

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025**



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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lisa Borowsky called to order a Regular Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:13 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 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; 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

Absent: Vice Mayor Adam Kwasman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman McAllen.

INVOCATION

Councilman Graham introduced Chaplain Ed Ho from the Scottsdale Fire Department to give the invocation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Borowsky discussed the grand opening of Fire Station 612 and the 24th Annual Exchange Club of Scottsdale's Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Luncheon, which was held at the Grayhawk Golf Club Fairway House. She extended her personal thanks to our first responder community and the Exchange Club of Scottsdale for celebrating our local heroes

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

- **Employee Recognition Program**

The City Council will recognize employees with 20 or more years of service as of October 2025.

Presenter(s): Kelly Corsette, Communications and Public Affairs Senior Director

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

Public Affairs Supervisor Holly Peralta gave a presentation (attached) recognizing City employees with 20 or more years of services as of October 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peggy Klein, Scottsdale resident, gave a presentation (attached) discussing the shade and tree plan, the sustainability plan, and extreme heat.

Steve Sutton, Scottsdale resident, discussed a citizen petition relating to an Old Town parking garage study and the relocation of the Old Town Farmer's Market.

Dan Ishac, Scottsdale resident, discussed Council ethics, statutory election dates, and referendum signature counts.

Bryan Scott, Scottsdale resident, discussed Experience Scottsdale's brand and compensation concerns for their executives.

MINUTES

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

- a. **Special Meeting (Work Study and Possible Executive Session) Minutes of August 18, 2025**
- b. **Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of August 25, 2025**

MOTION AND VOTE - MINUTES

Councilwoman McAllen made a motion to approve the Special Meeting (Work Study and Possible Executive Session) Minutes of August 18, 2025 and the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of August 25, 2025. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, with Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Los Milics Vineyard (62-LL-2025)**

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a Series 19 (remote tasting room) State liquor license for a new location and owner.

Location: 7045 E. 3rd Avenue

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

2. Starfish Scottsdale (63-LL-2025)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 8390 E. Via De Ventura, Suite F-108

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

3. IL Bracco (65-LL-2025)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for a new location and owner.

Location: 6160 N. Scottsdale Road

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

4. 68th Street Storm Drain Project Intergovernmental Agreement

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13458 authorizing Contract No. 2025-116-COS, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the city of Scottsdale and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County for the design, rights-of-way acquisition, and utility relocations for the 68th Street Storm Drain project.

Location: 68th Street from Monterosa Street to Roma Avenue

Staff Contact(s): Hasan Mushtaq, Drainage/Flood Control Manager, 480-312-4317,
hmushtaq@scottsdaleaz.gov

5. Parada del Sol Parade and Trails End Festival Event Funding

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13508 authorizing funding, up to \$178,750, from the portion of the Tourism Development Fund that is allocated in the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Operating Budget toward event retention and development in support of Contract No. 2025-155-COS with Parada del Sol Historic Parade.

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

6. Design and Construction Engineering Services Contract for Scottsdale Airport to Rehabilitate Gate 1 and Bypass Taxilanes and Implement Drainage Improvements

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13479 authorizing Construction Bid Award No. 25IFB2610 with J. Banicki Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$186,500, for design and construction engineering services to rehabilitate the pavements of the Access Gate 1 Taxilane and Bypass Taxilane and to implement drainage improvements at the Scottsdale Airport.

Staff Contact(s): Judy Doyle, Enterprise Operations Senior Director, 480-312-2691,
jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov

7. WestWorld Temporary Horse Stalls Purchase

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13512 authorizing:

1. Contract No. 2021-045-COS-A3 with Caruso Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$579,124, for the purchase of 160 temporary horse stall panels and hardware as part of the scope for the 2019 Bond Project 45 – Renovate WestWorld Barns to Increase Rentable Space.
2. A Fiscal Year 2025/26 General Fund Capital Contingency budget appropriation transfer, of up to \$600,000, to a newly created capital project to be titled WestWorld Temporary Horse Stalls, to be funded by the General Fund.

Staff Contact(s): Judy Doyle, Enterprise Operations Senior Director, 480-312-2691,
jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov

8. **WestWorld Public Address System Cabling Installation**

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13514 authorizing a Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 General Fund Capital Contingency budget appropriation transfer, of up to \$625,000, to be funded by the General Fund to the existing WestWorld Public Address System Cabling Installation capital project, which is currently budgeted in the five-year Capital Improvement Plan and is being accelerated to FY 2025/26.

Staff Contact(s): Judy Doyle, Enterprise Operations Senior Director, 480-312-2691, jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov

9. **Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Recycle Grants Program Acceptance – Food Waste Aversion & Mill Bin Recyclers**

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13501 authorizing, if awarded:

1. The acceptance of grant funds from the ADEQ Recycle Grants Program, in the amount of \$25,000, to expand the city of Scottsdale's Food Waste Diversion and Mill Food Recycler Project.
2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.
3. A budget transfer, of up to \$25,000, from the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Grant Contingency budget to a newly established cost center to record the grant activity.

Staff Contact(s): Dave Bennett, Solid Waste Management Director, 480-312-5607, dbennett@scottsdaleaz.gov

10. **Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Recycle Grants Program Acceptance – Heavy-Duty Cardboard Recycling Compactor at WestWorld**

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13502 authorizing, if awarded:

1. The acceptance of grant funds from the ADEQ Recycle Grants Program, in the amount of \$70,000, to purchase and install a heavy-duty cardboard recycling compactor at WestWorld.
2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.
3. A budget transfer, of up to \$70,000, from the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Grant Contingency budget to a newly established cost center to record the grant activity.

Staff Contact(s): Dave Bennett, Solid Waste Management Director, 480-312-5607, dbennett@scottsdaleaz.gov

11. **Proposition 202 Grants Funds Acceptance from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13513 authorizing Contract No. 2025-157-COS, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the city of Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the acceptance of Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming Funds, in the amount of \$762,090, 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 general public.

Staff Contact(s): Sara Sparman, Government Relations Coordinator, 480-312-2511, ssparman@scottsdaleaz.gov

*****11A. Currier Construction and Keller Electric Industries Settlement Agreement**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13527** authorizing:

1. Contract No. 2025-170-COS to settle a claim against Currier Construction, Inc. and Keller Electric Industries, LLC in its entirety in the amount of \$78,705.28 to be paid to the City of Scottsdale with said funds to be deposited into the City's Loss Trust Fund for settlement of the City of Scottsdale Claim No. 242510-PR-078.
2. The City Manager, City Treasurer, Interim City Attorney, and their respective staff, to execute any other documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Luis Santaella, Interim City Attorney, 480-312-7771,
lsantaella@scottsdaleaz.gov

*****11B. Patel Settlement Agreement**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13529** authorizing:

1. Contract No. 2025-152-COS with Plaintiff Prasant Patel, in the amount of \$75,000, to settle all claims in *Prasant Patel v. Dominique Vattuone, et al.*, Case No. 2:22-CV-01852-MTL-MTM, currently pending in the United States District Court, District of Arizona.
2. The City Manager, City Treasurer, Interim City Attorney and their respective staff, to execute any other documents to take such other actions as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Luis Santaella, Interim City Attorney, 480-312-7771,
lsantaella@scottsdaleaz.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

Harold Back, Scottsdale resident, spoke in support of Item 4 [68th Street Storm Drain Project Intergovernmental Agreement.]

Bryan Scott, Scottsdale resident, spoke in support of Item 5 [Parada del Sol Parade and Trails End Festival Event].

Noah-James Markham, Tempe resident, spoke about Item 5 [Parada del Sol Parade and Trails End Festival Event] and discussed the importance of sign language interpreters at city events.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman McAllen made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 11B. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, with Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Budget Review Commission Code Amendment

Request: Adopt **Ordinance No. 4693** amending Scottsdale Revised Code, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 17 relating to the Budget Review Commission.

Presenter: Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer
Staff Contact(s): Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer, 480-312-2364,
sandrews@scottsdaleaz.gov

MOTION NO. 1 – ITEM 12

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to continue Item 12 to a future Council Meeting. Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion.

ALTERNATE MOTION NO. 1 – ITEM 12

Councilwoman Whitehead made an alternate motion to continue the item, but to vote at tonight's meeting whether to allow the Commission members an opportunity to vote on their own Chair. The motion died for lack of a second.

ALTERNATE MOTION NO. 2 – ITEM 12

Councilwoman Littlefield made an alternate motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4693, as presented with the following amendments, deleting Section 2-381, subsection B and adding subsection C to Section 2-382 to establish a procedure for selecting a Chair and a Vice Chair of the Commission. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion.

Mayor Borowsky withdrew her motion to continue.

Councilwoman Littlefield withdrew her alternate motion.

City Treasurer Sonia Andrews gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the possible Budget Review Commission Code Amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 12

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on this item.

David Smith, former City councilmember, discussed his opposition to this item.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on this item.

MOTION NO. 2 – ITEM 12

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4693 amending Scottsdale Revised Code, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 17 relating to the Budget Review Commission (BRC) with the following amendments:

- Deletion of the draft ordinance Section 2-383(d) related to in-depth examinations and analyses of specific budget topics and the formation of a work plan
- Add a new section that allows the BRC Commissioners to appoint a Chair at their first meeting.
- Authorizing the Interim City Attorney and other Charter Officers to make conforming changes to the Ordinance.

Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion.

ALTERNATE MOTION NO. 3– ITEM 12

Mayor Borowsky made an alternate motion to continue Item 12 to a future joint BRC-City Council Meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

VOTE ON MOTION NO. 2 – ITEM 12

The Council then voted on Councilwoman Whitehead's motion, which carried 5/1, with Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Mayor Borowsky dissenting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

17. 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 agendize 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.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

14. Boards, Commissions, and Task Force Nominations

How the Board and Commission Nomination Process Works: The Council will review applications submitted for the board and commission openings under consideration. From this applicant pool, the Council will select nominees for further consideration.

- Airport Advisory Commission (two vacancies) – Councilwoman McAllen nominated Carl Stein and Mark Unterbach; Councilwoman Whitehead nominated Michael Gonzalez and John Spalj; Mayor Borowsky nominated John Sloan; and Councilman Graham nominated Craig Bennett.
- Building Advisory Board of Appeals (two vacancies) – Councilwoman Whitehead nominated David Brotman and Tim Casselberry.
- Human Relations Commission (one vacancy) – Mayor Borowsky nominated Chass Onkst; Councilwoman Littlefield nominate Paul Epstein; and Councilwoman McAllen nominated Katie McGinty.
- Industrial Development Authority (one vacancy) – Councilwoman Littlefield nominated Michael Rowland; Councilwoman McAllen nominated Michelle Gardner; and Councilwoman Whitehead nominated Dean Simms-Elias.

- Transportation Commission (two vacancies) – Councilman Graham nominated Bob Baker and Carrie Cox; Councilwoman McAllen nominated Emmie Cardella and Kelly Christensen; and Mayor Borowsky nominated Gerald Conover.
- Veterans Advisory Commission (two vacancies) – Councilwoman McAllen nominated Lynn Gallagher and Marcy Kostewa; Councilwoman Whitehead nominated Christie Slegers; and Mayor Borowsky nominated Mike Smothermon.

*****15. Agendize Presentation of East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) Programs in Scottsdale**

Request: At the request of Councilman Graham, direct the City Clerk to agendize a presentation for a future Council Meeting by Dr. Chad Wilson related to the EVIT Programs in Scottsdale.

Note: The only possible Council action to be taken on Item No. 15 is: (1) direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the item for a future meeting; (2) direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council; or (3) take no action. **No public comment will be taken at this time.**

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 15

Councilman Graham made a motion to direct the City Clerk to agendize the item for a future meeting. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, with Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilwoman Dubauskas seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:48 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 of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 7th 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

October Service Anniversaries

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20 Years of Service

Daniel Alire
Sean Cornell
Robert Fisher
Michael Hitt
Ivo Hrabovsky
Eric Schwartz
Michael Seemiller
Meredith Tessier
Douglas Walker

25 Years of Service

Andrew Dorame
Anthony O'Griseeg
Theresa Raymond
Stacie Williamson

30 Years of Service

Andrew Parker
Trish Pegueros
Teri Wardell



PRESENTATION/
INFORMATION UPDATES

Phoenix planted thousands of trees in the last year as part of plan to increase shade

KJZZ | By Katherine Davis-Young

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Katherine Davis-Young/KJZZ

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego helps plant a tree at Morris K. Udall Middle School in west Phoenix on March 26, 2024.

Phoenix's five-year plan to add thousands of trees and hundreds of new shade structures across the city is on track to meet its goals. Phoenix's Office of Heat Response and Mitigation on Wednesday delivered its [first progress report](#) on the city's 2024 Shade Phoenix action plan.

EXTREME HEAT

STRATEGY HT 2

Protect people from the health effects of extreme heat.

ACTIONS

HT 2.4 Develop partnerships with local utilities for weatherization and tree planting programs.

STRATEGY HT 3

Identify urban design improvements including structured shade and built environment.

ACTIONS

HT 3.3 Promote shading for site hardscape on existing commercial and multifamily developments.

HT 3.4 Identify areas most impacted by the heat island effect and prioritize mitigation for these areas to reduce heat impacts.

HT 3.5 Coordinate heat and shade work with other active plans such as the Old Town Character Area Plan.

STRATEGY HT 4

Plant more trees and implement other nature-based solutions.

ACTIONS

HT 4.1 Increase tree canopy and building-integrated or free-standing shade structures through a Shade and Tree Plan; study the value of shade on a return-on-investment basis and balance benefits of natural shade and water usage.

HT 4.2 Encourage use of desert-adapted trees to support heat reduction and water conservation strategies.

HT 4.3 Investigate an urban forestry program to balance shade and water use and to ensure trees are maintained (including in city parks).

HT 4.4 Study options to improve proper tree maintenance and replacement near commercial and multifamily buildings.

HT 4.5 Partner with non-profits, volunteers, and businesses to plant more trees especially in underserved or older neighborhoods and in areas of high pedestrian activity; evaluate a 'matching tree' initiative.

HT 4.6 Develop educational resources about above- and below-ground space needs for tree health.

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ACTIONS

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ACTIONS

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STRATEGY HT 4

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ACTIONS

HT 4.6 Develop educational resources about above- and below-ground space needs for tree health.

Item 12 – Budget Review Commission Code Amendment

City Council Meeting
October 7, 2025



City Treasurer's Office

Background

1. Budget Review Commission (BRC) established in January 2025
2. Purpose of BRC to review and advise Council on Proposed Budget, major revenue forecasts and budget policies
3. Council remains fully responsible for the budget, assessment of taxes and fees, and setting policies



Reason for Proposed Code Amendments

1. Feedback from BRC members, staff and Council
2. Need to clarify and simplify process for BRC and staff

Key Amendments Proposed

1. Clarify and better define duties

Sec 2-383 (b) refined to include review of the following in no order of priority:

- Operating Budget appropriations, including appropriations for new services and programs and revenue projections;
- Capital Budget appropriations, including appropriations for new capital projects and material changes to existing projects
- Changes to budget policies that materially impact Operating and Capital Budgets.

Key Amendments Proposed

2. Include option to provide recommendations in writing or public presentation and require recommendations to be reviewed, discussed and approved by a quorum

Added Sec 2-383 (c):

Recommendations shall be submitted to the City Council either in a written report or in a public presentation no later than the first regular Council meeting in May. All recommendations must be reviewed, discussed, and approved by a quorum of the Commission at a public meeting



Key Amendments Proposed

3. Include requirement to provide annual workplan (for in-depth examinations and analyses of focus areas) for Council approval

Added Sec 2-383 (d):

Each fiscal year, the Commission may conduct in-depth examinations and analyses of specific budget topics, or review additional matters related to City revenues and expenditures, for the purpose of making recommendations for future budget consideration to City Council. Before initiating such reviews, the Commission shall prepare a workplan and submit it to the City Council for approval. Upon receiving direction from the City Council and approval of the workplan, the Commission shall proceed with its review and provide recommendations.



Key Amendments Proposed

4. Clarify the work of the BRC is not intended to conflict with City Manager and City Treasurer responsibilities under the Charter

Added Sec 2-383 (e):

Nothing in this ordinance is intended to conflict with the City Manager's budgetary responsibilities or the City Treasurer's responsibilities under the City Charter.



Motion to Adopt Budget Review Commission Code Amendments

Move to Adopt Ordinance No 4693

amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 17 of the Scottsdale Revised Code, relating to the Budget Review Commission.

