



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

Monday, March 9, 2026
Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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

ABSENT: Bob Lettieri, Commissioner

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

Call to Order

Chair Daniel Schweiker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

No public comments were received.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2026

VICE CHAIR STEPHENS MOVED TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 23, 2026, BUDGET REVIEW COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER PULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, NEWMAN, AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Proposed FY2026/27 Capital Improvement Plan Recommendations

Chair Schweiker opened the floor for comments and recommendations from the commissioners. The commission primarily discussed capital projects related to Human Services and Water Resources. Additionally, Vice Chair Stephens asked that the minutes include his opinion that the constraints now placed on the Budget Review Commission members by city legal staff under their interpretation of open meeting laws—whereby, a commissioner cannot discuss capital project calculation supporting information with the persons who prepared the capital cost estimates (outside of an open meeting)—prohibits an effective, or timely review of the propriety of the budgeted amounts and, therefore, the propriety of the capital budgeted amounts for the June 30th, 2027 budget year are excluded from his review.

Commission members made the following observations:

- Concern was expressed over the physical conditions of the Paiute and Granite Reef senior centers.
- Concern was expressed over the absence of funding for the Bartlett Dam and the Advanced Purified Recycled Water initiative (APRW).
 - City staff clarified that the Bartlett Dam is operated through a partnership with other stakeholders. Though it isn't in the capital project budget, the annual fee associated with participating in this partnership is included in the proposed operating budget.
 - Regarding the APRW, city staff stated that because of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's recent rule changes, the city was conducting a study with an outside firm to determine the capital and ongoing operating costs associated with the APRW. Due to the uncertainty of budgetary impacts, city staff had decided to exclude this from the capital budget.

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED THE FIVE-YEAR CIP INCLUDE A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO CLARIFY THE PROJECT SCOPE FOR BOND 2019 FOR THE GRANITE REEF SENIOR CENTER ADULT DAY CARE. COMMISSIONER BADENOCH SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION THAT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY WOULD SEPARATE OUT THE PHYSICAL FACILITY DECISIONS AND THE OPERATIONAL POLICIES DECISIONS OF THE ADULT DAY CARE. COMMISSIONER PULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, NEWMAN, AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED THE PAIUTE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER FUNDING FOR ITS REBUILD BE FULLY RESTORED TO THE FIVE-YEAR CIP BUDGET AND NOT BE PUSHED TO YEAR 2032. COMMISSIONER CARLA AMENDED THE MOTION THAT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO IDENTIFY THE REBUILDING OF PAIUTE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT BUDGET WITH IMPLEMENTATION IN THE FOLLOWING FOUR YEARS. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, NEWMAN, AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED THE BRC RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY, AS A PLACEHOLDER, BE PUT BACK IN THE FIVE YEAR PRELIMINARY FOR THE ADVANCED PURIFIED RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM TO SHOW A COMMITMENT TO FUTURE USE. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

VICE CHAIR STEPHENS MOVED RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL INCLUDE HIS FIRST TWO

BULLET POINTS ON THE 5-YEAR PLAN FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY PRESENTED IN HIS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA MATERIALS. CHAIR SCHWEIKER SECONDED THE MOTION. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS AMENDED HIS INITIAL MOTION TO INCLUDE ONLY THE FIRST BULLET POINT TO HAVE THE CITY FORMALLY ADDRESS THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN IMPLICATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE BUDGETING METHODOLOGY CHANGE FOR FY26/27 THAT NOW OMIT A MAJORITY OF COSTS TO COMPLETE PROJECTS WHEN A PROJECT HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY SCOPED, TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE VISIBILITY ON FUTURE COSTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE CITY'S FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT, AND CONSIDER IF IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE PROJECT SPONSORS PROVIDE ROUGH ESTIMATES TO GET A MORE REALISTIC 5-YEAR CIP FUNDING AMOUNT THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, NEWMAN, AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Preliminary General Fund Revenue Forecasts

City Treasurer, Sonia Andrews and Budget Director, Scott Selin presented the city's preliminary General Fund revenue forecast of sales tax, state shared revenues, property taxes, and other revenue projections.

4. Budget to Actual Report for Quarter Ended December 31, 2025

The Commission and city staff reviewed questions submitted by Vice Chair Stephens in advance. City staff responded to questions related to the city's ambulance service.

5. Items to be Presented at Upcoming Meeting

City Treasurer, Sonia Andrews provided an overview of upcoming items to be reviewed by the Commission.

6. Identification and Approval of Possible Future Agenda Items

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: HOW THE BUDGET WILL ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES AND MAINTAINENCE; HOW TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL; POTENTIAL FTE MANAGEMENT IDEAS. COMMISSIONER PULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, NEWMAN, AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

VICE CHAIR STEPHENS MOVED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING INCLUDE A BRC IDEA SHARING OF IF AND WHEN TO HAVE CITY STAFF EXPLORE THE FOLLOWING FOR CURRENT YEAR OR FUTURE YEAR BUDGET EFFORTS (1) PSRS POLICE PENSION ADDITIONAL FUNDING PRO FORMA IMPACT (2) INCURRED COST REVIEW OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE, SUBSCRIPTION COSTS AND ROUND DOLLAR LARGE EXPENDITURES (3) POTENTIAL BENEFIT OF FTE REDUCTION THROUGH JOB RESPONSIBILITY CHANGE ANALYSIS FOR: UPCOMING KNOWN RETIREMENTS; STAFF DEPARTURES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR; CURRENT OPEN FTES (4) DEGREE TO WHICH AI OPPORTUNITIES EXIST IN LOWERING COSTS WITHOUT IMPAIRING CITIZEN RESPONSIVENESS. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION VICE CHAIR STEPHENS MOVED TO AMEND HIS INITIAL MOTION TO ADD THE FOUR ITEMS DISCUSSED AS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. COMMISSION NEWMAN SECONDED THE MOTION

WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ONE (1). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, NEWMAN, AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER CARLA VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE.

Adjournment

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE CHAIR SCHWEIKER SCONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, NEWMAN, AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.