



**Minutes**  
**Regular Session**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road  
Council Chambers  
September 1, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

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

Council Members present: Alston; Benning; Brown; Oliphant; Wheatley; Vice Mayor Barnes and Mayor Barney.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Vice Mayor Barnes.

**4. Invocation:** Pastor Augie Iadicicco – Saving Grace Lutheran Church

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

A. Proclamation – 9-11 Commemoration: Mayor Barney

B. Proclamation – American Legion Day September 16, 2010: Vice Mayor Barnes

**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.

Council Member Oliphant reported on the September 1, 2010 East Valley Partnership Committee for Emerging Leaders. Topics discussed included local business and investment in communities. The next meeting is scheduled for November.

Council Member Brown also attended the East Valley Partnership Committee for Emerging Leaders and reported on the discussion regarding regionalism and not competing against other cities/towns.

B. Economic Development Commission – August 25, 2010: Economic Development Director Doreen Cott reported on the election of Lee Ester as Chair and Carson Brown as Vice Chair for FY10-11. She also thanked John Schroeder for serving as Chair for two years and Rustyn Sherer as Vice Chair. Other issues discussed included the approval of the FY10-11 Work Plan; approval

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of the Ombudsman Program; and a recommendation to staff to move forward on the business incubator feasibility study recommendation for an office/services type business incubator. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2010.

C. Disaster Management Committee – August 25, 2010: Bruce Barnes reported that the committee discussed a conceptual communication plan utilizing ham radios; and shelter management.

**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.

*None.*

**Motion to move Item 11 up before Item 8 (Benning/Barnes/Unanimous)**

Pinal County Supervisor Bryan Martin complimented the Town Council for the 9-11 Commemoration and American Legion Day proclamations. Mr. Martin reported that a General Plan for San Tan Valley is moving forward and the group will be working on incorporation reform with the legislature. He also reported that a San Tan Valley library is moving forward with George Johnson’s agreement to pay applicable library impact fees and Pinal County is continuing on the update of zoning ordinances. Mr. Martin said he plans to provide quarterly updates to the Council.

Council thanked Mr. Martin for working with the Town on transportation issues and Pinal County’s outreach to communities. Mr. Martin presented each Council Member with a challenge pin.

**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 August 18, 2010 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.

B. Consideration and possible approval of the “Charleston Estates Phasing Plan” a request by Standard Pacific Homes – Charleston Estates, located at the northwest corner of Ocotillo and Signal Butte Roads.

C. Consideration and possible approval of a one-year printing services contract with up to four, one-year renewals with Complete Print Shop, Inc., for miscellaneous printing services on an as-needed basis.

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D. Consideration and possible approval of a one-year printing services contract with up to four, one-year renewals with Century Graphics, for miscellaneous printing services on an as-needed basis.

E. Consideration and possible approval of a one-year printing services contract with up to four, one-year renewals with Courier Graphics Corporation, for miscellaneous printing services on an as-needed basis.

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented (Brown/Alston/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 and possible action on CU10-055 “Lotus Dog Training & Boarding”** a request by Sheila Iyengar for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a dog training, boarding and rescue business at 18924 E. Chandler Heights Road.

Planning Manager Wayne Balmer stated that Ms. Iyengar’s attorney has requested that the letter for continuance be withdrawn.

Mr. Balmer presented the applicant’s request including the site plan and the nine criteria required to be met for a Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Balmer stated that staff does not support approval of the application due to concerns with not meeting Criteria #5 and #6 of Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3.5. Mr. Balmer reported that the kennel issue came to the Town’s attention through a resident’s complaint.

Mr. Balmer reviewed the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation for approval subject to 16 conditions addressing but not limited to: maximum number of dogs allowed; Conditional Use Permit time limit; annual inspections; restricted hours of operation; additional fencing and landscaping; compliance with the Maricopa County Health Code (Animals); signing of a 207 Waiver and compliance with all other Town Codes and regulations.

Council asked what type of complaint(s) had been received. Mr. Balmer responded that the complaint was for barking dogs.

Council asked what type of building code violations had occurred. Mr. Balmer responded permits had not been issued for the conversion of the accessory building to a kennel; and that parking and dust control would need to be looked at.

Council asked for clarification of staff’s recommendation for not supporting approval. Mr. Balmer responded that staff doesn’t support the application and doesn’t have a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation. He said staff is still concerned that Criteria #5 and #6 are not met.

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There was discussion on the Commission's recommended conditions. Mr. Balmer explained that they looked at specific issues that could make the Conditional Use Permit compatible with surrounding properties.

Andy Moore, Attorney representing the applicant (Sheila Iyengar), gave background information on Ms. Iyengar and her kennel business that supports the 501C3 non-profit rescue operation. Mr. Moore stated that Ms. Iyengar purchased the 3-acre property zoned R1-43 based on the surrounding properties and that she had received positive support prior to purchasing. He said that landscaping and fencing improvements have already been made to the property.

Mr. Moore continued his presentation by stating that Ms. Iyengar had addressed the barking dog complaint with the neighbor.

Mr. Moore talked about the Zoning Code provisions and Conditional Use Permit requirements. He said that Ms. Iyengar is in agreement with the Planning and Zoning Commission's additional requirements but would prefer to do additional landscaping instead of wall, but if the wall is required, he asked that the condition be amended to allow the placement of the wall at the property line. He said he believes the community needs this business and that Criteria #9 of Conditional Use Permit requirements would be covered (public interest would outweigh individual property owner's interests). He added that the business is a small with a maximum 20 cars daily.

Council asked whether Ms. Iyengar had presented the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to the neighbors who were opposed. Mr. Moore responded that some were in attendance at the Commission meeting but he didn't know about others.

Council asked Mr. Moore why the applicant waited six months to apply for a Conditional Use Permit in response to a complaint and why the site plan was submitted without complying with the Zoning Ordinance requirements (size to scale etc). Mr. Moore responded that he was brought in on the case only four days prior to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and that Ms. Iyengar said she was told by Town staff that she could do site plan drawings on her own.

Mr. Balmer explained that the existing buildings were not being modified and no new construction was proposed at the time so staff felt that the applicant's sketch would be acceptable. Council commented on the expectation for complete site plans and building improvement plans from all businesses.

Council also wanted to know why if the barking dog complaint was mitigated, the neighbor to the north was still in opposition. Mr. Moore reviewed the steps taken to address the barking dogs (closing doors, no bark collars and additional staff); he said very few people, including the complainant attended the neighborhood meeting and the complainant left early.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Eric Cohen, Queen Creek, in opposition, stated he was a resident and owner of veterinary clinic in Queen Creek and cares for rescue dogs. He said that allowing the applicant to operate a

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commercial business in a residential area would allow the applicant to pay a residential tax rate and residential utility rates instead of commercial rates. He said historically that Queen Creek Council's have denied similar requests.

Maryanne Strober, Pinal County, in support, said providing this service to the community would take the burden off of taxpayers and operating a home business is a business owner's choice.

Chuck Lopez, Queen Creek, in opposition, stated he was a Rancho Jardines resident of 26 years and with his community involvement, has seen many businesses asking for forgiveness rather than following Town's regulations. He said he lives 9 lots west and had never been contacted by the applicant and he has heard dogs barking in the evening and witnessed several occasions of dogs jumping six-ft. fences. He said 50 dogs were too many.

Art Rispoli, Queen Creek, in opposition, stated he was a Rancho Jardines resident of 5 years, said he made no further complaints while waiting on the outcome of the Conditional Use Permit. He said 50 dogs is too many; livestock and pets are ok, but a kennel business in a backyard was not. He stated that the applicant didn't apply for a permit until a complaint was filed.

Regina Whitman, Queen Creek, in support, stated she operates Desert Cry, a native wildlife rescue operation. She said pet owners need boarding services from a loving, caring facility and that Ms. Iyengar's facilities have always been clean and quiet.

Jerry Chadwick, Queen Creek, a Rancho Jardines resident, stated that he received no contact from the applicant and that a commercial business doesn't belong in a residential area. He said 50 dogs is too many. He also said that he loves dogs and gets them from rescue places, but the Town has codes that need to be enforced and previous kennels have been denied. He also said he was concerned with traffic and nuisance.

Alfred Reyes, Queen Creek, in opposition, stated that he was a longtime resident of Rancho Jardines and believes property values will decrease and a precedent will be set for future kennels. He said 50 dogs is too many for the property. He said he is an animal lover and this was an emotional issue that would change the neighborhood.

Mitzie Cordes-Heydt, Gilbert, in support, said she sold the property to the applicant and that she did do her homework prior to buying. She stated that the applicant met twice with the Town before buying and that the buildings and use are normal for the property. She said there were other distressed properties in the neighborhood and that Ms. Iyengar cares for animals in a clean environment.

Rebella Kovacevich, San Tan Valley, in support, said the applicant provides many services for her dog.

Jo Gelinias, Queen Creek, in support.

Sally Jo Whetstien, Florence, in support, stated that she is a customer of the applicant and supports the services provided.

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Bob Cason, Queen Creek, in support, said Ms. Iyengar always followed through on promises.

Joanne Austen, San Tan Valley, in support, said she has known Ms. Iyengar for two years and will only leave her dogs with her. She said she believes that Sheila's home will be taken away from her and the Town should be understanding and compassionate and approve the permit.

Jasper & Odessa Jackson, Queen Creek, in support, provided written comments that Lotus Dog Training would be an asset to the community and Town of Queen Creek (revenue).

John Lewis, Queen Creek, in opposition, said the issue is a business in a residential area and that 50 dogs is too many. He also said block walls are against the code. He said no one was taking away anything from the applicant as she started business without permits. He said it would be a domino effect for the community.

Alan Peterson, Mesa, in support, said he used Ms. Iyengar's services as a trainer, foster and has adopted dogs from her.

Christina Peterson, Mesa, in support, provided written comments that more people and businesses like Sheila's were needed.

Deborah Schmoltdt, Queen Creek, in support, provided written comments that she completely supports Sheila's noble quest to continue to help aid small animals through her business.

Chris Adkisson, San Tan Valley, in support, provided written comments that it would be a great disservice to the community to not allow the continued operations of RRAR.

Janae Hyland, Queen Creek, in support, stated she lives six properties north. She said the traffic is already on Chandler Heights and kennels are allowed with a Conditional Use Permit and Ms. Iyengar has improved the property.

Sylvia Smart, Pinal County, in support, provided written comments that there is a very serious need that is not being addressed by either County. We cannot let this be closed down. Animal rescue is something to be applauded not shut down.

Kathy Martinez, Queen Creek -Pinal County, in support, provided written comments that Reservation Rewards should be granted the permit. Queen Creek is in need of this non-profit business which supports our community and educates the people on how to care for our animals and provides a home for abandoned, neglected and abused dogs.

Michael Yuhconiak, in support, provided written comments that Sheila provides a vital service that is not met adequately otherwise within either Pinal or Maricopa County. Shutting her down is tantamount to endorsing animal cruelty as animal rescue will become even more underserved.

Phil Acosta, Pinal County, in support, stated he spends a lot of time on the property and finds all concerns and complaints unfounded and that no new complaints had been filed in the last five months.

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Heather Bunch-Rindels, San Tan Valley, in support, said she is a volunteer coordinator for Ms. Iyengar and assisted in sending letters and postcards. She said she works at the kennel on the weekends, waste is picked up daily and there have been no noise complaints in five months.

Carolyn Iyengar, Queen Creek, in support, provided written comments that during this period of economic crisis she would hope the Town would support small businesses that provide a service to the community. This home based business has neighborhood support and fits in with the character of Rancho Jardines.

Scott Darger, San Tan Valley, in support, provided written comments that he was a veterinarian and sees many of the homeless animals that Sheila rescues. He believes she provides a valuable service to the community and urges the Council to approve the permit. The benefits greatly outweigh the few concerns that a small number of individuals may have. It is always worth considering the “greater good”.

Kristi Kruger, San Tan Valley, in support (no other comments).

Earl Thornton, San Tan Valley, in support, provided written comments that his family adopted a dog from Reservation Rewards three years ago. They were kind and professional in properly placing a dog to a new family by providing a foster atmosphere before an actual adoption occurred. Reservation Rewards is a valuable asset to the community and supports their business. Please allow them to continue operations in Queen Creek.

Sara Moore, Gilbert, in support, provided written comments that Sheila and her staff provide a wonderful service to Queen Creek and the surrounding communities as well as providing a safe environment for dogs that others have abandoned. Her new facility is perfect for both her business and the rescue. Sheila has been very accommodating in regards to requests of the community. I fully support her request for a conditional use permit.

Odis & Dana Sutterfield, Gilbert, in support, provided written comments that they support Lotus for conditional use permit. We use Lotus for training our two German Shepherds and more importantly boarding and by far this is the best and only facility for our family.

Maril Megelt, San Tan Valley, in support, provided written comments to please consider approving the permit for this operation. Without organizations such as this abandoned and mistreated dogs don't have a chance.

Rebekha Pailliotzt (sp), Queen Creek, in support, provided written comments to please save this organization. I support Sheila and her plight to save the abandoned dogs and rehabilitate them.

Karen Crooks, Queen Creek, in opposition, provided written comments she doesn't approve the size of the operation and is worried about noise and disease and might agree with a smaller operation.

Eve Martin, Queen Creek, in opposition (no other comments).

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Al Edelmaier, San Tan Valley, in support, provided written comments that we should be in favor and full support of Agenda #9. Very important for the animals welfare and for protection of families of all ages.

Robert Pailliotet, Queen Creek, in support, provided written comments that the community needs folks like Sheila. She gracefully cares for the abandoned and forgotten and selflessly gives of her time and energy. This is especially important during this foreclosure crisis.

Christie Davies, Florence, in support, stated she shops and boards her dogs in Queen Creek and has had her dogs trained by Lotus by recommendation of a vet. She said the business would be an economic benefit to the community.

Sherilyn Turner, San Tan Valley, in support, provided written comments that Lotus Dog Training serves two counties. Lotus never turns down abandoned animals; please vote to allow this company to remain in business.

Shelli Tepe, Queen Creek, in support, stated she would like Ms. Iyengar and the friendly dogs as neighbors rather than roosters. She said she has never seen dogs out of control and has worked with Sheila on rescue. She said all properties adjacent have dogs and with today's economy many businesses are run out of the home.

Diane Behling, Gilbert, in support, provided written comments that she lives in a neighborhood with an HOA and most homes have at least one dog and hear dogs barking in the evening. I have driven by Sheila's home many times and there has never been excessive noise or odor.

Brian Bush, San Tan Valley, in support, provided written comments that his family has used Lotus Dog Training and Boarding for five years and they treat dogs with great respect. They have a great establishment and everything runs smoothly. WE need Lotus Dog Training in Queen Creek. They are perfect and reasonable and a very clean site.

Carmen Pelts, Chandler, in support, said that Sheila is complying with her neighbors complaints and that she depends on clients like Sheila who use her mobile pet grooming business.

Elyssa Eiring, San Tan Valley, in support, provided written comments that RRAR and Lotus Dog Training and Boarding have been positive addition to the area assisting in the removal of dogs on the streets and employing local citizens. Shutting her down would be detrimental to these efforts. Additional tax dollars remain within state as this is a locally owned business.

Anne Marie Collom, Queen Creek, in support, stated she has used Lotus for training an aggressive dog and supports her request.

Jorn Fledelius, Pinal County, in support, stated that he has three dogs from Lotus and has used Lotus' services on other dogs. He disagrees with statements by neighbors and they all need to get along.

Donna Marshall, Queen Creek, in support (provided no additional comments).



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Bob Oshop, San Tan Valley, in support (provided no additional comments).

Cindy Oshop, San Tan Valley, in support (provided no additional comments).

Beth Davis, Queen Creek, in support, provided written comments that she lives directly on the west side and there is no noise and property is clean. She only takes a dog or two out at one time.

Maryjo Magurary (sp), San Tan Valley, said she has known Sheila for five years and supports the application.

The Public Hearing was closed.

The meeting was recessed from 9:20 – 9:30pm.

Council Member Alston commented that the issue is location. He said he visited the site and met with Ms. Iyengar and commented that the facility is very nice and many improvements had been made, and he was concerned that a great amount of money was spent prior to receiving any approval. Council Member Alston also said that other businesses are run out of homes, but not of the magnitude of the kennel and barking and noise will still occur, even with mitigation and he has concerns about setting a precedent. Council Member Alston also stated that the Zoning Ordinance says what may be allowed in residential district, but a kennel is not appropriate in residential neighborhoods and hopes to work with Ms. Iyengar to find an appropriate location.

Development Services Director Tom Condit was asked to clarify staff's recommendation. Mr. Condit replied that staff's recommendation is not to approve the request.

Council Member Brown said he very much appreciates and supports the services provided by Ms. Iyengar, but not at the current location and would have preferred that the request and application for a Conditional Use Permit was made in advance of starting business. Council Member Brown stated that the overall benefits to the Town don't outweigh the negative effects of operating in the residential area. Council Member Brown said he would be concerned about an unfair advantage to a home based business versus the same business located in a commercial area paying commercial tax rates and complying with noise attenuation measures. He also said that property owners have the right to enjoy their property. Council Member Brown added that the Town did approve a Conditional Use Permit for a kennel in Rancho Jardines that ended up being revoked because of non-compliance.

Vice Mayor Barnes stated that he drives by the property daily and sees no traffic, dust or noise. He also said that he has visited the facility. Vice Mayor Barnes stated that the cost of business is the business owner's choice. He also said that there are many types of animals in the neighborhood and doubts that all 50 dogs would bark at the same time. Vice Mayor Barnes said the business would be a benefit to the community if it is kept up. He also said hundreds of businesses operate in Queen Creek without licenses or paying taxes.

Council Member Oliphant said she appreciated all the comments and e-mails. Council Member Oliphant said the quality of services is not questioned and she provides three services: rescue, training and boarding but the real concern is that the proposed number of kenneled dogs is 50.

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She said dogs bark for all reasons. Ms. Oliphant said she wants to support local businesses and home-based businesses that are done correctly. Her concerns are the number of dogs, the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for a block wall, and the fairness of taxes.

Council Member Wheatley stated she met with Ms. Iyengar and appreciates the services she provides. She said that she believes that the Planning and Zoning Commission's 16 stipulations were approved to try and make Conditional Use Permit conditions #5 and #6 work but is very concerned with the location of the business and resident's concerns. Council Member Wheatley said she could not approve one business at the expense of business owners and thinks a commercial or industrial zone is the most appropriate location.

Council Member Benning said the issue of zoning is to protect residents, landowners and property values. He said the intensity of use is the greatest concern and cannot support the size or intensity of the application. Council Member Benning said there is no question on the quality of services but the kennel and proposed 50 dogs is too many and said that some of the conditions could be discussed further.

Council asked for verification of the votes required for approval of a Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Condit responded 6 votes are required.

Mayor Barney said there are many issues to consider and wants to support local businesses and new businesses. He said special taxes can't be imposed on one business. Town Attorney Fredda Bisman concurred. Mayor Barney said Conditional Use Permits are one way to control nuisances and offenses, but can be subjective, and it won't prevent or solve every complaint.

Council asked if the applicant would have a chance to re-submit the application if denied. Mr. Condit said there is a waiting period of one-year before reapplying.

Mayor Barney invited the applicant or applicant's representative to speak again. Mr. Moore said he disagreed with the reference to first-in-time/first-in-right comments and must be a balance. He said the applicant would be agreeable to 35 dogs and revised fence requirements.

**Motion by Council Member Benning:** To approve the Conditional Use Permit CU10-055 with the following conditions:

1. A maximum of six dogs may be outdoors for training and/or exercise at any one time.
2. A maximum of 24 dogs may be permitted on the property at any one time. No more than 12 may be kenneled.
3. Dog shows, exhibitions, contests or similar type events are not permitted.
4. The Conditional Use Permit shall be valid for a period of 3 years. After that time the owner may apply for renewal of the Conditional Use Permit.
5. The property is to be inspected annually by a Town Neighborhood Preservation Coordinator or as needed as a result of public complaints.

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6. Applicant shall construct a decorative view fence, 30' inward of the northern, eastern and western property lines beginning at the fence line north of the existing house.
7. All outdoor dog training activities north of the existing home shall occur at least 30 ft. from the property lines.
8. The hours of operation for outdoor training and exercise shall be 7:00am – 7:00pm.
9. At no times shall dogs be allowed to roam the property unsupervised.
10. The kennel operation shall comply with the provisions of Chapter XI (Animals) of the Maricopa County Environmental Health Code.
11. Applicant shall submit construction plans for the current building and bring it up to code and proposed facilities for review and approval and issuance of a building permit.
12. Applicant shall obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for the current kennel building and related structures/facilities, as well as all proposed improvements no later than 6 months from the date of Council approval.
13. The Conditional Use Permit approved in case CU10-055 is effective upon signature by the property owner of the attached waiver and filing of the waiver with the Town of Queen Creek Planning Division. Failure to sign and return the waiver to the Planning Division within 5 working days of the date of approval shall render this conditional approval null and void.
14. Development shall comply with all other applicable Town development standards.
15. Non-compliance with the Conditions of Approval will be treated as a potential zoning violation and may be grounds for termination of this Conditional Use Permit in accordance with the Town of Queen Creek Zoning Ordinance.

There was discussion on whether it was Council's duty to negotiate conditions and that the applicant tried to mitigate complaints after talking to surrounding neighbors but didn't apply for the Conditional Use Permit until after the complaints were made and setting precedent.

**Second: Council Member Oliphant**

There was additional discussion on equitable property taxes for a similar commercial business in a commercial zoning district. Town Manager Kross responded that the Town doesn't have the ability to assess commercial taxes on a residential property. Additional discussion was in regard to paying applicable sales taxes; property rights and property values.

**Roll Call Vote:**      Wheatley – nay  
                             Benning – aye  
                             Barnes – nay  
                             Barney – nay  
                             Brown – nay

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Oliphant – nay  
Alston – nay

**Motion Failed 6-1.**

**Motion by Council Member Brown: To deny CU01-055  
Second by Council Member Alston**

**Roll Call Vote:** Benning – aye  
Barnes – nay  
Barney – aye  
Brown – aye  
Oliphant – aye  
Alston – aye  
Wheatley – aye

**Motion passed 6-1.**

**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.

**10.** Discussion and possible approval of the Advanced Life Support Contract Labor Services with Southwest Ambulance.

Assistant Fire Chief Ron Knight said that Southwest Ambulance is the only licensed ambulance service allowed to serve the Town. Mr. Knight then explained how certain emergency calls require additional personnel (paramedic) to ride in the ambulance with the patient. Mr. Knight said that the contract with Southwest Ambulance would provide reimbursement to the Town for this. He added that the regional agreement is still in negotiation with the City of Mesa as lead.

**Motion to approve the Advanced Life Support Contract Labor Services agreement with Southwest Ambulance (Barnes/Wheatley/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.

**11.** Update and discussion on Pinal County issues by Supervisor Bryan Martin.

*(Comments below Item 7 above)*

**12.** Discussion on the proposed operational fire services fees.

No further discussion.

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**13. Discussion on disaster management preparation, training and protocols.**

Fire Chief Van Summers updated the Council on the emergency preparations taken during the monsoon season. He discussed the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); logistical responses; field personnel and equipment and supplies. Council asked what the biggest danger is during the monsoon season and Chief Summers replied that it is the wind and rain (water).

**14. Discussion on Annual League Conference and reports.**

Mayor Barney reported on the joint discussion with the Town of Dewey-Humboldt. Topics of discussion included traffic, zoning and code compliance. He also said that he was able to meet one-one with many other Mayors as well as attend many sessions.

Council Member Brown reported on the Goldwater Institute Roundtable debate on “Proper Role of Government”.

Council Member Oliphant said she attended many sessions and made note that budget cuts necessitate a change in the way business is done. She also said she would like to build strong collaboration with the school districts.

Council Member Wheatley reported on the Opening General Session keynote speaker Dr. Lowell Catlett and discussion on the economy. She also reported on the session “Guarding the Public Checkbook”; and MATForce, which is a meth prevention program in Yavapai County.

Council Member Benning also reported on the Opening General Session; the meeting with Dewey-Humboldt and opportunity to discuss the perspective of where we’ve been.

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

No motion.

**16. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55pm.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

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Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

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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 September 1, 2010 Regular Session of the Queen Creek Town Council. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

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Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

Passed and approved on September 15, 2010