



Minutes
Regular and Possible Executive Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
February 2, 2011
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Barney called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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 Mayor Barney

4. Invocation: Pastor Randy Deal, Rock Point Church

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

A. Recognition of the Queen Creek Crime Prevention Posse and Mounted Posse: Mayor Barney and Public Safety Manager Joe LaFortune recognized the following Posse Members and presented Certificates of Appreciation to those in attendance:

Queen Creek Crime Prevention Posse: Ron Koldon, Walter Burks, John Dussault, Tim Morgan, James Deddo, Chris Temple, Phil Solis, Steven Fogel, Roger Hyles, Peter Van Tiem, George Vasquez and Dave Williams.

Queen Creek Mounted Posse: David Dumont Jr., Lyn Staples, Shelley Irwin, Connie Burns, Sue Murdoch, Michael Barriga, Coy Bronson, Debbie Carey, Ophalia Colahan, Judi Johnston, Lynn Maring, John Scot McLaughlin, Terry Roberts, Jennifer Roberts, Dempsey Short, Lori Yeager, Aliko Triant, Bill Scalf and Regina A. Raichart.

B. Recognition of the 2011 Roots N' Boots Queens Court: Ashley Mentzer-Pro Rodeo Queen; Missy Dipper-Junior Queen and Codi Ross-Princess.

Vice Mayor Barnes, who served as a judge for the Queen's Pageant, presented:

Ashley Mentzer – Pro Rodeo Queen
Missy Dipper – Junior Queen
Codi Ross- Princess

Ms. Ross recited her winning speech, which is a commercial announcement for the event.

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 Benning: attended the CAAG Regional Committee – discussed non-elected official representation and legislative issues. CAAG Legislative Day is scheduled for February 24, 2011.

Council Member Oliphant: attended the Pinal County Alliance meeting, hosted by the Town at the Queen Creek Library. Discussion included the upcoming redistricting process. The next meeting will have a discussion on the legislative agenda and updates on ADOT's rail study.

Mayor Barney: attended MAG; Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Board meeting; and Gateway/Northern Pinal Area Alliance of Governments.

B. Partner agencies quarterly or periodic updates to Council. This may include but is not limited to Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce; Queen Creek Performing Arts Center; Boys & Girls Club of East Valley; and Maricopa or Pinal County Board of Supervisors or other governmental agencies. 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.

1. Pinal County Supervisor Bryan Martyn: Supervisor Martyn congratulated the Posse members and then updated the Council on the status of the Empire/Ellsworth Road intersection project, which should be complete the end of March. Mr. Martyn also discussed proposed legislation regarding incorporation of San Tan Valley and the status of Pinal County's budget. He also thanked the Council for being representatives on Pinal County committees.

2. Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley 2nd Quarter Update: Sandi Dial introduced the new Club President and reported on the membership by zip code; partnership activities (Halloween, art exhibit, adopt a family); and current programs offered for youth, teens and community wide.

3. Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce 2nd Quarter Update: Chamber Director Marquis Scott, reported the Chamber moved into the new office shared with the Queen Creek Incubator (QC Inc.). Mr. Scott reported on the current membership, major events including the Golf Tournament on February 21 and the Awards Dinner scheduled for Fall 2011. Mr. Scott also reported on the Shop QC program and SCORE.

4. Update on the Roots N' Boots Family Rodeo and Pro Rodeo (provided at Work Study)

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C. Economic Development Commission – January 26, 2011: Vice Mayor Barnes reported on the overview by Tim Lynch, General Manager, of current pricing structure at Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre and the update on the incubator program. The next meeting is February 23, 2011.

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.

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 expenditures over \$25,000.

B. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 873-11** approving modification of Assessment No.10 and 12.03, 12.04, 12.06, 12.07 and 12.10 for Improvement District No. 001 of the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona.

C. Consideration and possible approval of the renewal of the employment agreement with the Town Manager John Kross.

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented
(Barnes/Benning/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.

None.

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.

9. Discussion and update on the status of the Solar Water Heater Rebate Program.

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Management Assistant Tracy Corman provided a review of the Council approved program using funding from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant: a) solar hot water heater rebate; and b) server virtualization. Ms. Corman reported on the status of the rebates: 25 applications eligible for rebates, which met the application goal; three rebates issued totaling \$2,250 and if all remaining 25 applications issued, the remaining grant funding would total \$121,235.

Lisa Henderson, representing the Arizona Department of Commerce, stated that the Department of Energy is urging that all funds be spent as soon as possible to avoid a possible federal sweeping of remaining funds.

Council asked about multiple rebates. Ms. Corman explained that with the Queen Creek rebate program and other rebates available, costs are almost fully covered for a lower priced system, however, the homeowner must contribute some money to the system, as part of the approved Department of Commerce approved program.

10. Discussion and possible approval of the Virtualization, Data Storage and Tape Storage replacement project not to exceed \$260,000 and applying up to \$100,000 for the project cost from the remaining Department of Commerce Energy Grant.

HR Director and Interim IT Manager Bruce Gardner, provided an overview of the Virtualization, Data Storage and Tape Storage Replacement project, SR IT Analyst Mike Black provided detail on the design and concept of the project that would replace storage network, tape library and consolidate servers. He said benefits include cost savings on equipment cost, reduction of energy consumption, easier disaster recovery and increased data storage capability.

Mr. Gardner recommended spending \$100,000 of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding, previously budgeted CIP funding and assigning the salary savings of approximately \$30,000 from a vacant position to the project. He reviewed possible options if the proposal is not approved: buy-out of lease equipment; continue leasing equipment; or phase in the project.

Council discussed using the grant funding and affect on the solar hot water rebate program funding. Mr. Gardner explained that the rebate funds would still be available and the program is open until April 2011. If excess funds for the rebate program are still available, then those funds could be rolled over into the virtualization project. Council also discussed the choice of equipment and life expectancy of new equipment.

Motion to approve the equipment purchase in the amount not to exceed \$260,000 for virtualization, data storage and tape library services, and authorizing the Town Manager to approve and apply up to \$100,000 for the project purchase from the remaining Department of Commerce Energy Grant awarded to the Town (Alston/Benning/Unanimous)

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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. Discussion on the ultimate alignment of Ocotillo Road between Ellsworth Loop Road and Heritage Loop Road.

Motion to continue to a future meeting (Barnes/Alston/Unanimous)

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

Council reconvened to Executive Session at 8:25pm.

13. **Adjournment**

The Regular Session reconvened and adjourned at 9:05pm.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Gail Barney, 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 February 2, 2011 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 March 2, 2011.