



Minutes
Regular and Possible Executive Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
August 5, 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; Barney; Brown; Vice Mayor Mortensen and Mayor Sanders. Council Members Hildebrandt and Wootten were absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Sanders.

4. Invocation: Bill Birdwell, Chaplain for the Gilbert Fire Department.

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

Mayor Sanders made special remarks in honor of Fire Captain Eric Tinkham.

A. Introduction of and presentation of gifts to dignitaries from Jesus Maria, Mexico – Sister City to the Town of Queen Creek (Cancelled)

B. Neighborhoods in Bloom – Beautification Awards

Residential under ¼ acre: Felis Nora

Residential over ½ acre: Rosie Hyde & Lorraine Ryall (two winners)

Business: Broadstone Apartments

Make Over Award: Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

Community Partner Project: Faith Family Church

C. Proclamation – Dust Control Week: read by Ramona Simpson, Mgmt. Assistant/Public Works

D. Proclamation – Drowning Impact Awareness Month: read by Mayor Sanders

6. Committee Reports

A. Development Fee Working Group – July 14, 2009: Council Member Barney reported on the group's discussion on the presentation by Dan Jackson, Economists.com on the development fee calculation, proposed water development fees and future growth projections. The group also reviewed the timeline for forwarding a recommendation to the Council. No further meetings are scheduled.

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B. Town Center Committee – July 28, 2009: Cynthia Buffington, Chair, reported the committee recommended approval of the Circulation Goals & Policies revisions made to the Multimodel Circulation System Element in the Town Center Plan. The Committee members also discussed Town Center boundary changes and the recently submitted Major General Plan Amendments. A recommendation to approve land use element and map revisions and encouraging adaptive reuse of residential structures was also discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2009.

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.

Irene Gonzalez, representing her parents who live on Ocotillo Road, asked why the sidewalk wasn’t placed along the curb and wider in some parts than others.

Tim Bushnell, representing American Legion Post 129, stated the Post sponsored Blasé Baggs for Boys State and he also represented Boys Nation in Washington D.C. Mr. Baggs stated it was an honor to represent Queen Creek and Arizona and thanked the community for the opportunity to participate.

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 June 25, 2009 Special Session Minutes.

B. Consideration and possible approval of the July 15, 2009 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.

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

D. Consideration and possible approval of the Combs Road “Map of Dedication” located in a portion of the southwest quarter of Section 30 between Meridian Road and Gantzel Road, a request by the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

E. Consideration and possible approval of a contract with American Ramp Company in an amount not to exceed \$65,229 for ramps at Founders Park Skate Park.

F. Consideration and possible approval of a construction work order utilizing the City of Chandler SAVE Contract for asphalt maintenance with G & G Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$47,224.35 for the removal of the median west of 205th Place, identified as “Median 4”.

G. Consideration and possible approval of .5 FTE temporary/seasonal staff for Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre operations.

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H. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 779-09** authorizing the purchase agreement in the amount not to exceed \$215,000 for the acquisition of real property from Albertson Family Trust (Parcel #'s 304-91-119, 120 & 121) for the Ellsworth Road Improvement – Empire to Cloud project.

I. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 796-09** adopting a policy for long-term leases of Town owned land and/or buildings with non-profit agencies.

J. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 797-09** adopting amendments to the 2006 Municipal Sponsorship Program Management Policy to allow for gaming institution promotion sponsorships and to increase Town Manager signature authority thresholds for sponsorship agreements.

K. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation to allow the State to acquire federal funds for the Queen Creek Town Center ITS Project (ADOT Project No. QCR-0(201)(A).

L. Consideration and possible approval of the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County for fire pre-emption installation equipment installation and maintenance at the intersection of Riggs Road and Sossaman Road.

M. Consideration and possible approval of the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County for fire pre-emption equipment installation and maintenance at the intersection of Riggs Road and Power Road.

N. Consideration and possible approval of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact (AZMAC).

*O. Public Hearing and possible approval of a Series 10 Beer & Wine Store liquor license application submitted by Randy Nations (Agent) on behalf of Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market, to be located at the NEC Rittenhouse & Ocotillo Roads (Parcel # 304-66-981) in the Cornerstone at Queen Creek shopping center.

Items I & J were pulled for discussion.

Motion to approve remainder of Consent Calendar as presented
(Brown/Mortensen/Unanimous)

Item I: Clarification was requested on the requirement for a certified financial statement and whether the financial statement could be approved by staff, possibly saving the non-profit organization some money.

There was a suggestion to continue this item to the next meeting when all Council Members would be present.

An additional question of clarification was requested regarding the schedule of Board meeting dates and minutes from each. Town Manager Kross explained that this particular requirement was under the Annual Review section and would ensure that either the Board or organization is

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actively holding meetings. He said presorts or some other confirmation of meetings would also be sufficient.

Motion to continue Item I Resolution 796-09 adopting a policy for long-term leases of Town owned land and/or buildings with non-profit agencies to the August 19, 2009 meeting (Brown/Barnes/Unanimous)

Item J: Parks & Recreation Division Manager Creighton Wright clarified that an exception for allowing sponsorships from gaming institutions would apply to Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre only. Council asked if this meant advertising only. Mr. Wright responded yes.

Motion to approve Resolution 797-09 adopting amendments to the 2006 Municipal Sponsorship Program Management Policy to allow for gaming institution promotion sponsorships and to increase Town Manager signature authority thresholds for sponsorship agreements with the clarification that sponsorship from gaming institutions apply only to Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre.

(Brown/Barnes) **Vote: 4-1 Motion Passed.**

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.

9. Discussion and possible action on directing staff to develop additions to the water conservation program using cost savings from efficiencies in bill pay services in the Utilities Department.

Town Manager John Kross stated this item was on the agenda as a follow-up to the Council's previous approval to outsource utility billing and Council's questions regarding giving the savings back to the customers or subsidizing smart meters. Mr. Kross at this point asked Council for direction on how to proceed.

Council Member Barnes stated that other cities are offering rebates on purchases of energy efficient or low water usage appliances.

Utility Director Paul Gardner replied that cities offer many programs and staff is proposing at this time to appoint a committee to establish a smart controller reimbursement program aimed at HOA's and other high water user groups. Mr. Gardner said that he would like to partner with SRP at some point, but would like to start with local HOA's. Council asked how much smart

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controllers cost and how many are needed for large subdivisions. Mr. Gardner replied that residential units run \$700-\$800 and commercial units are \$1200 - \$1800 and that 12-16 units may be needed for a larger subdivision. There was some discussion on immediate savings and long-term savings. Mr. Gardner added that the Town is currently working on grants for the Cortina and Sossaman Estates subdivisions for smart controllers.

Further discussion was in regard to costs to purchase, install and train landscapers to operate & maintain the controllers and lower HOA water bills and savings being passed on through lower assessments. Mr. Gardner added that the utility department is installing smarter meters in subdivisions to track water usage for 30 days and will discuss that information with SRP.

Motion to direct staff to continue developing criteria for water conservation program and present at a future meeting and focusing on partnerships, HOA's and education (Mortensen/Brown/Unanimous)

10. Discussion and possible action on Town participation with the American Legion and allocation of funding in the amount of up to \$1,000 support services for a September 11 Day of Remembrance.

Town Manager Kross said he had received a request from Mr. Bushnell on behalf of American Legion Post 129 Commander DeStefano for a time commitment for the annual 9-11 commemorative event.

Mr. Bushnell outlined the proposed 9-11 annual commemorative event and asked the Town for assistance in the set-up/take down of chairs and podium; media coverage; signs and essay awards. Mr. Bushnell also outlined the Legion's responsibilities.

Rustyn Sherer, Gilbert and Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, spoke in support of the event.

Motion to provide support as recommended (Barney/Brown/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.

None.

11. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: The Council may reconvene the Executive Session for any of the items listed on the Executive Session Agenda.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:00pm.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

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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 August 5, 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 August 19, 2009.