



**Minutes**  
**Work Study and Possible Executive Session**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road  
Council Chambers  
June 20, 2007  
5:30 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Council Members present: Hildebrandt; Mortensen; Valenzuela; Wootten and Vice Mayor Barney. Council Member Coletto-Cohen and Mayor Sanders were absent.

**3. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the following purposes:**

A. Discussion and consultation with the Town Attorney and designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding possible property acquisitions within the Municipal Center area (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7)).

B. Discussion and consultation with the Town's attorney for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorney regarding possible litigation (Pecos Sewer line Project)(A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4)).

D. Discussion and consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney concerning sewer line failure (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)).

**Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:31pm (Valenzuela/Wootten/Unanimous)**

The Work Study reconvened at 5:40pm.

**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. Discussion** on the Economic Development Commission's progress towards a revision of the Strategic Plan for Economic Development.

Community Development Director Tom Condit introduced Doreen Cott, Economic Development Manager and Jim Nelson of Salt River Project. Ms. Cott and Mr. Nelson reported on the status of the Economic Development Plan Update that was initiated in September 2006. Topics included in the update discussions include demographics; market trade area and workforce key areas. Monthly meetings & presentations on various topics relative to Queen Creek are part of the process. Various economic scenarios have been discussed. The Economic Development Commission has been discussing S.W.O.T. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) and identifying the need for employment centers, infrastructure and broad labor force.

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Council asked what would be needed to attract industry. Ms. Cott replied that identifying cluster industries would provide guidance for providing the right infrastructure.

Council Member Mortensen, Chair of the Economic Development Commission thanked Ms. Cott, Mr. Nelson and the members of the Economic Development Commission for their work on the process.

There was further discussion on including the Economic Development Element vision plan in the General Plan Update and continue meetings with community.

**5. Discussion** on Initial Fire Program.

Town Manager Kross gave a brief report on the status of the three-fold financial strategy (development fee/property tax/sales tax) for the fire program. He stated that staff is meeting regularly with Rural Metro to negotiate a master contract, which is planned to be effective October 2007, coinciding with the effective dates of the property tax and sales tax increase. Mr. Kross also said that recent state law regarding fire service to county islands is still being evaluated, and at this time it's unknown what effect it will have on Queen Creek.

Public Safety Coordinator Joe LaFortune gave a presentation on the proposed fire station locations; construction schedule and fire equipment acquisition plans.

**6. Discussion** on Arizona League of Cities & Towns Resolutions.

Intergovernmental Liaison Mark Young reviewed several proposed resolutions to be presented to the Arizona League of Cities & Towns Resolution Committee in July. Mr. Young reported that Queen Creek's proposal for transit assistance was on the Governor's desk. Town Manager Kross added that the Town Attorney will give a presentation on new laws affecting Queen Creek at a future meeting.

Council discussed the resolution regarding native plan standards and requested that water availability and drought conditions be considered.

**7. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn Work Study at 6:36pm** (Valenzuela/Mortensen/Unanimous)

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TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

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Arthur M. Sanders, Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer F. Robinson, CMC

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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 June 20, 2007 Work Study 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, CMC

Passed and approved on July 18, 2007.