



**City of Scottsdale
Budget Review Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, October 1, 2025
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Daniel Schweiker, Vice Chair
Skyler Badenoch, Commissioner
Carla, Commissioner
Brad Newman, Commissioner
Mark Stephens, Commissioner

STAFF: Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer
Greg Caton, City Manager
Scott Selin, Budget Department Director
Jennifer Fernandez, Assistant City Attorney

Call to Order

Vice Chair Schweiker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

No public comments were received.

1. Introductions

Commissioner Badenoch introduced himself and reviewed his personal and professional background.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2025
Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2025
Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2025

Commissioner Carla proposed an addition to the Chair's Report of the April 10 meeting minutes, as well as changes to paragraph 6 of page 2 and paragraph 3 of page 4 of the April 10 minutes, and changes to the first paragraph of Item 2.A. and the motion of Item 2.E. of the April 11 minutes.

Commissioner Stephens proposed changes or additions to paragraphs 2, 3, and 7 of page 3 of the April 7 meeting minutes.

There was no public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – MINUTES

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED THAT THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2025, APRIL 10, 2025, AND APRIL 11, 2025, BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). VICE CHAIR SCHWEIKER AND COMMISSIONERS CARLA, BADENOCH, NEWMAN, AND STEPHENS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Staff Update

City Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer Sonia Andrews and City Manager Greg Caton gave a PowerPoint presentation on recent city initiatives relevant to the Commission, proposed ordinance amendments related to the Commission and proposed process, work schedule and timeline for the Commission.

Commission members made the following observations and suggestions:

- Appreciate all the capital project review efforts and the city should continue the pre-work efforts and feasibility of capital projects
- Review of the Capital Improvement Plan this year should include discussion of prioritization
- Commission members should discuss with their Councilmembers about the selection and rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair for the Commission

4. Discuss Mission and Work of the Commission

Vice Chair Schweiker discussed the reason for the Budget Review Commission and Commissioner Stephens gave a PowerPoint presentation on lessons learned and future considerations and approach for the Commission.

Commission members made the following observations and suggestions:

- Need to be more efficient and focused
- Open meeting laws have to be followed but there should be a better way to get information
- Commission should prioritize important issues to focus on
- Commission should consider removing some of the previous parking lot items
- Commission should look at budget strategically and sustainability in light of trends in AI automation and robotics
- Direction discussed today may change as the Commission is not a full Commission yet

5. Discuss and Approve Proposed Workplan for Focus Areas

City Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer Sonia Andrews gave a presentation on considerations for the Commission and example workplan for presentation to Council.

Commission members made the following observations and suggestions:

- Having a few members of the Commission meet and gather information from staff has been helpful. Such meetings in the past have been for information gathering only and no decisions were made and information was brought back to the Commission for discussion
- Agreed with City Manager's suggestion to have City Attorney's office provide more guidance on subcommittees and open meeting laws
- Discussed looking at revenues as a focus area
- Agreed to have Commissioner Carla and Commissioner Stephens work with staff on a workplan

6. Discuss and Approve Method of Presentation to Council

This item was continued until the next Commission meeting.

7. Identification and Approval of Possible Future Agenda Items

This item was continued until the next Commission meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

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