

Budget Committee Minutes
Town of Queen Creek
22358 S. Ellsworth Road
Queen Creek, AZ 85242

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April 23, 2009

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Council Member Gordon Mortensen, Chair.

Committee members present: Council Member Gordon Mortensen, Council Member Jeff Brown, Council Member Gail Barney

Absent: None. Also Attending: Town Manager John Kross, Assistant Town Manager Patrick Flynn, Deputy Town Manager Shane Dille, Budget Administrator Barbara Sena

2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

A. Consideration and possible approval of the April 21 minutes – Council Member Mortensen tabled this item until the next meeting because the minutes have not been produced.

B. Review of Five Year Capital Improvement Budget FY 2010-2014 (continued from April 21, 2009 meeting)

The Budget Committee members at their last meeting requested staff to come back with a report on the legislative lobbyist. Mark Young presented the report on the lobbyists. Council Member Brown would like more feedback on the lobbyists to help quantify the expense.

The committee discussed the impact of the bill from the Homebuilders Association.

Assistant Town Manager Patrick Flynn reviewed the CIP program.

Council Member Barney moved to approve the 5 year Capital Improvement Budget FY 2010-2014 with the amendment on the Fire Development Fund to put money in for Fire Station 1 and some equipment.

Assistant Town Manager Patrick Flynn reviewed the Transportation Development Fee as well as the other funds.

Assistant Town Manager Flynn reviewed the FY 08/09 budget modifications with the committee.

Council Member Mortensen moved to accept the FY 08/09 budget modifications. Council Member Barney seconded. Voice vote 3-0.

C. Overview of FY 09-10 Not-for-profit Funding Requests

The Child Crisis Center – Family Resource Center gave an overview of their program. The Budget Committee discussed funding at \$4,000, less 15% or \$3,400.

The Child Crisis Center – Arizona Adoption & Foster Care gave an overview of their program. The Budget Committee discussed giving some in-kind help such as putting information in the newsletter, on the Web site or in Town facilities. The committee discussed not charging the Child Crisis Center for a booth at all Town events. Also discussed having a proclamation.

The Queen Creek Performing Arts Center gave an overview of their program. The Budget Committee discussed the impact of this program from an economic development standpoint.

The Budget Committee members would support their request with a 15% reduction as long as throughout the course of the year, they can come back and ask for additional funding if they need help.

Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley spoke on the partnership with Queen Creek. They are requesting \$62,500, which is the same as last year. Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Gomez would like the committee to consider expanding the teen hours for an additional \$18,750. This would provide for 510 more hours.

Council Member Barney would agree with increasing this program to save money in other areas, such as reducing graffiti and police reports. Deputy Town Manager Shane Dille stated it is a 24% cost saving for the Boys & Girls Club to provide this services instead of our Parks and Recreation Department.

Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce President Rustyn Sherer requested a reinstatement of funding to \$65,000.

Council Member Barney is in favor of going ahead with the request and reviewing on a quarterly basis. Council Member Brown would like the Chamber of Commerce to be self-sufficient and he does not want to reverse that direction and go higher in the funding. Council Member Mortensen is inclined to keep the current funding and not raise the funding amount to \$65,000. The Town has an agreement for services with the Chamber of Commerce which is different than with many other programs. The committee may want to consider adding to the budget a target of the Chamber of Commerce being self-sufficient in 5 years.

The Committee would like to see a list of services the Chamber of Commerce provides.

Council Member Brown would prefer funding at \$43,000, less 15% or \$36,500.

The Budget Committee would like the Chamber of Commerce to come back at a future meeting and discuss the services that would be provided at each funding threshold - \$65,000, \$55,000 (\$65,000 @ 85%) and \$36,500 (\$43,000 @ 85%), along with the impact on the Chamber budget.

East Valley Partnership reviewed budget projections. They requested half of the \$40,000 to be in-kind services. They are looking for Web service help.

Council Member Brown would entertain the idea of \$20,000 cash and \$20,000 of in-kind services with a 15% reduction like the other agencies and departments.

Council Member Mortensen and Barney agree with the funding of \$20,000 cash and \$20,000 of in-kind services.

Sister Cities gave an overview of their program.

Council Member Barney would like to see the Sister Cities program be completely independent. However, he does not mind in-kind services when delegates are visiting. If the Town is expected to pay for a reception, he would like to know ahead of time. Thinks we should support them to a degree. He would not mind \$3,000 less 15%.

Council Member Brown would look at the last year's funding, less 15%.

Council Member Mortensen would like to support them with \$500 of in-kind services. In-kind services would include a reception. We need to see communication between Sister Cities and the town staff.

Council Member Brown would support \$500 of in-kind services. Committee agreed if there is a specific need in a specific time, they can make a request.

Assistant Town Manager Flynn summarized the following.

East Valley Partnership recommendation is \$20,000 cash and \$20,000 of in-kind services. 2-1 voice vote with Council Member Brown opposed.

Queen Creek Performing Arts Center funding at request less 15% with the availability to come back for additional funding. 3-0 voice vote.

Boys and Girls Club funding at \$81,250 with the enhanced teen program. 3-0 voice vote.

Child Crisis Center-Family Resource Center funding at \$4,000 less 15%. 3-0 voice vote.

Council Member Mortensen would like to give Arizona Adoption & Foster Care the opportunity to come back and ask for additional funding. Council Member Brown would like to add funding in addition to the in-kind services. Council Member Barney would like a limit on the in-kind

services. Assistant Town Manager Flynn suggested \$5,000 cash and \$5,000 of in-kind services. Council Member Brown suggested \$3,000 cash and less for in-kind services. Committee agreed on \$3,000 cash and \$2,000 for in-kind services. 3-0 voice vote.

The Chamber of Commerce funding is continued to a later meeting. They asked the Chamber of Commerce to come back with three levels of services - \$43,000, \$55,000 and \$65,000 and what each would do for the Town. Also include a report on what the impact would be to the Chamber at each level. Council Member Brown stated it was \$43,000 less 15% or \$36,500.

Sister Cities funding is at \$500 dollars of in-kind services. 3-0 voice vote.

3. Announcements

None

4. Adjournment

Council Member Brown moved to adjourn. Council Member Mortensen seconded. 3-0 voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Council Member Gordon Mortensen, Chair

ATTEST:

Marsha Hunt, Sr. Administrative Assistant

I, Marsha Hunt, 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 3, 2009, meeting of the Queen Creek Town Budget Committee. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Marsha Hunt, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Passed and approved on