

SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026



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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lisa Borowsky called to order a Regular Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:06 P.M. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Borowsky asked City Clerk Ben Lane to conduct the roll call.

Present: Mayor Lisa Borowsky; Vice Mayor Maryann McAllen; and Councilmembers Jan Dubauskas, Barry Graham, Adam Kwasman, Kathy Littlefield and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney Luis Santaella, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff, and City Clerk Ben Lane

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Littlefield.

INVOCATION

Councilman Graham introduced Pastor Fredrick Adamson, with St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church, to give the invocation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Borowsky discussed the Salt River wild horse herd and noted that following discussions with Governor Katie Hobbs, there will be a two-year pause on any decision to possibly remove a portion of the herd to allow additional time for discussion and development of a long-term protection plan. She thanked State Representative Cody Reim for his assistance in this matter.

MINUTES

Request: Approve the following Council meeting minutes from June and July 2026:

- a. Special Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026
- b. Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of June 23, 2026
- c. Special Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026
- d. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026

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.

MOTION AND VOTE - MINUTES

Vice Mayor McAllen made a motion to approve the Special Minutes of June 23, 2026; the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of June 23, 2026; the Special Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026; and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0 with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 7-Eleven #25845N Liquor License (LL-0046-2026)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 8402 E. McDowell Road

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

2. Bombay House Indian Cuisine Liquor License (LL-0047-2026)

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

Location: 8140 N. Hayden Road #H115

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

3. Nordstrom Marketplace Café Liquor License (LL-0048-2026)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a location and owner transfer of a Series 6 (Bar) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 7055 E. Camelback Road #380

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

4. Hirsch Academy Revocable License Agreement

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13638** authorizing:

1. Contract No. 2026-050-COS, a revocable license agreement with Hirsch Academy: a Challenge Foundation Academy, to use space at the Paiute Neighborhood Center to operate a public charter school. The initial agreement will be for two years with three possible additional one-year terms.
2. The City Manager, or designee, to execute any other documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of the Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Mary Witkofski, Interim Human Services Senior Director, 480-312-2479,
mwitkofski@scottsdaleaz.gov

5. Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) at Paiute Neighborhood Center Revocable License Agreement

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13720** authorizing:

1. Contract No. 2026-120-COS, a revocable license agreement with Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center, to use space at the Paiute Neighborhood Center to operate a community school. The initial agreement will be for two years with three possible additional one-year terms.

2. 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.
Staff Contact(s): Mary Witkofski, Interim Human Services Senior Director, 480-312-2479, mwitkofski@scottsdaleaz.gov
6. **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement and Education Grant**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13726** authorizing:
 1. Contract No. 2026-133-COS to receive a grant in the amount of \$30,000, from the State of Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety on behalf of the Oversight Council on Driving or Operating Under the Influence Abatement, in support of DUI enforcement and education.
 2. A Fiscal Year 2026/27 Grants Contingency Budget transfer of up to \$30,000, to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.**Staff Contact(s):** Joe LeDuc, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jled@scottsdaleaz.gov
7. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Operating Budget Adjustments**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13703** authorizing FY 2025/26 Operating Budget adjustments to ensure compliance with Ordinance No. 4670 and accurately expensing the FY 2025/26 budget.
Staff Contact(s): Scott Selin, Budget Department Director, 480-312-2603, sselin@scottsdaleaz.gov
8. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Capital Budget Adjustments**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13728** authorizing FY 2025/26 Capital Budget adjustments to ensure compliance with Ordinance No. 4670 and accurately expensing the FY 2025/26 budget.
Staff Contact(s): Scott Selin, Budget Department Director, 480-312-2603, sselin@scottsdaleaz.gov
9. **Monthly Financial Report**
Request: Accept the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Monthly Financial Report as of May 2026.
Staff Contact(s): Scott Selin, Budget Department Director, 480-312-2603, sselin@scottsdaleaz.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONSENT AGENDA

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Littlefield made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 9, Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Ishac, Scottsdale resident, asked whether a study had been conducted regarding trolley route use and why a Work Study session related to water had not been scheduled; discussed budget reductions related to water services; expressed his support for Flock cameras and noted their importance to public safety; and raised concerns regarding a Councilmember's travel to Taiwan.

Mark Rentz, Scottsdale resident, requested that non-agendized public comment be moved back to the beginning of City Council meetings; discussed recent developments related to Colorado River water supply; and asked for an update on his citizen petition.

Andrew Wollmann, Scottsdale resident, discussed concerns with recent non-agendized public comments that are possibly politically motivated and concerns with a Councilmember's comments regarding a candidate in the recent July 2026 Primary Election.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

10. 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 or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the petition for further discussion;
2. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer 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

No citizen petitions were received.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

11. Agendize Future Item Related to Expansion of Water Conservation Incentives

Request: At the request of Mayor Borowsky, direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize a Work Study Session discussion related to the possible expansion of water conservation incentives towards hot water circulators, turf reduction, rainwater harvesting, and smart meter irrigation controllers; and the explore potential partnerships for additional rebate funding through Salt River Project and Central Arizona Project.

Note: The only possible Council action to be taken on Item No. 11 is:

1. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the item for a future meeting;
2. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council; or
3. Take no action.

Mayor Borowsky introduced Item 11 [Agendize Future Item Related to Expansion of Water Conservation Incentives].

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 11

There was no public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 11

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the item for a future meeting. Vice Mayor McAllen seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

12. Agendize Future Item Related to the City's Public Safety Plan Ordinance

Request: At the request of Mayor Borowsky, direct the City Manager and City Attorney to agendize a Work Study Session presentation and discussion regarding the City's Public Safety Plan ordinance, including its current requirements and potential improvements, including increased training requirements for security personnel to enhance public safety at covered businesses.

Note: The only possible Council action to be taken on Item No. 12 is:

1. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the item for a future meeting;
2. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council; or
3. Take no action.

Mayor Borowsky introduced Item 12 [Agendize Future Item Related to the City's Public Safety Plan Ordinance].

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 12

There was no public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 12

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the item for a future meeting. Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Kwasman discussed Scottsdale resident Claude Amiel, who owns a clothing store in Scottsdale and has fallen ill. He requested that the community keep Mr. Amiel in their prayers.

Councilman Graham noted the passing of former Scottsdale Councilman Wayne Ecton. Councilman Graham discussed Councilman Ecton's many accomplishments and his dedicated service to Scottsdale, noting his funeral service is Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Messinger Pinnacle Peak Mortuary.

Councilwoman Whitehead noted the daughter of *Scottsdale Independent* reporter J. Graber was in the audience at tonight's City Council Meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky adjourned the Regular Meeting at 5:42 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane, City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on September 22, 2026

C E R T I F I C A T E

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 25th day of August 2026.

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

DATED this 22nd day of September 2026.



Ben Lane, City Clerk