

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**



**CITY HALL KIVA  
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor David D. Ortega called to order a Regular Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor David D. Ortega; Vice Mayor Solange Whitehead; and Councilmembers Tammy Caputi, Tom Durham, Barry Graham, Betty Janik, and Kathy Littlefield

Also Present: City Manager Jim Thompson, City Attorney Sherry Scott, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff, and City Clerk Ben Lane

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Graham.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Ortega called attention to the ongoing wars in foreign countries as they fight to protect their democracy and freedom and asked for a moment of silent reflection for these war-torn countries.

Mayor Ortega discussed the upcoming Tour de Scottsdale and presented a proclamation declaring April as Bike Month in Scottsdale to Team Penske, HonorHealth, the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, and the City's Street Transportation Department.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Fast Five Video Update**

**Note: The Council may make comments or ask questions to the presenter(s); however, no Council action will be taken.**

City Manager Jim Thompson introduced a "Fast Five" video produced by the City's Communications Office which provided updates on several City events and offerings.

**NOTE: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK STUDY SESSIONS ARE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES. THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF ACTION TAKEN AND DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND ARE NOT VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS. DIGITAL RECORDINGS AND CLOSED CAPTION TRANSCRIPTS OF SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ARE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

## PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION UPDATES

### Scottsdale Public Library Teen Volunteers Award Presentation

**Presenter(s):** Alexis Skidmore, Librarian

**Note:** The Council may make comments or ask questions to the presenter(s); however, no Council action will be taken.

Librarian Alexis Skidmore gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) and presented the 2023 Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipients.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Bixler requested the removal of Los Alisos Community from the paths and trails system.

Louise Lamb discussed the importance nonpartisan city elections.

## MINUTES

**Request:** Approve the Work Study Session Minutes of February 27, 2024.

## MOTION AND VOTE - MINUTES

Councilwoman Janik made a motion to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of February 27, 2024. Vice Mayor Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield voting in the affirmative.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 1. **Beginner's Luck Liquor License (9-LL-2024)**

**Request:** Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

**Location:** 7240 E. Main Street, Suite C-100

**Staff Contact(s):** Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, [tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov)

### 2. **Oliver's Restaurant Liquor License (10-LL-2024)**

**Request:** Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for a new location and owner.

**Location:** 3205 N. Hayden Road

**Staff Contact(s):** Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, [tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov)

### 3. **Parachos Tacos Y Tragos Liquor License (11-LL-2024)**

**Request:** Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for a new location and owner.

**Location:** 10101 E. Bell Road, Suite A115

**Staff Contact(s):** Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, [tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov)



**4. Planning and Permitting System Contracts**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13095** to authorize:

1. The following contracts to implement a new planning and permitting system, Bond 2019 Project 14 – Replace Obsolete Planning and Permitting Software:
  - a. Contract No. 2024-061-COS with Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC, doing business as BerryDunn
  - b. Contract No. 2024-062-COS with Tyler Technologies, Inc.
2. The City Manager and City Treasurer, or their designees, to take such actions and execute such documents as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

**Staff Contact(s):** Erin Perreault, Planning, Economic Development, and Tourism Executive Director, 480-312-7093, [eperreault@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:eperreault@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**5. Scottsdale Road – Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive Project Engineering Services Contract**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13059** authorizing Contract No. 2020-081-COS-A1 with Ardurra Group, Inc., (formerly Ritoch-Powell & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc.), in the amount of \$814,898.98, to provide post design services for the Scottsdale Road – Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive project (SG05).

**Staff Contact(s):** Dan Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, [daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**6. Solar Projects Design-Build Manager Preconstruction Services Contract**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13071** authorizing Contract No. 2024-054-COS with Ameresco, Inc., in the amount of \$277,850, for design-build manager preconstruction services for Bond 2019 Project 58 – Install Parasol Solar Shade Structure at City Hall Parking Lot; Bond 2019 Project 59 – Install Solar Systems at Civic Center Campus; and Bond 2019 Project 41 – Install Solar Heating System for Eldorado Pool.

**Staff Contact(s):** Dan Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, [daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**7. Surveying Services Engineering Services Contract Extensions**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13074** authorizing the following one-year contract extensions for on-call engineering services, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per contract, for surveying services throughout the City:

1. Contract No. 2020-065-COS-A3 with AZTEC Engineering Group, Inc.
2. Contract No. 2020-066-COS-A3 with T2 UES, Inc.

**Staff Contact(s):** Dan Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, [daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**8. Citywide Civil/Site Construction Projects Job Order Contract Extensions**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13075** authorizing the following contract extensions for the second option year, increasing the annual spending limit to an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 per contract; and single job order limit of \$4,000,000 for each contract, for Citywide civil/site construction projects:

1. Contract No. 2021-037-COS-A3 with DBA Construction, Inc.
2. Contract No. 2021-038-COS-A2 with B&F Contracting, Inc.
3. Contract No. 2021-039-COS-A2 with Hunter Contracting Co.
4. Contract No. 2021-040-COS-A3 with Nesbitt Contracting Co., Inc.

**Staff Contact(s):** Dan Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, [daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**9. Water Resources Treatment Job Order Contract Extensions**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13076** authorizing the following job order contract extensions for the third option year, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 per contract, for citywide water resources treatment construction services:

1. Contract No. 2020-055-COS-A4 with Currier Construction, Inc.
2. Contract No. 2020-056-COS-A4 with Garney Companies, Inc.
3. Contract No. 2020-057-COS-A3 with MGC Contractors, Inc.
4. Contract No. 2020-058-COS-A3 with Schofield Civil Construction, LLC

**Staff Contact(s):** Dan Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, [daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**10. Water Resources Underground Infrastructure Construction Services Job Order Contract Extensions**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13077** authorizing the following contract extensions for the third option year, increasing the annual spending limit to an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 per contract; and single job order limit to \$4,000,000 for each contract, for citywide water resources underground infrastructure construction services:

1. Contract No. 2020-059-COS-A3 with Achen Gardner Construction, LLC
2. Contract No. 2020-060-COS-A4 with B&F Contracting, Inc.
3. Contract No. 2020-061-COS-A3 with Garney Companies, Inc.
4. Contract No. 2020-062-COS-A3 with Markham Contracting Co., Inc.

**Staff Contact(s):** Dan Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, [daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**11. Network Services Intergovernmental Agreement**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13094** authorizing Agreement No. 2024-060-COS with the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of The University of Arizona, Arizona State University, and Northern Arizona University; acting together as the Sun Corridor Network for the purchase of network connectivity services.

**Staff Contact(s):** Bianca Lochner, Chief Information Officer, 480-312-7615, [blochner@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:blochner@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**12. Moulinet, et al., v. City of Scottsdale Settlement Agreement**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13085** to authorize:

1. Agreement No. 2024-058-COS with Plaintiffs Benjiman Moulinet and Jayme Hileman, husband and wife, individually, and on behalf of minor children Vera Moulinet-Ruokangas, Rowan Hileman and Shane Daley in the amount of \$200,000, to settle all claims in *Moulinet, et al. v. City of Scottsdale, et al.*, Case No. CV2021-016034, currently pending in Maricopa County Superior Court of the State of Arizona, County of Maricopa.
2. The City Manager, City Treasurer, City Attorney, and their respective staff, to execute such documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

**Staff Contact(s):** Sherry Scott, City Attorney, 480-312-2405, [sscott@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:sscott@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

Councilmember Graham requested additional information on Item 5 [Scottsdale Road - Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive Project Engineering Services Contract] and Item 6 [Solar Projects Design – Build Manager Preconstruction Services Contract].

Public Works Director Dan Worth gave a presentation on the proposed Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive Project Engineering Services Contract and the proposed Solar Projects Design-Build Manager Preconstruction Services Contract.

Councilwoman Janik made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 12. Vice Mayor Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield voting in the affirmative.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 13. Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road Project Construction Bid, Grant Acceptance, and Budget Transfers

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 13070** to authorize:

1. Construction Bid Award No. IFB-092023-114 with J. Banicki Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,636,937.10, for construction of the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road capital project (SF01).
2. Acceptance of an additional federal grant award in the amount of \$1,024,256 in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, with a local match requirement of \$481,494 to be funded by the Transportation 0.2% Sales Tax, for a total of up to \$1,505,750.
3. A Fiscal Year 2023/24 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Capital Contingency (ZB50) Budget Appropriation Transfer, in the amount of \$1,024,256, to the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road capital project (SF01), to be funded by CMAQ grant funds.
4. A Fiscal Year 2023/24 Transportation Fund Capital Contingency (ZF01) Budget Appropriation Transfer, in the amount of \$481,494, to the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road capital project (SF01), to be funded by Transportation 0.2% Sales Tax.
5. The City Manager and the City Treasurer, or designees, to execute any other documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

**Presenter(s):** Alison Tymkiw, City Engineer and Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager

**Staff Contact(s):** Dan Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555,  
[daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov)

Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the City's proposed Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road Project.

Mayor Ortega opened public comment on this item.

Lee Kauftheil spoke in support of the proposed Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road Project.

Mayor Ortega closed public comment on this item.

### **MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 13**

Vice Mayor Whitehead made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13070 to authorize:

1. Construction Bid Award No. IFB-092023-114 with J. Banicki Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,636,937.10, for construction of the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road capital project (SF01).
2. Acceptance of an additional federal grant award in the amount of \$1,024,256 in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, with a local match requirement of \$481,494 to be funded by the Transportation 0.2% Sales Tax, for a total of up to \$1,505,750.
3. A Fiscal Year 2023/24 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Capital Contingency (ZB50) Budget Appropriation Transfer, in the amount of \$1,024,256, to the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road capital project (SF01), to be funded by CMAQ grant funds.
4. A Fiscal Year 2023/24 Transportation Fund Capital Contingency (ZF01) Budget Appropriation Transfer, in the amount of \$481,494, to the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road capital project (SF01), to be funded by Transportation 0.2% Sales Tax.
5. The City Manager and the City Treasurer, or designees, to execute any other documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Mayor Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield voting in the affirmative.

#### **14. Proposed Ballot Measure on Funding for Parks and Recreational Facilities and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve**

**Requests:** Consider the Protect and Preserve Task Force's Recommendation to:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 13092** authorizing a ballot question be sent to the voters at the November 5, 2024 General Election as to whether the City shall be authorized to extend and reduce the expiring McDowell Sonoran Preserve 0.20% transaction privilege and use (sales) tax rate to 0.15%, for improvements, maintenance, and protection of the City's Parks and City Recreational Facilities; and the maintenance and protection of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, for a period of 30 years; and
2. Adopt **Ordinance No. 4633** amending Scottsdale Revised Code (SRC), Chapter 16, Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article III, adding a new Section 16-52 to determine the specific distribution of revenues from the 2025 0.15% Tax if such tax is approved by the voters on November 5, 2024; amending SRC, Chapter 20, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Article I, In General, Section 20-1, Parks and Recreation Commission to update the purpose, powers, and duties of the Parks and Recreation Commission to include oversight of the 2025 0.15% Tax related to parks; amending SRC, Chapter 21, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Article II, McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, Section 21-7, Purpose; powers and duties, to update the purpose, powers, and duties of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission to include oversight of the 2025 0.15% Tax related to the Preserve; and establishing a conditional effective date of July 1, 2025.

**Presenter(s):** Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer and Ben Lane, City Clerk

**Staff Contact(s):** Gina Kirklin, Finance Director, 480-312-5006, [rkirklin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:rkirklin@scottsdaleaz.gov)

City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, City Clerk Ben Lane, and City Attorney Sherry Scott gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the City's proposed Ballot Measure on Funding for Parks and Recreational Facilities and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Mayor Ortega opened public comment on this item.

The following individuals spoke in support of this item:

- Carla, Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force member
- Mary Manross, Former Scottsdale Mayor
- Kerry Olsson, McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission Vice Chair
- Stephen Coluccio, McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission Chair
- Sonnie Kirtley, Coalition of Greater Scottsdale Executive Board Director
- Maryann McAllen, Scottsdale resident
- Raoul Zubia, Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force Vice Chair
- Michael Vreeland, Parks and Recreation Commission member
- Cynthia Wenstrom, Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force Chair
- Daniel Schweiker, Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force member
- Daniel Schwartz, Scottsdale resident
- Teresa Quale, Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair
- Heather Mrowiec, Scottsdale resident
- Craig Citizen, Scottsdale resident
- Mark Winkleman, Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force member

The following individual expressed concerns with this item:

- Jim Haxby, Scottsdale resident

Mayor Ortega closed public comment on this item.

#### **MOTION NO. 1 – ITEM 14**

Councilwoman Janik made a motion to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 13092 Option B with the addition of the words “sole” and “solely” in the ballot language as shown in the presentation to further restrict the use of the 0.15% tax to its authorized purpose and referring the proposed ballot measure to the voters in the upcoming November 2024 General Election.
2. Adopt Ordinance No. 4633 to further restrict the use of the 0.15% tax, establish proper oversight of the tax, set an effective date, and add in Section 5, “This Ordinance cannot be modified except by an affirmative vote of at least 5 members of the City Council.”

Vice Mayor Whitehead seconded the motion.

#### **ALTERNATE MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 14**

Councilmember Graham made an alternate motion to continue the item until early May 2024. Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion, which failed 2/5 with Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield voting in the affirmative and Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham and Janik dissenting.

#### **CALL THE QUESTION MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 14**

Vice Mayor Whitehead made a motion to call the question. Mayor Ortega seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

#### **MOTION NO. 1 AND VOTE – ITEM 14**

The Council then voted on Councilwoman Janik’s original motion to adopt Resolution No. 13092 and Ordinance No. 4633, which carried 5/2, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, and Janik voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield dissenting.

**15. Proposed Ballot Measure to Increase Permanent Base Adjustment**

**Requests:**

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 13093** authorizing a ballot question be sent to the voters at the November 5, 2024 General Election as to whether a Permanent Base Adjustment of \$22 million shall be made to increase the City's state-imposed expenditure limitation for Fiscal Year 2025/26 from an estimated \$634.6 million to \$884.4 million after the population and inflation factors are included; and
2. Direct the City Clerk, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Treasurer to take such steps as may be necessary to include the ballot measure(s) on the November 2024 General Election ballot and if there is more than one ballot measure, direct the order that the measures will be placed on the ballot.

**Presenter(s):** Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer and Ben Lane, City Clerk

**Staff Contact(s):** Anna Henthorn, Accounting Director, 480-312-7805,  
[ahenthorn@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:ahenthorn@scottsdaleaz.gov)

City Treasurer Sonia Andrews and City Clerk Ben Lane gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the City's proposed Ballot Measure to Increase the Permanent Base Adjustment.

Mayor Ortega opened public comment on this item.

The following individuals spoke in support of this item:

- Maryann McAllen, Scottsdale resident
- Carla, Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force member
- Mary Manross, Former Scottsdale Mayor

The following individual expressed concerns with this item:

- Austin Fairbanks, Scottsdale resident

Mayor Ortega closed public comment on this item.

**MOTION NO. 1 AND VOTE – ITEM 15**

Councilwoman Janik made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13093 referring the proposed permanent base adjustment ballot measure to the voters in the upcoming November 2024 General Election. Mayor Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield voting in the affirmative.

**MOTION NO. 2 AND VOTE – ITEM 15**

Mayor Ortega made a motion that the order the two approved ballot questions follow the order of the Council's approval, with the Item 14 (Protect and Preserve Tax) being first and Item 15 (Permanent Base Adjustment) being second. Vice Mayor Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield voting in the affirmative.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

**CITIZEN PETITIONS**

**16. Receipt of Citizen Petitions**

**Request:** Accept and acknowledge receipt of citizen petitions. Any member of the Council may make a motion, to be voted on by the Council, to: (1) Direct the City Manager to agendaize the petition for further discussion; (2) direct the City Manager to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner; or (3) take no action.

**Staff Contact(s):** Ben Lane, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, [blane@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:blane@scottsdaleaz.gov)

No citizen petitions were received.

### **MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Whitehead made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Janik seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield voting in the affirmative.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ortega adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:23 P.M.

### **SUBMITTED BY:**



**Ben Lane, City Clerk**

Officially approved by the City Council on \_\_\_\_\_

*May 14, 2024*

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

**DATED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.



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**Ben Lane, City Clerk**



# Presentation/ Information Update

## Scottsdale Public Library Teen Volunteer Presidential Volunteer Service Award Honorees

Presenter: Alexis Skidmore, Scottsdale Public Library Staff

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## Presidential Volunteer Service Award Information

- This Award, administered by Americorps and Points of Light, and bestowed by the President of the United States honors individuals whose volunteer service positively impacts communities.
- The Scottsdale Public Library became a certifying organization for this award in 2022. This is the second group of volunteers to earn this award and recognition through service to the library.
- Volunteers who meet the eligibility requirements within the calendar year may qualify for the award. Scottsdale Public Library Teen Volunteers are ages 12-18.

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime Achievement
Teens (11-15)	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours	4,000+ hours
Young Adults (16-25)	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250+ hours	4,000+ hours

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## Scottsdale Public Library's 2023 Presidential Volunteer Service Award Honorees

Bronze Awards		Silver Awards		Gold Awards	
Amira Thomas	Nikita Bansal	Mila Mestaz	Skandan Subramamian	Kevin Burnside	
Isabella Falgiano	Madeline Mohler	Carsen Leach	Bhavitha Sunkara	Zarah Hamidi	
Hudson Wilbur	Nilu Kumara	Liam McGinley	Max Linn	Chas Skidmore	
Nisha Shrivastava	Dakksh Neluvagi,	Katy Tobin	Vishruth Puttu	Ariana Olsen	
Achyuth Parthasarathy	Liam McCormick	Sophia Dumitrascu	Merna Narouz	Phillip Holland	
Garrett Skidmore	Shiv Radadiya	Aarush Ravichad	Beshoy Narouz	Neha Jasthi	
Kimia Ghazanfari	Iulia Musat	Atul Nair	David Guo	Leonard Rosivach	
Connor Shannon	Brianna Qualls	Norah Schimmer	Pradyum Anupindi	Scott Deaner	
Kaya Gibbs	Clare Surasi Schlosser	Yash Seth	Keeley McGinley	Jenny Pasternack	
Stacey Hannum	Georgia Ebbert	Sarah Miller	Kayly Tran		
Alex Preston	Abhinav Ravichad	Ram Bubby	Owen Sutton		
Eric Wang	Nimish Bharadwaj		Amelie Tesoniera		
Jaden Feng	Shaylee Dowell		Isabella Welch		
Violet Bourgeois-Conti	Anika Mahajan		Jyotsna Subramanian		
Karina Zaveri	Alejandra Artilles				
Kanishka Mittal	Rianna Rane				
	Audrey Reischmann				

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## Scottsdale Public Library 2023 Presidential Service Award Honorees

Recognition & Photos with Mayor Ortega and Scottsdale City Council

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## Item #13 : Construction Bid Award for the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road

Adopt Resolution No. 13070 to authorize:

- 1) Construction Bid Award No. IFB-092023-114 with J. Banicki Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,636,937.10, for the construction of the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road capital project (SF01).
- 2) Acceptance of an additional federal grant award in the amount of \$1,024,256 in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, with a local match requirement of \$481,494 to be funded by Transportation 0.2% Sales Tax, for a total of \$1,505,750.
- 3) A Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Capital Contingency (ZB50) Budget Appropriation Transfer, in the amount \$1,024,256, to the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road capital project (SF01), to be funded by CMAQ grant funds.
- 4) A Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 Transportation Fund Capital Contingency (ZF01) Budget Appropriation Transfer, in the amount \$481,494, to the Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road capital project (SF01), to be funded by Transportation 0.2% Sales Tax.

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## Project Description

The Indian Bend Wash Underpass at Chaparral Road Project will provide a pedestrian underpass on the east side of Hayden Road under Chaparral Road.

- Creates a separated crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians along the Indian Bend Wash multi-use path near Chaparral Park.
- Reduces conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians/bicyclists at the intersection.
- Increases green signal time for turning vehicles.
- Utilizes a key design feature found at other legs of this intersection as well as throughout the city's transportation system.

Existing Conditions



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# Project Funding

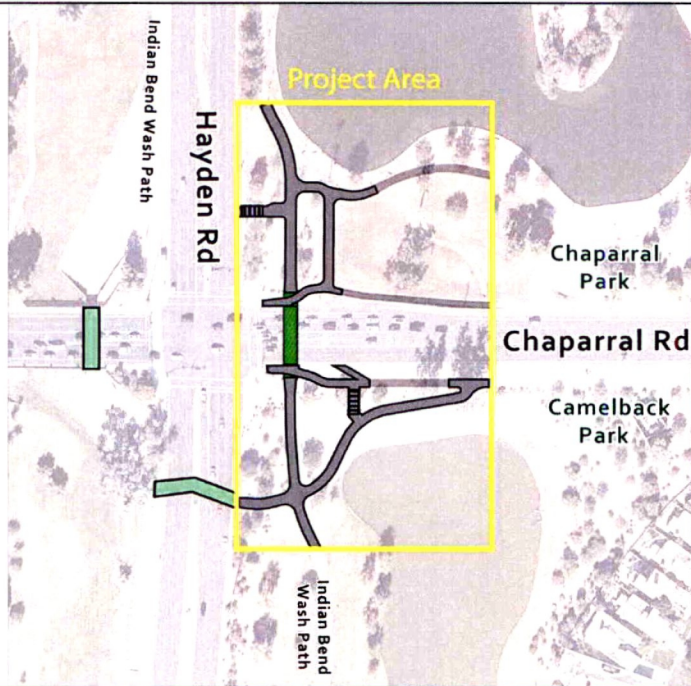
Project	CURRENT FUNDING SOURCES			
	Type of Grant	Federal Grants	Transportation 0.2% Sales Tax Local Match	Total
Indian Bend Wash at Chaparral Road, East of Hayden Road	CMAQ	\$ 1,182,569	\$ 71,481	\$ 1,254,050
	CMAQ	\$ 725,217	\$ 43,837	\$ 769,054
	TA-MAG	\$ 588,087	\$ 35,547	\$ 623,634
	Local Funds	\$ 0	\$ 857,229	\$ 857,229
	CMAQ	\$ 1,024,256	\$ 481,494	\$ 1,505,750
		\$ 3,520,129	\$ 1,489,588	\$ 5,009,717

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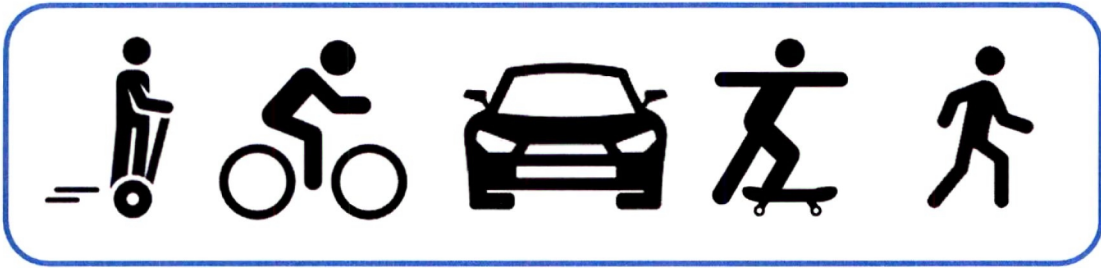
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# Project Map

-  Existing Underpass
-  Future Underpass
-  Future Path/Sidewalk
-  Existing Path/Sidewalk



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Thank you

# Proposed Ballot Measure for Parks and Recreation and The Preserve

*City Council Meeting  
April 2, 2024*



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## Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force

### Year-Long Study by Citizen Task Force



[www.scottsdaleaz.gov/boards/protect-preserve-Scottsdale-task-force](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/boards/protect-preserve-Scottsdale-task-force)  
*Full Report Submitted to Council  
Detail Presentation to Council on February 27, 2024  
Meeting Agendas and Minutes*

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## What Is the Ballot Measure Asking Voters to Authorize ?

(To Extend or Replace) the **0.20% Sales Tax** expiring in 2025  
with a **0.15% Sales Tax for 30 years**  
for our Parks and Recreation and McDowell Sonoran Preserve

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## Repurpose A Component of Sales Tax

**0.20%**

30-yr tax expires 6/30/25

No Longer Needed for Preserve  
Land Acquisitions

30,500 Acres of McDowell Sonoran  
Preserve Acquired to Date

**0.15%**

30-yr tax expires 6/30/55

Proposed for Capital Asset Renewal  
and Replacements for Aging Parks

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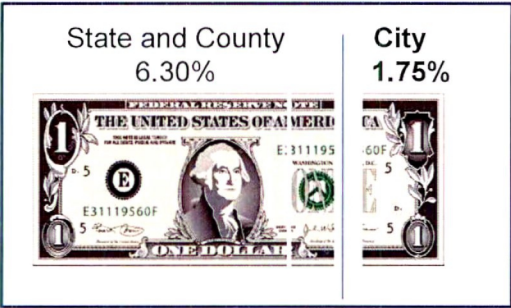
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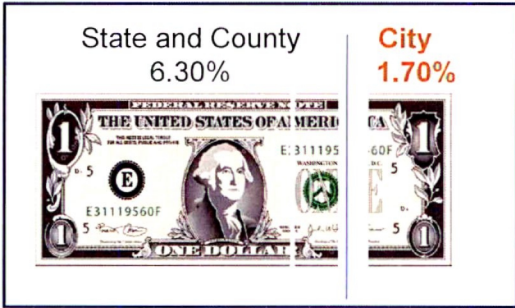
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# 8.00%

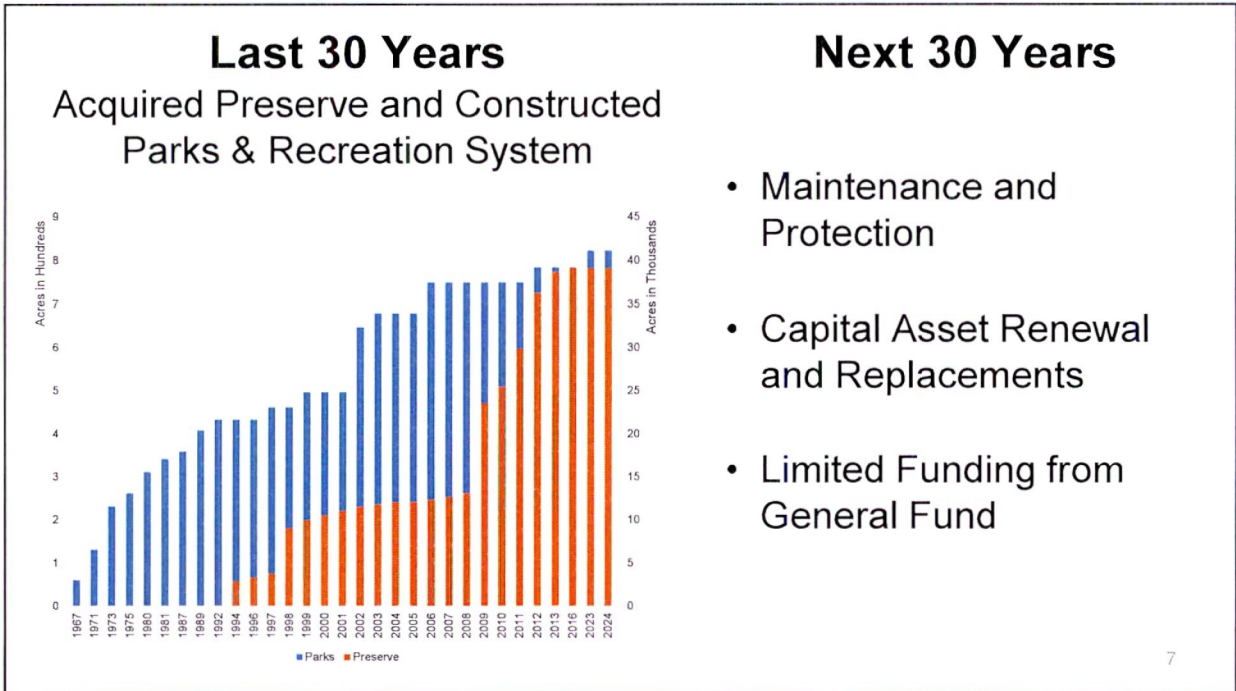
Effective 7/1/2025



Represents current sales tax rate applied to taxable purchases

# Why is the 0.15% Tax Needed for the Next 30 Years?





# Aging Parks Over Next 30 Years

Community Parks	Year Constructed	Age
• Eldorado Park	1967	57
• Vista Del Camino Park	1971	53
• Chaparral Park	1973	51
• McCormick Stillman Railroad Park	1975	49
• Indian School Park	1980	44
• Mountain View Park	1981	43
• Cactus Park	1987	37
• Scottsdale Ranch Park & Tennis Center	1989	35
• Horizon Park	1992	32
• Thompson Peak Park	1997	27
• McDowell Mountain Ranch Park	1999	25
• Pinnacle Peak Park	2002	22
• Camelback Park	2003	21
• Scottsdale Sports Complex (CAP Basin Sports Complex at the time)	2006	18
• George Doc Cavalliere Park	2012	12
• Bell94 Sports Complex	2022	2
• Scottsdale Civic Center Plaza	2023	1

Current Priority  
for Indian Bend  
Wash Greenbelt  
Parks

# Capital Funding for Major Asset Systems

## Transportation System

- 0.20% Transportation Sales Tax
- 0.10% Arterial Life Cycle Sales Tax
- MAG Funding

## Water and Sewer Systems

- Utility Rates
- Impact Fees
- 2% Asset Replacement Reserves

## Parks and Recreation System and the Preserve

- General Fund
- Bond Programs
- Proposed 0.15% Sales Tax

## **How Will the 0.15% Tax Be Used?**

*Details available in Task Force Meeting Materials and Task Force Report  
Detail presentation to Council on February 27, 2024*

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## **Details Presented in Council Work Study on February 27, 2024**

<https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/scottsdale-video-network/council-video-archives/2024-archives>

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## Capital Improvements for Park and Recreation Facilities



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## Renewal and Replacements Needed



- Restroom remodel
- Multi-use path and ADA improvements
- New shade and mature trees
- New ramadas
- Renovate soccer and softball fields
- Replace skate parks
- Building consolidation/multi-generational center
- Adaptive/signature playground
- Splashpads
- Dog parks
- Tennis and Pickleball courts
- Sport court improvements (volleyball and basketball)
- Amenity and site improvements
- Irrigation repairs
- Landscaping improvements
- Parking lot improvements
- Wayfinding
- Park based security cameras
- Connectivity enhancements
- Other improvements identified through Master Plans<sup>14</sup>

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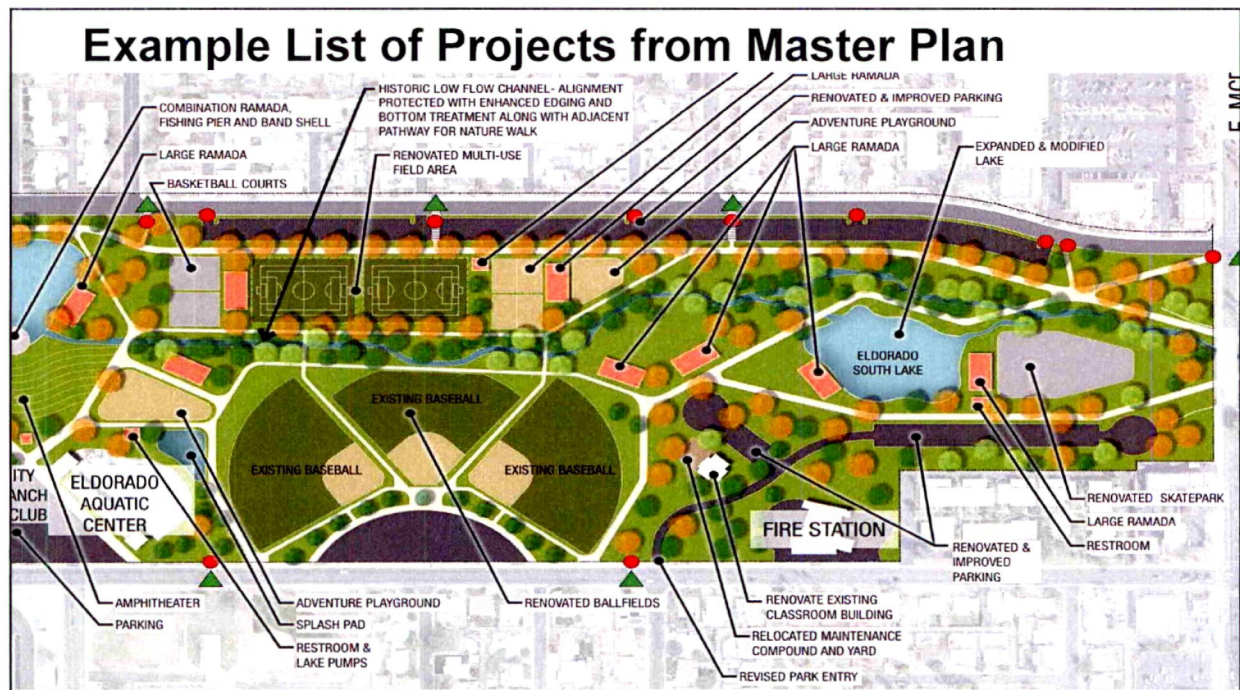


## Priority for Indian Bend Wash Parks

- Eldorado Park (57yrs old) and Vista Del Camino Park (53yrs old)– Master Plan completed and approved in 2019/2020
- Indian School Park (44yrs old) - Master Plan underway, expected completion 2024
- Chaparral Park (51yrs old)
- Camelback Park (21yrs old)

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## One-Time Funding for WestWorld Critical Improvement Needs



Drainage

Shade

Paving

Access



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## Additional Maintenance and Protection for Parks and Preserve



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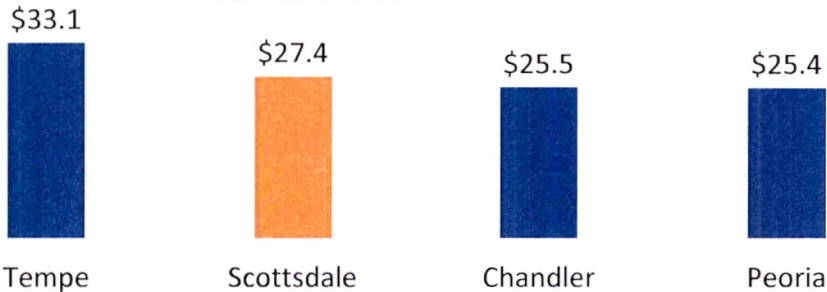
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## Parks and Recreation Operating Budgets (FY2024)

(in millions)

Additional funding needed to keep up with maintenance needs



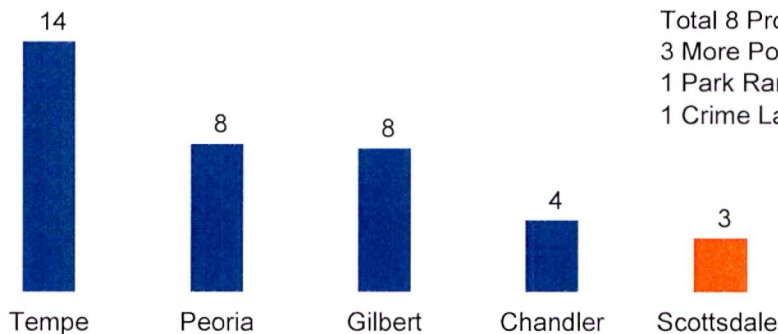
Total Park Acreage	1,519	982	1,317	593
Number of Parks	50	44	69	39
Comm./Rec Centers	7	6	5	2
Sports Courts	48	118	47	59
Aquatic Facilities	4	4	6	3
Stadium	1	1	-	1

Source: FY2023-24 Adopted Budgets and FY2022-23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports  
Amounts exclude park administration, libraries, arts and cultural services, WestWorld and Preserve.

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## Current Park Ranger Program FTEs



Total 8 Proposed:  
3 More Police Park Rangers  
1 Park Ranger Sergeant  
1 Crime Lab Tech

Total Park Acreage	1,519	593	693	1,317	982
Number of Parks	50	39	23	69	45
Preserve Acres					30,580

Source: Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) obtained from FY2023-24 Adopted Budgets and park acres obtained from FY2022-23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports

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## Dedicated Funding For McDowell Sonoran Preserve and Fire Fuel Mitigation



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## 30,500 Acres of Preserve to Care For



Wildlife Habitat Protection  
Invasive Plant Treatment  
Fire Fuel Mitigation  
Archeological/Cultural History Protection  
Daily Preserve Maintenance

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## On-Going Risks of Heavy Fire Fuel Loads and Technical Rescue Needs (Preserve and Citywide)



Brush Patrol  
Chemical Treatment  
Fire Fuel Management  
Technical Rescue Team

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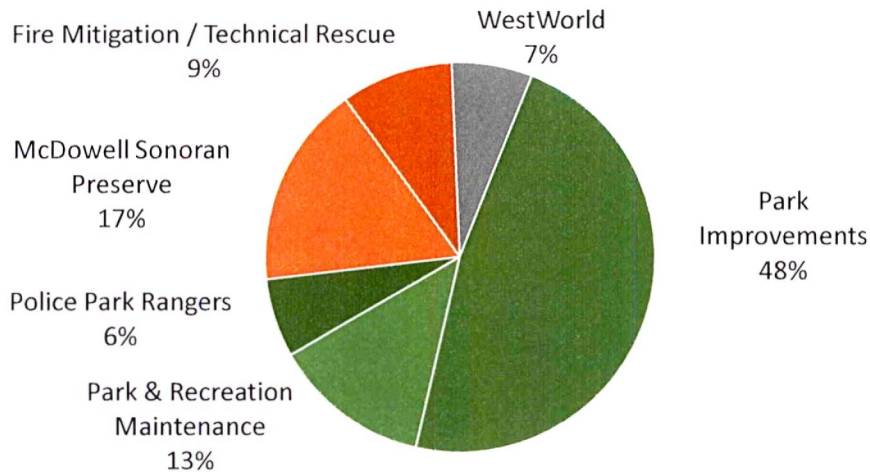
## How Will the 0.15% Tax Be Distributed?

*Additional information provided in memo to Council dated March 4, 2024 regarding follow up information from February 27, 2024 Council work study*

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## How 0.15% Tax Will be Used Over 30 Years



Based on 30-year forecast of revenues. Amounts may contain rounding differences

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## Annual Distribution By Ordinance

Amounts in Thousands

Current Annual 0.15% Tax Revenues*	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	
Annual Debt Payments for WestWorld**	<u>(3,846)</u>	
<b>Net to be Allocated by %</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,154</u></b>	
		<b><u>Allocation %</u></b>
Park Improvements	10,789	51%
Park & Recreation Maintenance	2,962	14%
Preserve Maintenance and Protection	3,808	18%
Police Park Rangers	1,481	7%
Fire Fuel Mitigation and Technical Rescue	2,115	10%
<b>Total Revenues Allocated by %</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,154</u></b>	<b><u>100.0%</u></b>

\*Based on current sales tax revenues at a 0.15% rate

\*\* WestWorld Improvements will be funded with 20 year Debt. Debt payments will not exceed \$4.5M per Ordinance

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## What Is the Cost to Citizens?

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## Cost to Average Household

**Current**  
**\$4.95/mth**

current 0.20% tax



**With Ballot Measure**  
**\$3.71/mth**

proposed 0.15% tax



Source: Average cost based on Average Household Expenditures subject to sales tax of approximately \$29,676 for FY2022-23 using Consumer Expenditure Survey for Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale MSA, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics September 2023 Release.

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## **How Will Citizens Know that the Tax Will Be Spent As Approved by Voters?**

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## **Compliance and Controls**

1. Restricted by Voter Approved Ballot and Council Ordinance
2. Separate Fund Accounting Required by Government Accounting Standards
3. **Oversight of Line-Item and Project Spending by Parks and Recreation Commission and McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission**
4. Council Approval of Annual Spending through Budget Process
5. Council Approval of Contracts for Capital Projects
6. Year-end Audit by Independent CPA firm

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## What Happens If the 0.15% is Not Approved ?

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## Capital Funding for Major Asset Systems

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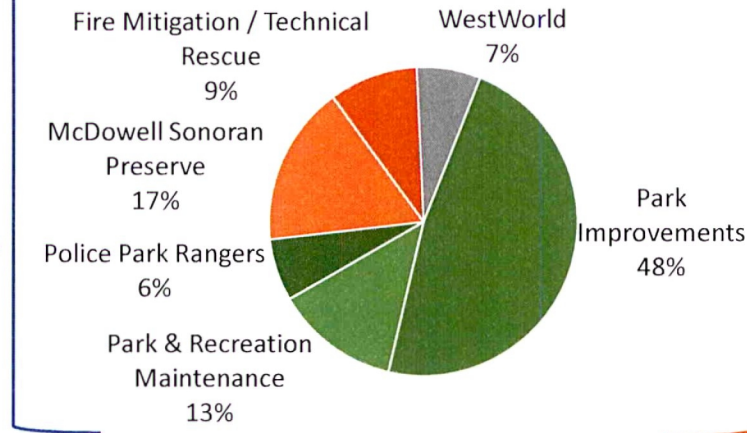
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## What If 0.15% Tax Is Not Approved?

**Rely on  
General  
Fund**

**Cannot be  
Bonded**



**Rely on  
General  
Fund**

**Or**

**Future  
Bond  
Program**

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## General Fund Limitations

1. Many competing needs, priority for core operations
2. Loss of residential rental tax revenues
3. Loss of state shared revenues
4. Limited growth in property tax revenues

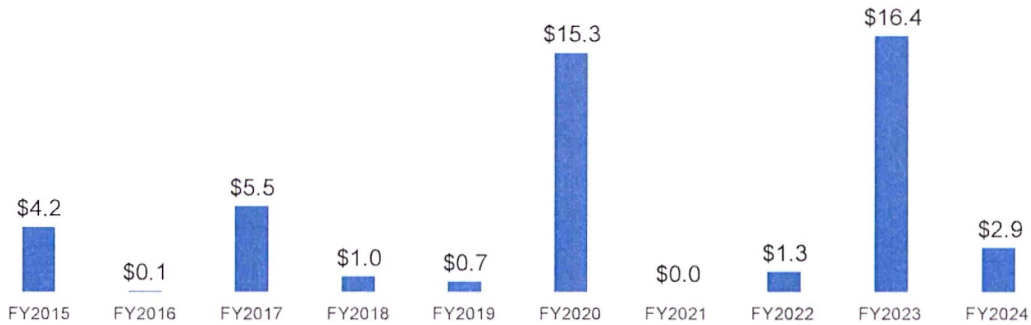
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## Limited and Inconsistent Funding

Annual spending on capital replacements may not keep up with asset depreciation

General Fund Capital Investment in Parks and Recreation (excluding Bond programs)



Note: Amounts exclude stadium, senior centers, libraries, WestWorld and Preserve capital projects

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**Is There \$200M+ of Surplus Money in the Preserve Tax Fund that Can be Used?**

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## Preserve Tax Fund

- Fund Balance cannot be repurposed, must be used for land and capital improvements in the Preserve
- Preserve Taxes still needed for Debt Outstanding. Majority of debt at low interest rate of 1.3%.
- Voter approval required to repurpose future tax collections

*Note: Information on Preserve Tax Fund Balance provided to Council in memos dated August 5, 2022, February 23, 2024, and March 4, 2024*

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## No Surplus Money With Proposed 5-Year Plan for Preserve Tax Fund

	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29
1995 0.20% Preserve Tax	\$ 34	\$ 33	-	-		can
2004 0.15% Preserve Tax	26	25	24	24	25	Sunset Tax
Interest earnings	2	5	4	3	3	1
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>
Debt Principal & Interest	(35)	(39)	(25)	(19)	(19)	(97)
Land/Capital Improvements*		(5)	(75)		-	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(35)</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(19)</b>	<b>(19)</b>	<b>(97)</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 137</b>	<b>\$ 156</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>	<b>\$ 92</b>	<b>\$ 101</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>
<b>Debt Outstanding at 6/30</b>	<b>\$ 185</b>	<b>\$ 149</b>	<b>\$ 128</b>	<b>\$ 111</b>	<b>\$ 95</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\* Note: Amount and timing of land and capital improvements expenditures are based on current preliminary estimates and are subject to change upon final proposal of capital projects for Council consideration and approval.

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## 0.15% Tax for 30 Years for Parks and Recreation and the Preserve

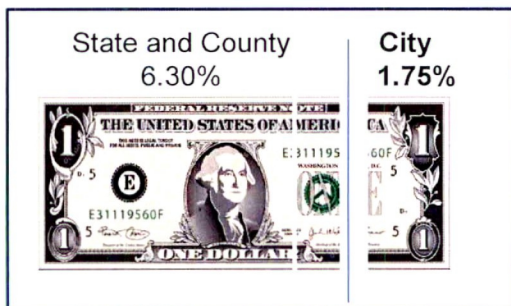
Ensures funding for capital reinvestment, and assures citizens and businesses of our commitment to maintain and protect these assets and the Scottsdale Quality of Life.

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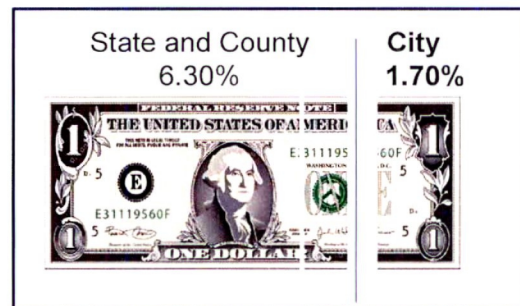
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### With Ballot Measure

## 8.00%

Effective 7/1/2025



Represents current sales tax rate applied to taxable purchases

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# Cost to Average Household

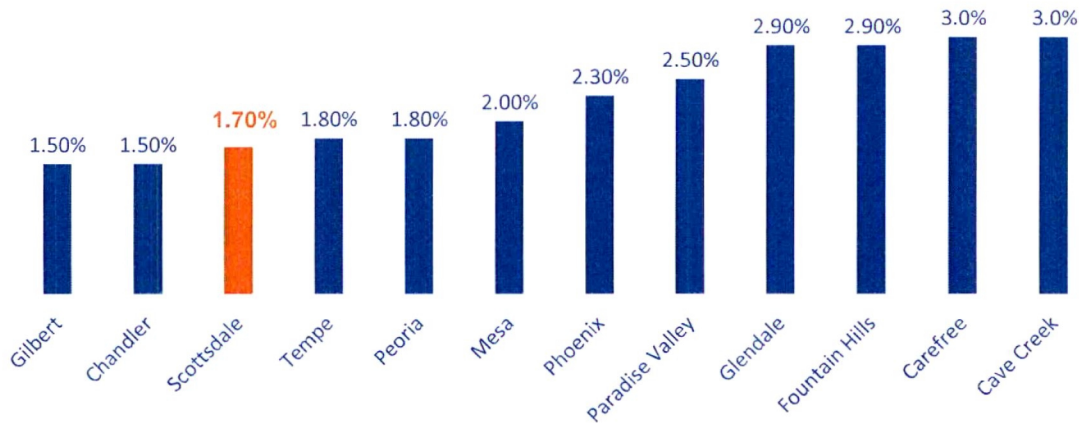
**\$3.71/mth**



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# City Sales Tax Rates With Ballot Measure

Effective 7/1/2025 assuming no changes in sales tax rates of comparison cities



**Request Council Approve  
Resolution to Refer Ballot  
Measure to Voters**

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**Ballot Language**

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**Option  
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Full  
Text**

**OFFICIAL TITLE:** A CITY CODE AMENDMENT TO **EXTEND AND REDUCE** SCOTTSDALE'S EXPIRING TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE AND USE TAX RATE **SOLELY** TO FUND: 1) IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE FOR CITYWIDE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; 2) MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION FOR THE MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE; AND 3) INCREASED POLICE AND FIRE RESOURCES RELATED TO CITYWIDE PARKS AND THE PRESERVE.

**DESCRIPTIVE TITLE:** Authorizes the City to **extend and reduce** the current 0.20% transaction privilege and use tax rate, expiring in 2025, to 0.15%, for 30 years **solely** to fund the improvement, maintenance, and protection of Citywide Parks and Recreational Facilities, and the maintenance and protection of the Preserve as determined by ordinance.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of authorizing the City to **extend and reduce** the current 0.20% transaction privilege and use tax rate, expiring in 2025, to 0.15%, for 30 years, effective July 1, 2025, for the **sole** purpose of: 1) improvements and maintenance for Citywide Parks and Recreational Facilities; 2) maintenance and protection for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve; and 3) increased Police and Fire resources related to Citywide Parks and the Preserve, with all being more specifically determined by City ordinance.

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**Tagline Text**

**Option  
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SHALL SCOTTSDALE'S CURRENT 0.20% TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE AND USE TAX RATE, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025, **BE REDUCED TO 0.15% AND EXTENDED FOR 30 YEARS SOLELY** TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS, MAINTENANCE, AND INCREASED POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION OF CITYWIDE PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND THE PRESERVE AS DETERMINED BY CITY ORDINANCE?

**Option  
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Text**

**OFFICIAL TITLE:** A CITY CODE AMENDMENT TO **REPLACE AND REDUCE** SCOTTSDALE'S EXPIRING TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE AND USE TAX RATE **SOLELY** TO FUND: 1) IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE FOR CITYWIDE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; 2) MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION FOR THE MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE; AND 3) INCREASED POLICE AND FIRE RESOURCES RELATED TO CITYWIDE PARKS AND THE PRESERVE.

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# **Ordinance**

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## **Ordinance No. 4633 mandates that all revenues shall be used to:**

- **Improve and maintain the City's Parks and Recreational Facilities (which includes limited WestWorld capital improvements)**
- **To maintain and protect the Preserve**
- **To increase Police and Fire resources related to Citywide Parks and the Preserve**
- **For the benefit of all geographic areas within the City, but with an emphasis on restoring and updating the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt and other aged Parks**

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## **2025 0.15% Tax revenues shall be distributed as set forth below:**

- **51% for City Parks improvement needs.**
- **18% for McDowell Sonoran Preserve maintenance and protection.**
- **14% for City Parks and Recreational Facilities maintenance (excluding WestWorld).**
- **10% to the Scottsdale Fire Department for Citywide related needs within the purposes of the 2025 0.15% Tax, which specifically includes, but is not limited to, technical rescue team(s) for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and City Parks and for fire fuel mitigation around the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and in and around the City Parks for the protection and maintenance of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and City Parks.**
- **7% for increased McDowell Sonoran Preserve and City Park Police ranger unit(s) and Park and McDowell Sonoran Preserve security.**

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## **Debt**

- **Debt may be used to fund capital improvements (for instance, debt will be issued for WestWorld capital improvements)**
- **Limited to no more than 4,500,000 annually**
- **Must be paid first pursuant to City policies**

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## **Oversight**

- **The City Treasurer will prepare an annual accounting of the 2025 0.15% Tax for the City Council for the life of the tax**
- **The Parks and Recreation Commission shall serve as oversight as it relates to the portion of the tax for Parks**
- **The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission shall serve as oversight as it relates to the portion of the tax for the Preserve**
- **The Council will have final approval within the confines of the ordinance and the ballot question language**

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## **Ordinance Effective Date**

**If the voters approve the 2025 0.15% Tax, the Ordinance shall be effective as of July 1, 2025.**

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## Possible Additional Ordinance Provision

**Section 5. This Ordinance cannot be modified except by an affirmative vote of at least 5 members of the City Council.**

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## City Council Action Requested:

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 13092  
[Option A – “extend and reduce”  
or  
Option B – “replace and reduce”]**
- 2. Adopt Ordinance No. 4633.**

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- A. After Section (C) is satisfied, all other remaining 2025 0.15% Tax revenues shall be distributed as set forth below:
- 51% for City Parks improvement needs.
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  - 7% for increased McDowell Sonoran Preserve and City Park Police ranger unit(s) and Park and McDowell Sonoran Preserve security.
- B. At the end of each year, any unused 2025 0.15% Tax revenues in each category listed in Section (A) will be carried forward for use in future years within the same category.
- C. Debt may be used to fund capital improvements in accordance with the City's adopted financial policies (for instance, debt will be issued for WestWorld capital improvements). Notwithstanding Section (A) above, on an annual basis, the 2025 0.15% Tax revenues will be used to satisfy any debt requirements as required by bond covenants. **Debt requirements will be limited to no more than \$4,500,000 of the 2025 0.15% Tax revenues on an annual basis.**
- D. Beginning with the 2025/26 fiscal year end audited financial results, and continuing for the term of the 2025 0.15% Tax, **the City Treasurer will prepare an annual accounting of the 2025 0.15% Tax for the City Council.**

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Section 2. A new Subsection (c)(4) is hereby added to Scottsdale Revised Code, Chapter 20 (Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs), Article I (General), Section 20-1 (Parks and Recreation Commission), as follows:

(c) **The Parks and Recreation Commission shall:**

....

(4) For the term of the 2025 0.15% Tax described in Section 16-52 of the Scottsdale Revised Code, **serve as the citizens' oversight committee for the implementation of the 2025 0.15% Tax as it relates to the use of the 2025 0.15% Tax revenues for all park improvements, capital projects, and master plans relating to the use of the 2025 0.15% Tax with an emphasis on restoring and updating the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt and other aged parks.**

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**The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission**, with the assistance of City staff, shall be responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on the following matters:

(1) For the term of the 2025 0.15% Tax described in Section 16-52 of the Scottsdale Revised Code, **servicing as the citizens' oversight committee for the implementation of the 2025 0.15% Tax as it relates to the use of the 2024 0.15% Tax revenues for maintenance and protection of the Preserve. Specifically, the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission shall review and recommend to City Council an annual budget proposal for use of the 2025 0.15% Tax revenues in accordance with master plans and strategies related to:**

**(a) Wildlife habitat protection:**

- (i) Invasive Plant removal and management in the Preserve,**
- (ii) Wildland fire fuel reduction and management in the Preserve, and**
- (iii) Restoration of disturbed lands in the Preserve,**

**(b) Ecological resource plan and natural resource studies, projects, and awareness in support of the Preserve; and/or**

**(c) Cultural resource protection and management in the Preserve.**

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# Proposed Ballot Measure for Adjusting Expenditure Limitation

City Council Meeting  
April 2, 2024



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## Expenditure Limitation Is Based on A State Formula



In 1979/80, the State Constitution was amended to impose an Expenditure Limitation on local governments using a simple formula, and to prescribe a process for local governments to adjust the Expenditure Limitation formula with voter approval

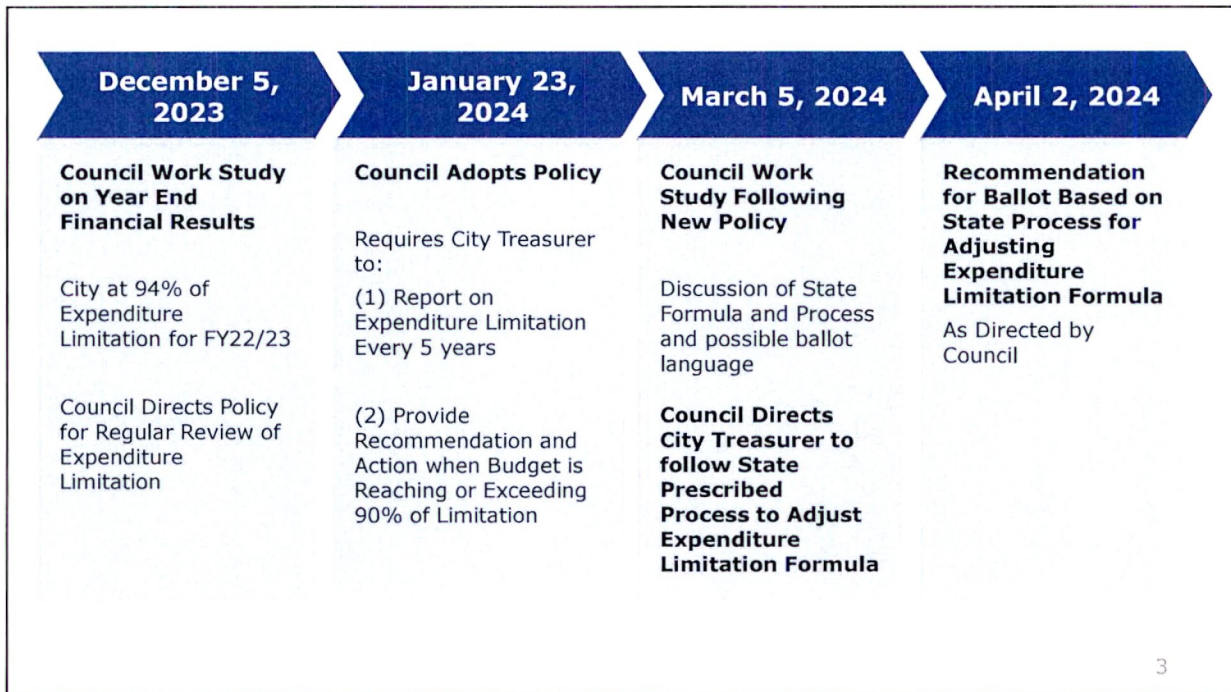


City Annual Operating Budget\* Cannot Exceed State Expenditure Limitation; Accordingly we are now following the State prescribed process to adjust our Expenditure Limitation formula

\* Expenditures subject to Limitation does not include capital infrastructure costs, debt service, special revenue and grant funded expenditures and other specific exclusions allowed by state law.

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## State Formula For Limitation

	1979/80 Expenditure Base	Population and Inflation Factors	Expenditure Limitation
FY24/25 Preliminary	\$55,861,444	X 10.99081	= \$613,963,000
FY25/26 Estimate	<b>\$77,861,444</b>	X 11.35944	= \$884,463,000

**↑**

**\$22,000,000** Base Adjustment Calculated Using State Prescribed Process



## **Ballot Measure**

Request Voter Approval for a \$22,000,000  
Permanent Base Adjustment

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## **Ballot Measure Facts**

### **Is Not a Tax Increase**

Does Not Authorize City to Increase Taxes

### **Does Not Allow City to Exceed Budget**

Council Must Approve a Balanced Budget

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# Why Do We Need to Adjust Our Expenditure Limitation ?

18 Years Since Last Adjustment in 2006

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Scottsdale  
Has One of  
the Lowest  
Limitations  
Among  
Cities in  
Valley

\* Expenditure Limitation based on State Budget Forms for these cities on voter approved Home Rule.

City	FY23/24 Expenditure Limitation	Limitation Per Capita
Phoenix*	\$11,623,359,000	\$7,015
Mesa*	\$2,560,000,000	\$4,957
Chandler *	\$1,656,274,385	\$5,855
Surprise	\$1,478,748,668	\$9,517
Peoria	\$1,232,516,693	\$6,180
Glendale	\$730,770,870	\$2,877
Maricopa	\$644,026,349	\$9,948
Queen Creek	\$631,421,266	\$8,899
Tempe	\$624,338,073	\$3,332
Goodyear	\$622,516,993	\$5,868
Buckeye	\$595,412,188	\$5,600
<b>Scottsdale</b>	<b>\$586,300,525</b>	<b>\$2,393</b>
Avondale	\$567,836,304	\$6,150
Gilbert	\$544,824,047	\$1,963

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## State Formula Does Not Automatically Adjust for New Programs and Services

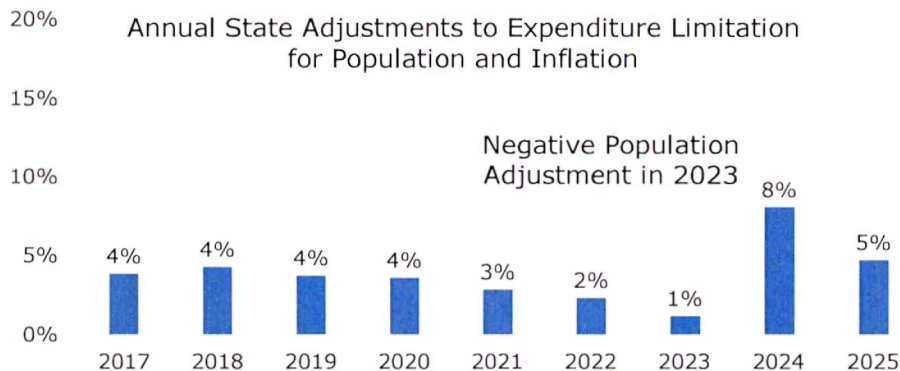
	1979/80 Expenditure Base	Population and Inflation Factors	Expenditure Limitation (rounded to nearest thousands)
FY24/25 Preliminary	\$55,861,444	X 10.99081	= \$613,963,000

**No adjustment factor for new programs and services, and other cost increases above population and inflation**

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## Population and Inflation Adjustments Not Keeping Up with Actual Cost Increases



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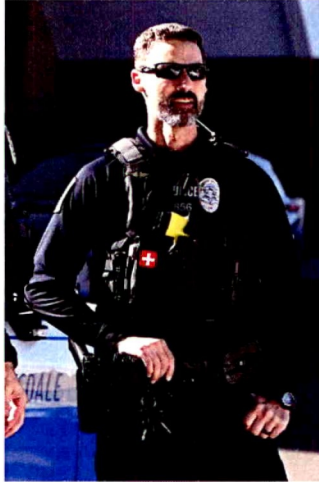
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## Police Officer Costs Increases

FY2007/08

Salary (mid range)	
+Benefits	\$98,724
Vehicle and Upfit	\$38,590
Uniform and Gear	\$ 1,351
Ballistic Vest	\$ 861
Radio	\$ 4,827
Cell phone (with monthly service)	\$ -
On Body Camera	\$ -
Taser and Weapon	\$ 1,632

**\$145,985**



FY2023/24

Salary (mid range)	
+Benefits	\$ 168,628
Vehicle and Upfit	\$ 68,147
Uniform and Gear	\$ 3,780
Ballistic Vest	\$ 2,218
Radio	\$ 7,376
Cell phone (with monthly service)	\$ 1,400
On Body Camera	\$ 2,082
Taser and Weapon	\$ 3,149

**\$256,780**

**76% Increase**

Source: Treasurer and Police Department records

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## Fire Cost for Single Unit Response (1 Ladder Truck with 4 Firefighters)

FY2007/08

Ladder Truck	\$ 747,557
<u>Cost for 4 Firefighters:</u>	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 302,937
Uniform and Gear	\$ 8,600
SCBA	\$ 19,508
Radio	\$ 17,780
Cell phone	-

**\$1,096,382**



FY2023/24

Ladder Truck	\$ 1,350,305
<u>Cost for 4 Firefighters:</u>	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 430,066
Uniform and Gear	\$ 46,485
SCBA	\$ 40,000
Radio	\$ 27,168
Cell phone per truck	1,400

**\$1,895,424**

**73% Increase**

Source: Treasurer and Fire Department records

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## Water Costs

FY2007/08

CAP Water  
Purchase and  
Treatment

**\$6,993,458**



2011 CAP Water Treatment  
Plant Expansion

FY2023/24

CAP Water  
Purchase and  
Treatment

**\$28,639,685**

**310% Increase**

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## New Operating Costs

- **Tourism Expenditures**  
2010 Voters increased hotel/motel tax from 3% to 5%
- **2015 Bond program**  
Operating costs of 2 new Fire Stations completed in 2021
- **2019 Bond program**  
New Fire Stations, Fire & Police training facility, multi-use sports fields, new parks to be completed over next 1-3 yrs
- **New ambulance services and other expanded services**

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## **Consequences If Adjustment to Expenditure Limitation Is Not Made**

City currently at 94% of Expenditure Limitation

- Council will need to prioritize operating budgets regardless of revenues collected and citizen needs or interests
- Unexpected expenditures that cannot be avoided will require reduction in other operating expenditures
- Will impact city-wide operations including water, solid waste, airport, police and fire and other General Fund operations

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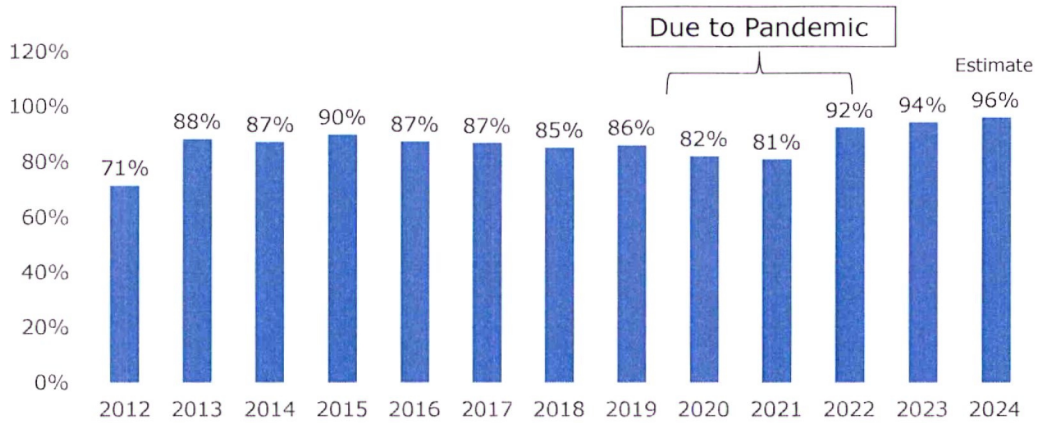
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## **Pandemic Impacted Expenditures and Expenditure Limitation Capacity**

*Explanations provided in  
correspondence to Council dated  
1/19/2024*

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## Percent of Expenditure Limitation Used (Actual Per Annual Audited AELR Report)

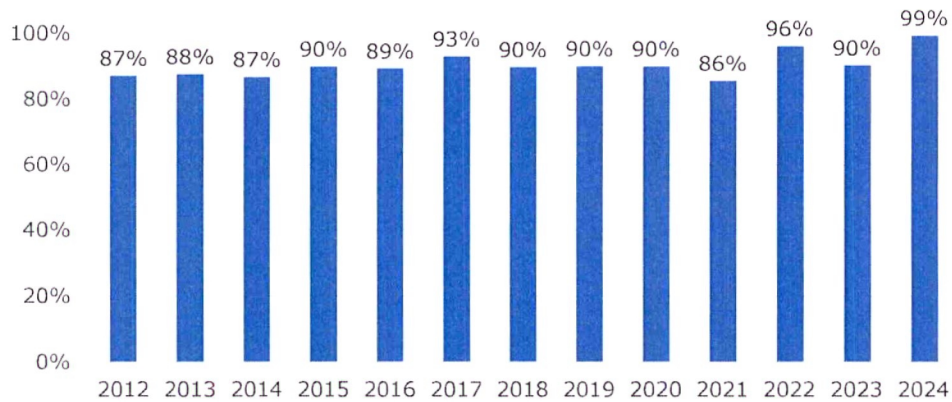


\*Based on actual expenditures subject to limitation as reported on Annual Expenditure Limitation Report. FY2024 based on estimate of expenditures.

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## Percent of Expenditure Limitation Used (Adopted Budget per Annual State Budget Forms)



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## **Pandemic Reduced Expenditures in FY20 and FY21**

- 2020-2021 Lockdown, facilities closed, did not hire seasonal workers
- Delay in spending due to Supply Chain Issues
- Delay of market/merit adjustments for employees
- \$60M in one-time Federal Stimulus (not counted under Limitation)
- Other one-time grants (not counted under Limitation)
- Increase in Vacancy Savings due to labor shortages

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## **Adjustment to Expenditure Base Will Provide for New Services and Increased Costs Without Raising City Taxes**

- Increased public safety services
- Increased water costs
- Increased tourism expenditures
- New operating costs of Bond projects

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# **Request Council Approve Resolution to Refer Ballot Measure to Voters**

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## **Ballot Measure**

### **Is Not a Tax Increase**

Does Not Authorize City to Increase Taxes

### **Does Not Allow City to Exceed Budget**

Council Must Approve a Balanced Budget

### **Adjust State Formula Expenditure Base by \$22 Million**

Allows Scottsdale to Maintain Existing and Planned Services and Programs

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# Ballot Language

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## Proposed Ballot Language

**OFFICIAL TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA PROPOSING A PERMANENT ADJUSTMENT TO THE STATE-IMPOSED BASE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION FOR THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE.**

**DESCRIPTIVE TITLE:** Pursuant to the Arizona State Constitution, the City of Scottsdale seeks voter approval to permanently adjust the expenditure base of the City of Scottsdale as determined by the Economic Estimates Commission. The City of Scottsdale seeks an adjustment of \$22 million.

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## Proposed Ballot Language

### **Yes / No Statements**

A **"YES"** vote shall have the effect of allowing the City of Scottsdale to adjust its base expenditure limit to maintain existing and planned City services and programs. It is not a tax increase.

A **"NO"** vote shall have the effect of not allowing the City of Scottsdale to adjust its base expenditure limit and will impact the City's ability to maintain existing and planned City services and programs.

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## Proposed Ballot Language

### **Tagline Text**

**SHALL THE EXPENDITURE BASE OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE BE PERMANENTLY ADJUSTED BY \$22 MILLION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN EXISTING AND PLANNED CITY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS?**

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## **City Council Action Requested:**

**Adopt Resolution No. 13093**

**and**

**If there is more than one ballot measure,  
direct the order the measures will be  
placed on the ballot**