



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

Friday, April 10, 2026
Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Daniel Schweiker, Chair
Skyler Badenoch, Commissioner (departed 11:58 a.m.)
Carla, Commissioner
Bob Lettieri, Commissioner
Brad Newman, Commissioner (attended virtually)
Randall Pullen, Commissioner

ABSENT: Mark Stephens, Vice Chair

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 10:06 a.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

Two public comments were received for item two and one public comment was received for item three.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2026

COMMISSIONER LETTIERI MOVED TO APPROVE MARCH 9, 2026, BUDGET REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER PULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, NEWMAN, AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Overview of Proposed FY2026/27 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

Budget Director, Scott Selin, provided an overview of the Proposed FY2026/27 Budget as well as an overview of the timeline related to the Commission's review of the Proposed Budget leading to the joint Council Work Study in early May. Various discussions ensued regarding the City's water capital projects.

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED THAT THE ADVANCED PURIFIED RECYCLED WATER (APRW) CAPITAL PROJECT BE INCLUDED INTO THE FUTURE BUDGETS ONCE CITY STAFF HAS RECEIVED FULL REPORT OF COST ESTIMATES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE APRW PROJECT. COMMISSIONER BADENOCH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ONE (1). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, LETTIERI AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE.

3. Review of Proposed FY2026/27 Operating Budget by Fund

City Treasurer, Sonia Andrews and Budget Director, Scott Selin provided an overview of the funds being reviewed for the meeting. These funds included: ambulance, special programs, tourism, transportation, grants, and water & sewer. Review of the solid waste fund was moved to the next meeting on April 16th.

Commissioner Badenoch departed the meeting at 11:58 p.m.

Commission members made the following observations:

- The Commission noted that there was a large gap between revenue and expenditures for the ambulance fund and asked what efforts were being made to close the gap and limit dependency of General Fund transfers.
 - City staff stated that the Fire Department is working closely with their third-party vendor who manages the billing services to identify efficiencies in their bill collection methods and are considering potentially moving bill collections to be managed in house.
- Inquiries were made related to the City's strategies for being among the top competitors in the job market for first responders.
- Regarding the transportation fund, the Commission questioned whether the 0.20% sales tax was a sustainable figure given the decline of state shared highway user revenue funds (HURF).
- Concern was expressed over the decline of federal grant funds and financial support for low-income individuals, particularly, for seniors.
- The commission asked whether the city was making any efforts in identifying efficiencies to reduce the rate of water rate increases.

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED THAT THE CITY CONDUCT A REVIEW OF ALL MANDATED REVENUE FUNDS AND SEE IF THE CURRENT TAX RATES AS PROPORTIONED, PROVIDES LONG TERM FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF THE CITY. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, LETTIERI, NEWMAN AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED THAT THE CITY STUDY AND DEVELOP A REALISTIC CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY SENIORS, AND DETERMING THE IMPACT OF THE REDUCTION IN FEDERAL DOLLARS AND THE RESULTING IMPACT ON THE GENERAL FUND. COMMISSIONER LETTIERI SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, LETTIERI, NEWMAN AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Items to be Presented at Upcoming Meeting

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

subsequent meetings for the remainder of the fiscal year will focus on reviewing the remainder of the funds in the fiscal year 2026/27 Proposed Budget.

5. Identification and Approval of Possible Future Agenda Items

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED FOR A FUTURE AGENDA ITEM PRESENTATION OF THE NEW SHEA AND 66TH PEDESTRIAN CROSSING CAPITAL PROJECT ADDED TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND

Adjournment

COMMISSIONER LETTIERI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER PULLEN SCONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, LETTIERI, 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 12:08 p.m.