



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
March 4, 2009
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

2. Roll Call (one or more members of the Council may participate by telephone)

Council Members present: Barnes; Brown; Hildebrandt; Mortensen; Wootten; Vice Mayor Barney and Mayor Sanders.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Remington Lee, Boy Scout Troop #388

4. Invocation: Jay Lee, Leader Boy Scout Troop #388

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

A. Recognition of Queen Creek residents who assisted neighbors after a house fire: Fire Chief Van Summers presented "Acts of Kindness Award" to Gary Smith, Dwayne Williams and Scott Livingston for providing humanitarian assistance to fire victims in the Cortina neighborhood.

B. Presentation by the Queen Creek High School Robotics Team: The Robotics Team members gave an overview of the program that promotes math, science and technology. They invited the Council and members of the community to the Arizona Regionals in March. Council Member Wootten noted that the Queen Creek High School Robotics Team is internationally known.

6. Committee Reports

A. Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee – February 17, 2009: Council Member Barnes reported that a presentation was given by the Maricopa County Flood Control District on the Sonoqui Wash Phase II Channelization project and Parks & Recreation Department update was given. The next meeting date is to be determined.

B. Recreation Advisory Board – February 24, 2009: Council Member Wootten reported that the Board approved a recommendation for special event sponsorships for FY09-10 in the amount of \$5,000 to each of the following: Nova Youth Cycling Foundation for London's Run and Ride, Kiwanis Club of Queen Creek for the 4th of July Celebration and the Boys and Girls Club of East Valley –Queen Creek Branch for the Holiday Parade and Festival. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2009.

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C. Town Center Committee – February 24, 2009: Council Member Craig Barnes reported on the first meeting of the Town Center Committee. An overview of the committee’s role and responsibilities and goals was presented as well as an overview of the Town Center and Redevelopment Area plans. The draft work plan for the committee was discussed with the goal to have a recommendation presented to Council in early 2010. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2009.

D. Arts, Culture and Experience Sub-Committee – February 24, 2009 (*Mtg cancelled-no quorum*)

7. Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Town Council on items not on the printed agenda and during Public Hearings. Please complete a “Request to Speak Card”, located on the table at the rear of the Council Chambers and turn it in to the Town Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. There is a time limit of three minutes for comments.

None.

8. Consent Calendar: Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Public Hearing items are designated with an asterisk (*). Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will ask whether any member of the public wishes to remove a Public Hearing item for separate consideration. Members of the Council and or staff may remove any item for separate consideration.

A. Consideration and possible approval of expenditures over \$25,000.

B. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount not to exceed \$92,000 with 3RP Co., for purchase of software/equipment and backup/data protection services.

C. Consideration and possible acceptance of the Town Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY 2007-2008.

D. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 772-09** regarding the Phoenix-Mesa Airport Authority name change.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented (Mortensen/Barney/Unanimous)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: If you wish to speak to the Council on an item listed as a Public Hearing, please complete a Request to Speak Card and turn it in to the Town Clerk. Speakers will be called upon in the order in which their cards are received. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each.

None.

FINAL ACTION: If you wish to speak to the Council on an item listed under Final Action, please complete a Request to Speak Card and turn it in to the Town Clerk. Speakers will be called upon in the order in which their cards are received. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each.

(Items 9,10 & 11 were discussed at the same time)

9. Discussion and possible approval of Ordinance 446-09

Debbie Gomez, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed the benefits of combining the Recreation Advisory Board and Parks, Trails and Open Space Committees which were developed to address parks and programs through the hyper - growth period of the Town. Ms. Gomez said the majority of the Five Parks Masterplan and construction of Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre and Desert Mountain Park were complete. Ms. Gomez reviewed the proposal for appointing new members to the new committee (Parks & Recreation Advisory Board) following the Standard Form By-laws for Designated Town Committees and consideration needs to be given to what extent Council participation is desired. Ms. Gomez added that the effective date for the new committee would be 60 days from date of adoption and the time frame for appointing members and first committee meeting would follow.

Council discussed current membership of the Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee and Recreation Advisory Board and Council representation. Council asked for the Town Manager to look at the by-laws in regard to Council representation.

Motion to approve Ordinance 446-09 amending Town Code Chapter 15 “Parks and Recreation” by deleting Article 15-1 “Recreation Advisory Board” (Mortensen/Barnes/Unanimous)

10. Discussion and possible approval to de-commission the Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee and its members, a committee that follows the “Standard Form By-laws for Designated Town Committees”.

Motion to de-commission the Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee and its members, a committee that follows the “Standard Form By-laws for Designated Town Committees”(Mortensen/Barnes/Unanimous)

11. Discussion and possible approval to create the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a committee that follows the “Standard Form By-laws for Designated Town Committees”.

Motion to create the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a committee that follows the “Standard Form By-laws for Designated Town Committees” (Mortensen/Barnes/Unanimous)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: These items are for Council discussion only and no action will be taken. In general, no public comment will be taken.

12. Discussion on ICMA Performance Measures.

Town Manager John Kross stated that the Town began participating in the ICMA program several years ago and briefly discussed the purpose for performance measurements which provide useful information to internal management for the most effective and efficient ways to manage public funds. Mr. Kross also gave a brief explanation of performance based budgeting.

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Wendy Kaserman, Community Development Administration Manager, gave an overview of the ICMA-CPM program which benchmarks the Town & other cities. She discussed templates and data collection, reports and comparative analysis. Council discussion included the format of the templates and identifying the most important templates/information.

13. Discussion and report on National League of Cities Training Institute.

Council Member Barnes and Council Member Brown attending the National League of Cities Leadership Training Institute in Los Angeles, CA January 29-31, 2009. Both Council Members Barnes & Brown reported on the sessions they attended which included:

Council Member Barnes:

- Keynote Address: The Role and Responsibilities of Elected Officials to Improve Community Development and Housing
- Addressing foreclosures and stabilizing affected families and communities: What you can do as an elected official
- Affordable housing: Working with non-profit organizations to develop affordable housing
- Leading innovation and change: Developing support for change and overcoming community resistance
- Developing leadership action plan for your city: Realistic solutions for the challenges facing cities (Closing Session)

Council Member Brown:

- Keynote Address: The Role and Responsibilities of Elected Officials to Improve Community Development and Housing
- Using Private Partnerships to Accomplish Economic and Housing Goals
- Creating Green Building and Sustainable Development Standards for your City
- Leading Innovation and Change: Developing Support for Change and Overcoming Community Resistance

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Arthur M. Sanders, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

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I, Jennifer F. Robinson, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the March 4, 2009 Regular Session of the Queen Creek Town Council. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

Passed and approved on March 18, 2009.