



**Work Study Minutes
Queen Creek Town Council**

Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
November 18, 2009
6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

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

A. Discussion and consultation with the Town Attorneys for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding the possible settlement of litigation: Town of Queen Creek v. Lexon. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:02pm (Barnes/Wootten/Unanimous)

The Work Study Session reconvened at 6:22pm.

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. Update and presentation by SRP on the Smart Controller Rebate Program.

Utilities Director Paul Gardner discussed the proposed program and guidelines for a Smart Controller Program/Grant with HOA's. Mr. Gardner added that Smart Controllers are available to individuals through SRP directly. Council asked about a cost benefit analysis. Mr. Gardner said that the average water use reduction is 15-25% which would pay for the controller in about a year through the cost savings.

Karen Collins, of SRP, discussed the features of a Smart Controller and review of user surveys from 2008 and 2009. Ms. Collins also said that Queen Creek has been offered space at the Spring Expo and SRP can also come out to Queen Creek during a larger event.

(Vice Mayor Mortensen left the meeting at 6:35pm)

5. Update and presentation by SRP on the Aesthetics Fund Program.

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CIP Manager Troy White explained the purpose of the aesthetics fund for utility related infrastructure improvements including undergrounding wires and fencing. Mr. White said the SRP Aesthetics Fund program was being discontinued in March 2010 for at least the next two years and the Town must invoice SRP for the balance of the Town's fund balance of approximately \$621,000 by the end of March 2010. He said there are two pending projects on Hawes & Riggs Roads and provided costs for two other possible projects: undergrounding at Hawes & Ocotillo @ \$400,000 and undergrounding at Ellsworth/Queen Creek Rd./Germann Rd. @ \$550,000.

Council asked if screening walls around substations could be considered for aesthetic fund use. Mr. White said that it was being considered if the other projects can't be completed in time.

Council recommended maximizing the remaining aesthetic fund balance.

6. Adjournment

The Work Study Session adjourned at 6:43pm.

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 18, 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 December 16, 2009.