

**Approved April 4, 2024**

*The Task Force was dissolved effective April 2, 2024; therefore, the  
Chair approved the minutes on behalf of the Task Force.*



## **SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

### **CITY OF SCOTTSDALE PROTECT AND PRESERVE SCOTTSDALE TASK FORCE REGULAR MEETING**

**8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 28, 2024  
City Treasurer's Conference Room  
7447 E. Indian School Road, Suite 210  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Cynthia Wenstrom, Chair (MS Teams)  
Raoul Zubia, Vice Chair (MS Teams)  
Carla, Member (MS Teams)  
Nicholas Hartmann, Member (MS Teams)  
Jace McKeighan, Member (MS Teams)  
Daniel Schweiker, Member (MS Teams)  
Mark Winkleman, Member (MS Teams)  
John Zikias, Member (MS Teams)

**STAFF:** Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer  
Kelly Corsette, Communications and Public Affairs Director  
Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director  
Gina Kirklin, Finance Director  
Ben Lane, District Clerk  
Nick Molinari, CPM, CPRP, ACLP  
William Murphy, Assistant City Manager  
Joy Racine, Community Involvement Manager

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

No report given.

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Wenstrom called for corrections to the minutes. None were noted.

VICE-CHAIR ZUBIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2024, AS WRITTEN. MEMBER HARTMANN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 8-0 WITH CHAIR WENSTROM, VICE CHAIR ZUBIA AND MEMBERS CARLA, HARTMANN, MCKEIGHAN, SCHWEIKER, WINKLEMAN, AND ZIKIAS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

### **2. TASK FORCE WORKING STUDY SESSION**

#### **2.1 DISCUSSION RELATED TO UPDATES AND EDITS TO THE FINAL TASK FORCE REPORT**

Ms. Kirklin noted that the title of the final Task Force report should be amended. She suggested an amended title of "Amended Report as of March 28th."

Ms. Kirklin previously had provided a short written synopsis of additional items that were amended from the original report and briefly went over them as noted below.

- The tax was titled the "2025 0.15% Tax", with this change reflected uniformly throughout the report.
- Distribution of Revenues recommendation now reads: The Task Force recommends that the Council distribute the 2025 0.15% Tax revenues as follows. Distribution of the 2025 0.15% Tax revenues, after debt service requirements are satisfied, will be as follows. Payment of debt requirements: Annual debt requirements shall not be more than \$4.5 million. After payment of debt requirements, the remaining tax revenues to be allocated by percentages are as follows: 51% to park improvement needs with an emphasis on aged parks, 18% to Preserve maintenance and protection, 14% to citywide park maintenance needs, 10% for fire fuel mitigation program and technical rescue team, 7% to police park ranger unit. It is anticipated that WestWorld improvements proposed will be funded by debt.
- The Task Force recommends that Council also adopt the ordinance included in appendix D to require City Council action to modify the revenue allocation. The ordinance will only take effect on the passage of the ballot measure if the voters approve the ballot measure and then it will become effective on July 1, 2025, the date the 2025 0.15% Tax would begin.

In response to Member Zikias' question regarding the distribution of revenues, Ms. Andrews clarified the memo distributed on March 4, 2024, reflected percentages for a 30-year period and this revision is for the annual allocations.

Member Carla shared that an addition to the Task Force's recommended ordinance will likely be brought forward at the upcoming City Council meeting. The addition would be attached to the proposed ordinance and would require a supermajority vote before any changes can be made to the ordinance in the future.

VICE CHAIR ZUBIA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TITLE CHANGE TO THE 2025 0.15% TAX AND TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED. MEMBER ZIKIAS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 8-0 WITH CHAIR WENSTROM, VICE CHAIR ZUBIA AND MEMBERS CARLA, HARTMANN, MCKEIGHAN, SCHWEIKER, WINKLEMAN, AND ZIKIAS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**3. FURTHER ACTIONS RELATED TO DISSOLUTION OF THE PROTECT AND PRESERVE SCOTTSDALE TASK FORCE**

Ms. Kirklin noted the final action is to authorize the Chair in consultation with the City Treasurer to take any further actions necessary to complete before the Task Force is dissolved, including but not limited to approval of March 28, 2024, regular Task Force meeting minutes.

VICE-CHAIR ZUBIA MOVED TO ALLOW CHAIR WENSTROM AND MS. ANDREWS, CITY TREASURER, TO APPROVE THE FINAL MINUTES. MEMBER ZIKIAS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 8-0 WITH CHAIR WENSTROM, VICE CHAIR ZUBIA AND MEMBERS CARLA, HARTMANN, MCKEIGHAN, SCHWEIKER, WINKLEMAN, AND ZIKIAS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Member Carla thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for their leadership and thanked all the staff for their assistance with the Task Force project, with a general appreciation expressed amongst the Task Force members to the staff for their help.

A discussion ensued regarding attendance and/or necessary role at the City Council meeting. Chair Wenstrom encouraged all who could to attend the City Council and help advocate for the Task Force's efforts. Ms. Kirklin noted that any further action would be in the City Council's hands, but that the Task Force could be asked to continue if further study is requested.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Vice-Chair Zubia and seconded by Member Zikias, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

AYES: Chair Wenstrom; Vice Chair Zubia; Members Carla, Hartmann, McKeighan Schweiker, Winkleman and Zikias.

NAYS: None

SUBMITTED BY:  
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