

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lisa Borowsky called to order a Regular Meeting and Work Study Session of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:13 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Borowsky asked City Clerk Ben Lane to conduct the roll call.

Present: Mayor Lisa Borowsky; Vice Mayor Adam Kwasman; and Councilmembers Jan Dubauskas, Barry Graham, Kathy Littlefield, Maryann McAllen, and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Greg Caton, Interim City Attorney Luis Santaella, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff, and City Clerk Ben Lane

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Whitehead.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Dubauskas introduced Pastor Raygen Mitchell from Scottsdale Bible Church Fountain Hills Campus to give the invocation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Borowsky discussed her trip to Washington, D.C. as she was among one of approximately 20 mayors invited to the White House by President Donald Trump to discuss local government matters.

Mayor Borowsky proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and stated that this initiative reflects the City's dedication to raising awareness, supporting survivors, and advancing prevention efforts that strengthen and protect the entire community.

NOTE: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK STUDY SESSIONS ARE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES. THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF ACTION TAKEN AND DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND ARE NOT VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS. DIGITAL RECORDINGS AND CLOSED CAPTION TRANSCRIPTS OF SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ARE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

PRESENTATION/INFORMATION UPDATES

- **Citizen Water Academy Class Presentation**

Recent graduates of the City's Citizen Water Academy will present and be recognized by the City Council.

Presenter(s): Kira Peters, Interim Senior Director of Water Resources

Note: The Council may make comments or ask questions to the presenter(s); however, no Council action will be taken.

Interim Senior Director of Water Resources Kira Peters and Water Quality Director Suzanne Grendahl gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) recognizing the recent graduates of the Citizen Water Academy Class.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Sutton, Scottsdale resident, discussed the Citizen Petition regarding the parking garage, a requested parking study, the Little Red Schoolhouse, and the Old Adobe Mission.

Bryan Scott, Scottsdale resident, discussed concerns regarding the event funding process and guidelines.

Dan Ishac, Scottsdale resident, discussed the Axon referendum, special election turnout, and Councilmember decorum.

Carla, Scottsdale resident, discussed McDowell Sonoran Preserve Month and the Preserve's 31st birthday.

Mark O'Toole, Scottsdale resident, discussed structural damage concerns to his residence caused by a neighboring property.

Yvonne Cahill, Scottsdale resident, discussed Council decorum, concerns regarding city staff morale, and the judgment against the city related to an employee's termination.

MINUTES

Request: Approve the following Council meeting minutes from August and September 2025:

- Regular Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2025**
- Special Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025**
- Executive Session Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025

MOTION AND VOTE - MINUTES

Councilman Graham made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2025; Special Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025; and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025. Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky, Vice Mayor Kwasman, and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. The Monarch Liquor License (66-LL-2025)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a Series 11 (hotel/motel) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 4000 N. Drinkwater Boulevard

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

2. Pescada Extension of Premises (3-EX-2025)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a Permanent Extension of Premises to expand the restaurant for a Series 12 (Restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location.

Location: 20707 N. Pima Road, Suite 140

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

3. On Call Architectural Services Contract Extensions

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13509 authorizing:

1. The following one-year contract extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 per contract, for architectural services on an "as needed" basis at various project locations throughout the city:
 - a. Contract No. 2023-156-COS-A1 with Fucello Architects, LLC
 - b. Contract No. 2023-157-COS-A1 with Weddle & Gilmore Architects, LLC
 - c. Contract No. 2023-158-COS-A1 with DWL Architects-Planners, Inc.
2. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute such other documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Alison Tymkiw, City Engineer and Transportation and Infrastructure Senior Director, 480-312-7760, atymkiw@scottsdaleaz.gov

4. Design-Build Manager Construction Phase Services Contract for Bond Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13499 authorizing Contract No. 2025-151-COS with Ameresco, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,977,360, for the Design-Build Manager Construction Phase Services, Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 1, for 2019 Bond Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot.

Staff Contact(s): Alison Tymkiw, City Engineer and Transportation and Infrastructure Senior Director, 480-312-7760, atymkiw@scottsdaleaz.gov

(Moved to Regular Agenda, see page 6)

5. Granite Reef Wash Phase 2A Construction Services Intergovernmental Agreement with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13457 authorizing:

1. Contract No. 2025-115-COS, an intergovernmental agreement between the city of Scottsdale and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County for construction, operation and maintenance of Phase 2A of the Granite Reef Wash Drainage Improvements construction project.
2. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute such other documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Location: Granite Reef Wash Corridor, generally located on Pima Road from Thomas Road to McKellips Road

Staff Contact(s): Alison Tymkiw, City Engineer and Transportation and Infrastructure Senior Director, 480-312-7760, atymkiw@scottsdaleaz.gov

6. **Outdoor Dining Patio Revocable License Agreement Amendment and Assignment**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13518** authorizing Contract No. 2012-083-COS-A1 providing an amendment to the terms and the replacement of a sub licensee to an existing Outdoor Patio Revocable License Agreement for an outdoor dining patio use on city property.
Location: 7320 E. Scottsdale Mall
Staff Contact(s): Alison Tymkiw, City Engineer and Transportation and Infrastructure Senior Director, 480-312-7760, atymkiw@scottsdaleaz.gov
 7. **Arizona Musicfest 2025/26 Concert Series Event Funding**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13519** authorizing:
 1. Funding, not to exceed \$75,000, from the portion of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development for the Arizona Musicfest 2025/26 Concert Series.
 2. Contract No. 2025-165-COS with Arizona Musicfest.**Staff Contact(s):** Rachel Smetana, Tourism and Events Director, 480-312-2890, rsmetana@scottsdaleaz.gov
 8. **Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series Event Funding**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13520** authorizing:
 1. Funding, not to exceed \$75,000, from the portion of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development for the Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series Event.
 2. Contract No. 2025-166-COS with the Scottsdale Gallery Association.**Staff Contact(s):** Rachel Smetana, Tourism and Events Director, 480-312-2890, rsmetana@scottsdaleaz.gov
- (Moved to Regular Agenda, see page 7)
9. **Rassner Memorial Scottsdale Library Endowment Allocation Fiscal Year 2025/26**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13490** to approve the distribution of up to \$18,300 in interest income from the Rassner Memorial Scottsdale Library Endowment Fund for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and authorize the allocation of funds for the purchase of books and literary materials.
Staff Contact(s): Mike Beck, Library Director, 480-312-2658, mbeck@scottsdaleaz.gov
 10. **Scottsdale Public Library's Makerspace Programming and Technology Act Grant**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13510** authorizing:
 1. The acceptance of the Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Arizona State Library, in the amount of \$24,394.83, to support the Scottsdale Public Library's creation of new makerspace programming at the Civic Center Library location.
 2. A budget transfer, of up to \$24,349.83, from Fiscal Year 2025/26 Future Grants Operating Budget and/or the Grant Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.**Staff Contact(s):** Mike Beck, Library Director, 480-312-2658, mbeck@scottsdaleaz.gov

- 11. Prisoner Transports Contract with the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Police Department**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13463** approving Contract No. 2025-122-COS, an intergovernmental agreement between the city of Scottsdale and the SRPMIC Police Department for up to 260 prisoner transports to the SRPMIC Police Department for a flat fee of \$56,940 per year.
Staff Contact(s): Joseph LeDuc, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jleduc@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 12. Public Safety Compensation Philosophy**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13525** authorizing the establishment of the Public Safety Compensation Philosophy to guide and direct the city's compensation practices related to sworn Police and Fire classifications.
Staff Contact(s): Greg Caton, City Manager, 480-312-7759, gcaton@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 13. Compensation Adjustments for Critical Police Communications and Water Services Positions**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13533** in support of the City Manager's proposed compensation adjustments to address chronic vacancies in Police Communications, Water Operations, and Water Maintenance positions.
Staff Contact(s): Greg Caton, City Manager, 480-312-7759, gcaton@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 14. Healthy Forest Initiative Grant Acceptance from the State of Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13535** authorizing, if awarded:
 1. Acceptance of Healthy Forest Initiative grant funds from the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, in the total amount of up to \$500,000 over three, 12-month periods beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 for a fire mitigation project within North Scottsdale.
 2. A Budget Transfer, up to \$215,000, from the adopted FY 2025/26 Future Grants Budget and/or Grant Contingency to a newly created cost center within the Fire Department's Operating Budget to record the grant activity.**Staff Contact(s):** Jacob Johnson, Emergency Manager, 480-312-1849, jacjohnson@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 15. Proposition 202 Grants Funds Acceptance from the Gila River Indian Community**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13500** authorizing:
 1. Acceptance of Proposition 202 grant funds from the Gila River Indian Community, in the amount of \$778,807, for the support of educational, conservation, recreational, health and human services programs; the promotion of commerce and economic development; and other programs and activities benefiting the public.
 2. A Budget Transfer, of up to \$678,807, from the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Grant Contingency budget to newly established cost centers to record the grant activity.**Staff Contact(s):** Sara Sparman, Government Relations Coordinator, 480-312-2603, ssparman@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 16. Audit Committee Recommendation for the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board Sunset Review Request**
Request: Accepting the Audit Committee's recommendation and authorizing the continuation of the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board.
Staff Contact(s): Lai Cluff, Acting City Auditor, 480-312-7851, lcluff@scottsdaleaz.gov

17. 2024 Boards and Commissions Annual Reports

Request: Accept the 2024 annual reports approved by each publicly appointed board, commission, and working task force.

Staff Contact(s): Ben Lane, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, blane@scottsdaleaz.gov

18. Tavern Grille Scottsdale Teletrack Wagering Establishment License

Request: Consider approval of an application for a Teletrack Wagering Establishment License for Tavern Grille Scottsdale.

Location: 8880 E. Via Linda, Suite 106

Staff Contact(s): Anna Henthorn, Assistant City Treasurer, 480-312-7805, ahenthorn@scottsdaleaz.gov

19. Monthly Financial Report

Request: Accept the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Monthly Financial Report as of August 2025.

Staff Contact(s): Scott Selin, Budget Department Director, 480-312-2364, sselin@scottsdaleaz.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

Dan Serbalik, with the Police Officers of Scottsdale Association, spoke in support of Item 12 [Public Safety Compensation Philosophy].

Bryan Scott, Scottsdale resident, discussed concerns with Item 17 [2024 Boards and Commissions Annual Reports] related to the Tourism Development Commission's annual report.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Borowsky requested that Item 4 [Design-Build Manager Construction Phase Services Contract for Bond Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot] be considered as part of the Regular Agenda.

Councilwoman Dubauskas requested that Item 8 [Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series Event Funding] be considered as part of the Regular Agenda.

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 19, noting that Item 4 [Design-Build Manager Construction Phase Services Contract for Bond Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot] and Item 8 [Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series Event Funding] would be considered as part of the Regular Agenda. Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Design-Build Manager Construction Phase Services Contract for Bond Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13499** authorizing Contract No. 2025-151-COS with Ameresco, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,977,360, for the Design-Build Manager

Construction Phase Services, Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 1, for 2019 Bond Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot.

Staff Contact(s): Alison Tymkiw, City Engineer and Transportation and Infrastructure Senior Director, 480-312-7760, atymkiw@scottsdaleaz.gov

City Engineer and Transportation and Infrastructure Senior Director Alison Tymkiw gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the proposed Design-Build Manager Construction Phase Services Contract for Bond Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 4

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on this item.

Steve Sutton, Scottsdale resident, spoke in opposition to this item, noting the area already had natural shade and the funding could be put to better use, such as filling potholes.

Dan Ishac, Scottsdale resident, spoke in opposition to this item, noting the area already had natural shade, there are other parking garages where this shade structure would make more sense, and it would preclude a parking garage being built on this site in the future.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 4

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13499 authorizing Contract No. 2025-151-COS with Ameresco, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,977,360, for the Design-Build Manager Construction Phase Services, Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 1, for 2019 Bond Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot. Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion, which carried 5/2, with Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Mayor Borowsky and Vice Mayor Kwasman dissenting.

8. Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series Event Funding

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13520 authorizing:

1. Funding, not to exceed \$75,000, from the portion of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development for the Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series Event.
2. Contract No. 2025-166-COS with the Scottsdale Gallery Association.

Staff Contact(s): Rachel Smetana, Tourism and Events Director, 480-312-2890, rsmetana@scottsdaleaz.gov

Tourism and Events Director Rachel Smetana gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the proposed Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series Event Funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 8

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on this item.

Jinger Richardson, Scottsdale Gallery Association, requested additional funds be added to the proposed \$75,000, increasing the amount to \$125,000.

Bob Pejman, Scottsdale resident, discussed concerns regarding how the funding is distributed, the General Plan Arts and Culture component, and out-of-state events.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 8

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13520 authorizing:

1. Funding, not to exceed \$125,000, from the portion of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development for the Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series Event.
2. Contract No. 2025-166-COS with the Scottsdale Gallery Association.

Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

20. Receipt of Citizen Petitions

Request: Accept and acknowledge receipt of citizen petitions. Any member of the Council may make a motion, to be voted on by the Council, to: (1) Direct the City Manager to agendaize the petition for further discussion; (2) direct the City Manager to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner; or (3) take no action.

Staff Contact(s): Ben Lane, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, blane@scottsdaleaz.gov

No citizen petitions were received.

WORK STUDY SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT – WORK STUDY SESSION

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on this item.

Steve Sutton, Scottsdale resident, discussed reducing grass, ending the practice of resodding grass in certain areas of Chaparral Dog Park, and installing sunshade structures with solar panels.

Chris Brown, Executive Director of Phoenix Rising FC-Scottsdale, discussed partnering with the city on projects related to water, maintenance, and the future possibility of turf.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on this item.

1. Annual Seeding and Water Program of Scottsdale Owned and Maintained Parks

Request: Presentation, discussion, and possible direction related to annual seeding and water program of parks owned and operated by the city of Scottsdale.

Presenter(s): Nick Molinari, Parks and Recreation and Preserve Senior Director

Staff Contact(s): Nick Molinari, Parks and Recreation and Preserve Senior Director, 480-312-1011, nmolinar@scottsdaleaz.gov

Parks and Recreation and Preserve Senior Director Nick Molinari and Water Policy Manager Gretchen Baumgardner gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the annual seeding and water program of Scottsdale owned and maintained parks.

Councilmembers made the following observations and suggestions:

- Natural grass helps with water runoff concerns.
- It is better to park on a grass lot rather than a dirt lot.
- Natural grass helps address heat island related issues.
- Proposition 490 funding should be used to ensure all city parks are using smart irrigation systems that detect rain and automatically shut off scheduled watering.
- Would prefer fields to have green grass year-round.
- Grass that is green during the summer is not being used.
- Do not want artificial turf used in city parks.
- Continue to explore methods for keeping grass in city parks green for longer periods of time.
- Provide information to the City Council regarding financial and water savings experienced by homeowners and homeowner associations who took part in the various incentive programs offered by the City.
- Consider reaching out to business owners who have non-functional grass areas regarding the incentive programs offered by the City.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session. Councilwoman Dubauskas seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky adjourned the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session at 7:48 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane, City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on _____

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 21st day of October 2025.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 13th day of January 2026.

Ben Lane, City Clerk

Water Citizen Academy Fall 2025

Scottsdale Water | October 21, 2025

Kira Peters, Interim Senior Director

Suzanne Grendahl, Water Quality Director



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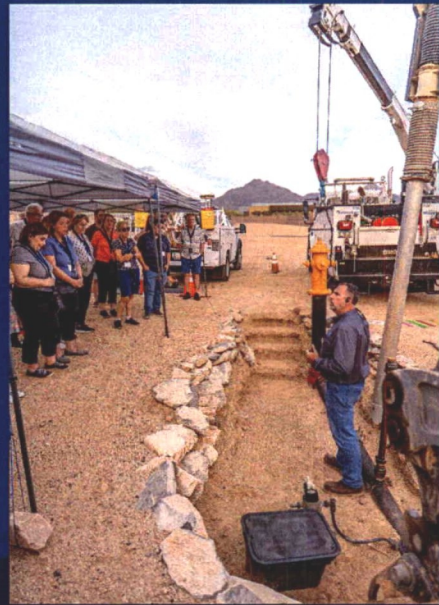
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- The Water Citizen Academy started in the spring of 2016. Graduated 11th class this fall.
- Academy is held twice per year with attendees coming to the Water Campus for five Wednesday nights per session.
- Includes presentations, demonstrations and tours.
- Covers topics from drinking water, reclaimed water, water quality, water resources, finance, engineering and planning.
- Sponsored by SRP, CAP and APS to cover costs of food and transportation.



Attendees

- Open to all residents or business owners in Scottsdale – 35 first come first served.
- Broad range of ages and backgrounds.
- Always come prepared with excellent questions and significant interest.



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Sponsors and Stakeholders

Seats are provided for attendees from:

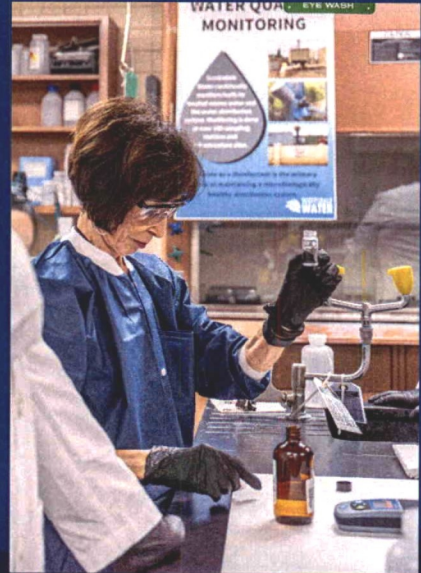
- Sponsors (SRP, APS, CAP)
- Regulatory agencies (state and county)
- Scottsdale commissions (Environmental Advisory)
- Industry advocacy groups (Arizona Municipal Water Users Association)



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Success

- Include a survey at the beginning of the Academy and at the end asking the same questions about water services, billing, conservation and willingness to drink Advanced Purified Water (AWP).
- Willingness to drink AWP water was 90% with this current group of attendees, and they did not have the benefit of tasting the water.
- Overwhelmingly positive toward their interaction and impression of facilities and staff.
- Most repeated quote from every Academy, "I had no idea".



Thank you.
Fall 2025 Graduating Class

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Item #4: Design Build Manager Construction Phase Services for Bond Project 58 – Install Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot

Adopt Resolution No. 13499 authorizing:

- Contract No. 2025-151-COS with Ameresco, inc. In the amount of \$1,977,360 to provide design-build manager (DBM) construction phase services, guaranteed maximum price one (GMP 1) for 2019 Bond Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot.



ITEM 4

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The project site for Bond Project 58 is the City Hall Parking lot located off of 75th Street. The description for 2019 Bond Project 58 (the City Hall site) provided for the installation of a, *"... PV parasol (high canopy) solar system creating a shaded parking area and public event space"*

The high canopy as designed provides 16 feet clear below for high profile vehicles and the erection of tents and temporary structures below for events, consistent with the bond project scope description.

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City Hall Solar



View looking west from 75th Street

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Questions?

Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series Event Funding

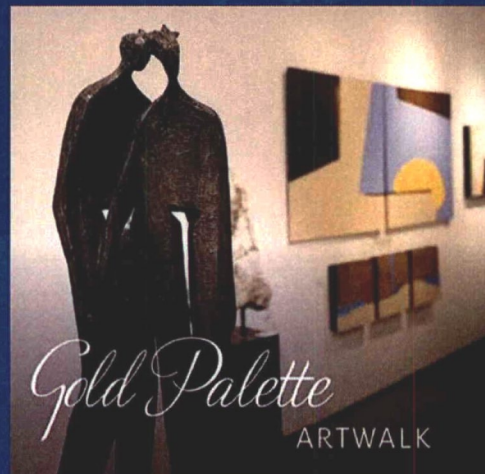
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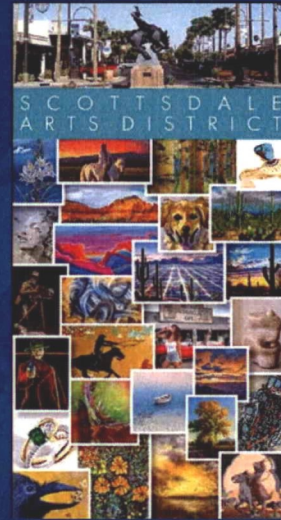
- The Scottsdale ArtWalk Gold Palette is a series of Thursday night events now entering its 9th year beginning in November and concluding in April.
- The event series continues to draw tourists and residents and provide cultural and educational opportunities through art demonstrations and exhibitions.
- The traditional ArtWalk events now entering their 51st year will continue to take place on a weekly basis around the Gold Palette series.



Analysis

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- Since its existence, the Gold Palette ArtWalk has received funding from the Tourism Development Fund. Most recently, in FY 2024/25, the SGA received \$75,000 allocated towards event marketing and production.
- Proposed marketing and promotional benefits will focus on highlighting the Scottsdale destination and Old Town through media and promotion. The producer's proposed direct dollar marketing expenditure is \$112,568 with a total event budget of \$126,326.



Tourism Development Commission

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- The Scottsdale Gallery Association (SGA) requested \$125,000 in event funding to support a one-year agreement for the Scottsdale Gold Palette ArtWalk Series.
- On September 16, 2025, the TDC unanimously recommended that the City Council allocate up to \$75,000 in support of the one-year agreement.
- The SGA would like Council to consider the original funding request of \$125,000.



Action

Option A -- Adopt Resolution No. 13520 authorizing the one-year agreement No. 2025-166-COS with the Scottsdale Gallery Association to produce the Scottsdale Gold Pallett Artwalk Series and funding up to \$75,000 from the portion of the FY 2025/26 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development.

Option B -- Direct staff to amend Resolution No 13520 and agreement No 2025-166-COS to another funding amount.

Scottsdale Annual Seeding and Water Program of Scottsdale-Owned and Maintained Parks

Nick Molinari, Sr. Director – Parks & Recreation and Preserve Department

Gretchen Baumgardner, Water Policy Manager



Scottsdale Park System Overview

- 47 public parks
- 1,115 acres
- 442 acres of turf
- Four sports complexes
- Three dog parks
- Scottsdale Civic Center
- 13 multi-purpose sports fields (soccer, lacrosse, rugby)
- 26 baseball and softball fields
- Passive/open turf areas



Bermudagrass: Scottsdale's Turf Standard

Why Bermudagrass?

- Native to warm climates – **thrives in the Arizona heat**
- **Deep roots and strong recovery** after traffic or stress
- Allows parks and facilities to **stay open and functional** year-round for major events
- **Drought-tolerant**
- Recovers quickly from flooding



Maximizes community access, use, and benefit



Bermudagrass Growing Season

- **Active growth:** April – October
- **Dormant period:** November – March
- **No need for reseeding:** grass returns with heat and sunlight
- Minimal mowing, irrigation, and fertilizer needs in the winter = **resource savings**







Turfgrass Use

- 20 youth sports partner organizations
- Adult Sports Leagues
- Youth and adult sports tournaments
- Passive Use
- Special Events
- Private Rentals
- Event Parking



Maintenance Practices

Regular Maintenance

- Weekly mowing
- Fertilization

Rest & Recovery

- Occurs June-August
- Minimal impact to citizens and users

Summer Maintenance

- Aerification
- Re-sodding



Bermudagrass Dormancy

- Dormancy occurs November – March when soil temperatures drop
- Turf turns tan, but root systems remain alive and healthy
- Benefits of dormant turf
 - Water savings
 - Reduced mowing and fertilizer costs
 - Rapid spring recovery (no transition period)

Maximizes citizen and user access without park or facility closures









Strategic Overseeding

- Scottsdale Stadium
- Indian School Park Baseball Complex
- Small areas within the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park



Scottsdale Civic Center Case Study

- Historically overseeded prior to Civic Center improvements
- Huge demand for space in October and early November, during overseed establishment
- Transition issues led to a year break from overseeding
- Increased availability for fall events

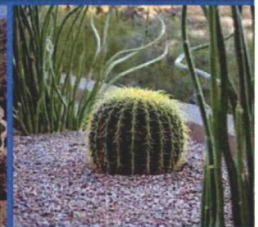
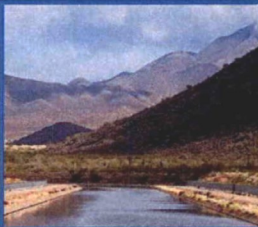
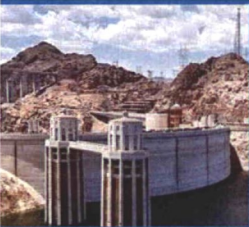


Questions?



Scottsdale Water

Gretchen Baumgardner, Water Policy Manager



Scottsdale Water

- Conservation Program History
- State Regulation and governance
- Drought effects on our Water Resources
- Expanded Water Conservation Campaign



Scottsdale's Water Conservation History

- 1978 - Xeriscape conversion awards
- 1982 - Water conservation awareness program
- 1991, 1992 - Ordinance and Rebates
- 2008 - Xeriscape Garden at Chaparral Park
- 2020 – WaterSmart Portal Launch
- 1980 to present ADWR Management Plans

1991
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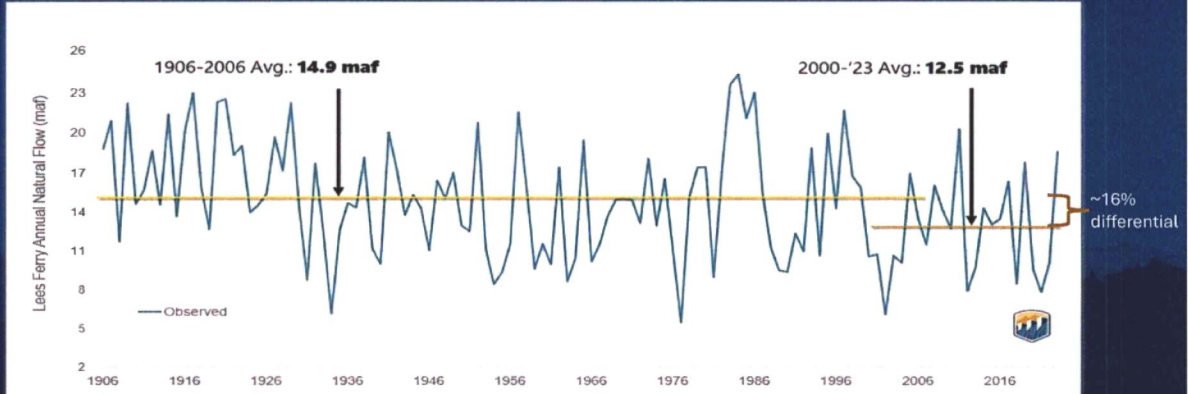
WHY IT WAS CREATED
HOW IT IMPACTS
NEW CONSTRUCTION
WHO IT APPLIES TO





2007 Interim Guidelines or the 2019 DCP have not sufficiently reduced risk

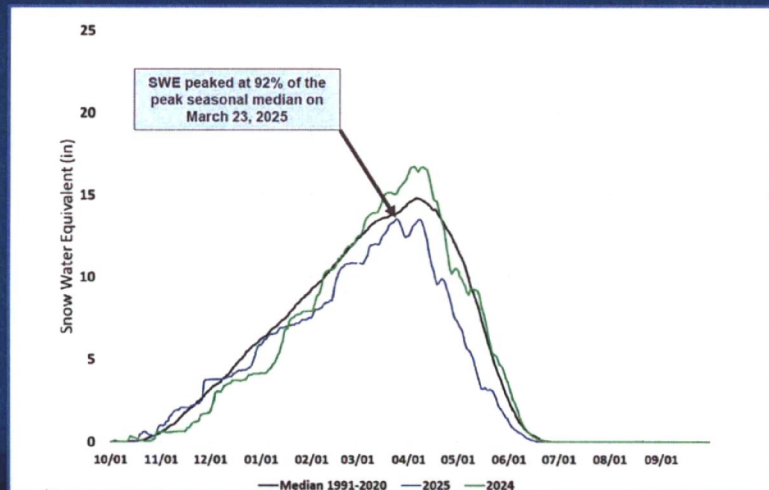
“Based on operational experience since 2007, the current guidelines are not robust enough.... More robust and adaptive guidelines are needed for the efficient and sustainable management of the major mainstream Colorado River reservoirs and system resources.”¹



Recent Hydrology

Snowpack vs. Runoff		
	Snowpack % of median	Runoff % of average
2020	111%	61%
2021	91%	37%
2022	90%	63%
2023	161%	140%
2024*	114%	83%
2025*	92%	50%*

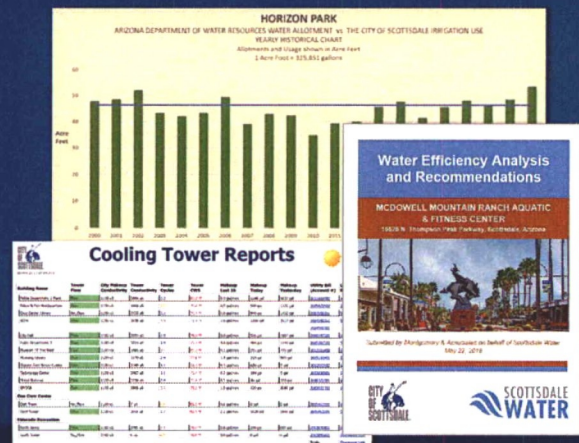
*August Final Forecast dated 8/1/2025



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- Initiated Stage One of drought plan on August 17, 2021
 - Voluntary 5% reduction goal
 - Increased water awareness messaging
 - Expand hourly Automotive Metering Infrastructure access
- City-side internal water use evaluation
 - Facilities
 - 124 audits, associated upgrades
 - Cooling tower project to optimize water use and active alert system
 - Scottsdale Parks and Recreation
 - Water budgets online
 - No overseeding unless contractually obligated



Expanded Conservation Campaigns



Scottsdale Water encourages businesses to properly manage irrigation

Even with a wet winter, water shortages are forecasted to continue. Scottsdale Water asks businesses to voluntarily improve their water efficiency and reduce usage by at least 5%. Two irrigation practices for desert landscape that help with water efficiency and conservation include:

- Water 2x per week, max
- Only water between 7 p.m. - 10 a.m.

Desert landscape should be watered slow and deep. This maximizes irrigation effectiveness, minimizes evaporation, and promotes root growth deeper into the soil. For grass recommendations and watering needs go to our website for instructions. To learn more, go to ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "plant care."



Heightened water conservation message. Water conservation is more important than ever as further Colorado River reductions are imposed. An easy way to save water, as well as your time and money, is to not overseed your lawn this Fall. By not overseeding, thousands of gallons of precious water can be saved at each property.

Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "overseed"



Free and easy ways to save at least 5% on your water use this year:

- 1 Convert turf to desert-landscape and earn DOUBLE your rebate.** That's right - as of July 1, Scottsdale Water is now offering \$2 per sq. ft. of qualifying grass removal. Rules and restrictions must be followed to receive the full rebate. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "rebate."
- 2 Utilize the new WaterSmart user portal online.** WaterSmart is the City's newest online portal which is available in your Online Utilities Account. This portal allows customers to visualize and compare water use. This tool can help customers increase efficiency, use less water and help to better target a 5% reduction.
- 3 Sign up for Leak Alerts.** Many customers can turn Leak Alerts on in the WaterSmart portal. Or, check by hand: temporarily turn on your irrigation and walk your property. If you see water pooling but no irrigation line in the area, this is a sign of an underground leak.

Learn more about our programs at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "water"



Save Money Year-round!

Your monthly sewer usage fee is based on your average water use from Dec. to Feb. every year. Since most household water is typically used outdoors, consider a free Outdoor Water Efficiency Check.

- A GUT check, one-on-one landscape consult
- Learn how to read the water meter
- Program irrigation controller
- Irrigation repair tips

Call 480-312-5650 to schedule today!

Scottsdale Water Conservation Rebate Program is open. Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Rebates" for full terms and to apply.



Removal Rebates*

- Grass Removal
- \$2/ft² removed
- Max: \$5,000

Pool Removal

- \$400 + \$2/ft² of water surface area

Do not begin removal process before receiving a written Notice to Proceed.

Installation Rebates*

- WaterSense Irrigation Controller
- Must be WaterSense labeled
- Cost: up to \$250

Smart Home Water Monitor

- Cost: up to \$100

* Requires pre-approval & time stamped photos

* Requires photo & removed receipts, dated after May 1, 2020

Fall Media Campaigns and Public Outreach

Water Efficiency Workshops

Converting Grass to Xeriscape Workshop

11 A.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 4

- Scottsdale Water Conservation staff will review:
- Best practices for removing grass at your home
 - Tips to convert irrigation systems from sprinklers to drip
 - Residential grass removal rebate terms and conditions
 - Proper plants to include in your conversion project



Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "workshops"

Overseeding is Overrated – Conserve Instead!



This winter skip the overseeding and let your lawn transition naturally to a beautiful winter blonde.

Save water, money, and time!



Leaks won't email you – WaterSmart does

- Sign up to:
- Track your water use
 - Turn on usage alerts
 - Get leak detection tips
 - Avoid costly surprises



The portal that puts you in control of your water usage. REGISTER TODAY!

WaterSmart Essentials

- WaterSmart is a water monitoring portal available to all Scottsdale Water Customers
 - Receive water-saving tips & leak detection tools
 - Customize your communication preferences & set water usage alerts*
 - Both registration & portal access are FREE
- *Alerts available to customers with hourly water use

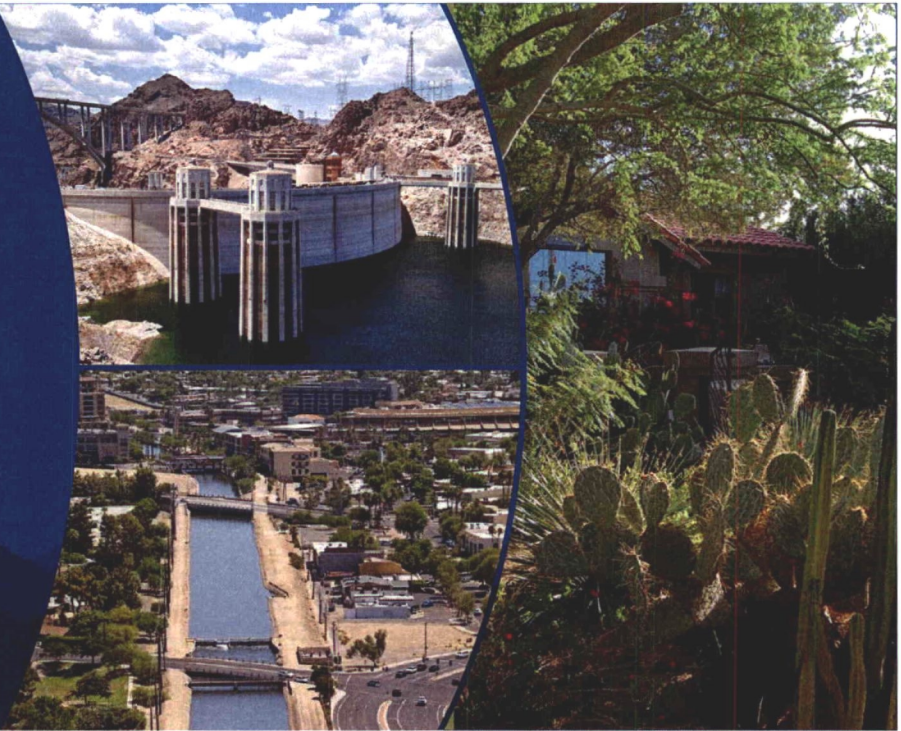
Scottsdale WaterSmart Register for Free



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conservation efforts.
Continuing this process
is important to a
resilient future



Questions?

