



Minutes
Regular Session
Queen Creek Town Council
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
July 20, 2011
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

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

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Braxton Hamblin, Scout Troop 839

4. Invocation: Pastor Aaron Pennington, Central Christian Church of the East Valley

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

None.

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.

Mayor Barney: Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Authority: July 19, 2011: A presentation on the West terminal expansion phase 2 was given and approval of a design and construction contract for the project. Officers were also appointed: Gilbert Mayor John Lewis – Chairman; Lt. Governor Joseph Manual, Gila River Indian Community – Vice Chairman; Mesa Mayor Scott Smith – Secretary and Queen Creek Mayor Gail Barney – Treasurer.

Vice Mayor Brown: Maricopa Association of Governments: June 29, 2011 teleconference meeting: The Board approved amendments to the FY2011-2015 transportation program; appointment of Gilbert Council Member Ben Cooper, to the Transportation Policy Committee; update on PM-10 program and the election of MAG Regional Council Officers: Tempe Mayor Hallman, will be Chairman.

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Council Member Benning: July 17, 2011: attended a Pakistan International Committee annual luncheon celebrating the culture. Mr. Benning acknowledged and thanked the 28 volunteers who painted fire lane curbs at the Queen Creek Library.

July 19, 2011: Joint Planning Advisory Council – (Pima, Maricopa & Pinal Counties) – discussion was on regional transportation planning.

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.

- *Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce – 4th Quarter Report*

Director Marquis Scott presented 4th Quarter highlights on Chamber activities including member luncheons, mixers, ribbon cuttings, membership and the upcoming Awards Dinner in September. Mr. Scott also discussed the Chambers FY11-12 focus & goals.

Council asked for additional information on partnerships with regional agencies. Mr. Scott responded that there is continuing discussion among the directors of area Chambers on the possibility of cross-memberships and supporting businesses outside each boundary. Council also asked when the remaining two Board positions would be filled. Mr. Scott responded in October or November.

C. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – June 21, 2011: Chair David Dobbs reported that two new members were welcomed – Council Member Oliphant and Eileen Koceja. Staff provided updates on wash & trail projects; Roots N’ Boots event and budget reductions for FY11-12. The committee also discussed developing partnership opportunities for sports & recreation events.

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.

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- A. Consideration and possible approval of the June 1, 2011 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.
- B. Consideration and possible approval of the June 15, 2011 Work Study and Regular Session Minutes.
- C. Consideration and possible approval of expenditures over \$25,000.
- D. Consideration and possible approval of **Resolution 883-11** approving modification of Assessment No. 21.2 for Improvement District No. 001 of the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona.
- E. Consideration and possible approval of **RESOLUTION 886-11** approving a development agreement with Taylor Morrison/Arizona Inc., and Victoria Lund Investment Group, LLC (Victoria Estates).
- F. Consideration and possible approval of the re-appointments of Ryan Nichols, Nichelle Williams and Patricia Conrad to the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- G. Consideration and possible approval of the re-appointments of Chuck Lopez, Andrew Fritz and Thom Schuett to the Board of Adjustment for three-year terms ending August 31, 2014.
- H. Consideration and possible approval of a Consulting Agreement with Al Holler and Associates in the amount not to exceed \$48,000 for sales tax auditing services.
- I. Consideration and possible approval of directing the Town Attorney to file a lawsuit for breach of agreement against Highland Homes, Granite Capital and related individuals and entities.

**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.

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9. Discussion and possible action on the approval of **Ordinance 499-11** setting the secondary property tax rate and levy for the Street Lighting Improvement Districts for FY 11/12.

Assistant Town Manager Flynn reported the public hearing on the tax levy had been held previously and the levy is reduced from \$435,000 to \$350,485, which includes a 4% increase in electrical charges and a processing fee for billing and records. Council asked if all parties had been contacted. Mr. Flynn responded that the levy is included in the property tax bill. Council also asked whether there was an increase on each district. Mr. Flynn responded that it depended upon the district.

Motion to approve Ordinance 499-11 (Barnes/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.

10. Discussion of a new educational program for Citizen Leadership Institute for 2011/2012.

PIO Marnie Schubert gave a brief history of the Citizen Leadership Institute and the recent changes – adding an education session and public safety/communications session. She noted that the program is free; there has been a declining participation and the materials are now delivered on-line reducing costs from \$5,000 to \$1,400.

Ms. Schubert presented suggestions for enhancing and updating the program further that would engage the participants in a more active environment. Changes include:

- Having sessions in different locations (Public Works Yard; Fire Station etc)
- Retain current graduation requirements but add another activity such as a ride along, volunteer opportunity or visit the legislature

Ms. Schubert also presented other options to consider for the future: formal application process, homework, class project and alumni events.

Council expressed their support for continuing the program and the proposed changes. Also briefly discussed was the possibility of a future “CLI Junior” which would reach out to the schools and community groups.

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

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:51pm (Benning/Brown/Unanimous)

12. **Adjournment**

The Regular Session reconvened and adjourned at 8:30pm (Benning/Barnes/Unanimous)

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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 July 20, 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 August 3, 2011.