



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
May 20, 2009
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

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

Council Members present: Barnes; Brown; Wootten and Mayor Sanders. Vice Mayor Barney participated by telephone. Council Members Hildebrandt and Mortensen were absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: The Color Guard was presented by Project Challenge.

4. Invocation: Cadet Justin Wood – Project Challenge.

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

None.

6. Committee Reports

A. Transportation Advisory Committee – May 7, 2009: Committee Chairman Robin Benning reported that Town staff provided an update on the Federal Stimulus Funding applications; road resurfacing projects and MAG funding. Mr. Benning also announced that the Committee is looking for new members and the next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2009.

B. Finance Review Task Force – May 11, 2009: Town Manager John Kross reported the Task Force reviewed and prioritized recommendations for funding the Transportation & Parks programs and will schedule the final report for the June 8, 2009 meeting with a final report to Council in 60 days.

C. Budget Committee – May 12, 2009: Mr. Kross reported the Budget Committee continued discussing the funding amount for the Chamber of Commerce with a report being presented to the Town Council at the June 3, 2009 meeting for final recommendation. The Committee also discussed the Kiwanis Club funding level and recommendation for Council approval. The Water Development Fee fund for FY2010 was also reviewed. No future meeting scheduled at this time.

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

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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 the May 6, 2009 Regular Session Minutes.

B. Consideration and possible approval of the appointment of Rus Brock to the Development Fee Working Group.

C. Consideration and possible approval of the appointment of Carson Brown and Mark Schnepf to the Economic Development Commission.

D. Consideration and possible approval of an SRP "Easement" (SRP Job#KE9-759) located in a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 22 crossing the Queen Creek Wash north of Hastings Farms subdivision between Ellsworth Road and Crismon Road (Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement & Power District-Applicant).

E. Consideration and possible approval of an SRP "Easement" (SRP Job#KE9-755) located in a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 21 crossing the Queen Creek Wash east of Will Rogers Equestrian Ranch subdivision between Hawes Road and Ellsworth Road (Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement & Power District-Applicant).

F. Consideration and possible approval of an SRP "Easement" (SRP Job#KE9-758) located in a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 21 on the west side of Ellsworth Loop Road south of Ocotillo Road (Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement & Power District-Applicant).

G. Consideration and possible approval of the Queen Creek Wash "Special Warranty Deed" located in a portion of the southwest quarter of Section 7 between Power Road and 188th St. (Sossaman Estates LLC – Applicant).

H. Consideration and possible approval of a Consulting Services Contract in the amount not to exceed \$24,999 with R.W. Beck for solid waste and recycling contract negotiations and ordinance development.

I. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gilbert to share capacity and construction costs of existing sewer lines in Ocotillo Road and Greenfield Road with Queen Creek's share equal to \$1,416,023.94 payable in five annual payments of \$283,204.79.

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J. Consideration and possible approval of a Construction Contract with Comcast Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$104,000 to make improvements and construct a sidewalk on Ocotillo Road west of 205th Place and on Ellsworth Road in front of Founders Park.

K. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchasing Contract in the amount not to exceed \$26,130.58 with Southwest Environmental Testing, LLC for manhole rehabilitation.

L. Consideration and possible approval of **Ordinance 449-09** Annexation 09-013 a request by Rob McGee of V3 Engineering for annexation of seven parcels totaling 2.4 acres of land at the southeast corner of Ocotillo and Crismon Roads.

M. Consideration and possible approval of **Ordinance 450-09** Annexation 08-186 a request by Jake Munns of Synectic Design Inc., for annexation of a 22 ft. x 395 ft. section of land located on the south side of Ocotillo Road, approximately 300 feet east of Crismon Road.

N. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 774-09** modifying assessments and assessment diagrams for ID001-Ellsworth Loop Road/Rittenhouse Road Improvement District.

O. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 776-09** approving the Conveyance Agreement in the amount not to exceed \$368,780.89 for the acquisition of real property from Edgardo H. Claveria and Christine L.D. Claveria (Parcel #304-67-056C) for a future fire station.

***P.** Public Hearing on Annexation 09-033 “A Country Place” a request by Michelle Dahlke of Arizona Planning Solutions, for annexation of a parcel of land approximately .85 acres in size located on the east side of Sossaman Road, approximately 500 feet south of Queen Creek Road.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented (Wootten/Barnes/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.

10. Discussion and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchasing Contract in the amount not to exceed \$101,820 over a five-year period (\$20,364 annually) with Qwest Communications for a redundant internet connection to the Development Services Building.

IT Division Manager Lester Godsey gave a presentation on the request for back-up communications and connections for all Town buildings/facilities and addressed Council’s

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questions and concerns from the May 6, 2009 Council Meeting about productivity and safety impacts. Mr. Godsey explained that a loss of power would affect the physical buildings and operations and an extended outage of 10-15 minutes would affect the phone systems and all internal networks. He said that back-up connections are necessary to maintain basic and emergency systems including SCADA (water systems), ITS (Intelligent Traffic Systems), Blue Stake services which are submitted through the website and DOC/EOC communications such as e-mail, GIS and other current and any future applications. Mr. Godsey also reported that the Town of Gilbert and City of Mesa have back-up systems and Florence is in the planning stage.

Council discussed the importance of safety as a priority as well as the possibility of funding other programs that may generate revenue.

Motion to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Contract in the amount not to exceed \$101,820 over a five-year period (\$20,364 annually) with Qwest Communications for a redundant internet connection to the Development Services Building (Brown/Wootten/4-1 (Barnes) Motion passed.

11. Discussion and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchasing Contract in the amount not to exceed \$38,763 with NEC Unified Solutions for materials and professional services related to the redundant internet connection to the Development Services Building.

Report given under Item #10.

Motion to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Contract in the amount not to exceed \$38,763 with NEC Unified Solutions for materials and professional services related to the redundant internet connection to the Development Services Building (Brown/Wootten/4-1 (Barnes) Motion passed.

12. Discussion and possible action on the Town's FY09/10 Tentative Budget.

Town Manager John Kross presented the FY09/10 Tentative Budget which establishes the maximum budget of \$98,122,116. Mr. Kross said retail remains strong and is starting to replace some of the lost construction sales tax revenue but adjustments were still necessary. Some adjustments that were made: voluntary separation/retirement; personnel adjustments/reductions; continued reduced work week and pay cut; continuing the reduced merit pay and COLA as well as reducing mileage reimbursement, cell phones and training. Mr. Kross also reported that there would be some new revenues generated as discussed by the Budget Committee and stated that there would be no reduction in Public Safety funding (Fire & MCSO).

Motion to approve the Town's FY09/10 Tentative Budget and set the public hearing on the proposed budget for June 17, 2009 (Brown/Wootten/4-1 (Barnes) Motion Passed

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

13. Presentation of the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce 2nd Quarter Report.

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No additional discussion.

14. Discussion on the proposed Williams Gateway Freeway/State Route 802.

Intergovernmental Liaison Mark Young gave an update on the Williams Gateway Freeway/State Route 802 and alternative alignments being considered as compared with the Council's June 2008 recommendation for "Alignment B-1". Mr. Young discussed the benefits from "Alignment B-1" from economic development opportunities, traffic congestion relief and minimal impact on existing developments. Council discussed interchanges, elevated and/or depressed roads along the CAP and the Superstitions Vistas project. Council asked about the funding status. Mr. Young said the design phase within Maricopa County was funded but there was no funding identified yet for the Pinal County portion. Mr. Young added that a resolution supporting the alignment would be scheduled for a future agenda.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Arthur M. Sanders, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

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 May 20, 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 June 17, 2009.