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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:01]

Mayor Ortega: I call the August 21, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting and Work Study Session to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:11]

City Clerk Ben Lane: Thank you, Mayor. Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Barry Graham.

Vice Mayor Graham: Present.

Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Ben Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilmember Janik: Present.

Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Here.

Ben Lane: And Solange Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: Here.

Ben Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Ben Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

Sherry Scott: Here.

Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

Sonia Andrews: Here.

Ben Lane: Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff.

Lai Cluff: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: And the Clerk is present. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Excellent, we have Scottsdale Police Sergeant Sean Ryan and Detective Tyler Neese, as well as firefighter Brian Missirlian. If anyone requires any assistance. Let's start our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. I will call on Councilwoman Betty Janik.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

[Time: 00:00:56]

Councilwoman Janik: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MAYOR'S REPORT

[Time: 00:01:17]

Mayor Ortega: At this time, we call our attention to the ongoing wars in foreign countries as they fight to protect their freedom and democracy. I ask you to join me in a moment of silence for these war-torn countries as well as the for the safety of the deployed men and women of the United States military. Thank you.

Scottsdale residents wanting to volunteer their time and institute a positive change in our community are invited to apply to serve on city boards and commissions. Applications are being accepted through August 30th for openings in various boards and commissions, including the Board of Adjustment, Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Loss Trust Fund Board and Transportation Commission. To view the complete list of current and future openings, please go to Scottsdaleaz.gov, and look under boards and commissions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[Time: 00:02:49]

For your information, during tonight's meeting, the Council may make may make a motion to recess into executive session to obtain legal advice on any applicable item on the agenda. If authorized by the Council, the executive session would be held immediately and would not be open to the public pursuant to Arizona law. Then the meeting would resume following the executive session.

Per our city Council rules of procedures, citizens attending city Council meetings shall observe the same rules of order and decorum applicable to the Council and staff ourselves. Unauthorized remarks or disruptions would only delay our meeting and could result in the removal from the forum. Next, we will go to public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Time: 00:03:41]

Public comment is reserved for Scottsdale citizens, Scottsdale business owners and/or property owners to comment on non-agendized items that are within the Council's jurisdiction. Advocacy for or against a candidate or a ballot measure during the Council meeting is not allowed pursuant to state law and is therefore not deemed to be within our jurisdiction. No official Council action can be taken on these items.

The speakers are limited to three minutes, I'm told by the Clerk that we have one person requesting to speak. That would be Patricia Pallet. If you could come forward and Patricia Pallet. Oh, here we go.

[Time: 00:04:23]

Patricia Pallet: Are we ready? No. No. No. Wait one moment. I'm sorry, okay. So Mayor, Councilmembers, I am a resident, property owner, taxpayer and mother of five boys. I am here to ask you to look into the last I'm sorry, I'm here to ask you to look into the first ever reinterpretation of the law that just happened this last cycle for school board candidates, and makes it appear the city is playing favoritism and now I would like the video to play.

In Arizona, there are strict laws governing political signs, even criminal penalties for people who mess with them. So, when these signs for a slate of Scottsdale unified school board candidates started going up around July 22nd, it looked like a clear violation to their opponents.

People are contributing money to these campaigns. Voters are going to go out and vote and so it has to be an equal playing field. To Jill Dunican and supporters of competing republican slate, it looked like these democrat signs were up way too early. So they complained and the email showed the city initially agreed removing one sign. Then the city abruptly changed course and an employee said they would not be removing signs after all.

You are caught off-guard and the other team is getting visibility and name recognition, allowing teams to operate under different rules is clearly election interference.

Democratic candidates Mike Sharkey, Donna Lewis, and Matt Pittinsky did not respond the request for comment. People can start putting up political signs 71 days before a primary election, as long as the signs are for a candidate for public office. This race, however, is unusual. Scottsdale School Board wasn't on the primary election at all, only the November General Election. 71 days before that is August 26th. An email shows Scottsdale Code Enforcement initially told the conservatives sign placement cannot occur prior to August 26th. That turned out to be bad information and it forced the republican candidates to scramble. Dunican said they started putting out their signs last night, about two weeks behind.

The team of Jacobs, Beasley and Hassler who follow the city rules and respect the citizens and the election process were penalized because they were not informed of the city of Scottsdale's selective enforcement of rules this year.

Now, a spokesperson for the city gave us a statement explaining their position on state's sign law and it makes clear that the democrats acted within the legal window. The statement also acknowledges the city changed its enforcement position on signs, but it does not address why, if it was because of confusion or a mistake or a reinterpretation of the rules. Jared? Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: At this point, I would close public comment. Next, we will move on to the first agenda item, which has to do with our Minutes.

MINUTES

[Time: 00:07:59]

I request a motion to approve the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of June 25, 2024.

Councilmember Janik: So moved.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: We have a motion and a second. Please record your vote. Okay. The vote shows so the motion carries. 6-0. Six attending at the dais. Therefore, that motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

[Time: 00:08:49]

Next, we will move on to the Regular Meeting and Work Study oh, excuse me. Sorry. Next, we will move on to the Consent Agenda items. We have items 1 through 5, which are fully filed and have all the supplemental information. I'm also looking to the Clerk to see if there's any public comment on any item. Now I'm calling on our Council, ourselves to see if we have any question on any Consent Agenda item. Vice Mayor Graham.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor. I had not pulling anything off Consent but I did have a question, if somebody from the water department would oblige us for item number 3. Thank you, Mayor.

[Time: 00:09:42]

Mayor Ortega: Sure. So, coming forward is Brian Biesemeyer, the award-winning waterman. Aquaman of the year.

Water Resources Executive Director Brian Biesemeyer: Water Reuse, yeah, Person of the Year. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Excellent, proceed.

Brian Biesemeyer: Thank you. Mayor, Vice Mayor Graham and Council, what's your question?

Vice Mayor Graham: Yes, thank you. Brian is there so for item number 3 we're approving the Scottsdale Water Strategic Plan for the next five years. I just want to confirm, is there anything in that item on tonight's agenda that this Council would authorize mixing recycled water with regular tap?

Brian Biesemeyer: Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council, not directly that allows us to plan for that, but any that would have to first the state has to authorize a permit and that permit authorization would

come sometime this fall, but then there are other actions that would have to occur that would come back to Council for that approval, but that does allow us to plan in that direction.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Sure.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor.

[Time: 00:11:03]

Mayor Ortega: Thank you very much. I do have one comment for you. And that is regarding recycled water, and I every drop of water in this apple probably has been recycled how many times would you guess over last million years?

Brian Biesemeyer: I'm an engineer. I hate to guess.

Mayor Ortega: And the water we wash it with, just to clean it at the end of the day and consume that water, of course, that is all EPA tested, certified by our lab work and that's the water that we consume through the whole process. So, I really appreciate that. I kept this from lunch just to make sure I could award it to you. No. And thank you for keeping our water in great condition with all the team. Okay, thank you. There are no other questions on our Consent Agenda items 1 through 5, therefore, do I have a motion?

Councilmember Whitehead: I will motion to adopt items, Consent Agenda items 1 through 5.

Councilmember Littlefield: Second.

Mayor Ortega: You move to approve.

Councilmember Whitehead: Move to approve.

Councilmember Littlefield: I will second the approval.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. So, we have a motion on the floor and a second.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Please record your vote. The motion carries 6-0. Thank you very much.

REGULAR AGENDA – ITEM 6

[Time: 00:12:30]

Next, we will move to Regular Agenda item number 6, Bridge Housing Program Agreement Amendment. Our presenter is Judy Doyle Community Service Assistant Executive Director.

Community Service Assistant Executive Director Judy Doyle: Thank you. Good evening, Mayor and Council, and thank you, Mayor, for the introduction. Tonight, we are requesting approval to amend our current contract for our Bridge Housing Program. The amendment would be to extend the program that currently expires September 30th of this year, through May 31st of 2025. And would be for five hotel rooms versus the current contract of ten rooms at \$190,000 of unspent grant funds from a Grant we had received from the Arizona Department of Housing.

Now, it is important to note that this and the current contract and the amended contract would be grant funding and we would not be using city funds. And I will explain more of that as we move through the presentation.

So, I thought it was important to first talk tonight about what our current Bridge Housing Program is. The program is designed to present homelessness. It provides temporary shelter, combined with supportive services. Currently, we are renting ten rooms from a hotel here in Scottsdale that provides emergency housing for seniors and families with minor children who have been displaced from their Scottsdale homes.

The participants must work with a case worker to become self-sufficient and secure stable housing. Participants that actively work their case plan, they can stay in the program at the hotel up to 120 days. To be eligible for our program, you must be a senior age 62 or older, or a single parent with minor children. We will confirm that your last residential address within the last six months is a Scottsdale address, and we will also confirm that you can complete daily tasks on your own, getting out of the shower and eating, those kinds of things.

It's also important to note, that any persons who are struggling from a substance abuse disability, or chronically homeless are, or I should say were, from the zone or are not a legal resident, are not eligible for our Scottsdale Bridge Housing Program. The program has not and will not accept those from the zone or take U.S. immigration referrals through Title 42 or other resources. So, participants must show proof of legal U.S. residency.

So I also wanted to share the history of our Bridge Housing Program, and I think it's important when we talk about this to mention in the timeline that in November of 2021, the Scottsdale voters approved the 2035 General Plan, which includes a goal in the community well-being chapter to and I'm going to quote "provide housing options that meet the socioeconomic needs of people who live and work in Scottsdale." And there are a couple of policies related to that goal that directly support our Bridge Housing Program, and I'm going to focus on one of them and call it out. And, again, I'm going to quote.

It's to "seek and provide short-term housing options that accommodate those in need of immediate temporary shelter." So, again, it aligns with this Bridge Housing Program.

In October of '22, we began our Bridge Housing Program by utilizing a combination of funds from AZ Cares, Salt River Pima, Maricopa Indian funds and Community Development Block Grant Funds for a contract with a local hotel.

Then in June of '23, you approved a \$940,000 grant from the Arizona Department of Housing to extend the Bridge Housing Program and per the terms of that grant, the funds were to be spent by June 30th of '24. On September 19th of last year, you approved a second contract for bridge housing with that same local hotel for 10 rooms from October 1st of '23 through September 30th of '24, using that Department of Housing Grant.

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In June of '24, our City Manager signed an amendment to the funding agreement with the Department of Housing to extend the duration of the agreement from June 30th through September 30th. And I'll explain the need for that extension here on this next slide.

So, here's a breakdown of how we have been spending the \$940,000 grant from the Department of Housing. We applied \$37,000 towards the first agreement with the hotel. It was for ten rooms in August and September of '23. And then almost \$500,000 for a 12-month agreement to continue the program for ten rooms. We entered into an almost \$200,000 contract for supportive services with Community Bridges Inc. and the supportive services assists participants with things like navigating homeless programs, services, searching for employment, applying for housing vouchers, searching for affordable homes or rentals, et cetera. We had estimated that supportive services contract to be \$400,000, yet it came in at just under \$200,000.

And then when you factor in the \$8,700 that we spent on nutrition or the participants, it leaves us with just a little over \$194,000 remaining in unspent grant funds. So in lieu of returning the grant funds back to the state of Arizona, we are requesting and want to extend our successful Bridge Housing Program and prevent homelessness to our seniors and families with minor children that are in need. Because we had the unspent grant funds, we had requested an extension from the Department of Housing, and we were granted that extension from June 30th until September 30th and our City Manager signed that agreement in June as I had mentioned.

So, you may remember from our discussion back in September that the hotel was going through a renovation. Unfortunately, they have had some delays in their renovation. They do anticipate the renovation to start here in the next couple of months, but because of the upcoming renovation, the hotel could provide for five rooms for the Bridge Housing Program.

So tonight, we are asking to amend the existing contract for five hotel rooms for eight months from October 1st through May 31st of '25, using the \$190,000 of grant funds and then the remaining 4,400

would be used for nutrition for participants.

I also wanted to share some statistics with you on the program. We are at an 86% success rate. We have served 165 people in need, 12 are currently in the program, and we've had 132 successful exits. And they have found secured housing. Participants have stayed in the program on average 74 days. Now, I do want to mention that the numbers here are a bit dated, as you can imagine with people entering and exiting the program. They do change. We have now served 168 people and we are still at that 86% success rate.

So, what does a successful exit mean? It means participants have secured a safe place to stay. This could be either housing, that they could afford. It could be a friend or a family member or it could be a shelter. Most shelters are at what we call a coordinated entry site, and this is where people can get matched for housing opportunities as well as get provided additional services.

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So, for example, if there is a senior whose Social Security income is, say, \$950 a month, they are no longer able to work, as you can imagine, it's very difficult for them to find an affordable place to live. They may be able to get into a senior shelter that can help them longer than the 120 days that our program provides for and get them either on a voucher or help them with senior H.U.D. Housing or even shared housing. Some demographics. So, of the total served, over half, 55% have been children. 91 children. We have served 28 seniors, or 17% and then the remaining are parents. Of those served, 58% have been female and 42% being male.

I also wanted to share a couple success stories with you and just share the impact that this program has had on people's lives. Recently we had a single mother with her three children that were faced with homelessness when her work contract ended abruptly. We were able to successfully get them into our bridge program. Her children were able to continue in their Scottsdale schools. While they were in the program and working with our supportive services, the mother was able to secure a full-time job with an organization that not only provided a wage, but also provided housing. So, it was a great success and a very positive outcome.

Another success story that I wanted to share with you, we actually included in our news release for tonight's item, and this woman actually submitted a written comment for tonight as well. We had two seniors, a disabled woman and her husband, aged 71 and 80, and they were facing homelessness when they received a steep rent increase and could no longer afford their apartment in Scottsdale. They requested assistance and through our Bridge Housing Program, they were provided a place to stay, and access to the services that then helped them find an affordable new place to rent.

So just a couple of the many success stories that we had. Bottom line, this is a program to prevent homelessness. So tonight, we are asking you to adopt resolution number 13 oh, excuse me, 13197 to amend the contract with the local hotel to continue the Bridge Housing Program through May 31st of '25 and that concludes my presentation. I am happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Ms. Doyle. At this point, we will open public comment on this topic. I see two speakers who wish to speak. One is Ethan Knowlden and then Lee Cooley. If you would please step forward. We will handle public comment first and then have our own Council deliberations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Time: 00:24:02]

Ethan Knowlden: Good evening, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Graham, the rest of the Council. Thank you so much for allowing me to have a few minutes of your time. I'm actually going to do something that maybe doesn't happen very often for you, I will commend you because I think this is an excellent program and I want to commend the Council for supporting it so long and I want to commend staff who does an excellent job of running this program and I know how important it is for individuals in the program. It is much easier to prevent homelessness than it is to arise out of homelessness.

So let me encourage you to take the staff's guidance here and to move forward with the amendment of the contract. I think it is beneficial for all of Scottsdale's residents to see no one put out on the street when they have an opportunity to be housed in a bridge program. So thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next, Lee Cooley.

[Time: 00:25:12]

Lee Cooley: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor Graham, esteemed members of Council, I live off of 100th and Frank Lloyd Wright. I've been a resident for nearly 20 years. I've seen a lot change but I see some things that stay the same, neighbors helping neighbors. Residents who participated in March's Speak Up Scottsdale Survey, the one about the Community Assistance Office annual action plan. Two of those priorities were rental assistance and rental acquisition.

Tonight, you have been asked to approve spending \$190,000 in state funds so that a few of our neighbors have a safe and stable place to stay for up to 20 days before these monies run out next May. Now, as Judy mentioned, there used to be enough funding for ten rooms a month for a full year. Can you imagine having to choose which five seniors or families with small children get to keep a roof over their heads? I can't.

And these people, as she pointed out aren't struggling with substance abuse. They are not from the zone. They are legal residents of Scottsdale who are trying to get a fresh start. I encourage you to do the right thing this evening and adopt the Bridge Housing Program Amendment Agreement. It's not only the least we can do. It's best thing to do. Thank you for your service to the people of Scottsdale.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you very much, Mr. Cooley. And at that point, I would close public comment on item number 6. I see Councilwoman Janik and then Councilmember Durham wishes to speak. Proceed.

Councilmember Janik: Thank you, Mayor. First of all, I want to thank our Community Services team for really good work. Not only do you follow the letter of the law, but your compassion and concern is obvious and I do believe that is a big component to the success of our program. So, I can't thank you enough.

The other thing is what Mr. Knowlden said, the best way to prevent homelessness is not to let people get homeless in the first place. So, this Bridge Program accomplishes that. And that is very, very good for our community and next what Mr. Cooley said, Speak Up Scottsdale. These are our neighbors. We are helping them when they fall on tough times. And I have a feeling that most of us that have been in that situation at one time or another in our lives and perhaps we had to depend on this type of assistance to keep us off the street temporarily. So just a big, big thank you for all that you are doing. I really appreciate this. It's really a great program. Thank you.

Judy Doyle: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Councilmember Durham.

[Time: 00:27:59]

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. I also second Councilwoman Janik and what she says about our staff. They have done a great job on this program. And I would ask Mr. Lane, can you put up the picture that I sent? This there's been a lot of misinformation about this program. The slide that we put up here has been widely circulated on social media, and it says that our program, excuse me, was for migrants and homeless from the zone. And I just wanted to confirm, as you have stated here, that there have been no migrants in the program, and no one from the zone has been in the program.

Judy Doyle: Mayor and Council, that is correct. We have not had anyone from the zone or Title 42.

Councilmember Durham: Okay. All right. I just wanted to confirm that. When representative Gress was here a year or so ago, he complained that we were not providing any services as part of this program. I think he called it housing first. And I just wanted to confirm that we are, indeed, providing services to the people in this program to help them get back on their feet. It's not just a housing first program, as representative Gress claimed.

Judy Doyle: Mayor and Councilmembers, yes, that is correct. We do have a supportive services contract. So, each of the participants do work with a case worker to for a number of things. They help with the initial intake. They are working a case plan with the participants to try to find secured housing. They help them navigate other services that are available. They help them with employment searches, searching for affordable rental units, et cetera. So, yes, it is heavily case managed.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. I thought it was very important to clarify this point about with migrants and people from the zone because that's certainly not what we voted for and so I'm glad to

confirm that that has not taken place. This program has been very successful, as you pointed out. So, I will certainly be voting in favor of it, and I wish we could do more. Is it enough to just say we would, I move to adopt resolution number 12197. That's 13197, that's good enough, isn't it?

City Attorney Sherry Scott: Mayor and Councilman Durham, yes, that would be fine.

Councilmember Durham: I move to adopt Resolution 13197.

Councilmember Littlefield: Second that.

Councilmember Janik: Second.

Mayor Ortega: I heard a second from Councilwoman Littlefield. Would you like to speak?

[Time: 00:31:18]

Councilmember Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor. Yes, this is a program that I have supported. I support it primarily because it works. It helps people, citizens of Scottsdale, that need a little helping hand and that's a good thing for us to be able to do this. The only thing I'm sorry about is we will have five rooms instead of ten. I am hoping we can reverse that in the next grant phase and get the ten rooms back if we possibly can because we need them. We use them, and they help people, and they help children. If it didn't work. If wasn't helpful, if it if people just went back and did drugs and all of these other things, I wouldn't be so enthusiastic, but this is something that helps mothers, fathers, grandparents, brothers, sisters, children to get back on their feet. And to continue with their life and the stories that you have given us, and how that has been working for Scottsdale citizens is tremendous.

So many things are tried these days, that don't work, that just continue the problems on. This works. Let's keep it going. So, I'm very glad to second this motion. I hope it passes. And I hope in the future when we get the next grant, that we can move back to ten rooms again. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Vice Mayor Graham next.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor, thank you, Judy. Just a few questions for you, Judy. Are these do you present these programs to the Human Services Commission? Or do you present to the Human Services Commission?

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, yes. We do present updates to the Commission, they have been updated on the Bridge Housing Program a few times and they do support the program.

Vice Mayor Graham: Did they review this latest update? Did you bring that to them?

Judy Doyle: Mayor, members of Council, we did not. Only because of a timing issue. They were meeting on August 8th. We wanted to be respectful to have the agenda out so that Council and the public saw the

item first. That agenda wasn't posted until that Friday. So, it was just a timing issue. But, again, during any update, they are very supportive of the program.

Vice Mayor Graham: Was there not enough time that you could schedule with Human Services. Is that what happened?

Judy Doyle: Mayor, members of Council, it was really just when the agenda for Council was posted. We were wanting to be respectful of Council and ensure that they had the information before others.

Vice Mayor Graham: Now, that 86% success, that number was used before we passed last year's program. So, did you guys go back and remeasure it, success rate?

[Time: 00:34:16]

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, no, we are using the same calculation that we have. We have just maintained a very successful program.

Vice Mayor Graham: So, would you say it was about that rate for the preceding 12 months?

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, I don't have what the success rate was a year ago. I do know that today, we're at 86%. I think it was very close to that when we were here last September.

Vice Mayor Graham: But that doesn't include all the activity over the last year?

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, yes it does. Yes, that is the number, 86% since the inception of the program, October of '22.

Vice Mayor Graham: So, when is the last time you measured that I feel like I was confused there. The end of July.

Vice Mayor Graham: Okay. And so the number, so let me rephrase that, 86% success was used last year, and you are saying you remeasured it all this year and it was the same exact rate?

Judy Doyle: Mayor, members of Council, it must be a coincidence, because yes, we are at 86%.

Vice Mayor Graham: Okay, now when you measured that success rate, is that a point in time like upon exit of the program.

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, it is calculated based on currently who is in the program. So, you know, the participants. It includes the successful exists and those that were exited from the program. So, it's the total served.

Vice Mayor Graham: Do you do any follow-up after that exit point to make sure that success is

continuing.

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, so we have had a couple go into our tenant-based rental assistance program, and they are receiving case management for two years. If it is somebody that has exited the program and no longer needs resources, we do not. If it is somebody that wants to continue having resources, yes, we will keep their case open.

Vice Mayor Graham: The ones that go into tenant-based assistance, does that count as success or not success.

Judy Doyle: It counts as success because we have found a secure place for them to stay.

Vice Mayor Graham: How would you describe the, if 86% succeeded, how would you describe the 14%?

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, I'm sorry, can you ask again.

Vice Mayor Graham: How do you describe the non-successful ones? What does that look like?

Judy Doyle: We've had, I believe, it was 32 I'm sorry, 21. We've had 21 that have exited the program, that were not successful.

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Vice Mayor Graham: Can you give like what's an example of what of someone who wasn't successful? Does one come to mind?

Judy Doyle: Not one specific, Mayor and members of Council. I'm thinking that it's folks that maybe weren't doing their case plan, they weren't looking for employment, they weren't doing their, what's required of them in the program, and I don't know, if Sue, if that's clear or if you want to add to that. Sue Oh, she's our Human Services Manager and she is the amazing one that is overseeing this program.

Vice Mayor Graham: Everyone knows Sue Oh, she's great.

Judy Doyle: I applaud her heavily.

Human Services Manager Sue Oh: Mayor Ortega, members of the Council, Vice Mayor Graham, members of the Council, so what comes to mind is folks who are in the program. We found them an affordable housing unit, maybe not in Scottsdale, maybe in Phoenix, or a shelter that they can exit to, and they decide not to do that. They are very specific in where they want to stay and if they are not able to find that and then they hit the 120-day mark unfortunately we do exit them from the program.

Vice Mayor Graham: Okay. You haven't had calls for service for participants over the past year?

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, no, we have not. I recently, unfortunately one of the

participants was the victim of a property crime, but, no, they have not been we've had no issues in that regard.

Vice Mayor Graham: Do you notify neighbors of the program?

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, we don't notify per se. I know after our last meeting in September of last year, the community that is adjacent to the hotel.

Vice Mayor Graham: Right.

Judy Doyle: Had requested city staff to come out and respond to questions and concerns that they had. We did. It was Sue, myself, our Human Services Director, police department, and we addressed all of their concerns and as far as I know, we have not heard from them since, and they were satisfied.

Vice Mayor Graham: =So, you notified them because they requested it?

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Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, that is correct.

Vice Mayor Graham: Have you do you notify neighbors for similar programs? Is there kind of a policy for whether you notify neighbors or is it just sort of decided on a case-by-case basis? I know there's not case, many programs. Just kind of curious.

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, I'm, if you have a specific program that you...

Vice Mayor Graham: You don't know, okay. Can you confirm over the last year, I know the policy now is, you checked the residents of all the participants, they are from Scottsdale?

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, yes, we absolutely verify.

Vice Mayor Graham: Does that apply to all the participants for the preceding 12 months.

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, yes.

Vice Mayor Graham: Very good. You guys don't do like, do you, do you check sobriety, you heck sobriety?

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, if our professional staff or professional navigators with our contracted service, if they do think use of alcohol or drugs is present, yes, they will screen. I can tell you at this point, we have not had any issue with drugs or alcohol in the program.

Vice Mayor Graham: But it's not like a universal requirement for participants.

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, no, it is not.

Vice Mayor Graham: People talk are you familiar with the term "mixed hoteling."

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, somewhat, yes.

Vice Mayor Graham: I was just if you could explain that to the audience, what that is.

Judy Doyle: Mayor and members of Council, maybe it would be better if you explained.

Vice Mayor Graham: You're the expert. You are the subject matter expert. I understand. Maybe Sue Oh, do you know, are you familiar with that concept?

Sue Oh: I am familiar, but I'm not comfortable saying what it is, because I'm not sure.

Vice Mayor Graham: I mean, it's kind of participants in a hotel, but because the program is smaller than the number of unit hotel units, you have normal paying customers.

Sue Oh: Yes, that's my understanding of mixed hoteling.

Vice Mayor Graham: Is that kind of how you would define it?

Sue Oh: Yes.

Vice Mayor Graham: Does the city have a policy on mixed hoteling?

[Time: 00:40:58]

Mayor Ortega: Sir Vice Mayor, the questions that you are asking are not pertinent in this case what a term of mixed housing is nor is it

Vice Mayor Graham: This program is...

Mayor Ortega: Excuse me sir. I'm saying that because you are going down...I realize you voted against the measure a year ago and you can be very clear about stating that. The facts that are presented today, and it was a 6-1 vote and you persist to go down a trail of asking for new definitions, which are not relevant to the success of a program. So, I want to make that very clear and you seem to be going down that pathway again.

Vice Mayor Graham: Respectfully, Mayor, I would hope that my colleagues would be interested in these answers.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, I...

Vice Mayor Graham: This is absolutely relevant to the program. I would...I would...

Mayor Ortega: The program and is as presented and the statistics are people. And people have outcomes and outcomes have positive consequences. We're not talking about setting policy or mission of a policy or requesting as some accusatory comments were made last time about whether they were from the zone or not, which was also the...

Vice Mayor Graham: Mr. Mayor, I don't know what you are referencing. I do not understand the reference.

Mayor Ortega: It came up last time. Having clarified by a successful program. So, I want to keep you on track. If you'd like...

Vice Mayor Graham: I think, I believe I'm perfectly on track.

[Time: 00:42:36]

Councilmember Janik: Call the question.

Councilmember Durham: Call the question.

Vice Mayor Graham: You can't call the question, check the Parliamentary procedure. You can't call the question until my time, until I finish my questions.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, just a second. We have a body here.

Vice Mayor Graham: Yes, sir.

Mayor Ortega: And you are going along a pathway. The question has been called and we will vote on the question.

Vice Mayor Graham: No, I appeal that. You cannot, you cannot...

Mayor Ortega: You can have a continuous stream of 20 minutes of questions and say that you have a right to continue.

Vice Mayor Graham: I can continue my questions.

Mayor Ortega: It's called filibustering and that's why Council...

Vice Mayor Graham: Every member up here...

Councilmember Janik: I suggest that we have our attorney address the question that Councilmember

Graham has brought up.

Councilmember Littlefield: Yes.

City Attorney Sherry Scott: Mayor, Councilwoman Janik, Vice Mayor Graham, the question you're asking me about is whether or not you can call the question at this time.

Councilmember Janik: Correct.

Sherry Scott: Your Council rules, 11.20 does that rule does say that after obtaining the floor, any member of the Council may make a motion.

Councilmember Janik: Okay.

Sherry Scott: To call the question.

Councilmember Janik: Thank you. And Barry did have the floor so thank you.

[Time: 00:43:51]

Sherry Scott: I do also want to counsel the caution the Council that we are starting to get a bit far afield of this agenda item. If you are asking for a land use policy, that's unclear to me from your question. Are you asking what the land use policy is on mixed hoteling?

Vice Mayor Graham: So, I'm asking about city policy very basic. Do we have a we have a program here. Do we have a policy did, does the city have a policy and is the city following that policy about the program that we're voting on. It's pretty simple. So, Mr. Mayor, I respect that our interpretations may differ about our jobs, but I was elected to represent residents which includes asking questions they want to know.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, I believe that they initiated this discussion with our general plan, and that's the basis that was voted on by the people. And that's the so-called Bible that we're going with to not to explore other cases and notifications.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: So, you have a question, you can vote on that question okay so I'll because if the body chooses to cut you off, that's up to the body. I did not call the question.

Vice Mayor Graham: No, no, the body cannot choose to cut me off, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: They can ask.

Vice Mayor Graham: They cannot choose to cut me off. Read the rules of procedure.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, I'm also trying to administer a sense of decorum so that so that there is no filibustering because you can go on for two hours under your precepts.

Vice Mayor Graham: I don't think I have it in me to do that.

Mayor Ortega: I don't know why.

Vice Mayor Graham: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: So based on this, there was a question called and you could continue to ask 50 more questions.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you. I don't have that many.

Mayor Ortega: As presiding, I have to look for the good of the order and that's why I interpret the question of asking whether that can be called. And once the question is called, we return to the motion.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you for the education, Mayor, I will resume my questions. Thank you. I actually don't have that many more. I'm almost done. I'm almost done. I promise.

Mayor Ortega: Well, that's why sometimes you know the...

Vice Mayor Graham: Mr. Mayor, just because you don't like my questions doesn't mean that they are not relevant.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, I just told you prefacing that any zoning question or policy question is not on the agenda right now.

[Time: 00:46:27]

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: You get two more questions, how's that sound?

Vice Mayor Graham: You don't get to allot me questions. You didn't elect me.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, I you know I feel like I am, I talking to your two twins or what? I mean, come on!

Vice Mayor Graham: Am I talking to them?

Mayor Ortega: Let's figure this one out. The question is as posted on the agenda item, it was for the adoption of the authority to continue a contract, continue a contract that's already been approved by

the body.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor. I will ask as many questions as I...

Mayor Ortega: Okay, how do we ascertain the question the request for the question? Because I will respect my other peers?

Vice Mayor Graham: Because I'm following the rules of procedure that you don't like.

Mayor Ortega: You have called the question.

Vice Mayor Graham: I didn't call the question. You mean point of order.

Mayor Ortega: Excuse me. Go ahead.

[Time: 00:47:27]

Sherry Scott: Mayor, so Vice Mayor Graham is correct, that you can't interrupt him while he has the floor to call the question.

Mayor Ortega: Someone else called the question.

Sherry Scott: I'm sorry, right. I'm not accusing any Councilmember, I'm just, I'm just explaining what the rules say. The rules also say that any Councilmember needs to follow the direction of the presiding officer, and if they want to appeal the presiding officer's decision, then they can do that. But if Mr. Graham is saying and I think he has said that he only has a few more questions, they're going to be on topic, then perhaps we should give him a few more minutes to see how this plays out.

Vice Mayor Graham: The rules of procedure, if it's a very clear-cut case, parliamentarian should enforce it. But if it's gray, or requires judgment, then the presiding officer can make a decision which I can appeal. That's what the rules of procedure say.

Sherry Scott: Excuse me, if I could respond to that. The rules of procedure give the authority to the presiding officer. The parliamentarian can provide information to this Council. At the end of the day, the presiding officer's judgment applies, unless the Councilmember who is objecting appeals to the Council, and the Council votes with that. So, I beg to differ Mr. Graham that I am the authority on the procedure of this Council. This Council governs itself.

Mayor Ortega: And I have the floor and I yield the floor. And when I find something is off track, it's my duty and I've tried to get you in line on that, and I can take it back.

Vice Mayor Graham: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Ortega: That's the way the rule is written. You my stay on topic.

Vice Mayor Graham: Would you like to make a ruling.

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Mayor Ortega: I have just made that you are off topic. I will let you have two more questions, because that's my prerogative. And I wish that you would stay on topic, which is required as well. As soon as you stray from topic, per Article 611 or whatever it is, I can say per Arizona statute, you shall yield the floor because you have strayed from the topic. That's my judgment call.

Vice Mayor Graham: It's a judgment call.

Mayor Ortega: Yeah, but it's my judgment call because I'm the presiding and you're not. Okay? So right now, at this point, I will give you one more question, just to be nice, okay?

Vice Mayor Graham: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, I just told you.

Vice Mayor Graham: Mr. Mayor, you don't limit my questions. You don't limit you don't listen you don't limit the questions that the residents hear.

Mayor Ortega: I have a motion, or I will take a...

Vice Mayor Graham: You are violating the rules of procedure.

Mayor Ortega: I'm asking you to...

Vice Mayor Graham: You're clearly violating the rules of procedure.

Mayor Ortega: You have two questions.

Vice Mayor Graham: You don't limit the Councilmembers' questions up here Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, I'm saying, number one you strayed from the topic, therefore that's a violation of the Open Meeting Law because that yes. I suggest you look it up, because the state statute says you shall stay on the agenda as posted. If you start straying off topic, then the public is being cheated or possibly you are entering information that should not have not been duly posted on the agenda. That is the law of Arizona. And I that's my job to make sure that we don't fall in violation of that because you could start asking questions about what games they're playing in the neighborhood and anything else you may decide because you would have. So, at this point...

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Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you for the education.

Mayor Ortega: And I will stand by that. And if you need to be, you will notice that in our Council laws and in the state of Arizona statutes. You must stay on topic.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor. I'm going to continue my questions.

Councilmember Durham: No, we have called the question.

Vice Mayor Graham: I, we Mr. Durham.

Mayor Ortega: Just ask a question, can you ask one more question? Rather than being argumentative.

Vice Mayor Graham: I'm not arguing. If you will yield to me, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Excuse me sir, what is happening has already been explained once already to you.

Vice Mayor Graham: I can keep up.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. Any one of us can call the question and the question has been called. I recognize that question. Therefore, I will allow us to vote on the whether the question carries or not. If the if the motion carries...

Vice Mayor Graham: Okay.

Mayor Ortega: Then we will go directly to the vote on the motion.

[Time: 00:52:35]

Vice Mayor Graham: So, you are violating the Rules of Procedure.

Mayor Ortega: The question has been called. I have recognized a fellow colleague. The fellow colleague has called the question. We will vote on the question. Go ahead. Okay. I didn't see any other, so we have a question called. What the question is, is should we, if passed, then we would move to the vote of the agenda item. So please record your vote. The question is to call the question and afterwards proceed to the vote.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thanks, Sherry.

Mayor Ortega: Okay, the vote is five affirmative and one no. And I believe Ms. Caputi is absent. Councilwoman Caputi is absent. And therefore, the motion carries. At this point, there's no further discussion and we move to the vote on the excuse me at this point we move to the motion itself, and

there's no further dialogue from anyone else up here in this case. Please record your vote. The motion carries, five affirmative and Vice Mayor Graham the negative. Councilwoman Caputi is not attending. So therefore, we are concluded with item number 6 Bridge Housing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Next, we move on to public comment. Public comment is reserved for Scottsdale citizens, business owners and/or property owners to come forward for three minutes on any item not on the agenda and not posted, then they can speak on that topic. So, noting, there's no speaker requesting that. Therefore, I will close public comment.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

Moving on to item number seven. Item number seven is a receipt of citizen petitions. I'm told by the Clerk, there's no request to submit a citizen petition. Therefore, that item is closed.

WORK STUDY SESSION

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Therefore, at this point, we will move on to the Work Study Session. Work Study Sessions provide a less formal setting for the Mayor and Council to discuss specific topics with each other and the city staff and provide staff with an opportunity to receive direction from the Council and also, it's an opportunity for the public to come forward because this Work Study item has been duly posted and the public can comment on the agendaized Work Study item. I'm told there's no request to speak on the public Work Study item.

Therefore, we will move on in our agenda. Final it is the financial and capital improvement plan, C.I.P. update. We have preliminary fiscal year 2024. The presenters are Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer and Alison Tymkiw, City Engineer. Please come forward. Hello.

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City Treasurer Sonia Andrews: Thank you, Mayor. Next slide.

So our fiscal year-end ended on June 30th, and our fiscal year-end timeline for reporting starts basically with our fiscal year-end and between now and September, we're still in the process of closing our books in September and October, we will be our books will be audited by an external auditors and in November, we will be ready to present those audit results to the audit committee, and in December, we will be able to present final audited financial reports for the fiscal year '23/24 to Council. So that's the process. Next slide.

So right now, we're still in the early phases of our year-end closing. We still have year-end entries to make. So, this preliminary update is truly preliminary, as we continue to close our books. Some of the numbers are subject to change. And then we will again, like I said, go through all the financial audits, the federal grant audits and all the different audits and in October, we will complete our annual financial reports to then be able to report to Council. Next slide.

So even though we're still in the process of closing and we still have not completed all of our closing entries yet, we are able to with our preliminary numbers, we're able to report the following to Council. In terms of a general fund which is the largest operating fund, for revenues, we are looking at, what we see is slower sales tax growth but offset by strong construction sales tax collections for fiscal year '24. And I will explain a little bit more about that later. We also have state-shared revenues this year in fiscal year '24 that reflects the strong income tax revenues that the state collected in fiscal year '22 and keep in mind that income tax allocations that allocated two years in arrears. So, whatever we collected in fiscal year '24 comes from the collections in fiscal year that '22.

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Property taxes, we saw lower property taxes than what we budgeted due to the refunds from the Qasimyar lawsuit with Maricopa County. They have already started refunding the lawsuit class action lawsuit judgments in fiscal year '24. We will see the rest of the refunds that we will process this fiscal year. But that is why the property taxes came in lower than budget. As far as charges for services, our community services revenue, like WestWorld, TPC, parks and rec program came in stronger than anticipated. Our fines and forfeitures came in lower than budget and interest income came in quite a bit higher than budget because the continued rate hikes in 2023 by the Federal Reserve and also the delay in the rate cuts in '24 by the Federal Reserve. Next slide.

As far as expenditures are concerned, we can report that our personnel costs are lower than budget due to vacancy savings and also the delay in our class and comp implementation. Fire expenditures were slightly higher than budget due to the ambulance start-up costs and our transfers out from the general fund were higher because it reflects the increase, the interest earnings and construction sales tax that by policy, we transfer over to the capital improvement funds. Next slide.

So, here's a look at our sales tax revenues by category. As you can see, every category except construction sales tax has come in lower than prior year and that is mostly because in the prior year, we had the Super Bowl. And the continued pandemic spending spree and the post-pandemic travel, which was seeing consumers spending slowing down and so that's what our fiscal year '24 sales tax revenue reflects.

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And so, the other thing that's of note is that fiscal year '24, we are still collecting, residential rental tax of which \$10.2 million is in the general fund under the rental category. So, with the passage of senate bill

1131, the residential rental tax will be eliminated and actually the slide says effective July 1, 2024, is actually effective January 1, 2025. So, there's a sorry about the error there. So, as you can see, the second line where it says rental residential rental tax of the \$25 million, we collected about \$10.2 million, we will not see in fiscal year '25/26.

As far as construction sales tax is concerned, I just want to comment on that. Construction sales tax not only reflects just housing construction but also infrastructure construction. So as a government, we're not exempt from paying transaction privilege tax. So, as we build our water infrastructure and our road infrastructure, as ADOT builds the infrastructure, we also collect construction sales tax from all the infrastructure construction. So, the construction number does reflect infrastructure construction as well as housing construction.

So overall, our sales tax revenues for fiscal year '24 came in 3% lower than last year, but we are still at 6% above the budget. So, we did budget actually even lower. We anticipated it coming down but fortunately it's not as low as we anticipated. So, we're doing well on that. Next slide.

This slide shows our state shared revenues which is our second largest revenue source, and as you can see, the state shared income tax, which is the second row, it's 40% higher than last year. 64.4 million compared to 46.1 million last year. And that is because it reflects the strong income tax selections from fiscal year '22. The strong employment, wage growth and the capital gains, that was realized in fiscal year '22 by the state. And we do not expect this high level of income tax state shared revenues moving forward, and also, it does not yet reflect the implementation of a state flat tax. So, as we move on to the future years, we will not be seeing this high level of state shared income tax. Property tax, which is the very last row on the slide came in just 2% less than budget and, again, that reflects the initial refunds of the Qasimyar lawsuit that we spoke about. Next slide.

And this shows the details of the charges for services as we talked about earlier, the WestWorld and T.P.C. came in stronger than we had budgeted which is good news and we also had some other revenues come in that are stronger than we anticipated. The, the other category looks like it's 73% over budget because we haven't closed out our books yet. There's still an adjusting entry we need to do there. There's a 2.8 million developer contribution that will be moved out of the general fund into a special revenue fund for its dedicated purpose. So that will reduce that amount. Next slide.

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So overall, this slide shows the total general fund revenues from preliminary standpoint were 2% above the prior year, and about 6% below I mean, above positive with respect to our budget. And then this shows the high interest earnings that we talked about earlier is 76% in the positive, because of the delay in the interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve and also the continued interest rate hikes done in '23. Okay. Next slide.

Now we move on to expenditures. And personnel costs, as you can see, personnel costs 11% higher than last year, and that is because last year, we had ARPA, federal stimulus money of \$14.6 million that paid

for our public safety personnel costs. So, without that ARPA money, the personnel costs increased by about 4%. And overall, there's other expenditures, a slightly negative in terms of compared to budget because of various public safety costs. The transfers out are higher than budget, because, again, we transfer the interest earnings and construction sales tax to our capital improvement funds and because we got higher interest than expected and higher construction sales tax than we expected, so the transfers were higher than we expected. But overall, our expenditures are 8% above prior year, and 2% lower than budget. Next slide.

And this slide shows the expenditures by division, and you can see I will point out the public safety, fire, and police, it looks like it's 18% and 12% higher than prior year, and that's because last year, we had stimulus funds that paid the salaries. And so, the salaries were \$14.6 million lower last year, and, again, the one negative variance is because of the ambulance start-up costs.

So, with that, that ends my section of the presentation. I can answer any questions or hand it over to Alison for the C.I.P. update. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Ms. Andrews. I would just comment, as you began your presentation, these are the preliminary numbers, and we will have three other reports as things come into focus. So, we'll take this opportunity. I see Vice Mayor Graham wishes to speak.

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Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor. Sonia, you mentioned the Qasimyar lawsuit. I know what that is, you know what that is, but can you briefly explain it for our viewers and the audience.

Sonia Andrews: Yes, Mayor and Councilmember. So, the Qasimyar vs. Maricopa County class action lawsuit in a nutshell, properties that were residential that were converted from primary residents to rentals so like short-term rentals or long-term rentals was supposed to be reassessed in terms of their limited property value. And most of the time, that reassessment would have lowered their assessed value and lowered their property taxes. The county failed to do that for many years and so a lawsuit was brought regarding that, and the class a class action lawsuit was brought regarding that and the class action lawsuit, the judgment was that the county needs to refund these taxes that were over collected. We were notified in April after the budget was put together that they were because of the class action lawsuit, they were starting to process these refunds and will start to process the refunds in fiscal year '24 with the majority of the refunds being processed in this fiscal year, '24/25. The impact to Scottsdale is about \$10 million, of which approximately \$5 million will impact the general fund. So, in a nutshell, that's what this class action lawsuit is, and the county is processing these refunds.

Vice Mayor Graham: And then where does that just on this report, where is that reflected? What does that impact, what line on this property?

Sonia Andrews: Yes. So, on slide...

Vice Mayor Graham: My apologies if you already said it.

Sonia Andrews: On slide seven.

Vice Mayor Graham: Okay.

Sonia Andrews: So, if you look at property taxes, we projected that we will collect \$37.2 million in property taxes in the general fund, and because they started processing the refunds, we only collected \$36.5 million. And so, this is just the initial processing.

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Vice Mayor Graham: So, do you think it would have been \$4 million higher, but it was a net \$1 million below the budget? Do you think that was the impact? For fiscal '24?

Sonia Andrews: Yes. Majority of that would be the impact, yes.

Vice Mayor Graham: Okay. Slide six, 6% over, first of all, I'm pretty see ecstatic about that. Maybe we budget too conservatively, but 6% over budget sounds really nice. Do you remember what that percentage was over budget last year?

Sonia Andrews: Mayor and Vice Mayor, I don't have that in front of me, but we can certainly get that for you.

Vice Mayor Graham: I was wondering if you know off the top. Was that for TPC or WestWorld, one remaining journal entry?

Sonia Andrews: You mean the journal entry I mentioned? So, if you go to...

Vice Mayor Graham: I think it's slide eight. Maybe not.

Sonia Andrews: Yeah, slide eight. Yes. So, under other, where it shows \$12.6 million as the preliminary and \$5.3 million above budget or 73% above budget, there was a developer contribution that was accidentally put into the general fund that doesn't belong in the general fund because it's restricted for certain purposes.

Vice Mayor Graham: So, you are going to put a receivable.

Sonia Andrews: Correct. So, we will be moving that as part of our closing entries out of the general fund.

Vice Mayor Graham: The other thing I was going to ask, why did you did you mention why TPC, you think you thought was up from the prior year? I would have thought FY23 would be stronger, but we all know what kind of show '24 ended up being so, TPC, actual FY23, 2.4, prelim 3 I just wonder if you have any remarks on the increase. It's okay. It's okay. Thank you, Sonia. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Well, thank you. Let's proceed. And this is why I appointed you Vice Mayor on the Audit Committee. Appreciate it.

Vice Mayor Graham: At your service, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Proceed, Ms. Tymkiw.

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City Engineer Alison Tymkiw: Sure. Good evening, Mayor, members of Council. So, for the C.I.P. update tonight, we have decided to bring it to you in a different format. The goal of the update is intended to be a high-level summary of how some of our C.I.P. projects are progressing rather than presenting a PowerPoint with a few still pictures, we thought the following video presentation would give you a better reflection of the tremendous progress that we have made on some of our recent construction projects. After viewing, please let me know if you have any questions and also for your information, the video is available on our city YouTube page. Thank you.

VIDEO

Welcome to investing in our Scottsdale, quarterly recap, highlighting projects from Scottsdale's Capital Improvement Program.

Pima Road, improvements to Pima Road between Pinnacle Peak Road and Happy Valley Road were completed in July of 2024. Pima Road was widened to three through travel lanes in each direction to improve the capacity and operational efficiency of the roadway. Several drainage improvements were installed, including large box culverts under the road and a drainage channel on the east side of Pima Road. It includes landscaped medians, 6-foot sidewalks and two miles of on-street bike lanes expanding the city's bike network to more than 180 miles. The project was built in conjunction with the improvements to Happy Valley Road which will be complete in the fall of 2024.

Intersection of Miller and Jackrabbit roads. Improvements to the intersection of Jackrabbit and Miller roads was completed in July 2024, that are designed to enhance pedestrian access to the Arizona canal path and roadway safety. New flashing beacons, trail crossing signs and narrower vehicle lanes at the curb of the roadway are designed to increase driver awareness of pedestrians and reduce vehicle speeds. A high-visibility crosswalk links the Arizona canal path. This project was initiated by a citizen petition and the design received unanimous support from the community.

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Miller Road and bridge. This project will connect two segments of Miller Road via a new bridge over the Rawhide Wash. The new roadway will include two travel lanes in each direction, like bike lanes and detached sidewalk. It was designed to be as low profile as I believe to fit into the neighborhood setting

and maintain view corridors. It will create north south travel beyond Scottsdale and Pima Road and provide a direct connection to Hayden Road.

Ashler Hills Park. Scottsdale residents near Ashler Hills Drive and 74th Way are getting a brand-new neighborhood park. Thanks largely to funding approved by Scottsdale voters in the 2019 bond election. Work began in 2023 and many of the park's area are taking shape. There's a shaded playground, lighted sports courts for basketball and pickle ball, restrooms and lighted parking. When complete in early 2025, Ashler Hills will be the city's northern most park.

Booster Pump Station 83. Booster pump station 83 has a small footprint but it helps keep the water flowing to a significant organization of the city. Updates to the station include ten new pump stations that can reliably move over 30 million gallons of water per day. This project presents a unique challenge. All of the updates to the booster pump station need to be made while keeping the old facility operational and that requires careful coordination by city water operation and engineering staff, construction contractors and design engineers. When the project is complete in early 2025, the last of the old pumps will be turned off and removed leaving only the newly installed pump station and equipment, ready to keep serving Scottsdale for many years.

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Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well 54C, Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well or A.S.R. Well 54C is part of a larger well program that maximizes Scottsdale's renewable surface water supplies and minimizes the use of groundwater. This long-term strategy has been essential in ensuring a reliable water supply amidst ongoing drought conditions. It will deposit water into the underground aquifer, and supplemental water when water is necessary to meet demand. It will be able to pump about 2500 gallons per minute once the rehabilitation is complete in early 2025. It will reduce noise and blend into the surrounding environment.

Indian Bend Wash underpass. In May of 2024, work began on a new pedestrian underpass along the Indian Bend multiuse path, east of Hayden Road. The underpass will allow more green light time for vehicles by reducing bike and pedestrian traffic in crosswalks. To expedite construction, Chaparral Road is currently closed to all traffic, just east of the Hayden Road and will reopen in early September. The multiuse path will remain closed at Chaparral Road until it's complete in early 2025. The multiuse path on the west side of Hayden Road provides an alternate path on the path system.

Fire station 612. Construction is underway on Fire Station 612 on the northeast corner of Hayden Road and Mayo Boulevard. The 12,000 square foot fire station will have a two-person battalion chief and wildland fire attack vehicle. The station was funded by voters in the 2019 bond election to improve response times for emergency services in the area. Personnel at Fire Station 612 are anticipated to respond to over 2,000 incidents per year when the station opens in the summer of 2025. And that concludes the latest highlights of capital projects in our community. Thanks for watching.

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Mayor Ortega: Thank you, excellent, and really appreciate all the expertise and planning. Vice Mayor Graham has a question or has the floor. Anyone else? Councilwoman Whitehead. Let's go to Graham first.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor. Alison, appreciate the production. Are we going to go see, like, budget to actual on those projects?

Alison Tymkiw: Councilmember Graham. No, this the intent of the update is to show you update of the construction projects. The budget to actuals are available in the city's budget adopted budget which is on the city's web page.

Vice Mayor Graham: Didn't, don't we, but other past meetings, haven't we discussed budget to actual in present, was there a policy change or...

Alison Tymkiw: Councilmember Graham on some of the the PowerPoint slides we do include budget to actual on particularly some of the bond projects. But going forward, I think this is probably a more useful update for you to see the actual progress that we're making on our construction projects because we actually bring all of these projects to you and their budgets several times throughout the process. Any time we have a construction project, we are bringing that to you. Anytime we are requesting additional funding, we bring that to you. If you do want to see specific budget to actuals, I'm sure we can include that in here.

Vice Mayor Graham: Well, it's not just for me. This is for the public. It's for the residents to see how their money is getting spent. So, I going forward, that would be a request I would have. So, I like the production a lot. But budget to actuals in the projects would be helpful and instructive, thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Up next, Councilwoman Whitehead and Councilwoman Janik.

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Councilmember Whitehead: Alison, I did want to ink that you for this summary. I think it does really help and it helps us share with the public what is going on and so and I do appreciate that we get the financials on a regular basis. But sometimes it's easy to say the city is not doing anything, and this is a great example of how Scottsdale became a world-class city and how we continue to invest and continue to be a world-class city. So, I'm really excited about this new format and I agree that you know, we do always need to look at the numbers and appreciate how often we do that and we do in a public forum. So, thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Councilwoman Janik.

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Councilmember Janik: Thank you, Mayor. I would agree with Barry Graham. I think that one of the reasons we wanted this public presentation was to review the numbers. I think we feel that we need to be more aware of what is going on. Yes, I know you come and ask for additional funding when needed, but I think this encapsulates everything visually and I would request that you include numbers along with the presentation because I do believe that was one of the key points we wanted when we requested that this be done at a City Council meeting. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Councilwoman Littlefield.

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Councilmember Littlefield: Yeah, I just would like to add my two cents. Thank you for the presentation. I enjoy seeing all the pictures of how things are progressing, but I would also like to have a review, as we go along of the financials. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you very much. I see no other Councilmembers wishing to speak. I think we are concluded on the Work Study items as agendized. At this point, I would request a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Whitehead: So moved.

Councilmember Janik: Second.

Mayor Ortega: A motion and a second. Please record your vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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