



Minutes
Work Study and Possible Executive Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
June 3, 2009
5:30 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

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. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the following purposes:

A. Discussion and consultation with the Town Attorney for legal advice regarding SRP line siting A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

B. Discussion and consultation for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorney regarding a possible property lease to American Legion. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:31pm (Barnes/Wootten/Unanimous)

The Work Study reconvened at 6:40pm.

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

4. Discussion on developing a policy on leasing of Town property to non-profit organizations.

Town Manager John Kross reviewed suggested criteria to be included in a leasing policy. Criteria included annual review; terms of tenancy; property use criteria and community services provided primarily to Queen Creek residents. Mr. Kross also said any policy would have to comply with State Statutes gift clause requirements, CDBG qualifications and legal non-profit status. Council asked if there was an asset list available that included the square footage of facilities. Mr. Kross distributed a map with Town facilities and land/parks identified.

Council discussed how limited available space could be allocated to all groups who may request space. Mr. Kross responded that it would most likely be on a case-by-case basis and added that many times the non-profit organization reaches out to the community first. Additional discussion was on providing a combined space for multiple organizations to use and whether that would be handled the same way. Mr. Kross answered that it would most likely be on a case-by-case basis but any decision would be up to the Council to determine if all the requirements of a policy had been met. He added that all proposals would need to be considered equitably and fairly.

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Further discussion was in regard to non-profit organizations serving the community outside the Town; use of alcohol on Town-owned premises and having the Council retain authority to approve any proposal. Mr. Kross said that the issue of alcohol hasn't been researched yet but it's not uncommon to allow alcohol in other communities.

Council concurred that good elements of a policy would include accountability and structure.

Mr. Kross said that adopting a policy is the first step and will prepare one for future consideration.

5. Presentation and discussion on a proposed gardening recognition program.

Continued to a future meeting.

6. Discussion on the modification of the Town Subdivision Ordinance to establish standards for the development in the Desert Foothills.

No discussion.

7. 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; CAAG. 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.

No report.

8. Adjournment

The Work Study Session was adjourned at 7:03pm.

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 June 3, 2009 Work Study 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 July 15, 2009.