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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:03]

Mayor Ortega: I call the December 5, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

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.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

Ben Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Here.

Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

Ben Lane: And Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman 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.

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

Mayor Ortega: Well, thank you. We have Scottsdale Police Detective John Maldonado and Officer Ryan Lowing, as well as Firefighter Casey Kunszt if anyone requires assistance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

[Time: 00:00:57]

Let's begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. I will call on Councilman Tom Durham.

Councilmember Tom Durham: 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: 00:01:23]

Mayor Ortega: At this time, I would draw our attention to wore-torn countries who are fighting for their democracy and freedoms. And I would ask us to keep in our reflection, the safety of our military personnel, both at home and deployed. So, let's pause for a moment of reflection.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION UPDATES

Mayor Ortega: At this time, we have a grand finale meeting of our tenure, and I would like to recognize our City Manager as well as get comments from my colleagues who are joining me and have provided service over the last four years.

I want to mention, I did I did meet Jim Thompson about four and a half years ago and we had a scheduled lunch at the Herb Box, and I was a civilian then. I was a declared candidate. I might remember this, Jim and your assistant called me and told me Jim's running late. I waited about half an hour, and then she called me again. She said he's almost there. And Jim was in the process of meeting all the candidates that were running for office. So, when he when he arrived, he started with an apology. He said, gee, I was running late. Two things were going on. One number one was there was a major monsoon the night before, and it had washed out part of the trails up in our preserve. So, he had been out there early, running around, and guiding some assistance there. The other thing that was pretty startling about our luncheon. I had a window seat, and Fifth Avenue was just jammed with people. Jammed with people. They were all on their phones. And Jim Jim said, oh, the league just canceled spring training.

So, this was February of 2020, and at that point, he discussed it was basically a red alert time in Jim's routine, and we took time to discuss that and all the other provisions that had to be purchased and bulk purchased and yet he did need to eat, and we had an enjoyable lunch and then he was off. About six months later, I was elected Mayor, and we got to know each other much better, but Jim, you are you have been an outstanding leader in the organization, and, of course, with your experience as City Manager for over 30 years. As you know, he's moving on to the alpine country of Colorado. And we, as Council wish you well. I would like you to say a few words and I have a couple of gifts from us to you.

[Time: 00:05:12]

City Manager Jim Thompson: Well, thank you, Mr. Mayor. It's a privilege and honor to serve the community and all of you. You're right, I have been doing it a long time and at some point, I will have to retire, but I I keep doing it to myself and continue on. So, in my 37th year. I had the pleasure to work with all of you, but also many councils over the years. So, I have been blessed. I would have to say in Scottsdale, the one thing that's noticeably different than many others is the culture of the organization

and the employees. And they truly have the best interests the community at heart. I know at times that people find themselves a little bit on the maybe the side where they don't agree with the decision the city makes or otherwise, but the reality is, we do care. And we take care with every individual that comes forward with an issue and you don't see that everywhere.

So, I'm very proud of all the things we have been able to accomplish and not to go through any long list of that. But I truly appreciate my time here. I gave it my all as I always do and will continue to do and appreciate the opportunity to serve here. I'm not good at good-byes but I am going to change the subject and reverse it here if you don't mind, Mayor. So, thank you for the opportunity.

[Time: 00:06:45]

But the city of Scottsdale has a longstanding tradition of recognizing the outgoing Councilmembers and Mayor and recognizing of their term and all the wonderful things you have accomplished during those tenures which are slightly varied depending on, you know, every time we have to do this. We have some that serve one term, some that serve two, three, four and so it always varies a little bit, but we truly appreciate the time and energy spent.

So, Mayor Ortega, Councilmembers Caputi, Durham and Janik, on behalf of myself, my fellow charter officers up here this evening, and across the way, and all city staff, we want to thank you for your many years of service and dedication. This the city is better off because of it. And I truly appreciate that. It makes my job much easier when we have leadership and guidance coming from all of you in the way that we have.

As a token of appreciation for your service, we would like to present to you a Soleri bell, and well as a custom city of Scottsdale sign, a street sign, which you will find up there. I know the Police Chief dropped off some additional gifts and there are some others up there. We want to thank each of you for the many, many hours. It's not easy. I may call you, you know, at odd times and different times to give you updates on something major that may be happening in the community. You have to come to different meetings, attend multiple events throughout, and that's a real commitment. I don't think people realize. They see you up here on Tuesday evenings even when we have special meetings, but the amount of time and energy, reading the packets alone. Last Sunday I had two for the meeting that wasn't long at all, but two really thick binders and that was a printed-out form. Of course, you get them online but that's a lot of work and energy and time. And so, thank you for that dedication.

I would like to just final note, serving with all of you has been great. So, I'm wishing you the very best. Take with you the positive things that we have achieved and certainly we've achieved a lot. And I know you are going to have a legacy behind you and those that come in the forefront, I'm sure they will have one as well and will do great things to continue on in the tradition. We also, you know, oftentimes reflect in the past of what was achieved, and, you know, in this this era, we went through a pandemic. We went -we went through a lot. We had a Super Bowl here. We had a major rain event during the Open. And we got through it all. And we got through it all with very minimal impacts. In fact, we came out better than most all communities following the pandemic. And so, we were recognized for that, and

we you know, we positioned ourselves well and so that takes, you know, energy, time and leadership. So, I appreciate that and respect that and thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Well, and I do want you to come forward. Maybe we should meet you with our signs and then meet you here. I am presenting two gifts which one of them is southwestern, I hope you will open it there. The other is a little unusual and has to do with the Final Four, which was a national tournament, and it is signed by the four of us who are completing our mission with you. So, let's meet up right here. Right in front.

Mayor Ortega: So, at this time, I will call on my three colleagues to make some personal remarks. And we will begin with Councilwoman Tammy Caputi.

[Time: 00:13:04]

Councilwoman Caputi: Thank you. Thank you, Jim. I don't think we could have done this without you. And I can't believe how fast four years has gone. I just want to give a one second shout out to my family, my husband and youngest daughter are in the audience. It took me four years to get them here for the first time. Better late than never.

It's been an honor and privilege to serve the city of Scottsdale and contributed to the important work that's been done over the past four years. I think it truly made a difference that will have a positive impact in our future I'm grateful to live in this amazing city and play a part in the continued success. I want to thank everyone who supported me, and worked hard with me, especially my family, who made great sacrifices these last few years. I spent time every day listening to community stakeholders, and using facts, data and good judgment to carefully analyze each issue that came before us to make decisions that benefited our entire community.

I want to take one moment to list some of the accomplishments I'm most proud of being a part of. In the last four years, we successfully navigated the city through a global pandemic and brought tourism back even stronger. We increased high-paying jobs over 10%, increased cash reserves, fully funded public safety with competitive salaries and paid down pension liabilities. We passed a voter-approved ten-year General Plan, protected neighborhoods from bad short-term rental operators and helped reduce crime rates to some of the lowest in the valley. We improved downtown parking and traffic safety and bulked up our streets with many new lane miles. We decreased the size of our budget, decreased property tax rates, and maintained a AAA Bond rating. Despite world-record inflation, we were able to deliver to our residents the bond projects they wanted without compromising quality or issuing more debt as many other cities have been forced to do. We provided world-class amenities at the lowest tax rates in the valley. This is our Scottsdale winning formula.

In my time on Council, our development project pipeline has decreased over 50%. Only one small handful of the highest quality development projects have come before us, all with meaningful community benefits and only one has broken ground. We founded an education subcommittee and wrote an educational element in the General Plan. All our residents deserve the best possible

Scottsdale, including our next generation.

Scottsdale is facing manage new challenges and I hope we'll continue to move forward in the right direction. I served as your Councilwoman to help keep Scottsdale on top to be a voice of reason and balance. As a long-time homeowner, business owner and parent, I have a deeply vested interest in Scottsdale's health and future prosperity. Successful cities do not stagnate. Let's keep the positive momentum going. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Councilman Durham.

[Time: 00:16:36]

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. I think we can confidentially say that we have left the city better than we found it and the Council majority has done so by acting on a nonpartisan basis. We're trying to do what is best for Scottsdale without regard to dogma or party ideology and I think we have done a very good job of that.

Last night, we had a lengthy discussion about our outstanding financial situation, and I think that's one of our most important jobs, is to take care of the money that the citizens pay in the form of taxes, and I think we have done an excellent job on that. And on these jobs, we have been helped by our excellent staff. At the beginning of our time here on the Council, no one ever thought that we could replace Carolyn Jagger, but we found an excellent successor in Ben Lane, and he's done a good job that makes it, so we don't even miss Carolyn too much. A little bit. A little bit but not too much. And Sonia Andrews has been exceptional in keeping our finances in order. I have enjoyed meeting with her over the last few years. Jim Thompson's done a great job in keeping us in line and he will be missed, not only by us, by the entire city. And Sherry Scott has kept us in line legally.

A special thanks to Rommel Cordova, and Marilee Avina who kept track of us and our schedules. And made sure that we showed up where we needed to be. Somebody needed to do it, and Rommel and Marilee have done a great job. Of course, thanks to my fellow councilmembers and Councilmember Milhaven who was here at the beginning of my term.

And it's been really great meeting many of our wonderful police and fire officers and Chief Walther and Chief Shannon do an excellent job. One the things I enjoyed most is going to awards ceremonies for both fire and police and learning about the excellent work that our departments do.

And Mayor Ortega has been an excellent leader, especially on water issues. He held things together on the Rio Verde situation. I don't know that we would have come to the same place without his leadership. We have been able to maintain our reputation for low taxes and high service. We have some of the lowest taxes in the valley and great services and recently we acted to protect those services to find more permanent funding for our preserve and parks while reducing our overall tax burden and the citizens enthusiastically agreed.

We have a long list of accomplishments. I think Councilwoman Caputi mentioned many of them. I think that she's covered most of them interested in, the General Plan after years of failure on that subject we were successful in getting a new General Plan. And I believe we very carefully followed it the last few years. We have done everything we can on short-term rentals. We imposed new restrictions on development. Councilwoman Janik has helped to lead the way in negotiating lower heights and many apartments buildings that have been built and I think we have been very responsible in that way.

So very proud of the things we have done together, and also should add, I thank my family too for the many sacrifices that my wife has made. I don't know if she views it as a sacrifice to have me out of the house a few days a week. Maybe not. I'm very proud of the work we have done and very proud of the way we are leaving Scottsdale tonight.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Councilman. Councilwoman Betty Janik.

[Time: 00:21:34]

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you, Mayor. I agree with everything that my fellow Councilmembers have said. It's been a privilege to serve the city of Scottsdale. Our Scottsdale community is a wonderful place to live, work and play. And as the Mayor frequently says, we have 4,000 volunteers, and 2,600 employees. And just the prime example of the quality of the volunteers, were all the people that applied today to be on our boards and commission. What a wonderful group of people. We also have so many volunteers at our senior centers, our Neighborhood Watch, road cleanups, ambassadors for the city, offering a helping hand to neighbors and those in need at our food banks, library, youth activities, the Preserve and the list goes on. And I can't thank you enough because you really make our city one the best cities in the country.

We have a totally dedicated staff of employees. A special shout out to our Police and Fire Departments, and their leadership. I can't think of better people to lead our police and our firemen to protect us as a city. You guys are wonderful, and I know your employees love having you in that leadership position. That really says a lot about what you bring to the city. So, thank you very much.

I started with Prop 490 in 2018 we got that passed, a great win for the city and now I'm ending it with the passing of Prop 490, which will guarantee that the Preserve, which we love, which we pay for will have the funding to continue into the future for all the maintenance needs of the Preserve, as well as all of our open space.

A special shout out to my husband who has been wonderful and very supportive and attended quite a few meetings and for his guidance along the way. I will list some accomplishments that Tammy already mentioned. Our General Plan, we passed it. Our Antidiscrimination Ordinance, our Parking Ordinance, the protection we have offered for downtown. What Jim Thompson has done to show the value he places and we all place in all of our employees by taking on a momentous task of equalizing pay so we are among the tops in the valley. And showing, I guess, his appreciation, our appreciation and the value we place in them, by making sure that they have proper pay, proper equipment, everything that goes

along with being the best of the best. We have a wonderful balanced budget. I hope that the next Council keeps it that way. We have been the leaders in the valley for short-term rentals.

So, it's been an honor, like I said. I think we have left the city in a very, very solid position on every front and I am sure that that will continue with the people that are coming on board. The other thing that I truly appreciate is the many friends I have made. It's very nice. It's very rewarding. So, I think those friendships will continue into the future.

And, again, as far as our fearless leader, our City Manager, I think people think it's easy to make the decisions that Jim has to make, and I have to tell you, none of those decisions are easy. He works with people in our community, that make our community, he respects them. Sometimes he tells them they need to pay more for services and what's amazing is they thank him in the end. That is a very special ability that he has, and he will be missed. But I wish him well, as he moves on to Colorado. That was my former home. They are very lucky to get you. Thank you for all the ways you enrich our community.

[Time: 00:25:57]

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. You know, so much has been said about our accomplishments working as a team. My public service began 24 years ago in City Hall when I was elected as City Councilman. At that time, the city and the world, was being tested by September 11th, the terrorist attacks. That occurred during first year of my council ship. Looking at getting through that, the uncertainty, the day basically that the world stood still and the uncertainty that was occurring at 9/11, is memorialized every year in our whole country.

But four years ago, this was also a very deep uncertainty. As you know, the pandemic was peaking. When we were sworn in, it was outside in the lawn. And there was so much uncertainty, instability as well, and we weathered that. In my inaugural speech, I did say that when the pandemic subsides, I expect Scottsdale will emerge as one the best cities in the world, and we have.

We've walked in the path with the different councils. I've worked with 16 fellow council people and previous council and then in this term. We have been able to I had to issue an immediate emergency declaration. And on top of that, we had the mega drought to contend with. The federal government owns all the water upstream and declared a tier one and we were in an urgent red alert situation from the onset of taking office. Our council stepped forward and we always promoted we promote conservation, technology, and, of course, we establish new water sources. As you know, we unanimously decided to stop the depletion out in the county area. We saved, actually 100 million gallons a year by cutting that off. And the city had lost over 1 billion gallons in the previous time period. So, the result is we changed the trajectory of water policy in Arizona, and at the present time, those county areas are served and under the custody of the Arizona Corporation Commission, where that authority will find those solutions and they'll pay their way to meet their own needs.

As was said, we worked very hard from the onset on the General Plan, or a vision, a ten-year horizon in how we expect to learn from a conversation with the community. I had done that in 2021 sorry 2001.

So, I had that experience, knowing that we could accomplish it 20 years later. And we did. This Council adopted a General Plan 2035, and it was ratified by voters and that's an excellent blueprint as we move forward. It's a full and complete document, including sustainability.

As you know, we adopted the Antidiscrimination Ordinance. That was also a unanimous decision by our council. And it has served us well and knowing Councilwoman Kathy Littlefield, I know you are remote but thank you for that as well. You were part of that approval.

You know, as we looked at the stress points in the city, you know, how good are you and how are we tested? We found that out with the problem with short-term rentals. We confronted that head on, and we regained some control. As you know, we passed the stiffest ordinances for to try to tame them, however that problem is getting worse and it's gonna get worse in the next council term.

There were many, many bright spots that we can talk about. It was great to open the Pima Dynamite Trailhead as one of the as the last trailhead into the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, and again, I'm thinking 24 years ago, Council was buying bits and pieces and getting that done and look at what we have today. We were able to study that whole maintenance and preservation for 48 parts, that was a 2-year effort and we want to thank the task force for providing us that insight. Again, we forwarded it to the voters, and it was passed. So, there are some immediate needs, but these this is a 30-year solution to help be great care takers for our treasured assets. We have been able to whenever we call upon the public and they respond because they know that we have added value in everything that we do here in Scottsdale.

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You know, finally in conclusion, I just want to talk about last week. This was a memorial service for Dick Bowers. Dick served the city of Scottsdale for many years, as City Manager. And going to the celebration of his life, he also had helped Glendale and Phoenix and then he was involved with the Herberger and so forth. And there were so many familiar faces there from 24 years ago, right? People that we had worked with, and it was interesting because their names came to me as well. Some people I hadn't seen for 30 years. And I think that's really what constitutes a city. There were former Mayors there, development service people and a lot of chatter and talk about what contributions both staff and non-staff had done here in the city. And that's and so it was wonderful to see them and experience that. Those of us who are in leadership positions and, you know, our pictures are on the wall and we we are doing our best to respond and certainly have to give a tremendous applause, really, for the city staff worker. So, I just want to take a break and give ourselves a hand.

You know, it's been said that Scottsdale is a high maintenance city. Right? And it's you know, it's also a high expectation city. And we know that, because if something is out of place, it will get reported, and, you know, most of what we can talk about, Scottsdale is beautiful, we're clean, we're safe and we're all about wellness. And so much of that rests with our public safety and I have to say this because four years ago, our police and fire were underpaid. Four years ago, some of the facilities were substandard and some of those were recognized in the Bond 2019, and as we speak today, we have a brand-new Scottsdale Fire Department Academy ready to open, ready to train the next generation of firefighters. It

is at Scottsdale standards. It's gonna be a regional training facility actually. The same thing is true for the police and their facility. So, they cross train.

And then we are running a new ambulance service. So, all of that is the work of our Council. And the Council moving forward in spade, again, no one I refrain from, you know, blaming inflation and other things, how can we get this done? And with we looked and discussed it with Jim Thompson, there was enough reserve and fore planning, planning ahead to be able to get these vital facilities built. After all, they are just buildings, right? It then takes the people to make everything function.

So, it's been a great honor, and we will, again, meet another day and be able to converse with fellow Scottsdaleians and enjoy how we are perceived in the world. And I think how we are perceived in the world for the most part is because we are good travelers ourselves. We get out this and they see good people. That's the best messenger that we can be, right? And then once you are here, others will notice it as well. And that rubs off on our kids and our business and the business world as well.

With that, we will get back to our scheduled program, and I know that there's well, we're going to we are going to proceed with our program. And I will give a little oh, excuse me, I have a request from Councilwoman Whitehead. So, I will ask her to make some short remarks.

[Time: 00:36:27]

Councilwoman Whitehead: Very, very short. I want to, of course, thank Jim Thompson, because he had seven bosses, and he chose to find the common ground. We have Open Meeting Laws. So, we're not actually colluding. We actually give our best ideas in a public forum. Thank you for balancing all of the Council's input and coming up with the best solutions, but I just cannot say enough about or Mayor David Ortega and my three outgoing friends and councilmembers, Councilwoman Caputi, Councilwoman Janik and Councilman Durham. I have learned so much. And I just want to say, what the public may not see we are passionately disagreeing with us sometimes, but that's not on issues. We recognize that the reason we passionately disagree sometimes is we want what is best for Scottsdale.

So, thank you for teaching me. Thank you for even if we are out at 11:00 at night we don't get that chance to hug and say good-bye and sorry, we disagreed so badly. The next morning there's always a text message saying hi. So truly, thank you. It's been a pleasure working with you and we are all Scottsdale residents. We are all neighbors and Mayor, you just made things look too easy. We got so much done! So, thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. I also see Councilwoman Littlefield wishing to speak. You're on.

[Time: 00:37:56]

Councilwoman Littlefield: Yes, I would like to thank Mayor. I would like to thank Jim Thompson for working with us and all of our employees and citizens helping to make our city, more better and stronger and you have done a tremendous job, thank you Jim. I wish you the very best of luck in the

future endeavors. I also would like to thank Betty and Tom and Tammy for your work with us and Mayor Ortega and all the work that you have put into the city and all the things that have happened that makes us a better city. Thank you very much.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Get well, Kathy. At this point, we will move on with the business at hand.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

During tonight's meeting, the Council 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 will begin immediately and would not be open to the public. The public meeting then would resume following the Executive Session per our Council Rules of Procedure, citizens are welcomed to speak and please observe the same rules of order and decorum applicable to the Council ourselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Moving on we have public comment. Public comment, we have the opportunity for citizens to come forward and seeing none, therefore, I will close public comment.

MINUTES

[Time: 00:39:34]

Next thing we are going to do approve Minutes. I will mention the Minutes. I request a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2024.

Councilwoman Janik: So moved.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

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

Councilwoman Littlefield: Yes.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Graham?

Vice Mayor Graham: Pardon me.

Mayor Ortega: We are unanimous 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

[Time: 00:40:11]

Next, we have Consent Agenda items 1 through 6. Items 1 through 6 have a full file and there's an opportunity from the public to speak. At this point we have one request, but I would also okay. So, we have one request to speak. So, I will call forward the speaker for Item number 2, Steve Sutton. And that is regarding Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Please come forward, sir.

Vice Mayor Graham: To Consent.

Mayor Ortega: No presentation has been requested by the Council. And they're all you know, it's all of record. You are welcome to come forward. Thank you, sir, very much. Again, we opened public comment, and I accordingly will close public comment. At this point, do I have a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Yes, I move to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6.

Councilwoman Janik: Second.

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

Councilwoman Littlefield: Councilwoman Littlefield says yes.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. We are unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA – ITEM 7

As we go forward into Regular Agenda Items, we have Item number seven and I will make a call to the public, but we see that there's no request from the public to comment on Item number 7, which the Temporary Fire Station Lease Agreement. Our presenter is Alison Tymkiw, our City Engineer. Please proceed.

[Time: 00:42:13]

City Engineer Alison Tymkiw: Okay. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor and Councilmembers. Okay. So tonight, Item seven is to authorize a lease agreement and a budget appropriation transfer for Fire Station 606. Before you is adoption of Resolution number 13287, authorizing contract, 2024-190-COS, a lease agreement between the city and Scottsdale Unified School District Number 48, which is for real property located on 11130 East Cholla Street. And an FY 24/25 General Fund Capital Contingency Budget appropriation transfer for up to 2.5 million for the Fire Station 606 renovation IBI-01, a capital project to be funded by the General Fund.

This slide shows existing location of Fire Station 606, the address is 10850 East Via Linda. This station was built in 1984. It's a tri-level fire station and it currently services an area of about 16,000 residents. The project need, the existing tri-level format without an elevator does not meet ADA standards. The existing open-style dormitories have limited access to natural light and privacy.

The building systems are at the end of their useful life and there's also an issue with the sewer line and the station has had longstanding problems of backups into the locker rooms and dormitory area. These are just some photographs that show the existing station. This is just trying to demonstrate the tri-level nature of the station. These are stairs that lead up to the kitchen and the day room. Here is a stairwell that leads down to the bunks. And then these are the existing bunks. You can see that they are not full wall areas. Okay.

So, the design progression. The original scope had contemplated just doing a renovation to the interior of the station, with some minor exterior and infrastructure of the fire station, and it would basically keep the main shell of the building intact. So, when the design began, it became evident that it would be challenging to retrofit the building with an elevator it was actually going to require a lot of hand work inside of the existing building to dig 10 feet down for the shaft and install the elevator.

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Several alternative configurations were considered, including looking at a new location for the fire station. It became apparent that the best alternative was to renovate the existing station, to a single level building, by extending the building footprint to the front.

This photo shows a picture of the existing front of the fire station, and so the area next to the bays, that part of the building would extend forward towards the street. This is admittedly hard to see but what I really wanted to demonstrate here, you can see on the left-hand side is where the existing bays are, and I don't know if you can see my mouse. Okay. So, this sort of outlines this whole area up in the front is basically the new addition.

So, the temporary fire station. So originally it was planned for the fire station staff to be relocated on site during construction to a trailer. This turned out to be infeasible. The city real estate staff located the nearby SUSD facility and negotiated a lease. The Fire Department analyzed the site and determined it would be an optimal location within the Fire Station 606 service area.

This map shows the location of the temporary fire station location. It is the the address is 11130 East Cholla Street. And it's within a half a mile of the existence fire station. The existing fire station is just located down the way on Via Linda. This shows the site plan of the temporary fire station and some basic schematic of the interior where we would be doing the T.I. So, the lease is for it's proximately 5,800 square feet of the existing building. And then exterior improvements including fencing, electronic gate. We would need a canopy to go over the go over where the fire truck would be parked and then also an exterior shed for storage.

This location, the lease is proposed to be two years with two one-year extensions. And it potentially could be used for temporary Fire Station for also for 604, which is a bond project that is located at 90th and Via Linda and the timing could be appropriate that we would be able to use this temporary location for that construction as well.

So, the budget progression. So originally, in fiscal year 2021, the budget was \$2.75 million, but remember, that was estimated in fall of 2019, so that was prior to the unprecedented COVID construction inflation that we saw, and the original scope was just to renovate the interior with just some minor exterior work and then the infrastructure improvements to fire station 606, again, keeping the outer shell intact. So, during the FY-'23/24, budget process it was re-estimated considering budget inflation and was \$4.7 million. And this was the time we re-estimated a lot of projects, including a lot of the Bond 2019 projects that we had added additional funds to.

So, currently we are requesting an additional \$2.5 million to accommodate the new scope of converting the station to a single level and adding the expansion to the front. So, it's basically a new project it's a new scope, compared to when we were just going to be renovating the interior. And then it also includes the temporary fire station, tenant improvements, the cost to do the improvements to that location. With that, I can answer any questions that you have.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Again, repeating, I don't see any requests to speak. And I guess and I'm going to now go to Councilwoman Janik, I see. Please. Go ahead.

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Councilwoman Janik: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Alison. First of all, thanks for taking the slings and arrows for four years for planning. We get very emotional about that, and you have done a very, very professional job of responding to all of our questions. I wanted to thank you for that.

Alison Tymkiw: Thank you.

Councilwoman Janik: A question I have is how long do you think it's gonna take to get the temporary location up and running so that the Fire Department can move?

Alison Tymkiw: We're estimating three to six months for those improvements.

Councilwoman Janik: Oh, that's good. Okay. That's it. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. I don't see a lot of money in here for the improvements to the school site, the total is is 4 million it's 5,000,025 if my path is right, 5,250,000 and if the fire station itself is 4.7, that only leaves about 500 for the tenant improvements. Is that enough money?

Alison Tymkiw: Councilmember Durham, we are estimating \$750,000 for the tenant improvements.

Councilmember Durham: So, these numbers don't quite add up then, do they?

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Alison Tymkiw: Yes. We're looking for the additional \$2.5 million. That includes a total of \$4.9 million in construction that includes the construction for Fire Station 606 and the temporary improvements to the temporary location.

Councilmember Durham: Okay. All right. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. I see no further questions. My remarks are this project is needed. Obviously, this building is over 35 years old. Has been able to serve for a while, but probably the maintenance is getting excessive, and public safety is, you know, primary, our primary goal and obligation. Therefore well, let me go to Councilwoman Caputi. Do you have a motion.

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Councilwoman Caputi: I wasn't going to talk but, you know, it's our last case. I have to say something.

Mayor Ortega: Please. I want you to.

Councilwoman Caputi: Well, I want to say I love the adaptive reuse of taking an out of commissioned school facility and converting to something desperately needed. It's brilliant. We should be doing it more. Once again, we are incredibly lucky to be able to provide a much-needed facility despite inflation and changes of scope, you know. Here we are once again being able to actually provide that even given those strict constraints. So, I'm in full support. Were you going to make a motion, Mayor?

Well, then I will motion to approve the temporary Fire Station Lease Agreement, adopt Resolution 13287 to authorize Lease Agreement Number 2024-190-COS with the Scottsdale Unified School District 48 for the use of certain real property for a temporary fire station. A fiscal year 2024/25 General Fund capital contingency budget appropriation transfer of up to \$2.5 million to the Fire Station 606 renovation capital project to be funded by the General Fund, and the City Manager or designee to execute any other documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Mayor Ortega: Second.

Councilwoman Janik: Second.

Mayor Ortega: So, we have a motion and a second. Please record your vote.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Councilman Littlefield says yes.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. 7-0. And the motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Next, we will go to public comment. Second opportunity. I open public comment and close public comment.

Moving on, we have an opportunity for citizen petitions. Seeing none, we have none. Therefore, I request a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Janik: So moved.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

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

Councilwoman Littlefield: Yes.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Council. We are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

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