



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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

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

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mitchell Carroll, Scout Troop 839

4. Invocation: Pastor Gwartney – Christ’s Church Free Will Baptist

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

A. Fall 2009 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) graduation: Public Safety Manager Joe LaFortune and Capt. Ted Ford (QCPD) presented the following with certificates for completing the Fall 2009 CERT program: Philip Jablonski, Annette Joy, Kellie Rascon, Margaret Salkind and Jean Yarbrough. Also recognized were Jon Baker, Tom Hurst, Lindsay Kirkpatrick, Karen Knowles, Brent Morales, Reggie Rascon, Craig Shaver, Robert Stewart and Ryan Wagner.

6. Committee Reports

A. 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.

B. Town Center Committee – October 27, 2009: Cynthia Buffington, Committee Chair, reported on the Committee’s recommendations for decorative street lights on Town Center arterial roads, Town Center Amenities Element and a directional sign policy. The Committee also asked that a revised Mixed-use definition be brought back for further discussion. The next meeting is November 24.

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C. Economic Development Commission – October 28, 2009: Vice Mayor Mortensen reported on the Commission’s recommendations on the Major General Plan Amendments and the overview of the Tourism Stakeholder meeting and Tourism S.W.O.T. analysis. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2010.

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.

Larry Murphy, Queen Creek, spoke about his concerns with the solid waste proposal and said he had some questions about it.

Joe Witherow, Queen Creek, spoke about his concerns with the solid waste proposal and said he didn’t think people had enough information provided to make a choice.

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 October 21, 2009 Work Study & Regular Session Minutes.

B. Consideration and possible approval of a professional services contract through FY09-10 in the amount not to exceed \$29,569.75 with the Queensland Manor Estates Community Association for maintenance of a public use easement.

C. Consideration and possible approval of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement in the amount not to exceed \$99,000 with ELS Construction, Inc., for open space landscaping on an as-needed basis.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented (Mortensen/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.

9. Public Hearing on the Alternative Expenditure Limitation/Home Rule Option. *(The Regular Session will be recessed after this Public Hearing and a Special Session to approve the proposal for the Alternative Expenditure Limitation/Home Rule Option will be held. Upon the adjournment of the Special Session, the Regular Session will reconvene and the order of agenda items will continue)*

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Assistant Town Manager Patrick Flynn gave an overview of the procedure to adopt the Home Rule and stated that Queen Creek voters first approved Home Rule in 2002 and renewed it in 2006. Mr. Flynn said that Home Rule allows the Town to expend the revenue it generates, otherwise the Town would be under a State mandated limit.

The Public Hearing was opened. No one came forth and the Public Hearing was closed.

The Regular Meeting was recessed at 7:24 in order to hold the Special Session.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:27.

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.

None.

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

10. Presentation by CMC Steel.

Steve Henderson, VP and General Manager of CMC Arizona, provided background information on steel manufacturing and uses for steel. He said the primary product manufactured at the Mesa plant is rebar made from recycled scrap metal. Mr. Henderson reported that 30 of the 135 current employees have Queen Creek addresses and during the construction phase and ramp-up operation, many other employees/workers used local Queen Creek businesses.

11. Presentation on the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

Assistant PW Director/Traffic Engineer Mike Pacelli gave an update and progress report on the Town's ITS program. Mr. Pacelli explained that the ITS monitors and manages traffic on arterial streets and coordinates traffic signals. He added that other uses include CCTV at intersections, dynamic message signs and linked communications to the traffic management center.

Mr. Pacelli said that the Town has been awarded six (6) federally funded grants totaling \$1.6 million and the first project, the "Town Center ITS" is underway. Mr. Pacelli reviewed the grant and match amounts.

12. Presentation on end of session legislative report by Mike Williams of Williams Associates.

Mike Williams, the Town's state lobbyist, reported on a few highlights that affected the Town from the past Legislative Session. Highlights he reported on:

- Congestion Mitigation Fund – extension of loan repayment term – now 15 years
- Development Fees

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- Government transparency
- GPLET – economic development tools
- Vehicle License Tax – reduced revenue to cities & towns
- Police & Fire liability protection

Mr. Williams also discussed the planned work for the next Legislative Session that includes protection of State Shared Revenue; Development Fee moratorium, economic development and State Trust Land reform. Town Manager John Kross added that the Town's 2010 legislative agenda would be presented to Council in December.

Council discussed aligning Queen Creek's legislative agenda with those resolutions adopted by the League Resolution Committee and focus on state shared revenues, development impact fees and economic development.

13. 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 8:15pm (Brown/Mortensen/Unanimous)

14. Adjournment

The Regular Session was adjourned at 9:10pm.

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 November 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 November 18, 2009.