



City of Scottsdale
Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force
Regular Meeting

Notice and **AMENDED MARKED** Agenda

[Reworded Item No. 2 and Added Item Nos. 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d]

4:00 p.m., Monday November 6, 2023

Mountain View Park

8625 E Mountain View Road

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Call to Order - 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Cynthia Wenstrom, Chair
Raoul Zubia, Vice Chair
Carla, Member
James Eaneman, Member
Nicholas Hartmann, Member
Jace McKeighan, Member
Daniel Schweiker, Member
Mark Winkleman, Member
John Zikias, Member (Virtual)

One or more members of the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force may be attending the meeting by telephone, video, or internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4)

Public Comment

Citizens may address the members of Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force during Public Comment. This "Public Comment" time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. Arizona State law prohibits the Task Force from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda. Citizens may complete one Request to Speak "Public Comment" card per meeting and submit it to City Staff. **Public testimony is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.**

Written comment cards are being accepted for both agendized and non-agendized items and may be submitted to City Staff at any time. Cards submitted after public testimony has begun will be provided to the Task Force at the conclusion of the testimony for that item.

1. Approval of Minutes

Request approval of minutes of the October 23, 2023, Regular Task Force Meeting.

Task Force Action: Discussion and action

Approved 9-0; Motion by Member Schweiker, 2nd Member Eaneman; Chair Wenstrom, Vice Chair Zubia and Members Carla, Eaneman, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman and Zikias voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.

2. **Financial and Other Considerations for Funding of Unfunded Needs for the Protection, Preservation and Maintenance of City Parks, Preserve and Open Space.**

Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer, with the assistance of other city staff, will provide additional details on financial considerations, including discussions and considerations of a replacement tax for the 0.2% expiring Preserve Tax, considerations for the 2nd 0.15% Preserve Tax, revenue allocation considerations, and the city's Permanent Base Adjustment initiative that will impact the November ballot.

Task Force Action: Information, discussion, and possible action

2a. *****Replacement Tax for the Expiring 0.2% Preserve Sales Tax**

Cynthia Wenstrom, Task Force Chair, with the assistance of city staff, will present for discussion and possible action on a replacement tax for the 0.20% Preserve expiring in 2025, for the protection, preservation and maintenance of the city's parks, Preserve and open space.

Task Force Action: Information, discussion and possible action

Approved 9-0; Motion by Member Carla to recommend that City Council approve a replacement tax for the expiring 0.20% Preserve tax. The replacement would be a 0.15% sales tax rate effective July 1, 2025 for 30 years, for the protection, preservation, maintenance and improvement of parks, Preserve and public open spaces including WestWorld, which would result in a reduction of the City's total sales tax rate from 1.75% to 1.70%. 2nd Member Zikias. Chair Wenstrom, Vice Chair Zubia and Members Carla, Eaneman, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman and Zikias voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.

2b. *****Unfunded Needs to be Funded by Replacement Tax**

Cynthia Wenstrom, Task Force Chair, with the assistance of city staff, will present for discussion and possible action on the unfunded needs to be funded by the replacement tax for the expiring 0.20% Preserve tax.

Task Force Action: Information, discussion and possible action

Approved 9-0; Motion by Member Hartman to recommend that the Council fund the 5 areas of unfunded needs for the City's parks, which include specific unfunded needs for the City's Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt parks and other parks, system-wide park maintenance, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Police Park Rangers and Fire Fuel Mitigation in and around the Preserve including technical rescue for the Preserve and open space, as well as funding for certain improvements at WestWorld, to be funded by the replacement tax for the expiring 0.20% Preserve Tax. 2nd Vice Chair Zubia. Chair Wenstrom, Vice Chair Zubia and Members Carla, Eaneman, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman and Zikias voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.

2c. *****Allocation of Replacement Tax Revenues for Unfunded Needs**

Cynthia Wenstrom, Task Force Chair, with the assistance of city staff, will present for discussion and possible action on the allocation of revenues for the unfunded needs, including discussion of city ordinance or policy to effect the allocation of revenues.

Task Force Action: Information, discussion and possible action

Approved 9-0; Motion by Member Zubia to recommend that the Council appropriately allocate the subject tax revenues for Parks, Preserve and public Open Space, including WestWorld needs for the benefit of all areas of the City with an emphasis on restoring and updating aged parks and that the Council more specifically provide for the allocation of the subject tax as determined by a newly adopted City Ordinance, which should provide for the following:

-First allocation: Approved Park and WestWorld debt payment and debt reserve needs, not to exceed 25% of replacement tax revenues

-Second allocation of the remaining tax revenues:

- 14% to Park maintenance
- 18% to Preserve maintenance and protection

- 7% to Police park ranger unit
- 10% for Fire fuel mitigation and technical rescue team
- 51% to Park improvement needs

2nd Member McKeighan; Chair Wenstrom, Vice Chair Zubia and Members Carla, Eaneman, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman and Zikias voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.

2d. *****Considerations for 0.15% Preserve Tax Expiring in 2034**

Cynthia Wenstrom, Task Force Chair, with the assistance of city staff, will present for discussion and possible action on the Task Force's recommendation to City Council on the 0.15% Preserve tax, which does not expire until 2034.

Task Force Action: Information, discussion and possible action

Approved 9-0; Motion by Member Schweiker to table; 2nd Member Zubia; Chair Wenstrom, Vice Chair Zubia and Members Carla, Eaneman, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman and Zikias voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.

3. **Identification of additional Task Force Meeting Dates and Other Key Dates**

Cynthia Wenstrom, Task Force Chair, with the assistance of city staff, will consider additional meeting dates for Task Force business and City Council work studies.

- November 29, 2023
- December 18, 2023
- December –submit written report to Council with forthcoming recommendations
- January 17, 2024
- January 29, 2024
- February 27, 2024 Council work study start time at 4:00 p.m.

Task Force Action: Information, discussion, and possible recommendations to staff

4. **Identification of Possible Future Agenda Items**

The Task Force may request proposed topics for future agendas, but the Task Force may not discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter in the "Identification of Possible Future Agenda Items" unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action. Additionally, the following previously requested items may be placed on a future agenda:

- Review of draft ballot language proposed by Task Force Members
- Discussion on the differences between an ordinance and a financial policy

Task Force Action: Information and discussion, and possible recommendations to staff

Adjournment - 6:53 p.m.

Motion by Vice Chair Zubia; 2nd Member Winkleman seconds; Chair Wenstrom, Vice Chair Zubia and Members Carla, Eaneman, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman and Zikias voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.



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