



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

Thursday, April 23, 2026
Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Daniel Schweiker, Chair
Mark Stephens, Vice Chair
Skyler Badenoch, Commissioner (attended virtually)
Carla, Commissioner
Bob Lettieri, Commissioner
Brad Newman, Commissioner
Randall Pullen, 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 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

Public comment was received for item #3.

1. Approval of Minutes

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 10, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER PULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS AND COMMISSIONERS BADENOCH, CARLA, LETTIERI, NEWMAN AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

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

Chair Schweiker invited individual Commissioners to raise any additional items for discussion related to

the General Fund. City staff then reviewed other funds focusing on the Preservation Fund, and the Park and Preserve Fund, brief discussion was had over the Risk Management Fund as well. Commissioners also asked several questions regarding the city's vacant position credits; vacancy rates; capital improvement projects within the Parks and Recreation Department; tax allocations of the Park and Preserve Fund; and public safety strategies within Scottsdale's public parks and preserve.

Commission members made the following observations:

- Increasing Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) contributions may lower future pension costs over time
- Analyzing different stop-loss levels for employee health insurance benefits may help identify additional cost-saving opportunities for the city.
- The reduction in savings from vacant positions is greater than the savings from the positions eliminated through the budget process.
- The potential of having multiple public safety entities striving to provide the highest level of compensation in relation to other entities could create a potentially unsustainable inflationary cycle.

3. *Discuss Observations and Recommendations on Proposed FY2026/27 Budget and CIP and Commission Report to Council**

City staff provided an overview of main topics covered in the previous Budget Review Commission meetings along with a list of recommendations that had been approved by majority vote. The Commission then discussed these recommendations in detail, considering whether to amend, remove, or adopt additional recommendations to be included in the Commission's final report to the City Council.

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED TO KEEP RECOMMENDATION TO DEVELOP REALISTIC CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY SENIORS AND DETERMINE IMPACT OF REDUCTION IN FEDERAL FUNDING AND RESULTING IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND AND REMOVE RECOMMENDATION TO LOOK AT IMPACT OF FEDERAL FUNDING CUT ON PAIUTE COMMUNITY CENTER DUE TO A FEASIBILITY STUDY BEING CONDUCTED INHOUSE. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS AND COMMISSIONERS CARLA, LETTIERI, NEWMAN AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. COMMISSIONER BADENOCH ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTING DUE TO INABILITY TO HEAR THE VOTE FROM REMOTE LOCATION.

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED TO MODIFY RECOMMENDATION FROM "RESTORE APRW PROJECT IN CIP ONCE COST STUDIES ARE COMPLETE" TO "EVALUATE RESTORING APRW PROJECT IN CIP ONCE COST STUDIES ARE COMPLETE". VICE CHAIR STEPHENS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS AND COMMISSIONERS CARLA, LETTIERI, NEWMAN AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. COMMISSIONER BADENOCH ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTING DUE TO INABILITY TO HEAR THE VOTE FROM REMOTE LOCATION.

VICE CHAIR STEPHENS MOVED THAT THE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER NEWMAN BE ADOPTED AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER PULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER CARLA MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO KEEP RECOMMENDATIONS #1 AND #3 AS IS AND MODIFY THE TIME FRAME OF RECOMMENDATION

#2 FROM “PRIOR TO FY 27/28 BUDGET CYCLE...” TO “PRIOR TO FY 28/29 BUDGET CYCLE...” VICE CHAIR STEPHENS ACCEPTED THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PULLEN. THE MOTION CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS AND COMMISSIONERS CARLA, LETTIERI, NEWMAN AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. COMMISSIONER BADENOCH ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTING DUE TO INABILITY TO HEAR THE VOTE FROM REMOTE LOCATION.

4. Discuss Method of Report Presentation to Council

COMMISSIONER CARLA MOVED TO HAVE CHAIR SCHWEIKER AND VICE CHAIR STEPHENS WORK WITH STAFF ON PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL AND THAT COMMISSION MEMBERS SPEAK TO THEIR SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS IF QUESTIONED BY COUNCIL, RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD REMAIN AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED WITH NO MAJOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS WITH AN EXCEPTION FOR COMMISSIONER NEWMAN’S RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE TRUNCATED TO MIRROR CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS AND COMMISSIONERS CARLA, LETTIERI, NEWMAN AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. COMMISSIONER BADENOCH ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTING DUE TO INABILITY TO HEAR THE VOTE FROM REMOTE LOCATION.

5. Proposed Future Agendized Items

The Commission and city staff discussed the list of future agenda items that had been approved for review but could not be addressed during the current fiscal year. Ultimately, the Commission agreed that this list will be taken up at a future meeting, to be scheduled at a later date.

6. Identification and Approval of Possible Future Agenda Items

The Commission did not make any additional recommendations for possible future agenda items.

Adjournment

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER LETTIERI SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR SCHWEIKER, VICE CHAIR STEPHENS AND COMMISSIONERS CARLA, LETTIERI, NEWMAN AND PULLEN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. COMMISSIONER BADENOCH ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTING DUE TO INABILITY TO HEAR THE VOTE FROM REMOTE LOCATION.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.