

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AND WORK STUDY MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**



**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, January 11, 2022 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor David D. Ortega; Vice Mayor Tammy Caputi; and Councilmembers Tom Durham, Betty Janik (participated electronically), Kathy Littlefield (participated electronically), Linda Milhaven (participated electronically) and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Jim Thompson, City Attorney Sherry Scott, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, City Auditor Sharron Walker, and City Clerk Ben Lane

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Durham

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Ortega announced that the current Council has been in office since January 12, 2021. He said the Council looks forward to another full year in office.

Mayor Ortega congratulated the Saguaro High School football team, which won the State Championship after dethroning the Chandler Wolves, who held that championship for five years.

Mayor Ortega noted that Monday, January 17, 2022, is the official Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The City of Scottsdale will be hosting a program at the Horizon Community Center. It is a discussion regarding the final published work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. entitled "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community". The event is open to anyone aged 15 years or older at no fee, but participants are encouraged to register online. More information can be found on the City's website: [www.scottsdaleaz.gov](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov).

**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.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jason Alexander expressed support of the 92 Ironwood Project.
- Bob Littlefield spoke about opposition to the 92 Ironwood Project and invited the public to review the project at the open house scheduled for January 12, 2022.
- Wayne Goshkarian commented on the DC Ranch Homeowner Association's actions related to the removal of 670 sissoo trees.
- Chris Winterholler expressed concern over Jet Aviation eviction notices related to parking leases at the Scottsdale Airport.
- Jon Phelps spoke about assurances made by Santa Fe Aviation related to piston-powered general aviation aircraft and Jet Aviation's actions being contrary to those commitments.

## **MINUTES**

**Request:** Approve the following Council meeting minutes from November and December 2021:

- a. Special Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2021
- b. Executive Session Minutes of November 16, 2021
- c. Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of November 16, 2021
- d. Special Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021
- e. Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of December 7, 2021

## **MOTION AND VOTE – MINUTES**

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2021, Executive Session Minutes of November 16, 2021, Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of November 16, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021, and Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of December 7, 2021. Councilmember Durham seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by roll call vote, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Caputi; and Councilmembers Durham, Janik, Littlefield, Milhaven, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Mama Por Dios Liquor License (98-LL-2021)**

**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:** 7301 E. Butherus Drive

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

### **2. Kaleidoscope Liquor Licenses (99-LL-2021 and 100-LL-2021)**

**Request:** Consider forwarding recommendations of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 10 (beer and wine store) and a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor licenses for an existing location with a new owner.

**Location:** 6835 E. Camelback Road, Suite B03

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



- 3. Landmark Scottsdale Quarter Liquor License (103-LL-2021)**  
**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:** 15257 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite F-230  
**Staff Contact(s):** Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, [tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov)
- 4. MedMen Enterprises Conditional Use Permit (8-UP-2012#3)**  
**Request:** Find that the conditional use permit criteria have been met and adopt  
**Resolution No. 12345** approving a Conditional Use Permit for an existing marijuana dispensary including amendments to the stipulations to extend the hours of operation, eliminate the 5-year timing stipulation, and update the floor plan on a ±0.24-acre property with Commercial Office, Planned Community District (CO-PCD) zoning.  
**Location:** 8729 E. Manzanita Drive  
**Staff Contact(s):** Randy Grant, Planning, Economic Development, and Tourism Executive Director, 480-312-2664, [rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov)
- 5. Churchill's Fine Cigars Conditional Use Permit (14-UP-2021)**  
**Request:** Find that the conditional use permit criteria have been met and adopt  
**Resolution No. 12343** approving a Conditional Use Permit for a bar use within an approximately 2,000 square foot retail store at Crossroads East with Planned Regional Center, Planned Community District, Planned Shared Development Overlay (PRC PCD PSD) zoning.  
**Location:** 18529 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 127A  
**Staff Contact(s):** Randy Grant, Planning, Economic Development, and Tourism Executive Director, 480-312-2664, [rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov)
- 6. General Land Office Patent (GLO) and Right-of-Way (ROW) Abandonment (3-AB-2021)**  
**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12344** authorizing the abandonment of the GLO roadway easement and ROW along the east property line (N. 106<sup>th</sup> Street alignment) and portions of the GLO roadway easement along the south property line (E. Paradise Drive alignment) with Single-Family Residential (R1-43) zoning.  
**Location:** 10595 E. Cactus Road  
**Staff Contact(s):** Randy Grant, Planning, Economic Development, and Tourism Executive Director, 480-312-2664, [rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov)
- 7. Scottsdale Residences – The Nines (6-PP-2017#2)**  
**Request:** Approve the final plat for a new 9-lot residential subdivision on a ±0.83-acre site with Downtown, Downtown Multiple Use – Type 2, Planned Block Development Downtown Overlay (D/DMU-2 PBD DO) zoning.  
**Location:** 6914, 6920, and 6930 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
**Staff Contact(s):** Randy Grant, Planning, Economic Development, and Tourism Executive Director, 480-312-2664, [rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov)
- 8. Wildcat Hill Cave Creek Waterline Extension Construction Bid**  
**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12339** authorizing Construction Bid Award No. 21PB020 with Granite Construction Company, the lowest responsive bidder, in the amount of \$1,518,539.40, for the construction of the Wildcat Hill Cave Creek waterline extension.  
**Staff Contact(s):** Dan Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, [daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov)



**9. Citywide Electrical Construction Services Job Order Contracts**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12349** authorizing the following one-year job order contract extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 per contract, for citywide electrical (Water Resources electrical systems) construction services:

1. Contract No. 2020-008-COS-A1 with Keller Electrical Industries, Inc.
2. Contract No. 2020-009-COS-A1 with Rosendin Electric, Inc.

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

**10. General Landscape Services Job Order Contracts**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12350** authorizing the following one-year job order contract extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 per contract, for citywide general landscape services:

1. Contract No. 2020-004-COS-A1 with DBA Construction, Inc.
2. Contract No. 2020-005-COS-A1 with Landscapes Unlimited, LLC
3. Contract No. 2020-019-COS-A1 with Valley Rain Construction Corporation

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

**11. On-Call Structural Design Services Contracts**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12351** authorizing the following one-year contract extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 per contract, for on-call structural design services at various project locations throughout the City of Scottsdale:

1. Contract No. 2019-003-COS-A2 with Horrocks Engineers, Inc.
2. Contract No. 2019-004-COS-A2 with Point Engineers, LLC
3. Contract No. 2019-005-COS-A2 with Gannett Fleming, Inc.

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

**12. Investment Grade Energy Audit Contract**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12354** authorizing Investment Grade Audit Contract No. 2022-005-COS with Wendel Energy Services, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$25,022.40, for energy, water, and related conservation measures audit services.

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

**13. Aquifer Storage and Recovery Wells Project Construction Phase Services Contract**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12361** authorizing Contract Manager at Risk Contract No. 2020-136-COS-A2 with MGC Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$9,446,391.35, for the construction (equipping) of the City of Scottsdale's Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well 54C.

**Location:** 21851 N. Miller Road

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

**14. Sale of City Owned Property**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12355** to authorize:

1. Purchase and Sale Agreement No. 2022-008-COS with Diversified Partners, LLC, in the amount of \$2,055,000, for the sale of a city-owned former fire station site.
2. Contract No. 2022-009-COS with Motorola Solutions, Inc., dedicating a Well Site and Access Easement.

**Location:** 7339 E. McDonald Drive

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



**15. Parking Lease Agreement and Sublease Agreement**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12348** to authorize:

1. Agreement No. 2020-013-COS-A1, the first amendment to the parking lease agreement with HonorHealth, formerly known as Scottsdale Healthcare Hospitals, for the use of land for parking at Drinkwater Boulevard and Second Street.
2. Sublease Agreement No. 2022-002-COS with Scottsdale Arts for the use of land for parking at Drinkwater Boulevard and Second Street.

**Staff Contact(s):** Nick Molinar, Parks and Recreation Director, 480-312-1011, [nmolinar@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:nmolinar@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**16. Paiute Neighborhood Center License Agreement**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12356** to authorize:

1. Agreement No. 2021-011-COS-A1, the first amendment to the license agreement with Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center to use space at the Paiute Neighborhood Center to operate a community school and to correct calculation errors regarding utility fees.
2. The City Manager, or designee, to execute any other documents or take other actions as necessary in connection with the license agreement.

**Staff Contact(s):** Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director, 480-312-0104, [gbestgen@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gbestgen@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**17. Transit Services Intergovernmental Agreement**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12315** authorizing Agreement No. 2018-126-COS-A4, the fourth amendment to the agreement with the Regional Public Transportation Authority, for Fiscal Year 2021/22 transit services.

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

**18. Financial Statement Audit Professional Services Contract**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12358** authorizing the second one-year extension of Contract

No. 2020-041-COS with Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C., in an amount not to exceed \$95,500, for the audit of the City's Fiscal Year 2021/22 financial statements and related services.

**Staff Contact(s):** Sharron Walker, City Auditor, 480-312-7867, [swalker@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:swalker@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**19. Tourism Event Venue Fee Funding Program**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12363** to authorize changes to the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Event Venue Fee Funding Program to increase the maximum program funds available from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and establish a room night requirement of 713 to receive maximum funding.

**Staff Contact(s):** Karen Churchard, Tourism and Events Director, 480-312-2890, [kchurchard@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:kchurchard@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**20. Monthly Financial Report**

**Request:** Accept the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Monthly Financial Report as of June 2021 (fiscal year-end).

**Staff Contact(s):** Judy Doyle, Budget Director, 480-312-2603, [jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**21. Monthly Financial Report**

**Request:** Accept the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Monthly Financial Report as of October 2021.

**Staff Contact(s):** Judy Doyle, Budget Director, 480-312-2603, [jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**22. 2022 Primary and General Elections**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 12362** calling the City of Scottsdale's Primary Election for Tuesday, August 2, 2022, and the City's General Election, if necessary, for Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the purpose of electing three Councilmembers.

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

**MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 22. Councilwoman Janik seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by roll call vote, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Caputi; and Councilmembers Durham, Janik, Littlefield, Milhaven, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- David Rumolo expressed concern over Jet Aviation eviction notices related to parking leases at the Scottsdale Airport.
- David Woodbury presented a citizen petition (attached) to prevent the opening of an alley between Sells Drive and Camelback Road.

**CITIZEN PETITIONS**

**23. 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 agendize 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)

**MOTION AND VOTE – CITIZEN PETITIONS**

Mayor Ortega made a motion to direct the City Manager to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by roll call vote, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Caputi; and Councilmembers Durham, Janik, Littlefield, Milhaven and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS**

**MOTION AND VOTE – MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS**

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to direct staff to agendize within 60 days the subject of a Canal Deck Park located at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Goldwater Boulevard for discussion and possible action. Mayor Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 5/2, by roll call vote, with Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative, and Vice Mayor Caputi and Councilmember Milhaven dissenting.

The City Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M. and the City Council Work Study Session convened.



## CITY COUNCIL WORK STUDY SESSION

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jason Alexander spoke in support of creating a funding source for maintenance of the Preserve, either by putting a potential fund usage source or a possible City Charter change before the voters.
- Sonnie Kirtley expressed concern about traffic on 128<sup>th</sup> Street and said that a gated emergency route is clearly best for the Preserve while not detrimentally impacting residents in the area.

#### 1. **Preserve Strategic Objectives**

**Requests:** Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission regarding the Preserve Strategic Objectives.

**Presenter(s):** Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director

**Staff Contact(s):** Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, 480-312-7064,  
[kekblaw@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:kekblaw@scottsdaleaz.gov)

Preserve Director Kroy Ekblaw, former McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commissioner Jace McKeighan, and McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission Chair Cynthia Wenstrom gave the PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the Preserve strategic objectives.

There was City Council consensus on the following items:

- The top priority is the protection, preservation, and maintenance of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.
- New trailheads are not needed.
- Staff and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission will look at funding sources related to the Preserve and report back to the City Council with options.
- Staff and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission will look at how the current funding sources can be used to purchase strategic land parcels.

The City Council made the following suggestions:

- Provide information on regular and emergency maintenance schedules.
- Provide additional details on maintenance costs and identify the prioritization of those costs for maintenance done on an annual or bi-annual basis.
- Provide information on general fund costs related to the maintenance and operation of the Preserve.
- Research availability of volunteer groups to perform trail maintenance (in addition to the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy), to supplement professional trail maintenance services.
- Conduct broad public outreach to test financial funding options, investments, and if the Preserve is the highest and best use of the land or if it should be expanded for other broader community needs.
- Retain current funding levels for cultural historic preservation and education.
- Add a category for access between trailheads using trolleys.
- Provide information on the possible extension of the two Preserve taxes, including a reasonable basis to do so.
- Review land acquisition to focus on strategic parcels, not large swaths of acreage.

- Use 128<sup>th</sup> Street only as a secondary emergency route, not to be used as a thoroughfare for regular vehicles.
- Explore the use of underground animal pathways (tunnels that pass under the roads) and fences that funnel animals into the underground pathway.
- Consider having the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy provide an annual update to the Council on their activities.
- Look at imminent hazards in the Preserve and the health of the Preserve, focusing on the ecosystem, plants and animals and their symbiotic relationship.
- Examine allocating destination marketing funds for uses related to archaeology, education, promotion of the Preserve, or anything else that would draw people to the Preserve.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Caputi seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Caputi; and Councilmembers Durham, Janik, Littlefield, Milhaven, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

The Regular Meeting and Work Study Session adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

### **SUBMITTED BY:**



**Ben Lane, City Clerk**

Officially approved by the City Council on January 31, 2022



## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Work Study of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

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

**DATED** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022.



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**Ben Lane, City Clerk**

# PETITION

The City of Scottsdale is considering opening the alley way on Sells St. between the home at 8580 East Sells and the adjacent home to the west at 8550 East Sells. Opening this alley way would open up an unsafe backdoor route for children going to and from Navajo school. This would also be an open invitation to those who patrol the back alleys looking for salvageable goods. Garbage pick up in the alley will be phased out over the next four years so opening up an additional route makes no sense. One more back alley affords a degree of opportunity for anyone wishing to invade or break into the adjacent homes thus making homes in the area more vulnerable. In addition opening the alley will make the neighborhood less pleasing to the eye, not more. If you agree with us on these points, we would appreciate it if you would sign the petition below. This would keep things the way they are now and not introduce the neighborhood to an open alley way that is not wanted or needed. If you desire more information please contact Merrill or Judy Woodbury at 602-615-1241 or 602-615-4741

PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT INFO	SIGNATURE
Will Hankinson	8549 E Sells DR	602 2289 802	Will Hankinson
Jeremy Grubb	8913 E Sells Dr	480540 351	Jeremy Grubb
MATT SABA	8537 E. Sells Dr.	480-567-4073	Matt Saba
LOREN KRISLEY	8525 E. SELLS DR	602, 402, 7951	Loren Krisley
Gail Snigley	8525 E, SELLS DR	480-241-9149	Gail Snigley
MEXE TOMLEY	4423 N 86th St	480-226-4169	Mex Tomley
Jamie Pope	4423 N 86th St	480 703 5078	Jamie Pope
Charlene Choc	4438 N. 86th St.	480 625-5058	Charlene Choc
Genlyn Rodgers	11333 N. 92nd St. #1027	201-600-0503	Genlyn Rodgers
Chris Baca	8538 E. Sells Dr	602-989-3553	Chris Baca
Nile Junin	8532 E. Sells Dr	602-526-0612	Nile Junin
Melanie Ferreira	4431 N. 86th St.	480-231-3065	Melanie Ferreira
GARY GRAEBE	8561 EAST SELLS DR	602-571-6431	Gary Graebe
BASIA USTASKA	8555 E. SELLS DR	630 863 0230	Basia Ustaska
Richard Kederjauer	8555 E Sells Dr	773 856 7656	Richard Kederjauer
Padraic Quinn	4437 N 86th St	201 264 9436	Padraic Quinn
BRIAN AMRINS	8555 E. CAMERBACK	602-369-1915	Brian Amrins
Dan Brachstein	8599 E. Camelback Rd	602-400-3211	Dan Brachstein
Candace Martinez	9539 N. Camelback Rd	480 734-5746	Candace Martinez
PAUL MacShane	8544 E. Sells Dr	928-925-5072	Paul MacShane
Carole MacShane	8544 E. Sells Dr.	928-925-9331	Carole MacShane
STEVE HUN	8562 E ROMA AVE	480-990-7579	Steve Hun

Debra Hew 8562 E ROMA AVE 480-990-7579



# Work Study Item 1

## **Preserve Commission Report to City Council**

### **Organization Strategic Plan**

#### **Preserve Meaningful Open Space Questions**

- 1) Future Preserve Maintenance Costs**
- 2) Assess Land Acquisition Options**

**City Council Work Study – January 11, 2022**

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## City Council – Organization Strategic Plan 21-22

### **Preserve Meaningful Open Space**

- To fund future Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve maintenance needs, evaluate a perpetual maintenance fund, and explore funding options including the extension of the two-tenths of 1% sales tax currently dedicated to Preserve land acquisition which expires in 2025 by June 30, 2022.
- To protect additional acres of Scottsdale’s Sonoran Desert, prioritize potential additions to the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve to determine acquisition options with available funds by Dec. 31, 2022

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**Past Success:** Tax Votes – Land Acquisition - Access

**Future Success:** Protect the Preserve for Future Generations - Assure funding for daily needs

**Existing Preserve Taxes**

1995 – 0.20% - Land acquisition only - **Expires 2025**

2004 – 0.15% - Land acquisition and improvements - Expires 2034

**They do not provide allowance for maintenance/operational costs**

Taxes are committed to bond repayments – **Possible availability of \$20-70M**

**Commission is:**

Guided by Ordinance Purpose and Objectives

Seeking CC Direction - Will then add public input and refine these ideas

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### Commission Cost Projections

	Yearly Costs	One-Time Costs
Daily Preserve Activities and Operations	\$1,250,000	
Sonoran Desert Preservation and Education	\$400,000-800,000	
Habitat Protection	\$420,000-650,000	\$2,000,000-4,000,000
Cultural History Protection	\$60,000-80,000	\$400,000
Corridor Protection		\$10,000,000
Trails and Trailheads		\$12,000,000
Public Safety	(TBD – Upcoming FY 22/23 budget process to be added)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,100,000 – 2,800,000</b>	<b>\$27,000,000</b>

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## Protecting the Preserve: Daily Activities and Operations

Maintain and clean trailheads and trails

Daily support, maps, signs, info, etc.

= \$900,000/yr

Added volunteer support

+ \$150,000/yr

+ \$200,000/yr



**HEAT WARNING FOR DOG OWNERS**

Dogs are not victims of heatstroke; they are the victims. They are built to survive the heat, but they can be killed by overheating. It is a dog's job to survive the heat, not yours.

**SYMPTOMS**

- Excessive panting
- Excessive drooling
- Dark red gums
- Diagonal and irregular pupils

**PREVENTION**

- Bring enough water for your dog and yourself.
- Do not leave your dog in a car, even with the windows cracked.
- Exercise your dog in the shade or during the coolest part of the day.
- Keep your dog's coat clean and dry.

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**Projected yearly costs of daily management Total = \$1,250,000/yr.**

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## Protecting the Preserve: Education

Explains benefits of protecting the Preserve

Expanding program outreach and availability

Diverse experience opportunities (on-site/hands-on/virtual/etc.)

Projected yearly cost range = \$150,000-300,000



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## Protecting the Preserve: **Preservation**

Monitor plants and wildlife for threats to diversity

Impacts of Urban Interface at Preserve boundaries

**Projected yearly cost range = \$250,000-500,000 (\*)**



**\* General Fund Proposal for FY 22/23**

**Update Preserve Ecological Resource Plan** - Refine estimate for Preservation

Key species for long-term monitoring & thresholds for threats to diversity and sustainability

**One-time costs for update = \$200,000**

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## Protecting the Preserve: **Habitat Protection**

Yearly treatment of 50-200 acres of **invasive plants**

**= \$150,000-250,000/yr**

Yearly **vegetation management** of 94 corridor miles (335 acres), Reduce fuel load and minimize fire potential

**= \$170,000-250,000/yr**

**Restoration** of +/-200 acres of previously disturbed land

One time costs **= \$2,000,000 – 4,000,000**

Mapping and assessment to confirm progress

of Habitat Protection

**= \$100,000-150,000/yr**

**Total Projected costs  
of Habitat Protection**

**Yearly = \$420,000-650,000**

**One-time = \$2,000,000 – 4,000,000**



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## Protecting the Preserve: Cultural History Protection

- Complete Cultural Surveys for un-surveyed areas in the Preserve
- Identify, design and install appropriate protection and interpretive education signage
- Projected yearly cost range = **\$60,000-80,000**
- Projected one time cost of **\$200,000-400,000**

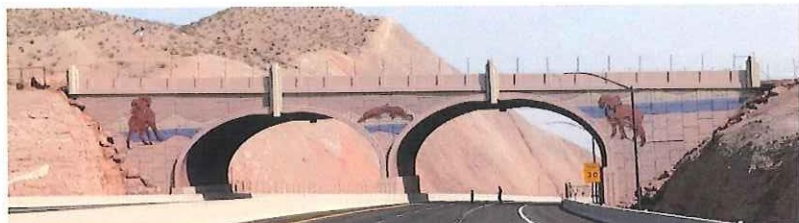


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## Protecting the Preserve: Corridor Protection

Land Bridge(s) for wildlife crossing to connect “gooseneck” area with northern Preserve.

- ✓ Costs for 128<sup>th</sup> street emergency accessway
- ✓ Primary cost for a Rio Verde land bridge



- One time projected cost = **\$10,000,000 +**

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**Protecting the Preserve: Trailhead and Trails – Completion and Modifications**

**Trailhead Modifications**

- Shaded Amphitheaters
- Sunrise Restrooms?
- Resolve Ringtail & 104<sup>th</sup>/Bell
- Tom's Thumb and Fraesfield water
- Resurface Equestrian areas

**Trails - completion work**

- Assess areas for removal of old trails

**Boundary Control**



**Rough Estimate \$12,000,000**

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**Protecting the Preserve: Public Safety**

Public Safety programs and costs related to the Preserve to be included in the Upcoming FY 22/23 budget process

Once adopted/approved Costs will be added to the projections from the Commission

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## Protecting the Preserve: Commission Cost Projections

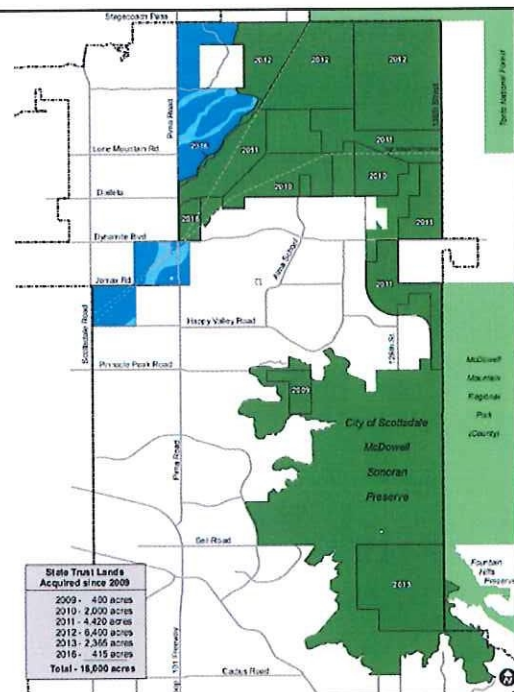
	Yearly Costs	One-Time Costs
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Sonoran Desert Preservation and Education	\$400,000-800,000	
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Cultural History Protection	\$60,000-80,000	\$400,000
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Trails and Trailheads		\$12,000,000
Public Safety	(TBD – Upcoming FY 22/23 budget process to be added)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,100,000 – 2,800,000</b>	<b>\$27,000,000</b>

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## Current Land Area Protected for Preservation

➤ **30,580 acres**

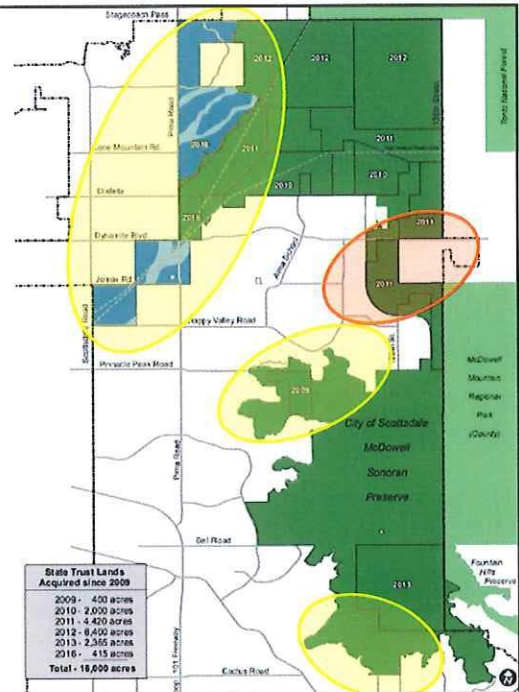
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➤ Inside the Recommended Study Boundary

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## Preserve Fund Financial Update FY22

	Adopted 2021/22	Forecast 2022/23	Forecast 2023/24	Forecast 2024/25	Forecast 2025/26
<b>Total Ending Fund Balance</b>	\$62.3	\$74.8	\$86.9	\$97.0	\$95.5
Reserve for Expenditures	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Reserve for Debt Service	38.9	36.6	36.8	38.9	24.7
<b>Undesignated – Available</b>	<b>\$22.7</b>	<b>\$35.9</b>	<b>\$48.0</b>	<b>\$58.1</b>	<b>\$70.4</b>

Amounts in \$millions

Forecast information presented to Preserve Commission by City Treasurer Fall of 2021

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## Example Only - 200-500 acres

Examples:

200 acres at \$300k-750k/ac (+ per auction conditions)

= \$60,000,000 -150,000,000(+)

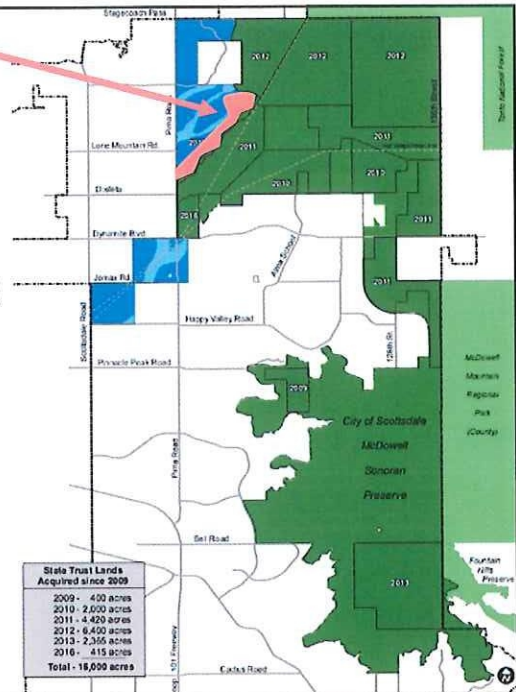
+ (Interest Expense = +/-33% of land cost)

500 acres at \$300k-750k/ac (+ per auction conditions)

= \$150,000,000 – 375,000,000(+)

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**Preserve Commission proposes further study of land acquisition options based on Council direction relative to range of costs for additional land**



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	One-Time Costs
<b>Land Acquisition – Range of Options</b>	<b>\$0 – 70M – 375M+</b>

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## How to Protect the Preserve for Future Generations

Assure funding for daily needs

### Council Feedback:

	Yearly Costs	One-Time Costs
Protecting the Preserve Costs Total	\$2,100,000 – 2,800,000 Plus Public Safety TBD	\$27,000,000

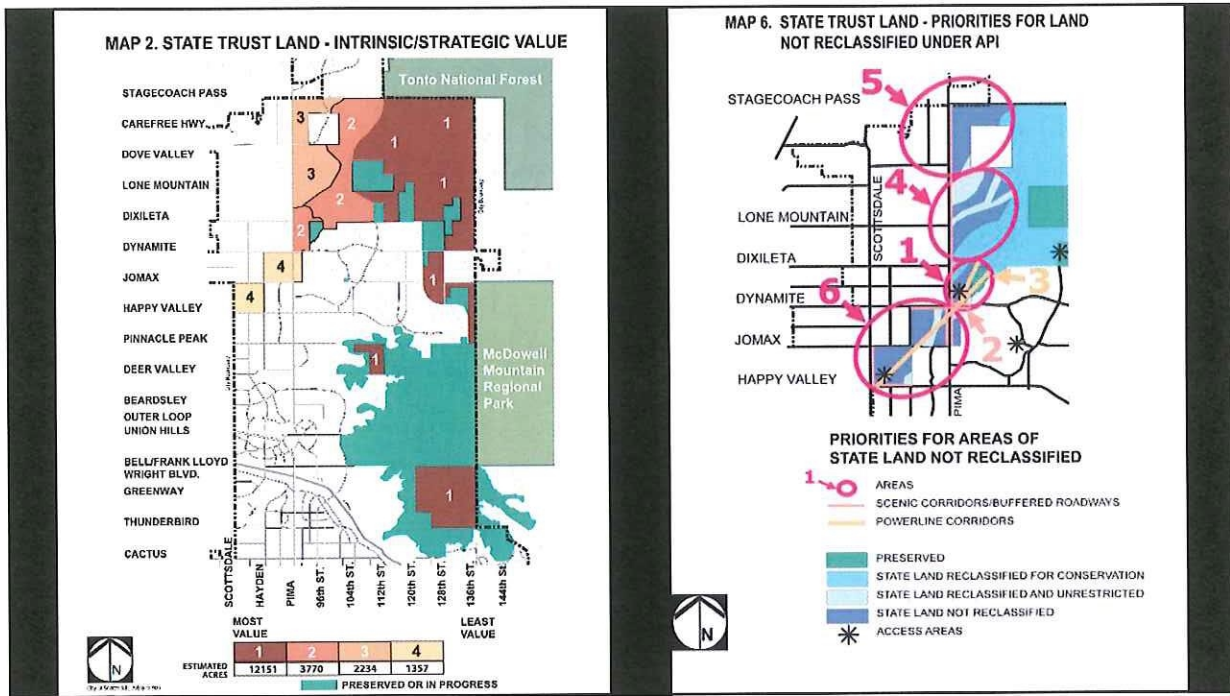
Requesting direction to proceed with further detailed analysis and include outreach to Scottsdale citizens

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Land Acquisition – Range of Options	\$0 – 70M – 375M+

[Questions?](#)

[Next steps](#)

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## Example Projections

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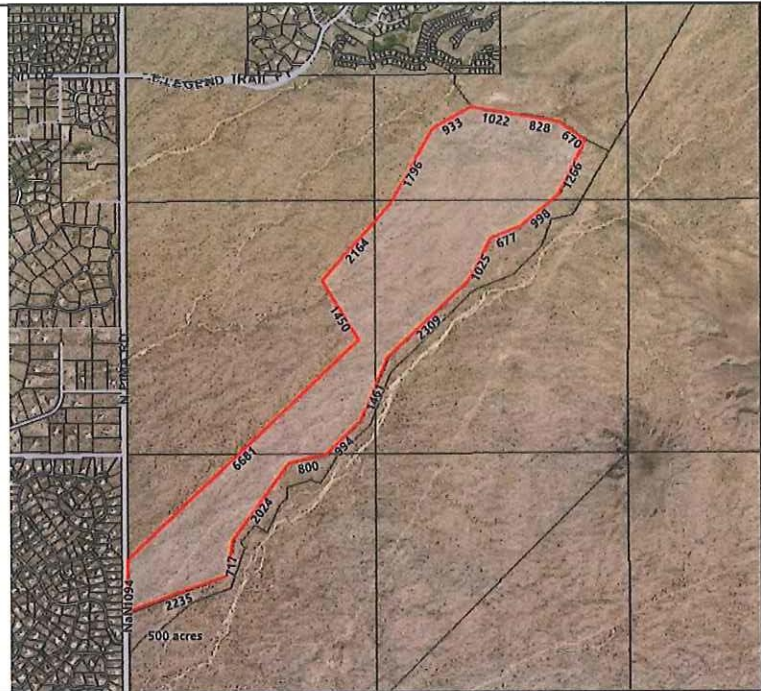
200 acres



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## State Land Future acquisitions

500 acres



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## FY21/22 Maintenance & Operations Costs

<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>		<b>\$646,289</b>
➤ Personnel Costs		\$ 431,594
➤ Contractual Services		\$ 182,845
• Trash/Recycle Removal	\$ 40,000	
• Map Printing	\$ 32,000	
• Trail Maintenance	\$ 35,000	
• Water Hauling	\$ 22,000	
• Right-of-way maintenance	\$ 10,000	
• Aerial Wildlife Survey	\$ 6,000	
• Other print items	\$ 5,000	
• Transcription Services	\$ 3,000	
• Background Screening	\$ 2,000	
• Other expenses	\$ 27,845	
➤ Commodities		\$ 31,850
• Agriculture and Horticulture	\$10,950	
• Office Supplies	\$1,700	
• Clothing and PPE	\$1,900	
• Small tools and equipment	\$800	
• Other operating supplies	\$15,810	
<b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; FACILITIES</b>		<b>\$ 223,269</b>
• Utilities, custodial, maintenance	\$132,631	
• Comm. Services Administration	\$ 90,638	
<b>INDIRECT COSTS AT 10.4%</b>		<b>\$ 90,434</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$ 959,992</b>

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