



**Minutes**  
**Regular Session**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road  
Council Chambers  
October 5, 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; Barnes; Benning; Oliphant; Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Barney. Council Member Wheatley was absent.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Council Member Barnes.

**4. Invocation:** Pastor Frank Parenteau, Desert Mountain Bible Fellowship

**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 reported on the following:

- Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) – September 28, 2011: Mr. Tapp, Executive Director, presented his Directors report; CAAG's workplan that emphasizes improving efficiencies & cost saving measures; development of a Regional Transportation Plan and establishing a steering committee to assist in the development of the plan. The Regional Council also elected Council Member Robin Benning to serve as Secretary.
- Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Authority Board Meeting - September 26, 2011: The Board heard updates from ASU Poly on two new programs: Health Systems Management and IT Systems Management. Updates on Allegiant Airlines were given, announcing service to Las Vegas as well as retrofitting planes. The Board also approved several contracts and additional signage for the airport. The next meeting will be telephonic on October 17, 2011.

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- Gateway/Northern Pinal Area Alliance of Governments – September 26, 2011: Discussion was in regard to the State Land Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Pinal County's Comprehensive Plan Amendment; redistricting; and updates on Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and Queen Creek Town Center update. The next meeting is January 30, 2012.

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.

- Pinal County Supervisor Bryan Martyn: Mr. Martyn spoke in regards to the redistricting process for the Pinal County Supervisor districts and congressional districts. He said he understands and supports Queen Creek's request to remain whole within the Districts and stated that voting precincts will be different. Mr. Martyn also said that all parties need to move forward after the Supervisor's vote on a hotel. He also commended Council Member Benning for representing Queen Creek in Pinal County.

Mr. Martyn reported that the County has \$6 million in funding for Hunt Highway east of Ellsworth to Thompson Road, including traffic signals. The project is expected to begin Summer 2012. He also reported on the status of Central Arizona College's expansion in San Tan Valley and the acquisition of 270 acres at Gantzel & Bella Vista.

- Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report: Chamber Director Marquis Scott reported that the topics for the monthly luncheons & mixers focused on revenue streams and working together as businesses. He provided updates on QC Inc., Business Retention & Expansion and the Chambers legislative agenda for the next year. Membership is currently 211. Mr. Scott also provided highlights of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Dinner and the Queen Creek Map launch and business expo at Barney Sports Complex.

Council Member Alston added that he attended the expo and thought the event was great.

C. Economic Development Commission – September 28, 2011: Council Member Barnes reported the Commission heard updates from staff on Marketing Partnership Agreements and the RFP for the 17-acre town owned property. Staff presented the scope of work for the economic impact study and an overview of "crowd sourcing". A real estate overview was provided by Ryan Duncan of Nate Nathan & Associates. The next meeting is November 16, 2011.

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**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.*

*Item 9 was heard before Item 8 Consent Calendar.*

**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 Scope of Work from ESI Corp. for the economic impact study and economic interactive impact model in the amount of \$24,950 for the purposes of measuring the economic impact of visitor destinations in the community.

\*C. Public Hearing and possible approval of **CU11-036/SP11-037 “Tierra Farms”** a request from Rodney and Sandra Owens for the approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan to operate a commercial stable on approximately 3.9 acres of residential property zoned R1-43 located at the southeast corner of Ocotillo and Sossaman Roads.

Council requested Item B removed for discussion.

**Motion to approve Items A & C on the Consent Calendar** (Brown/Alston/Unanimous)

**Item B:** Council requested additional information provided on the proposed economic impact study. Economic Development Director Cott explained that the study was in follow-up to requests for details on the economic impacts from events sponsored by the Town, Horseshoe Park events and events held at other venues. She said there would be two phases of the study: a survey and an analysis/report. The survey & data collection will be complete in approximately four weeks. Ms. Cott reviewed the costs of the study and necessary reallocation from the contingency fund. There was some discussion on the reallocation.

**Motion to approve Item B as presented** (Brown/Oliphant) Vote: 5-1 (Barnes) **Vote Passed.**

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**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 possible action on authorizing staff to send letters to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission and Pinal County concerning redistricting and authorizing staff to file additional Town comments under the Mayor's signature due to timeliness of the overall redistricting process.

Intergovernmental Liaison Wendy Kaserman gave an update on the Pinal County redistricting process and the proposed districts that would divide Queen Creek's town limits and planning area. Ms. Kaserman said Map Option 2 would keep both together.

Pinal County Supervisor Bryan Martyn stated that Option 3 has the most support. He said he understood Queen Creek's concerns and added that Queen Creek will be a part of the San Tan Valley District.

Ms. Kaserman reported that statewide, the Independent Redistricting Commission Congressional map shows that Queen Creek will fall into Districts 4 & 5 based on county lines. She proposed a letter be sent to the Commission requesting that the area of Queen Creek in District 4 be shifted slightly to fall into District 5.

Council asked Ms. Kaserman what the timelines were for both the IRC and Pinal County to adopt a map. She responded that the IRC deadline is the end of October in order to get the map submitted to the Department of Justice for review and Pinal County's deadline was October 12.

Mr. Martyn came forward and suggested that the Town request a modification to the Pinal County map rather than a letter of non-support.

**Motion to authorize a letter be sent to the Independent Redistricting Commission and Pinal Redistricting Committee asking for adjustments to keep the Town of Queen Creek whole – including town limits and planning area (Benning/Brown/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.

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**10.** Update and discussion on the International City/County Management Association-Center for Performance Measurement program (ICMA-CPM) including presentation of Certificate of Achievement to the Town.

Senior Mgmt. Assistant Kevin Johnson gave an overview of the performance measurement program started in 1994 and that the Town has been participating in since 2005. Mr. Johnson added that the Town participates in 12 of 19 reporting areas and the data submitted twice each year helps establish guidelines and shows what is being done well or not. Mr. Johnson explained how performance measures are used as a management tool, a budget tool and guide for services.

It was noted that the Town was one of seven participants to be recognized nationally this past year and was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for superior performance management efforts.

Town Manager Kross thanked Kevin Johnson for being the primary coordinator and the Queen Creek team.

Mayor Barney presented the Certificate of Achievement plaque to: Kevin Johnson; Wendy Kaserman, Samantha McPike; Joe LaFortune; Tracy Corman; Traci Polk; Jennifer Todd; Greg Flynn and Bruce Gardner.

**11.** Update on Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre.

HPEC General Manager Tim Lynch gave a status report on the facility improvements and events at Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre. Mr. Lynch's report included revenues earned and improvements made such as additional seating (bleachers), RV parking, arenas and barns in order to attract the larger commercial horse events. Mr. Lynch added that all improvements made are within the HPEC master plan. He also said that additional office space is needed and had some suggestions on how that could be accomplished. Mr. Lynch announced that a new concessionaire had been hired, providing more variety to the park users.

**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.

*None.*

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:15pm** (Alston/Benning/Unanimous)

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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 October 5, 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 November 2, 2011.