



**Minutes
Work Study Session
Queen Creek Town Council**

Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
December 16, 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; Benning; 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 and designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding possible property acquisitions regarding Town Center Project right-of-way needs (Parcels 304-68-034; 304-66-018Z and 304-66-033): A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7).

B. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorneys for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding the possible litigation: PMT v. the Town, City of Mesa, Town of Gilbert and Apache Junction Fire District: A.R.S 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

C. Discussion and consideration of assignments of Town Manager: A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).

D. Discussion and consultation with the Town Attorney for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorney concerning possible settlement of claims relating to pending and contemplated litigation regarding the Santo Vallarta subdivision: A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

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

The Work Study Session reconvened at 6:32pm.

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. Presentation of the 2008 Crime Statistics.

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Public Safety Manager Joe LaFortune reported on service levels, response times and incident statistics for 2008. Mr. LaFortune said that there was a 3% incident increase vs. a 9% population increase and the data and service levels for 2009 are similar.

5. Discussion on proposed amendments to the Town Council Meeting Procedures and Policies Handbook.

Town Manager John Kross reviewed the proposed amendments to the handbook. Discussion was in regard to the current practice of holding two meetings per month and it was the Council's desire to mandate two meetings, a Town Code amendment would be required.

There was also discussion on the voluntary abstention section and parliamentary procedure. A request to delete that section was made.

Town Attorney Fredda Bisman added that requesting a written legal opinion for conflicts of interest had been added to the handbook.

6. Discussion on the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (State Grant Program) and authorizing the necessary financial reimbursement fund for implementation.

No discussion.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

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 December 16, 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 January 20, 2010.