



**Minutes**  
**Regular Session**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road  
Council Chambers  
June 1, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

**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 Council Member Wheatley

**4. Invocation:** A moment of silence was held.

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

A. Volunteer Recognition: Project Challenge Cadets

On May 7, 2011 cadets from Project Challenge and Dean Shinever, Neighborhood Preservation provided a community service clean-up including removing rubbish materials and painting of a home. The following cadets were recognized:

Cassandra Alonzo, Jared Begay, Adonis Bennett, Cody Bloomer, Nicholas Brown, Stephen Callaway, Marcos Chavez, Tyler Chester, Raul Contreras, David Cordero, Juan Farias, Marco Farias, Christopher Flowers, Brianna Fuchs, Nashea Gonzales, Tyler Griffen, Brandon Hodgson, Jaycee Horner, Hayden Hurst, Kayla Jacobson, Dylan Kee, Jesse McDaniel, Charles McDowell, Joan Medina, Jon Merrill, Austin Merrill, Jackson Nyago, Justin Oliver, Denny Palomino, Jullian Palomino, William Peters, Nathan Phifer, Skyler Poe, Jeremy Sanders, Sebastian Sikes, Lee Smith, Jacob Valentino, Thomas Yohon.

**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.

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Mayor Barney reported on the following meetings:

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board – May 23, 2011: The Board approved the purchase of a 10,000 gallon refueling tanker for general aviation operations. The next meeting is June 20, 2011.

Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) – May 25, 2011: The Council adopted the annual budget and received updates/presentations on air quality and a domestic violence initiative. The next meeting is June 29, 2011.

Gateway/Northern Pinal Area Alliance of Governments – May 23, 2011: Updates and presentations were presented on the Superstition Vistas Planning Project; an Air Force research lab near the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway airport and the Greater Phoenix Leadership's Arizona Strategic Plan development of a 30-year infrastructure planning initiative. The group was provided an update on the Town's Urban Land Institute project. The next meeting is September 26, 2011 at the Queen Creek Library.

Vice Mayor Barnes reported on his attendance at a National League of Cities Conference 2011 planning meeting. The host group was Phoenix. Issues discussed included dates of the conference; opening/closing ceremonies; sponsorships and mobile workshops. Mr. Barnes announced that Queen Creek will be hosting a mobile workshop at Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre. The next planning meeting is in July and will be held at the Queen Creek Library.

Council Member Benning reported on his attendance at a one-day real estate summit "Spring Council Forum of the Urban Land Institute". Mayor Barney, Town Manager Kross and Planning Manager Balmer also attended. Topics of discussion included future development around ASU campuses and economic development effects; role of Mayors in guiding development and importance of public/private partnerships.

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.

**None.**

**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.**

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**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 the appointment of Thomas Nelson to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a one-year term ending on August 31, 2012.

C. Consideration and possible approval of a contract amendment in the amount of \$12,235.50 to the Dibble Engineering (contract 2008-63) for additional design modifications to the Ellsworth Road Town Center Improvement project (Ocotillo Road to Rittenhouse Road).

D. Consideration and possible approval of **DR11-017 “Maracay Homes at Lucia”** a request by Alex Holmquist of Maracay Homes for approval of one additional standard floor plan with three elevations to be built on the 53 remaining lots in the Lucia Subdivision, zoned R1-12 and located at the northeast corner of Sossaman and Ocotillo Roads.

E. Consideration and possible approval of **DR11-024 “Standard Pacific Homes at Charleston Estates”** a request by Sue Mozer of Standard Pacific Homes for approval of five new floor plans with three elevations each to be constructed in Charleston Estates located at the northwest corner of Signal Butte and Ocotillo Roads.

F. Consideration and possible approval of **DR11-025 “Fulton Homes at Victoria Estates”** a request by Bonnie Williams of Fulton Homes for approval of eight new floor plans with three elevations each to be constructed at Victoria Estates located west of Hawes Road north of Ocotillo Road.

G. Consideration and possible approval of an Option and Lease Agreement with AT&T (New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC) for a renewable five-year lease of premises located at Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre for a cellular tower and equipment compound.

H. Consideration and possible approval of the award of a Work Order to the Job Order Contract with Hunter Contracting Co. (JOC # 2010-029) in the amount not to exceed \$253,338 for the construction of the Victoria Lane improvements from Ellsworth Loop Road to Ellsworth Road.

Council requested Item C removed for discussion.

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items A-B and D-H as presented (Wheatley/Brown/Unanimous)**

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**Item C:** Council asked for a brief explanation of the purpose of the change order. Public Works Manager Troy White explained that the design was updated based on the Town Center Committee's enhancement recommendations regarding pedestrian lighting, replacement of two SRP streetlights and additional interconnectivity for traffic management. Council asked if the work had already been completed and Mr. White responded yes and consideration was given to the timeline for the Ellsworth Road Project – Ocotillo to Rittenhouse RFP.

**Motion to approve Item C on the Consent Calendar as presented**  
(Benning/Barnes/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 on the proposed Town Budget and property tax levy for FY11/12.

Town Manager Kross reviewed the Tentative Budget approval on May 18, 2011 and the budget approval process including a wait time between the Public Hearing and adoption of the tax levy. The adoption for the tax levy is scheduled for June 15, 2011. Mr. Kross provided a recap of the major fund budgets. He also thanked the Budget Committee and staff for support in preparing the budget.

The Public Hearing was opened. No one came forth and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Wheatley, member of the Budget Committee, talked about the future challenges of the future FY12-13 budget in regard to public safety and property tax revenues. She stated she was not in favor of any tax increases and there was time to consider priorities in core services of public safety.

**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 action on **Resolution 882-11** adopting the FY11/12 Town Budget.

**Motion to approve Resolution 882-11 adopting the FY11/12 Town Budget**  
(Brown/Alston/Unanimous)

**11.** Discussion and possible action on the appointment of a Vice Mayor.

Mayor Barney thanked Vice Mayor Barnes for serving as Vice Mayor the past year and nominated Council Member Brown to serve as Vice Mayor for the next year.

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**Motion to appoint Council Member Brown as Vice Mayor to serve for the next year**  
(Benning/Barnes/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.

**12.** Update on the Urban Land Institute (ULI) project.

Planning Manager Balmer provided an outline of the Urban Land Institute project; advisory panel members; and schedule of activities for June 5-10. Council asked how the report presentation would be given on June 10. Mr. Balmer stated that it is an open meeting to the public with the Chambers set up theatre style.

**13.** Update on regional transportation.

Development Services Director Condit provided an update on various projects in and around the Town. He provided information on the following:

- State Route 24 (formerly 802): City of Mesa is accelerating the project and it is at 95% design stage and advertising for construction is expected in the fall;
- North/South Freeway Corridor Study
- Germann Road – Power to Ironwood: PARA Grant
- ADOT Long Range Transportation Plan
- Inter-City Rail Corridors
- Commuter Rail Study - 2010
- Pinal County Regional Transportation Plan
- Ellsworth Road – Cloud to Empire: the project is completed
- Hunt Highway – Empire to Thompson (Pinal County project)
- Meridian Road Design Concept Report
- Pinal County Transit Study

Council commented on the impact these projects have on the Town and the importance of planning.

**14.** Update on the assured water supply.

Utilities Director Paul Gardner provided information on the Groundwater Code for Arizona which addresses groundwater pumping and created the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR).

There was discussion on water usage for agriculture, residential and commercial purposes; reclaimed water replenishment and subsidence and fissures.

**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.

**None.**

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**16. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:34pm (Brown/Alston/Unanimous)**

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

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Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest:

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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 June 1, 2011 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 July 20, 2011.