 increased by 366% from the prior year and another 65% in 2021. Mr. Gardner said Toni Miranda, Financial Service Specialist for Queen Creek Fire was instrumental to this effort. Fire Chief Vance Gray accepted the award.

6) **Committee Reports:**

6.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.

Council Committee Report 

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

1. Transportation Advisory Committee (May 12, 2022)

Spencer Hale, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee presented the report. Mr. Hale said the Committee heard presentations on the FY22-23 Work Plan; Permanent Base Adjustment by Deputy Finance Director Dan Olsen; a pavement presentation by Streets Superintendent Jan Martin; and a Capital Improvements Program update by CIP Engineer Brad Novacek.

7) **Public Comments:**

The following spoke in opposition of the LG plant:

Greg LeCheminant, 20832 S. Titus Street, Queen Creek

Jared McGowan, 1148 E Press Rd, San Tan Valley


Patrick Morehart, 42657 N Suburban Rd, San Tan Valley


Linda Doty, 20379 E Appaloosa Drive, Queen Creek

Nancy Wilming, 18688 E Oak Hill Lane, Queen Creek


George Rascon, 4000 W Allen Rd, Queen Creek (WebEx)


Assistant Town Manager Bruce Gardner read the following emailed public comments:


Daniel & Pamela Taylor, 242 W Sweet Shrub Ave, Queen Creek - opposed LG plant 

Lisa Horne, 43177 N Coyote Rd, San Tan Valley - opposed LG plant 

The following comments were received after the deadline and were not read at the meeting:

Autum Rosenberger, 1493 W Lobo St, San Tan Valley 

Kelly Hiett, 42729 N Suburban Ave, San Tan Valley 


Heather Morehart, 42658 N Suburban Ave, San Tan Valley 

8) Consent Agenda:

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

Department: Finance

Staff Report 

May 18, 2022 Expenditures over \$25k.pdf 

- 8.B) Consideration and possible approval of the 2022-2027 Town of Queen Creek Corporate Strategic Plan.

Department: Town Manager's Office


Staff Report 


CSP 22-27 Redline Doc 


- 8.C) Consideration and possible approval of a First Amendment to Pre-Annexation Development Agreement between the Town and the State of Arizona and authorizing and directing the Mayor, Town Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney to negotiate, finalize and execute the First Amendment and all other documents and instruments and to take such actions as necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Amendment.

Department: Economic Development

Staff Report 

PADA.pdf 

QC ASLD - First Amendment to PADA Final 


Resolution 1463-22 

- 8.D) Consideration and possible approval of a naming rights program for Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre (HPEC) Paseo and approval of delegation resolution 1462-22 for improvements to the Paseo (CIP project HP191) and necessary budget adjustments.

Department: Economic Development

Staff Report 

Project Location Exhibit 

Delegation Resolution 1462-22 with Exhibit 1. 

Council Member Turley commented on Item 8(D). She said for clarification the Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre improvements are are being paid by donations and the maintenance going forward will be a cost savings.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda

RESULT: Approved unanimously (6-0)

MOVER: Robin Benning, Council Member

SECONDER: Emilena Turley, Council Member

AYES: Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor, Robin Benning, Council Member, Leah Martineau, Council Member, Dawn Oliphant, Council Member, Emilena Turley, Council Member, Julia Wheatley, Council Member

ABSENT: Gail Barney, Mayor

A short break was taken at 7:12 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 7:20 p.m.

9) **Items for Discussion:**

- 9.A) Update on final terms of the \$56M Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona ("WIFA") loans that were authorized on May 4, 2022.

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Presentation 

Finance Director Scott McCarty updated the Council on the final terms of the \$56M WIFA Loan and the Clean Water Loan that was authorized at the last meeting by emergency clause. Mr. McCarty outlined the financing (\$130M) put in place to meet the projected 3-year infrastructure needs. He reviewed debt results, interest rates and loan terms for each loan and what they will be used for. He said this is a very volatile market and we were pleased with the results given this environment.

10) **Final Action:**

- 10.A) Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 1460-22, ceasing collection of development impact fees for the Town Facilities and Library Facilities categories effective May 23, 2022, and declaring an emergency to accelerate the normal effective date of a resolution.

Staff Report 

Resolution 1460-22 

Presentation 

Finance Director Scott McCarty provided a background on the one-time impact and capacity fees that the Town collects to pay for the growth portion of new infrastructure and services. He said the development impact fees in the categories of Town Facilities and Library Facilities have exceeded projections over the last four years due to growth and we have collected enough funds to pay off debt services in these areas when they become due. Staff has determined fees no longer need to be collected for Town Facilities as of May 23, 2022 and the Library Facilities could cease as of the earliest date when sufficient funds have been collected to pay off outstanding debt.

Mr. McCarty said that given the terms of the debt, it cannot be paid off today. He said Town staff is making arrangements to defease the debt and will come back to Council in August with a structure for defeasance and for the required Council action to finalize. The action before the Council tonight is to eliminate the development impact fees and requires six affirmative votes for an emergency provision.

Council Member Turley had a question on remaining debt and the amounts collected. Mr. McCarty explained that we collected fees quicker than anticipated. There is an excess in the Town Facilities fee but we still have \$220K left to pay for the Library Facilities due in 2026. He said the Town could choose to absorb the difference or turn the Library Facilities fee off in August after it is collected. Council Member Turley favored shutting off impact fees for Town Facilities and Library Facilities at this time.

Vice Mayor Brown commented that he favored the revised motion, that slightly differs from the agenda, so that we collect the full amount of the impact fees per the study.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 1460-22 authorizing and directing that the development fees under the category of Town Facilities cease as of May 23, 2022, and Library Facilities cease as of the earliest date when sufficient funds have been collected to pay off outstanding debt; and declaring an emergency to accelerate the normal effective date of a resolution.

NOTE: This resolution requires six affirmative votes to pass with the

emergency clause. This emergency clause is recommended to accelerate the effective date of the elimination of the fees.

RESULT: Approved unanimously (6-0)

MOVER: Dawn Oliphant, Council Member

SECONDER: Julia Wheatley, Council Member

AYES: Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor, Robin Benning, Council Member, Leah Martineau, Council Member, Dawn Oliphant, Council Member, Emilena Turley, Council Member, Julia Wheatley, Council Member


ABSENT: Gail Barney, Mayor

11) Public Hearing Consent Agenda:

- 11.A) Consideration and possible recommendation of approval on a new Series 12 Restaurant license application submitted by Amy S Nations on behalf of Barrio Queen located at 21156 S Ellsworth Loop Road, Queen Creek.


Staff Report 

Local Governing Body Report 

QCPD Report_Barrio Queen.pdf 

- 11.B) Consideration and possible recommendation of approval on a new Series 12 Restaurant Liquor License application submitted by Jared Michael Repinski on behalf of Las Colinas Golf Club located at 21515 E Village Loop, Queen Creek.


Staff Report 

Local Governing Body Report 

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- 11.C) Consideration and possible recommendation of approval on a new Series 007 Beer and Wine Bar Liquor License application submitted by Jared Michael Repinski on behalf of Las Colinas Golf Club located at 21515 E Village Loop, Queen Creek.

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Local Governing Body Report 


QCPD Report_Las Colinas.pdf 


- 11.D) Public Hearing and possible action on Take 5 Instant Oil Conditional Use Permit P21-0150 and Site Plan P21-0149, a request by Jesse Macias (M3 Design) for a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan to allow the construction of a new 1,315 square foot drive-thru oil change facility on an approximate one (1) acre parcel within the Pecan Plaza development, located north of the northwest corner of Ellsworth and Riggs roads.


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[Aerial Exhibit Take 5.pdf](#) 

[General Plan Exhibit Take 5.mxd.pdf](#) 


[Current Zoning Map Exhibit Take 5.mxd.pdf](#) 

[CUP Project Narrative.pdf](#) 

[Site Plan.pdf](#) 

[Elevations.pdf](#) 

[Landscape Plan.pdf](#) 

[Floor Plan.pdf](#) 

Vice Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: To approve the Public Hearing Consent Agenda

RESULT: Approved unanimously (6-0)

MOVER: Julia Wheatley, Council Member

SECONDER: Dawn Oliphant, Council Member

AYES: Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor, Robin Benning, Council Member, Leah Martineau, Council Member, Dawn Oliphant, Council Member, Emilena Turley, Council Member, Julia Wheatley, Council Member

ABSENT: Gail Barney, Mayor

12) Public Hearings:

12.A) Public Hearing and possible action on the Increase in the Primary Property Tax Levy dedicated for Public Safety purposes, setting the Property Tax Levy Assessment Date for June 1, 2022, pursuant to Truth In Taxation Requirements.

Department: Finance

[Staff Report](#) 

[FY 2022-23 Truth in Taxation and Final Budget Presentation](#) 

[Resolution 1459-22 Final FY 2022-23 Budget Adoption](#) 

[Required State Budget Forms \(Schedules A-G\)](#) 

[Infrastructure Improvement Plan/Capital Project Lists](#) 

Truth in Taxation Notice

Scott McCarty outlined the requirements for adopting the property tax levy and the Final Budget as identified in State law. He said a Truth in Taxation public hearing on the property tax levy dedicated for public services is required and the Council will vote by roll call during the Regular Session on the levy. The Council will then adjourn the Regular Session and convene to a Special Session to vote on the Final Budget.

Mr. McCarty said the FY22-23 primary property taxes are estimated to be \$12.5M and is dedicated to fund Public Safety which includes the Fire, Medical and Police Departments. He gave an overview of revenues and expenses for the public safety funds and anticipated costs. He said the Final Budget includes a \$1.83 primary property tax levy rate per \$100 of assessed value. He said the primary property tax was voter approved and cannot exceed \$1.95 and noted that we do not have a secondary property tax.

Mr. McCarty said the assessed value increased 13% due to market increases and new construction. He gave a brief overview of the property tax revenue formula, aggregate impacts and the impact on individual parcels based on the levy rate.

Vice Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Gardner read a public comment received by email:

William Farnbach, 41413 N Ebony St, Queen Creek 

There were no other comments and Vice Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

Council Member Martineau commented that she preferred to lower the tax rate.

Council Member Turley echoed Council Member Martineau's comment in regards to lowering the rate.

Council Member Wheatley acknowledged the expenses that residents are experiencing. She said increase in costs, extreme growth and the needs of the community are an important factor.

Vice Mayor Brown commented on EMS funding and said we are delivering a high level of service for public safety.

MOTION: To approve the increased property tax levy dedicated for public safety purposes and set the final property tax levy assessment date for June 1, 2022 pursuant to Truth in Taxation requirements. (Note: Required via a roll call vote during regular Council session prior to adoption of budget).

RESULT: Approved (4-2)


MOVER: Robin Benning, Council Member
SECONDER: Julia Wheatley, Council Member
AYES: Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor, Robin Benning, Council Member, Dawn Oliphant, Council Member, Julia Wheatley, Council Member
NAYS: Leah Martineau, Council Member, Emilena Turley, Council Member
ABSENT: Gail Barney, Mayor

12.B) Public Hearing on the Town's FY 2022/23 Final Budget.

Department: Finance

Staff Report 

FY 2022-23 Truth in Taxation and Final Budget Presentation 

Resolution 1459-22 Final FY 2022-23 Budget Adoption 

Required State Budget Forms (Schedules A-G) 

Infrastructure Improvement Plan/Capital Project Lists 

Truth in Taxation Notice 

Scott McCarty summarized the FY22-23 budget totaling \$730.2 million. He said 75% of the amount is for infrastructure such as roads, water and parks. He said 13% is for the operating budget for day to day services. Mr. McCarty outlined the fund structure by programs and presented 5-year projections for services. He concluded with the Operating Budget and provided details on the Town's 25% reserve policy.

Vice Mayor Brown explained the budget process and thanked the Budget Committee members for their leadership. He said our goal is to have a budget in place for the start of the new fiscal year which begins July 1. He said this is the second step in the process where we are considering the Final Budget. After this public hearing is closed we will adjourn the Regular Session and reconvene to a Special Session where the Final Budget will be considered for possible action by Council.

Vice Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

13) Adjournment of the Regular Session:

The Regular Session adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to go into Special Session. Vice Mayor Brown said that we will return to Executive Session after the Special Session.

Call to Order of the Special Session:

The Special Session was called to order at 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call:

PRESENT:

Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor
Robin Benning, Council Member
Leah Martineau, Council Member
Dawn Oliphant, Council Member
Emilena Turley, Council Member
Julia Wheatley, Council Member

ABSENT:


Gail Barney, Mayor


Final Action:

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 1459-22 adopting the Town's FY 2022-23 Final Budget.

Department: Finance

Staff Report 

FY 2022-23 Truth in Taxation and Final Budget Presentation 

Resolution 1459-22 Final FY 2022-23 Budget Adoption 

Required State Budget Forms (Schedules A-G) 

Infrastructure Improvement Plan/Capital Project Lists 

Truth in Taxation Notice 

Council Member Turley said it is our duty to pass a budget but she cannot support all the items and therefore will not be voting in favor of the budget.

Council Member Wheatley said she is not opposed to making separate motions so we can have consensus on the items we agree on. She appreciated the opportunity to chair the Budget Committee and thanked staff.

Council Member Martineau said there are many items and programs that she supports in the budget. She said there are some issues that she cannot support and will not be voting in favor of the budget.

Vice Mayor Brown commented that he is in favor of the budget and outlined items that he supports and the benefits to the residents.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 1459-22 adopting the Town's FY 2022-23 Final Budget.

RESULT: Approved (4-2)

MOVER: Julia Wheatley, Council Member

SECONDER: Robin Benning, Council Member

AYES:

Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor, Robin Benning, Council Member, Dawn **NAYS:**
Oliphant, Council Member, Julia Wheatley, Council Member
Leah Martineau, Council Member, Emilena Turley, Council Member **ABSENT:**
Gail Barney, Mayor

Adjournment of the Special Session:

The Special Session adjourned at 8:28 p.m. and Council reconvened into Executive Session. The Regular Session reconvened and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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 May 18, 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: _____

Council Committee Reports

- 05/05– Greater Phoenix Economic Council Mayors/Supervisors Meeting (Brown)
- 05/05 – CD5 Congressional Art Show & Awards Ceremony (Martineau)
- 05/05 – Meeting with Queen Creek Unified School District (Wheatley)
- 05/10 – PHX East Valley Partnership 2022 Annual Meeting & 40th Anniversary Celebration (Benning, Wheatley)
- 05/10 – Queen Creek Chamber Network QC Luncheon (Wheatley)
- 05/12 – Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (Martineau)
- 05/15 – Meeting with Queen Creek Unified School District (Benning)
- 05/17 – Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Meeting (Brown)
- 05/17 – Gulfstream Aerospace Groundbreaking of 225k sf Aircraft Service Facility (Brown)



5/18/22

D. F. TAYLOR
242 West Sweet Shroob avenue
Queen Creek, AZ. 85140

To whom this may concern,

I'm writing this letter to vehemently, passionately, and angrily protest the "proposed" (read: Done Deal) construction of the LG Battery manufacturing facility at the intersection of Germann and Greenwood in the town of Queen Creek. What was the thinking? You had to know that if this were made public, and "we the people" had a voice in this matter, you would've never seen a green light on this project.

The idea alone that we were kept in the dark is reprehensible and irresponsible. This is a small town and the majority of us want to see it remain as such. The location is poorly chosen and fraught with yet to be seen (and unseen) negative consequences that could impact our children's, and their children's lives for generations yet to come. One has to wonder how much South Korean Won was converted to U.S. dollars and where it was channeled to carry favor and influence decision making.

Why to this day are we not being told the whole truth? Hiding behind a Attorney/Client privilege, and subterfuge is ~~bad~~ ~~criminal~~, ~~not~~ reprehensible as well as cowardly.

It is a well known fact that Lithium Ion batteries, including the mining and manufacturing methods, are irreversibly harmful to the environment, not to mention the long term health and wellfare of anyone exposed to it - you do know there are ~~two~~ schools just down the street from the proposed location, yes?

The plan includes rerouting water to lot 6 feed and exit the facility. How will service to the existing community not be disrupted, and protected from well established pollutants during this phase? What will happen to property values in the adjacent areas? They will, of course, plummet! The potential for personal financial disaster for many residents ^{in a short period,} ~~and possibly~~ ^{running} any equity accrued in their homes all at once is not an exaggeration.

What about the increased flow of commercial traffic in the area? Ironwood is already a dangerous place, this and additional heavy truck traffic, during all hours of the day will not be safe in any exaggeration of the term. The short term allure of jobs is pabulum at best. There are plenty of ways to allow businesses that won't pose the extreme environmental hazards, and long term negative effects that

This project will surely bring. My entire family is in Queen Creek and Gilbert. We came here for a variety of reasons, but foremost among them was a desire to live in a quiet community away from such things as this plant, a place where our children could be safe, and grow up assured that their best interests were seen to.

— please do the right thing —

Daniel and Pamela Taylor
242 West Sweet ~~Shrub~~ Avenue
Queen Creek, AZ 85140

818 612 6792

818 974 8548



Bruce Gardner <bruce.gardner@queencreekaz.gov>

Lisa Horne 43177 N Coyote Rd, San Tan Valley AZ 85140

1 message

LISA HORNE <LISA-HORNE@hotmail.com>

Wed, May 18, 2022 at 4:57 PM

To: "PublicComment@queencreekaz.gov" <PublicComment@queencreekaz.gov>

Lisa Horne 43177 N Coyote Rd, San Tan Valley AZ 85140

At the last Queen Creek town council meeting Wednesday May 4th, a gentleman representing the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce mispoke and misrepresented history, whether intentionally or not, and shared information that is not true.

I would like to set the record straight. He said that all of the land along Germann was always zoned for industrial.

That is simply not the case. When we purchased our land in 2019 that area along the northern portion of Germann and east from Ironwood toward Schnepf was all zoned for commercial and residential.

In my last comment at the May 4th meeting I requested transparency of Phase II and any other future LG Lithium plant related phases in the area of Germann east of Ironwood be disclosed to the public.

We still have yet to see these phases. Requests for environmental studies have also been requested and yet to be seen.

I also asked for an evacuation plan and other emergency information. Again, no communication from the Town failure to be forthcoming even after repeated requests from myself and other constituents.

Finally, I would like the record to show that should the need arise for litigation there is a real estate agent that could be subpoenaed, that was assigned to a property within 1/4 mile of LG that was recently for sale. Property dropped \$200,000 dollars due to failure to sell. Then said property had a buyer walk on the deal due to gained knowledge of the lithium plant. This is fact and we now have proof of negative effect on home value and sales.

Thank you again for your time and we look forward to interest from the council and Town to be more factually correct, transparent and forthcoming as we move forward.

Lisa Horne
San Tan Valley Property Owner

Sent from my iPhone

Fwd: Read on Public Record

1 message

Mike Black <mike.black@queencreekaz.gov>
To: Joy Maglione <joy.maglione@queencreekaz.gov>

Thu, May 19, 2022 at 10:42 AM

Mike Black, CPM
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From: **Autum Rosen** <autumrosen@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 18, 2022 at 6:21 PM
Subject: Read on Public Record
To: <publiccomment@queencreekaz.gov>

Autum Rosenberger
[1493 W Lobo St](https://www.queen-creek.gov/1493/W_Lobo_St)
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

I'm riding with regard to the sign recently posted by Pinal County, dates 5/11/22.

Notifying the community of omission of particulate matter, nitrogen oxide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic compounds and lastly hazardous air pollutants. The hazardous air pollutant listed is nickel. We are being told this battery factory is going to be safe although nickel has been reported to increase risk of lung and nasal cancers from exposure to dusts.

If just one incident occurs where a larger than allotted amount of toxins are released into the environment, the regulatory agency or EPA will fine LG Energy and the community would have adverse health effects.

Due to the proximity of the LG factory from established home and school this is an unacceptable risk.

I would like the town council to take note that any future rezoning effort to put factories near homes and schools more results at us showing up every single week to express our sadness and concern.

Fwd: LG plant

1 message

Mike Black <mike.black@queencreekaz.gov>
To: Joy Maglione <joy.maglione@queencreekaz.gov>

Thu, May 19, 2022 at 10:43 AM

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From: **Kelly Hiett** <kellyhiett6@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, May 18, 2022 at 8:33 PM

Subject: LG plant

To: <publiccomment@queencreekaz.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I am completely against the construction of this proposed plant. I am a home/property owner at [42729 N Suburban Ave, San Tan Valley 85140](#). A facility of this type should NEVER be allowed to be constructed near so many residential homes as well as schools! If this goes through, then once again the almighty dollar trump's the health and safety of thousands of people. Really Town of Queen Creek?! This is NOT progress!!!

Kelly K Hiett

Fwd: Comment for call to public: LG Battery Plant

1 message

Mike Black <mike.black@queencreekaz.gov>
To: Joy Maglione <joy.maglione@queencreekaz.gov>

Thu, May 19, 2022 at 10:43 AM

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From: **heatherlcecil via publiccomment** <publiccomment@queencreekaz.gov>
Date: Wed, May 18, 2022 at 6:34 PM
Subject: Comment for call to public: LG Battery Plant
To: publiccomment@queencreekAZ.gov <publiccomment@queencreekaz.gov>

Heather Morehart
[42658 N. Suburban Ave](https://www.queencreekaz.gov/42658-N-Suburban-Ave-San-Tan-Valley-AZ)
[San Tan Valley, AZ](https://www.queencreekaz.gov/San-Tan-Valley-AZ)

I strongly oppose the LG battery plant being put next to 2 schools, 3 55 and older communities, hundreds of families, and thousands of pets and livestock. The long term consequences have yet to be determined by a legitimate board of qualified individuals who understand the magnitude of pollutants, toxins and guaranteed poisons that will be leached into the areas around the plant. As stated on a Public Notice created and posted for the public by Pinal County Air Quality Control Department on May 11, 2022 states that "Volatile Compounds and Hazardous Air Pollutants (Nickel)" will be emitted in the air by the LG battery plant. After researching the effects of nickel inhalation and ingestion, it is quite easy to conclude that I do not want it around myself, my family, our animals and settling on the plants our livestock eats. You might as well ask us to eat spoon fulls of it on daily basis. Dawn, you market and sell cleaning products to mothers and wives to help decrease the amount of toxins they and their families are exposed to. I find it almost humorous and very confusing that you would not only agree to but promote a battery plant that will poison families all while promoting your clean products.

This board has the opportunity to stop this LG plant from being built next to families, some that you even attend church with. Julia, your husband has tried to tell people on facebook that we're neighbors and you just want what's best for our community however, the stress that this is causing you, enough that your husband has to speak on your behalf, should tell you that your mind and your heart aren't agreeing. The stress you're experiencing is from guilt because you know that your decision was a very poor one. Do what is right and stop the madness. All of you must stop the LG plant being built by our homes and move it to a safe location far away from people, animals, and your so called neighbors.

Comment on Primary Property Tax Levy (Item 12A of Town Council Agenda)

Bill Farnbach <wkfarnbach@juno.com>
To: PublicComment@queencreek.org

Tue, May 17, 2022 at 7:16 AM

My name is William Farnbach. Address 41413 N Ebony St. I would like the following comment read at the meeting.

I wish to express my thanks to the Council for giving residents this opportunity to express views regarding the levy. From the material in the packet, it appears that the Town is not increasing the rate (\$1.83) it's been charging residents, only reporting increased revenue due to higher property values. The \$1.83 levy rate is already the highest rate of any town in the Valley for public safety and one of the overall highest levy rates. I appreciate that the Town has chosen not to increase the rate and is using general funds to fill the gap in its EMS budget. With inflation pressures on individuals budgets, having to pay higher rates at a time the Town is flush with revenue would be unconscionable. I would comment and ask the Town for the same reason that they take this opportunity to lower the rate to let residents keep more of their hard earned income. The amount of lost income is small and should be able to find through efficiencies elsewhere such as not relocating power lines as discussed earlier in Agenda Item 8C or having LG Battery pay a share of their infrastructure needs rather than Town residents subsidizing as currently announced.

Also have couple questions which would appreciate response to this email and, if within Town guidelines could be read and answered at the meeting:

1. What caused the dramatic rise in EMS expenses from FY 19-20 (abt \$21 million) to FY 21-22 (\$41.4 million)? Does not look like one time expense to set up police Department or COVID related since it continues indefinitely. How does this increase benefit residents now and in future since they are on the hook for the costs?

Sent from my iPhone