

SCOTTSDALE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING



***** AMENDED *** MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

[ADDED MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEM No. 19]

COUNCIL

David D. Ortega, Mayor
Tammy Caputi
Tom Durham
Barry Graham

Betty Janik
Kathleen S. Littlefield
Solange Whitehead

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

City Council meetings are also televised on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed online at ScottsdaleAZ.gov (search "live stream"). Unless an exception is made, or unless otherwise noted, the Council will not begin discussion on any new items after 10:00 p.m. Items that are not heard will be continued to the next scheduled Regular City Council meeting (March 19, 2024).

In-person spoken public comment is being accepted on Items 1 through 17. To sign up to speak on these items, please click [here](#).

In-Person spoken public comment is also being accepted on non-agendized items that are within the Council's jurisdiction. Scottsdale citizens, business owners, and/or property owners may speak on items that are within the Council's jurisdiction but are not on the agenda, with a total of 15 minutes at the beginning and 15 minutes at the end of the meeting dedicated to comment on non-agendized items. To sign up to speak in-person on a non-agendized item that is within the Council's jurisdiction, please click [here](#).

Requests for in-person public comment may be submitted online or at the City Council meeting. Registration for in-person public comment is available online by completing a Request to Speak form. In-Person Public Comment Request to Speak forms for Consent, Regular, and Non-Agendized items must be submitted online no later than 90 minutes before the start of the meeting. Additionally, in-person meeting attendees may submit a Request to Speak form utilizing the kiosk located in the foyer area of City Hall for each agenda item they wish to address. Forms must be submitted and received before the Mayor announces the agenda item.

Written public comment may be submitted in-person by completing a yellow written public comment card or electronically by completing a Written Public Comment form. Written public comment received during the meeting will be shared with the Council. Written comments that are submitted electronically at least 90 minutes before the meeting will be emailed to the Council and posted online prior to the meeting. A written public comment may be submitted electronically by clicking [here](#).

5:00 P.M.

MARKED AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall Kiva Forum, 3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard



PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY MAY REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION BY CONTACTING THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (480-312-2412). REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE, OR AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW TIME TO ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION. FOR TTY USERS, THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE (1-800-367-8939) MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (480-312-2412).

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Call to Order – 5:23 P.M.

Roll Call – All Present (Councilmember Graham participated electronically)

One or more members of the Council may be attending the Council Meeting by telephone, video, or Internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4).

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman Janik

Mayor's Report

– Mayor Ortega asked for a moment of silent reflection for the people of Ukraine as they continue their fight for freedom and democracy.

– Mayor Ortega presented a proclamation to City purchasing staff declaring March 13th as Purchasing Professionals Day in Scottsdale.

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.

Presentations/Information Updates – Experience Scottsdale President and Chief Executive Officer Rachel Sacco gave a PowerPoint presentation.

- **Experience Scottsdale Update**

Presenter(s): Rachel Sacco, President and Chief Executive Officer

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

Possible Executive Session

Notice is hereby given that, at any time during tonight's meeting, the Council may make a motion to recess into Executive Session to discuss and consult with the attorneys and representatives of the public body to obtain legal advice on any applicable item on tonight's agenda. If authorized by a majority vote of the Council, the Executive Session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public. A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). The public meeting will resume following the Executive Session.

Public Comment – Lizbeth Congiusti stated she filed a citizen petition to request restitution for attorney fees due a permitting situation between Pleasant Run Homeowners Association and the Planning Department. Lee Kauftheil presented a video and spoke about the increased safety to the street after a lane restriping was completed on Thomas Road, noting the restriping did not cause traffic or congestion issues. Brent Bieser noted he filed a citizen petition to request an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance for S-R Zoning and these projects go to the Development Review Board to allow for more public input.

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MINUTES

Request: Approve the following Council meeting minutes from February 2024:

- a. [Special Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024](#)
- b. Executive Session Minutes of February 6, 2024
- c. [Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of February 6, 2024](#)

– Vice Mayor Whitehead made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024; Executive Session Minutes of February 6, 2024; and Regular Meeting and Work Study Session Minutes of February 6, 2024. Councilwoman 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.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1-15

How the Consent Agenda Works: The Council may take one vote to act on all of the items on the Consent Agenda or may remove items for further discussion. Items not removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered in one motion. Items removed for clarification or discussion by the Council will be acted on as appropriate.

– There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

– Vice Mayor Whitehead made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 15. Councilmember Durham 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.

1. [Taco Papi Liquor License \(2-LL-2024\)](#) – **Approved on Consent.**
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: 14891 N. Northsight Boulevard, Suites 119 and 120
Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov
2. [Well Seasoned Liquor License \(4-LL-2024\)](#) – **Approved on Consent.**
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: 4280 N. Drinkwater Boulevard, Suite 200
Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov
3. [La Cocina Authentic Mexican Kitchen Liquor License \(5-LL-2024\)](#) – **Approved on Consent.**
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: 32527 N. Scottsdale Road
Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

4. **Life Time Liquor License (6-LL-2024) – Approved on Consent.**

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

Location: 4724 N. Goldwater Boulevard

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

5. **XOXO Charcuterie Liquor License (7-LL-2024) – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 10 (beer and wine store) State liquor license for a new location and owner.

Location: 7001 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite C-145

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

6. **On-Call Traffic and Electrical Engineering Services Contracts – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13046** authorizing the following on-call structural design engineering services contracts for two years with the option to extend for three additional one-year periods, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the initial two-year term of each contract:

1. Contract No. 2024-041-COS with Greenlight Traffic Engineering, LLC
2. Contract No. 2024-042-COS with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
3. Contract No. 2024-043-COS with Y2K Engineering, LLC

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

7. **Cox Heights and Pima Meadows Pavement Reconstruction Project Construction Bid – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13042** to authorize Construction Bid Award No. IFB-042023-081 with Primavera Grading & Paving, LLC, in the amount of \$294,531, for the reconstruction of streets and ADA upgrades in the residential neighborhoods of Cox Heights and Pima Meadows.

Staff Contact(s): Judy Doyle, Community Services Assistant Executive Director, 480-312-2691, jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov

8. **Arizona Bike Week Event Funding – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13063** to authorize:

1. Funding, not to exceed \$75,000, from the portion of the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development for the Arizona Bike Week.
2. New Event Funding Agreement No. 2024-048-COS with FX Promotions, Inc.

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

9. **Scottsdale Jazz Blues and Brews Festival Event Funding – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13064** to authorize:

1. Funding, not to exceed \$65,000, from the portion of the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development for the Scottsdale Jazz Blues and Brews Festival.
2. New Event Funding Agreement No. 2024-049-COS with the International Jazz Day AZ Foundation.

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

10. **Water Conservation Grant Fund Agreement – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13061** to authorize:

1. Water Conservation Grant Fund Agreement No. 2024-046-COS with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona, accepting a grant, in the amount of \$985,826, to expand the City's commercial program for reducing water use through water efficiency audits, landscape consultations, rebates, and large leak detection assistance.
2. The Water Resources Executive Director to accept and electronically sign the Water Conservation Grant Fund Agreement.
3. The Water Resources Executive Director, and designees, to perform all acts necessary to give effect of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Brian Biesemeyer, Water Resources Executive Director, 480-312-5683, bbiesemeyer@scottsdaleaz.gov

11. **Property and Evidence Storage Grant – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13062** to authorize:

1. Grant Agreement No. 2024-047-COS with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, accepting a grant, in the amount of \$111,000, related to Property and Evidence Storage.
2. A Budget Transfer, of up to \$111,000, from the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Future Grants Budget and/or Grant Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.

Staff Contact(s): Jeff Walther, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jwalther@scottsdaleaz.gov

12. **Designating the City of Scottsdale's Chief Fiscal Officer – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13053** designating Sonia Andrews, the City Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, as the City of Scottsdale's Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.

Staff Contact(s): Sarah Delgado, Accounting Manager, 480-312-7805, sdelgado@scottsdaleaz.gov

13. **Presiding City Judge Reappointment and Employment Agreement – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13060** to authorize:

1. The reappointment of Marianne T. Bayardi as Presiding City Judge, to a term of four years, as set forth in the City Code, to begin on March 21, 2024.
2. Employment Agreement No. 2024-045-COS with Marianne T. Bayardi

Staff Contact(s): Monica Boyd, Human Resources Director, 480-312-2615, mboyd@scottsdaleaz.gov

14. **Declaratory Judgment Lawsuit Authorization – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13067** authorizing the filing of a declaratory judgment lawsuit by the City to resolve a legal question and determine legal rights and responsibilities relative to the validity of Scottsdale Ordinance, Scottsdale Revised Code, §2-241, requiring term limits on the City's Public Safety Personnel Retirement Police and Fire Local Boards.

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

15. **2024 Primary and General Elections – Approved on Consent.**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13065** repealing Resolution No. 12953 and calling the City of Scottsdale's Primary Election for Tuesday, July 30, 2024, and the City's General Election, if necessary, for Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Councilmembers.

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

REGULAR AGENDA **ITEM 16-17**

How the Regular Agenda Works: The Council takes action on each item on the Regular Agenda.

16. [City's Proposed Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024/25 Rates and Fees](#)

Request: Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding the City's proposed FY 2024/25 rates and fees.

Presenter(s): Ana Lia Johnson, Acting Budget Director; Brian Biesemeyer, Water Resources Executive Director; Dave Bennett, Solid Waste Department Director; Michael Clack, Chief Development Officer; Judy Doyle, Community Services Assistant Executive Director; Jeff Walther, Chief of Police; Luis Santaella, Deputy City Attorney; Marianne T. Bayardi, Presiding City Judge

Staff Contact(s): Ana Lia Johnson, Acting Budget Director, 480-312-7893, anjohnson@scottsdaleaz.gov

– Acting Budget Director Ana Lia Johnson, Water Resources Executive Director Brian Biesemeyer, Solid Waste Department Director Dave Bennett, Chief Development Officer Michael Clack, Community Services Assistant Executive Director Judy Doyle, Chief of Police Jeff Walther, Deputy City Attorney Luis Santaella, and Presiding City Judge Marianne T. Bayardi gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/25 Rates and Fees.

– There was no public comment on this item.

– Councilmembers made the following observations and suggestions:

- **There has been 16.3% employee turnover in the Water Services Department due to retirements and a competitive job market.**
- **The landscaping volume charges are specific to landscaping meters only and separate from home water meters.**
- **Support expansion of the Bartlett Dam.**
- **Scottsdale Water is a world-class water utility provider.**
- **Concern about water rate increases between six to nine percent.**
- **Support water rate increases between one to three percent.**
- **The City's population has not grown much overall.**
- **The proposed water rate increases address short-term and long-term needs.**
- **The City is in competition with other entities for supplies, such as water pipelines, and staff.**
- **There is a reduction in fees paid for commercial clients if they choose to recycle compared to having larger refuse containers.**
- **The recycling program is voluntary.**
- **Late fees for use of City right-of-way are a method for incentivizing efficiency.**
- **The continued use of technological advancements in the City Court has been beneficial.**

17. [Comprehensive Financial Policies Annual Review and Adoption](#)

Requests: Adopt **Resolution No. 13031** to authorize:

1. Adoption of Comprehensive Financial Policies as the formal guidelines for the City of Scottsdale's Fiscal Year 2024/25 financial planning and management.
2. Repealing in their entirety, the financial policies passed and adopted through Resolution No. 12755 on February 28, 2023 and amended by Resolution No. 13034 on January 23, 2024.
3. The provisions of this Resolution shall be effective July 1, 2024.

Presenter(s): Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer

Staff Contact(s): Ana Lia Johnson, Acting Budget Director, 480-312-7893, anjohnson@scottsdaleaz.gov

– City Treasurer Sonia Andrews gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Comprehensive Financial Policies Annual Review and Adoption.

– There was no public comment on this item.

– Vice Mayor Whitehead made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13031 to authorize:

1. Adoption of Comprehensive Financial Policies as the formal guidelines for the City of Scottsdale's Fiscal Year 2024/25 financial planning and management.
2. Repealing in their entirety, the financial policies passed and adopted through Resolution No. 12755 on February 28, 2023 and amended by Resolution No. 13034 on January 23, 2024.
3. The provisions of this Resolution shall be effective July 1, 2024.

Councilwoman 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.

Public Comment – None

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CITIZEN PETITIONS

ITEM 18

Citizen Petitions: This portion of the agenda is reserved for the submission and/or consideration of citizen petitions. There is no limit on the number of petitions a citizen may submit; however, **each citizen is limited to a total time of three minutes to speak to his/her petition(s)**. A Request to Speak [form](#) must be submitted, together with the petition(s), **before** the second Public Comment period begins.

18. 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

– A citizen petition presented by Lizbeth Congiusti was accepted and acknowledged.

– Mayor Ortega made a motion to take no action. Councilwoman Caputi seconded the motion, which carried 6/1, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, and Janik voting in the affirmative and Councilwoman Littlefield dissenting.

– A citizen petition presented by Brent Bieser was accepted and acknowledged.

– Vice Mayor Whitehead 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. 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.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ITEM 19

Mayor and Council Items: Any member of the Council may add an item to a scheduled Council Meeting agenda to be listed under “Mayor and Council” items by submitting the item to the City Clerk at least two business days prior to the Council meeting. Item No. 19 was added to the agenda on March 1, 2024. Items added in this manner require a majority vote. 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 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.

- ***19. Agendize Review of the Recommendations of the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force at a Future Council Work Study Session**
Request: At the request of Councilmember Graham, direct the City Manager, City Treasurer and City Clerk to agendize an item for a future Work Study Session related to discussions with staff on the recommendations of the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force.
Note: The only possible Council action to be taken on Item No. 19 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. No public comment will be taken at this time.

– Councilmember Graham 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.

– Councilmember Durham made a motion to call the question. Mayor Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 5/2, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield dissenting.

– The Council then voted on the first motion which failed 3/4, with Councilmembers Caputi, Graham, and Littlefield voting in the affirmative and Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Durham and Janik dissenting.

WORK STUDY SESSION

Work Study Sessions: Work study sessions provide a less formal setting for the Mayor and Council to discuss specific topics, at length, with each other and City staff. Work study sessions provide an opportunity for staff to receive direction from the Council and for the public to observe these discussions.

Public Comment: To provide an opportunity for public input yet continue to maximize the amount of time available for the Council to have focused discussions, spoken comment (maximum of five speakers) is being accepted on the item(s) on tonight’s work study session agenda. To sign up to speak, please click [here](#). **Request to speak forms must be submitted no later than 90 minutes before the start of the meeting.**

If you have thoughts or suggestions on the work study session item(s) you would like the Council to consider, you are encouraged to submit your written comment(s) electronically by clicking [here](#). Written comments that are submitted electronically at least 90 minutes before the meeting will be emailed to the Council and posted online prior to the meeting.

– Mayor Ortega opened public comment on this item.

– Michelle Pabis, Vice President for Government and Community Affairs at HonorHealth, spoke about HonorHealth’s innovative collaboration with the city of Scottsdale and the importance of pre-hospital care and supported a continued partnership. Austin Fairbanks spoke about the proposed permanent base adjustment draft ballot language and suggested revisions to the ballot language. Linda Milhaven, former City Councilmember, noted the previous years’ budget spending and suggested further review as to what has increased recent spending. Sasha Weller, President of Scottsdale Fire Fighter Association, spoke in support of the ambulance transportation program to increase the level of service and spoke in support of the permanent base adjustment to ensure resources are available for public safety needs.

– Mayor Ortega closed public comment on this item.

1. [Scottsdale Ambulance Transportation Program](#)

Request: Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding the intended Scottsdale Fire Department Ambulance Transportation Program and operational, logistical, and budgetary considerations.

Presenter(s): Tom Shannon, Fire Chief

Staff Contact(s): Tom Shannon, Fire Chief, 480-312-1821, tshannon@scottsdaleaz.gov

– Fire Chief Tom Shannon, Deputy Fire Chief Danny Ables, Battalion Chief Brian Joseph, and Medical Director Casey Solem gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Scottsdale Ambulance Transportation Program.

– There was Council consensus on the following items:

- Continue the process towards creating the Scottsdale Ambulance Transportation Program.
- This program would be an enhanced service to provide better care.

– Councilmembers made the following observations and suggestions:

- The Fire Department to provide additional information around the percentage of the operating budget that would be used by the ambulance service.
- The Fire Department currently has space to house these ambulances.
- Onetime expenses are high at \$11 million.
- World-class public safety is a hallmark for Scottsdale.

2. [Permanent Base Adjustment Update](#)

Request: Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding sending a potential permanent base adjustment to the 1979-80 base expenditure limitation to the voters in the form of a ballot question.

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

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

– City Treasurer Sonia Andrews and City Clerk Ben Lane gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Permanent Base Adjustment Update.

– There was Council consensus on the following items:

- For the ballot language, use the recommended \$22 million increase.
- Use the previous Scottsdale “Yes/No” statements language that was presented to the voters in the 1998 and 2006 city elections.
- Use the presented ballot language including the official title, descriptive title, and tagline text.
- Move forward with this process and present a referral for the Council to consider.
- Move forward with this process and present a referral for the Council to act on.

– Councilmembers made the following observations and suggestions:

- **The ballot language from 2006 was very clear.**
- **In January 2024, the City Council set a new policy to review the permanent base expenditure limitation every five years or if the expenditure limitation came within 90 percent of capacity.**
- **The City has increased the amenities and services it provides since the last permanent base adjustment.**
- **The General Fund is used to supplement shortages in the Bond 2019 projects.**
- **The recommended permanent base adjustment would be \$22 million which is a 45% increase; a 40% increase should be considered.**

Adjournment – 9:37 P.M.

– Councilwoman Janik made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session. 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.