



Minutes
Town Council Regular Session
Community Chambers, 20727 E. Civic Parkway
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
6:30 PM

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

2) Roll Call:

PRESENT:

Julia Wheatley, Mayor
Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor
Robin Benning, Council Member
Leah Martineau, Council Member
Dawn Oliphant, Council Member
Travis Padilla, Council Member

ABSENT:

Bryan McClure, Council Member

Mayor Wheatley and Council Member Padilla attended remotely.

3) Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Vice Mayor Brown.

4) Invocation/Moment of Silence:

Provided by Pastor Jody Topping, Song of Life United Methodist Church.

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

None.

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

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

1. Downtown Arts and Placemaking Sub-Committee (March 9, 2023)

Council Member Benning provided the report. The committee heard a report from the Town's consultant regarding the Master Plan for the Downtown Core area. The committee reviewed entries for the Water Conservation Art Contest and voted on the top three entries. There was discussion on art project ideas including a fantasy map for the Town's 35th Anniversary and a 3-D printed placemaking item to be built and displayed at town events. The committee discussed holiday lighting and decor for the 2023 season. The next meeting will be on July 13, 2023.

7) **Public Comments:**


None.

8) **Consent Agenda:**

8.A) Consideration and possible approval of the March 1, 2023 Regular Session minutes.

Department: Town Clerk's Office

Staff Report 

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8.B) Consideration and possible authorization to the Mayor to sign onto a letter of support seeking appropriations for Arizona's Environmental Infrastructure Program through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Department: Town Manager's Office

Staff Report 


Draft Letter of Support Arizona's Environmental Infrastructure Program 

Council Member Martineau supports the item at this time but said she would like to be informed of future programs and requirements for further consideration.

8.C) Consideration and possible approval of Expenditures \$25,000 and over, pursuant to Town Purchasing Policy. (FY 22/23 Budgeted Items)

Department: Finance


Staff Report 

Expenditures over \$25,000.pdf 

- 8.D) Consideration and possible approval of FY 22-23 budget amendments totaling \$4,926,186 in expenditure reallocations, including \$4,804,049 from contingencies and \$3,600,091 to accommodate advance orders of materials and equipment due to long-lead order times and supply chain issues; and to allow the Town Manager to sign all necessary contracts and agreements.

Department: Finance

Staff Report 

Attachment A – Proposed Expenditure Adjustments 

- 8.E) Consideration and possible approval of a lease agreement with AZ Aspire Academy for a renewable two-year and two-month lease of premises located at 22407 S. Ellsworth Road.

Department: Economic Development

Staff Report 

Lease Agreement 

- 8.F) Consideration and possible approval of a renewable two-year lease agreement with Painting Wonderland, LLC for use of premises located at 22249 S. Ellsworth Road.

Department: Economic Development

Staff Report 

Lease Agreement 

- 8.G) Consideration and possible approval of a Professional Services Contract with Sisu Global for Project Management and Engineering Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. (FY 23 Budgeted Item)

Department: Utilities

Staff Report 

Professional Services Contract - Sisu Global 

- 8.H) Consideration and possible approval of a Professional Services Contract with Image Trend for Ambulance Billing Services in an amount not to exceed

\$40,000.

Department: Fire & Medical

Staff Report 

Professional Services Contract - ImageTrend.pdf 

- 8.I) Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County, by and through the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, for the use of the Sheriff's Office shooting range; and authorizing and directing the Mayor, Town Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney to negotiate, finalize and execute the agreement and all other documents and instruments and to take such actions as necessary or appropriate to finalize and facilitate the agreement.

Department: Police

Staff Report 

Shooting Range IGA - Final_.docx 

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT: Approved unanimously (6-0)

MOVER: Robin Benning, Council Member

SECONDER: Leah Martineau, Council Member

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


ABSENT: Bryan McClure, Council Member

9) **Public Hearing Consent Agenda:**

- 9.A) Consideration and possible recommendation of approval on a new Series 012 Restaurant Liquor License application submitted by Joseph Luis Mirelez on behalf of OG'Z The Original Empanada Shop located at 21824 S Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek.

Department: Town Clerk's Office

Staff Report 

Rule R19-1-702 (9-24-22).pdf 

LGB Report - OG'Z The Original Empanada Shop 

QCPD Report.pdf 

Staff requested a continuance to the April 5, 2023 meeting for further review of the application.

MOTION: To continue to the April 5, 2023 meeting.
RESULT: Approved unanimously (6-0)
MOVER: Leah Martineau, Council Member
SECONDER: Dawn Oliphant, Council Member
AYES: Julia Wheatley, Mayor, Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor, Robin Benning, Council Member, Leah Martineau, Council Member, Dawn Oliphant, Council Member, Travis Padilla, Council Member
ABSENT: Bryan McClure, Council Member

10) Public Hearings:

None.

11) Items for Discussion:

None.

12) Final Action:

12.A) Discussion and possible approval of the Police Department Master Plan.

Department: Police

Staff Report 

Police Master Plan Adoption Presentation 2.1.pdf 

QCPD MASTER PLAN_FINAL REPORT_v2.1.pdf 

QCPD Master Plan_Supplemental Appendix_Final_2.1.pdf 

Police Chief Randy Brice reviewed the purpose of the Police Department Master Plan and said it is based on the strategic priorities of Council and the priorities of the community. He said the plan considers population changes, staffing needs and overall workload for future years. He discussed infrastructure needs including workspace and new facilities over the next 20 years and presented a recommended timeline for addressing facility needs.

Finance Director Scott McCarty addressed the financial aspect of the Master Plans for Town and Police infrastructure. He provided details for the first five years and recommended approval of \$120M, noting that \$108M is directly for police needs. He discussed placeholders for year six and beyond and said placeholders were also used in areas such as transportation and parks.

Council was supportive of the Police Master Plan and appreciated the vision and long range planning by the Police Department and town staff. Council

commented on the importance of having public safety needs covered for our fast growing community.

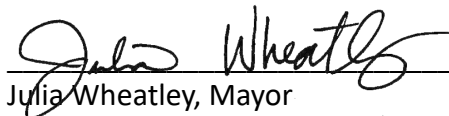
MOTION: To approve the Police Department Master Plan.
RESULT: Approved unanimously (6-0)
MOVER: Dawn Oliphant, Council Member
SECONDER: Leah Martineau, Council Member
AYES: Julia Wheatley, Mayor, Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor, Robin Benning, Council Member, Leah Martineau, Council Member, Dawn Oliphant, Council Member, Travis Padilla, Council Member
ABSENT: Bryan McClure, Council Member

13) Adjournment:

Town Manager Bruce Gardner recognized IT Program Manager Terry Diamond, who will be relocating out of state. He thanked him for over sixteen years of service to the Town and his support during council meetings over the years.

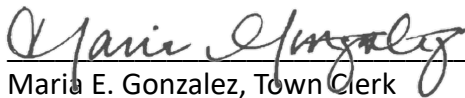
The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK



Julia Wheatley, 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 Town Council Regular Session Minutes of the March 15, 2023 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: April 5, 2023