

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014**



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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane called to order a Regular Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:04 P.M. on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, in the City Hall Kiva.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane
Vice Mayor Virginia L. Korte
Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp, Robert W. Littlefield, Linda Milhaven
(arrived at 5:48 P.M.), Guy Phillips, and Dennis E. Robbins

Also Present: City Manager Fritz Behring
City Attorney Bruce Washburn
City Treasurer Jeff Nichols
City Auditor Sharron Walker
City Clerk Carolyn Jagger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Representatives from second and third grade classes at Christ Church School

INVOCATION – Pastor Rob Gaschler, Pinnacle Church

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lane urged citizens to watch the Parada del Sol Parade this Saturday. The parade will take place on Scottsdale Road between Oak and Indian School roads. The Parada del Sol Rodeo will be held later this month at WestWorld.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None

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.

PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION UPDATES

Arizona Public Service Company Peak Solutions Rebate

Water Resources Executive Director Brian Biesemeyer will be joined by a representative from Arizona Public Service to discuss the City's energy reduction efforts. APS will present a \$150,000 rebate check to the City.

Water Resources Executive Director Brian Biesemeyer reported on the City's efforts to conserve energy through the Peak Solutions Program. Vern Braaksma, representing Arizona Public Service, presented the City with a rebate check for \$153,000. Mayor Lane thanked City staff for their efforts to conserve energy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Susan Wheeler and Dawn Brokaw submitted a citizen's petition (attached) asking the Council to direct staff to revisit, revise, and update the current outdoor lighting ordinance to reflect changes in technology.
- John Washington submitted a citizen's petition (attached) requesting the removal of General Plan Task Force member Loren Molever.
- Kathy Littlefield commented on the General Plan update.

MINUTES

Request: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2014.

MOTION AND VOTE – MINUTES

Vice Mayor Korte made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2014. Councilwoman Klapp seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, with Councilwoman Milhaven absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Caribbean Palm Restaurant Liquor License (1-LL-2014)**
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: 7049 E. McDowell Road
Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov
2. **Casa Mia Cucina Italiana Liquor License (2-LL-2014)**
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 a new location and owner.
Location: 11485 N. 136th Street, Suites 109-110
Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

- 3. Permanent Extension of Premises for Zinburger (1-EX-2014)**
Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a permanent extension of premises for a series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license.
Location: 15257 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite F1-150
Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 4. Tournament Players Club Stadium Golf Course Design-Build Construction Services Contract**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 9610** authorizing Design-Build Construction Services Contract No. 2014-005-COS with Landscapes Unlimited, LLC, in the amount of \$9,099,943.22, for renovations to the Stadium Golf Course at the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale.
Staff Contact(s): Daniel Worth, Public Works Executive Director, 480-312-5555, dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 5. Tournament Players Club Clubhouse Design-Build Construction Services Contract**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 9611** authorizing Design-Build Construction Services Contract No. 2014-006-COS with Wespac Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,959,823, for renovations to the Clubhouse at the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale.
Staff Contact(s): Daniel Worth, Public Works Executive Director, 480-312-5555, dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 6. Pedestrian Countdown Signal Heads Grant**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 9612** to authorize:

 1. Acceptance of an Arizona Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$140,502 for pedestrian countdown signal heads.
 2. Budget transfer in the amount of \$140,502 from the Adopted FY 2013/14 Future Grants Budget and/or Grants Contingency Budget and the creation of a new cost center to record the related grant activity.

Staff Contact(s): Daniel Worth, Public Works Executive Director, 480-312-5555, dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 7. Changeable Speed Warning Signs Grant**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 9613** to authorize:

 1. Acceptance of an Arizona Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$28,512 for changeable speed warning signs.
 2. Budget transfer in the amount of \$28,512 from the Adopted FY 2013/14 Future Grants Budget and/or Grants Contingency Budget and the creation of a new cost center to record the related grant activity.

Staff Contact(s): Daniel Worth, Public Works Executive Director, 480-312-5555, dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 8. The Derby Teletrack Wagering Establishment License (Application No. 1097285)**
Request: Consider approval of an application for a new teletracking (off track betting) license for The Derby.
Location: 4420 N. Saddleback Trail, Suite 100
Staff Contact(s): Dennis Enriquez, Business Services Director, 480-312-5925, denriquez@scottsdaleaz.gov

9. Wired Telecommunications License Agreement

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 9632** authorizing -A1, the first amendment to the Wired Telecommunications Right-of-Way License with TW Telecom of Arizona, LLC, to install, operate, repair, and maintain a wireline telecommunications network in the City's rights-of-way.

Staff Contact(s): Brad Hartig, Information Technology Executive Director, 480-312-7615, bhartig@scottsdaleaz.gov

10. 7234 E. Belleview Street Trustee Sale

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 9636** to authorize:

1. City staff to make a credit bid at the Trustee's sale of the property located at 7234 E. Belleview Street, Scottsdale, Arizona, up to the full amount secured by the City's lien on the subject property and to discontinue bidding when a cash bid for the property equals or exceeds the amount established by the direction given in executive session.
2. The City to pay the property taxes owed on the property in the approximate amount of \$2,396.68.
3. City staff to execute all documents and take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the intent of Resolution No. 9636.

Location: 7234 E. Belleview Street

Staff Contact(s): William Murphy, Community Services Executive Director, 480-312-7954, bmurphy@scottsdaleaz.gov

11. Hulstedt v. City of Scottsdale Settlement

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 9645** authorizing Contract No. 2014-017-COS contingent upon all necessary future Court approvals and the City Attorney's future approval of all settlement agreement language, terms, and signatures; and specifically authorizing the Treasurer to take all future actions necessary, including possibly depositing any remaining self-insured retention funds in a trust account pending all necessary future approvals and a fully executed settlement agreement in order to settle the lawsuit entitled *Hulstedt v. City of Scottsdale, et al.*, Case No. CV09-01258-PHX-GMS currently pending in the United States District Court.

Staff Contact(s): Bruce Washburn, City Attorney, 480-312-2405, bwashburn@scottsdaleaz.gov

12. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 9638** limiting post-retirement medical plan participation to sworn police and fire employees who qualify for an accidental disability retirement under the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, effective July 1, 2014.

Staff Contact(s): Bruce Davis, Human Resources Executive Director, 480-312-2615, bdavis@scottsdaleaz.gov

Mayor Lane opened public testimony.

- Barbara Burns, Scottsdale citizen, commented on post-retirement medical plan benefits.

Mayor Lane closed public testimony.

MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Littlefield made a motion to approve Consent Items 1 through 12. Vice Mayor Korte seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, with Councilwoman Milhaven absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Operating Budget Parameters for Proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15

Request: Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 operating budget.

Presenter(s): Fritz Behring, City Manager

Staff Contact(s): Judy McIlroy, Budget Director, 480-312-2603,
jmcilroy@scottsdaleaz.gov

City Manager Fritz Behring gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 Operating Budget.

Councilwoman Milhaven arrived at 5:48 P.M.

- Mayor Lane suggested selling underutilized equipment and putting the funds into the Capital Fund, rather than the General Fund.
- Mayor Lane suggested reviewing City memberships for each department.
- Mayor Lane asked to have each engineering contract considered individually to provide for opportunities to trim expenditures.
- Councilwoman Klapp suggested redesigning the large lobby area in the One Civic Center building to incorporate more office space.
- Councilwoman Klapp suggested reducing the fleet by 50 percent, instead of the proposed 25 percent.
- Councilwoman Klapp asked staff to look into the possibility of reducing the bulk trash collection schedule.
- Councilman Robbins suggested eliminating executive physicals.
- Mayor Lane stressed the importance of making structural changes to the budget.

Mayor Lane opened public testimony.

- Jim Hill, Police Officers of Scottsdale Association, commented on funding a competitive compensation scale for the Police Department.

Mayor Lane closed public testimony.

14. Proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 Capital Budget Discussion

Request: Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 Capital Improvement Plan budget.

Presenter(s): Fritz Behring, City Manager

Staff Contact(s): Daniel Worth, Public Works Executive Director, 480-312-5555,
dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov

City Manager Fritz Behring gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget.

- Mayor Lane suggested adjusting transportation capital project money over time to be more engaged with project orientation, rather than administration.
- Vice Mayor Korte asked for a review of all programs as part of the budget process.
- Councilwoman Klapp suggested creating a policy that requires a certain percentage of the unreserved fund balance to go into the CIP each year.
- Councilman Phillips suggested allocating any unreserved fund balance to a specific use.
- Councilwoman Milhaven suggested eliminating positions that have been unfilled for more than 90 days.
- Councilwoman Milhaven asked that project plans be reviewed so they meet needs, are more cost efficient, and a better value.
- Vice Mayor Korte suggested that the public art improvements at WestWorld come from the public art program.
- Councilwoman Milhaven asked staff to review all of the salary ranges.
- Councilwoman Milhaven suggested listing each department's full-time employees in the budget book, rather than in an appendix.
- Councilman Littlefield does not believe any program should be considered untouchable, including the Cultural Council's \$4.5M contract.

14A. Legislative Update

Request: Receive an update, discuss, and provide possible direction regarding current and pending State legislative issues and policies.

Presenter(s): Brad Lundahl, Government Relations Director

Staff Contact(s): Brad Lundahl, Government Relations Director, 480-312-2683, blundahl@scottsdaleaz.gov

Item 14A was removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

14B. Request to Agendize the City's Sign Walker Ordinance

Request: At the request of Councilman Phillips direct staff to agendize: "A presentation and possible direction to staff on the current sign walker ordinance, including possible alternatives."

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 14B

Councilman Phillips made a motion to direct staff to agendize: "A presentation and possible direction on the current sign walker ordinance, including possible alternatives." Councilman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 5/2, with Councilmembers Klapp and Milhaven dissenting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CITIZEN PETITIONS

15. 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): Carolyn Jagger, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, cjagger@scottsdaleaz.gov

MOTION AND VOTE – SUSAN WHEELER AND DAWN BROKAW PETITION

Vice Mayor Korte made a motion to direct the City Manager to investigate the petition submitted by Susan Wheeler and Dawn Brokaw asking the Council to direct staff to revisit, revise, and update the current outdoor lighting ordinance to reflect changes in technology, and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner. Councilman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 7/0.

MOTION AND VOTE – JOHN WASHINGTON PETITION

Councilman Littlefield made a motion to direct the City Manager to agendize for further discussion the petition submitted by John Washington requesting the removal of General Plan Task Force member Loren Molever. Councilman Phillips seconded the motion, which failed 2/5, with Mayor Lane; Vice Mayor Korte; and Councilmembers Klapp, Milhaven, and Robbins dissenting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS – None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



**Carolyn Jagger
City Clerk**

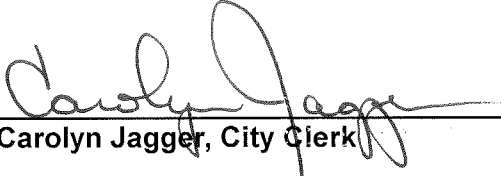
Officially approved by the City Council on February 25, 2014

CERTIFICATE

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 4th day of February 2014.

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

DATED this 25th day of February 2014.



Carolyn Jagger, City Clerk

**Discussion on Proposed FY 2014/15
Operating Budget Parameters**

City Council
February 4, 2014

**FY 2014/15 – Revenues
City Council Policy Decisions**

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1) Local Sales Tax Increase? | No |
| 2) Property Tax 2% Allowance? | |
| FY 2014/15 | No |
| Previous 3 fiscal years | No |
| 3) Property Tax Tort Recovery? | Yes |

**FY 2014/15 – Expenditures
City Council Policy Decisions**

- 1) Salary Adjustments**
- 2) Staffing Levels**
- 3) City Court 2.00 FTEs Transfer to GF**
- 4) Cultural Council Mgmt. Srvcs. Agrmnt.**
- 5) CIP Contribution**
- 6) Prgms./Srvcs.--Add, Keep, Delete**

FY 2014/15 City Council Goals

- 1) No New Taxes**
- 2) Balanced Budget**
- 3) Salary Increases**
- 4) Additional CIP Contribution**

FY 2014/15 Achieve City Council Goals

(\$3.0) Needed Expenditure Reductions

Current Expenditure Reductions Identified:

(\$0.6) Eliminate FTE Positions

(\$0.4) Eliminate Palomino Library Agreement

(\$1.0) Total Identified Expenditure Reductions

(\$2.0) Remaining Expenditure Reductions

Item 14

FY 2014/15 Capital Improvement Plan

City Council
February 4, 2014

FY 2014/15 – FY 2018/19 CIP Budget Current (in millions)

	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19	5-Year Total
Anticipated GF Beginning Cash Balance	13.1	-	-	-	-	13.1
GF Transfer of 25% Construction Sales Tax	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	10.8
GF Transfer of Unreserved Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	15.7	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	24.9
Granite Reef Watershed	3.0	-	-	-	-	3.0
Crossroads East Stormwater	0.5	-	6.1	6.1	-	12.7
Scottsdale Stadium Infrastructure	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	0.3
Facilities Repair & Maintenance	2.1	2.0	1.5	1.9	-	7.5
Various IT Projects	1.0	0.0	-	-	-	1.1
Public Safety Radio System Phase I	2.3	-	-	-	-	2.3
Crime Lab Equipment Replacement	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	-	0.7
Citycable Audio/Video Equipment Replacement	0.0	0.2	-	0.2	-	0.4
Police Portable & Vehicle Radio Replacement	0.8	0.5	0.1	1.1	-	2.5
IT-Network Infrastructure	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	-	1.3
IT-Server Infrastructure	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.4	-	2.9
Total Expenditure Budget	11.4	3.9	9.0	10.2		34.6
CASH BALANCE AT END OF EACH YEAR	8.1	2.6	(2.0)	(9.3)	(9.3)	

**FY 2014/15 – FY 2018/19 CIP BUDGET
Current**

Funding for current CIP includes:

25% of construction sales tax

And

Transfer of Unreserved Fund Balance

Comprehensive Financial Policy #18

Any year-end General Fund operating surpluses not needed to restore contingency reserves or cover unforeseen shortfalls in the budget, **but in no case less than twenty-five percent (25%) of construction privilege tax revenues**, will be transferred to the General Fund Capital Improvement Program in the following fiscal year unless otherwise directed by City Council.

City Manager's Highest Priority Projects (in millions)

1 IT - Network Infrastructure	0.4
2 Facilities Repair and Maintenance Program	1.8
3 IT - Server Infrastructure	1.6
4 Granite Reef Watershed	3.5
5 Public Safety Radio Network Lifecycle Project	2.4
6 Fire Department Radio Replacement	2.0
7 Indian Bend Wash Lakes Phase I	3.2
8 Ballfield Lighting System Replacement Phase I	0.9
9 Police Portable and Vehicle Radio Replacement	1.2
10 Neighborhood Stormwater Management Improvements	2.3
11 Payroll System Replacement	0.2
12 Relocate and Build Fire Station 613	5.7
- WestWorld Public Art	0.4
	25.6

Prioritization Criteria Used for Construction Related Projects

- Mayor and City Council's Broad Goals
- Annual Recurring Costs
- Health and Safety Effects
- Community Benefits
- Distributional Effects
- Project Feasibility
- Implication of Deferring the Project

Prioritization Criteria Used for Technology Related Projects

- Mayor and City Council's Broad Goals
- Annual Recurring Costs
- Technological Infrastructure
- Community Benefits
- Project Feasibility
- Implication of Deferring the Project

FY 2014/15 – FY 2018/19 CIP Budget Scenario 2 (in millions)

	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19	5-Year Total
Anticipated GF Beginning Cash Balance	13.1	-	-	-	-	13.1
GF Transfer of 25% Construction Sales Tax	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	10.8
GF Transfer of Unreserved Fund Balance	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	37.5
Total Revenue	23.2	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	61.4
* Granite Reef Watershed	3.0	3.5	-	-	-	6.5
Crossroads East Stormwater	0.5	-	6.1	6.1	-	12.7
Scottsdale Stadium Infrastructure	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
* Facilities Repair & Maintenance	2.1	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.8	9.3
Various IT Projects	1.0	0.0	-	-	-	1.1
Public Safety Radio System Phase I	2.3	-	-	-	-	2.3
Crime Lab Equipment Replacement	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.0
Citycable Audio/Video Equipment Replacement	0.0	0.2	-	0.2	0.1	0.5
* Police Portable & Vehicle Radio Replacement	0.8	0.5	0.1	1.0	1.1	3.5
* IT-Network Infrastructure	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.7
* IT-Server Infrastructure	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.3	1.7	4.5
* Public Safety Radio Lifecycle	-	0.7	1.3	0.2	0.2	2.4
* Fire Department Radios	2.0	-	-	-	-	2.0
* Indian Bend Wash Lakes	3.2	-	-	-	-	3.2
* Ballfield Lighting	0.9	-	-	-	-	0.9
* Neighborhood Stormwater Management	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.3
* Payroll System Replacement	0.2	0.1	-	-	-	0.2
* Relocate and Build FS613	0.7	5.0	-	-	-	5.7
* WestWorld Public Art Improvements	0.4	-	-	-	-	0.4
Various RICO Projects	0.2	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.2
Total Expenditure Budget	19.3	13.8	10.7	10.8	6.2	60.7
CASH BALANCE AT END OF EACH YEAR	10.1	3.3	1.5	1.2	2.5	
*City Manager priority projects						

PETITION

PETITION
TO THE COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

2014 FEB -4 PM 4:40

WE, DAWN BROKAW AND SUSAN WHEELER, AS RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF MARICOPA, DO HEREBY PETITION THE COUNCIL OF SCOTTSDALE AS FOLLOWS.

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE, SECTION 7.600 WAS ADOPTED 30 YEARS AGO IN 1984, AND

WHEREAS, IN THE 30 YEARS SINCE IT WAS ADOPTED, LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY HAS CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY, AND

WHEREAS, OUTDOOR LIGHTING TODAY PRODUCES MORE LIGHT OUTPUT, I.E. LUMENS AT LESS WATTAGE,

WHEREAS, OUR CURRENT ORDINANCE RELIES ON WATTAGE AND NOT LUMENS AS THE UNIT OF MEASURE, AND

WHEREAS, LIGHTING INTENSITY IS MORE IMPORTANT IN RURAL AND LOW DENSITY NEIGHBORHOODS, AND

WHEREAS, THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT OUTPUT I.E. LUMENS, ALLOWED TODAY UNDER THE CURRENT ORDINANCE COULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED 30 YEARS AGO, AND

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE IS WELL OUTDATED, AND

WHEREAS, SOME OF THESE ISSUES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADDRESSED IN GUIDELINES IN THE DESIGN STANDARDS AND POLICY MANUAL, AND

WHEREAS, THIS CAUSES INCONSISTENCIES AND LEADS TO CONFUSION IN THE INTERPRETATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY POLICIES.

THEREFORE, WE PETITION THE COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS.

THAT THE CITY SHOULD INSTRUCT CITY STAFF TO REVISIT, REVISE AND UPDATE THE CURRENT OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE TO REFLECT CHANGES IN LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014


DAWN BROKAW


SUSAN WHEELER

PETITION

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

Citizen's Petition to Remove Loren Molever from the General Plan Task Force

2014 FEB -4 PM 5:19

Scottsdale's General Plan is the second most important document in Scottsdale city government; it is second only to the organic law of the City, which is the City Charter. The General Plan is Scottsdale's master policy document, especially focused on the long-term planning of land use.

We attempted to update our General Plan in 2011. However, you goofed. You let the process get out of control, and the voters rejected the update.

A second attempt at an update is now underway. Now it's not out of control. It's a train wreck.

You abdicated your responsibility to an outside organization to select a process and participants, some of whom don't even live in Scottsdale.

You've sat back as the task force spiraled downward, and you've even excused the behavior of the members who have been the most offensive. In at least one case, one of you publicly congratulated that behavior.

Task force member Loren Molever publicly attacked other members recently with words like "hijack," "poppycock," "one-sided," "self-serving," "farce," and "sham." Why? Because they wanted the minutes of a task force meeting to accurately reflect what actually took place at a previous meeting.

As a result of Mr. Molever's behavior and silent approval from you, the four most qualified members of the task force—who have shared more factual information with the task force even than staff—have resigned.

Mayor Lane, the City Council, and the General Plan Task Force all formally adopted Scottsdale Leadership's Principles of Civil Dialog. Some of you have complained mightily when faced with lesser criticism than Mr. Molever directed at his colleagues. Councilwoman Milhaven comes to mind.

I'm reminded of the words of Councilman Robbins: "I certainly wouldn't want my children to behave that way. I wouldn't want the council to behave that way, or commissioners."

I hereby request that the City Council remove Mr. Molever from the General Plan Task Force, and make an earnest effort to avoid another disastrous failure of our General Plan Update.


John Washington, 3518 N Chambers Ct, Scottsdale AZ 85251

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