

**SCOTTSDALE**

# **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **WORK STUDY SESSION NOTICE AND AGENDA**



### **COUNCIL**

W.J. "Jim" Lane, Mayor

Suzanne Klapp

Virginia L. Korte

Kathleen S. Littlefield

Linda Milhaven

Guy Phillips

David N. Smith

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MARKED AGENDA**

### **CITY COUNCIL WORK STUDY SESSION**

City Hall Kiva Forum, 3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard

**Call to Order – 4:02 P.M.**

**Roll Call – All present**

*One or more members of the Council may be unable to attend the Council meeting in person, and may participate in the telephonically, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4).*

**Mayor's Report – None**

**Work Study Sessions:** Work study sessions provide a less formal setting for the Mayor and Council to discuss specific topics, at length, with each other and City staff. Work study sessions provide an opportunity for staff to receive direction from the Council and for the public to observe these discussions.

**Public Comment – Andrea Keck, Michael Norton, and Betty Janik spoke in opposition to Desert Edge. Lois Drinkwater and Kristen Jackie spoke in support of Desert Edge.**

To provide an opportunity for public input, yet continue to maximize the amount of time available for the Council to have focused discussions, a total of fifteen minutes will be set aside at the beginning of each work study session for public comment on the agenda items. If you have thoughts or suggestions on the work study session items you would like the Council to consider, you are encouraged to complete a Written Comment card and submit your written comments to the City Clerk. The Clerk will ensure the Council receives your comments at various times throughout the evening.

1. **[Desert Discovery Center \(aka Desert Edge\) Update](#)**

**Request:** Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding the Desert Discovery Center.

**Presenter(s):** John Sather, Swaback Partners; Amanda White, Thinc Design; and Robert Brais, ConsultEcon

**Staff Contact(s):** Daniel Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, [dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov); Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, 480-312-7064, [kekblaw@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:kekblaw@scottsdaleaz.gov)



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– Presentations from Public Works Director Dan Worth; Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale, Inc., (DDCS) Executive Director Sam Campana; Amanda White, Thinc Design; John Sather, Swayback Partners; Duke Reiter, Arizona State University; DDCS Board Secretary Lynn Lagarde; and Robert Brais, ConsultEcon.

– Staff was directed to come back in approximately 30 days with the following information for Council review and discussion:

- A work plan, timeframe, and cost estimates to review the Desert Edge business plan, budget, funding sources, revenue sources, and capital expenses; a detailed analysis of construction costs, operation and maintenance costs, and parking costs, including whether the same project can be built for less; the feasibility of phased construction; and a study of what the economic impact of the project to the City as a whole would be if it is, and if it is not, completed.
- Clarification from the Tourism Development Commission on how much of the bed tax they recommended to fund the project.
- How much of Preserve tax is available to fund Desert Edge, with and without the food for home consumption tax.
- Clarification on how ASU and the Conservancy might participate.
- Draft ballot language that would allow voters to consider whether to:
  - Allow the Preserve tax to be used for operations and maintenance of trails and buildings in the Preserve.
  - Eliminate the food for home consumption tax from the Preserve tax, and split the remainder of Preserve tax funds between Preserve maintenance and operating costs and funding for Desert Edge.
  - Amend the City Charter to allow construction of Desert Edge in the Preserve, and prohibit future construction of projects of similar size, scope, and location to be built in the Preserve.
  - Amend the General Plan to allow construction of Desert Edge in the Preserve, and prohibit future construction of projects of similar size, scope and location to be built in the Preserve.

**Mayor and Council Items – None**

**Adjournment – 8:16 P.M.**