



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

Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
December 1, 2010
5:30pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm.

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

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

3. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session (to be held in the Saguaro Conference Room of the Development Services Building) for the following purposes:

A. Discussion and consultation with the Town Attorneys for legal advice regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and off-site cultivation. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:34pm (Alston/Benning/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.

4. Designation of Acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor & Vice-Mayor pursuant to Town Code Chapter 2, Section 2-2-3.

Prior to adjourning to Executive Session, the Council designated Council Member Brown as Acting Mayor to preside over the Council Meeting (Alston/Wheatley/Unanimous)

The Work Study Session reconvened at 6:06pm.

5. Presentation by Housing Our Communities organization on possible HOME application.

John Smith, representing Housing Our Communities provided information on the organization, previously known as Housing for Mesa, and the programs and services it provides. Mr. Smith explained the requirements for applying for the homebuyer assistance program which is FHA & HUD certified.

Council asked how many families could be helped with a grant of \$390,000. Mr. Smith responded 6-8, and costs can include rehabilitation of home, closing costs, counseling costs and down payment. He added that Maricopa County would administer the majority of the program and Housing our Communities is a counseling resource.

Council discussed having a report on verification that homes purchased through the grant are within the Town limits.

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6. Overview of the Town's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

Bill Birdwell, Traffic Engineer Supervisor, briefly reviewed the 2006 federally funded Phase 1 ITS project that connected 11 traffic signals in the Town and was completed in 2010. He also provided an overview of the traffic management plan and traffic monitoring.

Mr. Birdwell stated that the Phase 2 ITS project would add 20 intersections and 13 closed-circuit t.v. (CCTV) monitors and when completed, 85% of the Town's signaled intersections would be covered. The project cost is approximately \$519,000 with the Town's contribution match of \$30,000 through an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

There was discussion on future phases that could possibly add connections to Gilbert and/or Regional Community Network of Traffic Management Centers; and phasing and timing of intersections and re-sets after preemptions.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:38pm (Benning/Oliphant/Unanimous)

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Craig S. Bowers VICE mayor
Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Robinson
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 1, 2010 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 Robinson
Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

Passed and approved on January 19, 2011.