

SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021



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SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David D. Ortega called to order a Work Study Session of the Scottsdale City Council at 6:11 P.M. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

ROLL CALL

For the record, Mayor Ortega noted the following individuals were in attendance:

Present: Mayor David D. Ortega; Vice Mayor Tammy Caputi; and Councilmembers Tom Durham, Betty Janik, Kathy Littlefield, Linda Milhaven, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Linda Ambrose, Scottsdale resident, spoke in support of short-term rentals for casitas.
- Jerome Landau, Scottsdale resident, spoke in support of short-term rentals for casitas.
- Sonnie Kirtley, with the Coalition of Greater Scottsdale (COGS), spoke in support of short-term rentals for casitas and suggested zoning ordinance changes.

1. Short-Term Rentals Update

Request: Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding the implementation of the Short-Term Rental Working Group recommendations.

Presenter(s): Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager

Staff Contact(s): Jim Thompson, City Manager, 480-312-2800, jthompson@scottsdaleaz.gov

Assistant City Manager Brent Stockwell, Management Associate to the City Manager Shane Stone, Deputy City Attorney Luis Santaella, and Planning and Economic Development Executive Director Randy Grant gave PowerPoint presentations (attached).

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Councilmembers made the following suggestions:

- Provide data related to short-term rental ownership, including how many owners are local, out-of-state, and/or conglomerates.
- Increase fines for violations.
- Continue to identify short-term rental owners and operators and ensure they are meeting registrations and reporting requirements.
- Levy fines on the short-term owner/operators, as well as the emergency contact.
- Expand the definition of habitual offenders to include those who have four prior violations within 24 months.
- Seek changes or clarification from the State regarding short-term rental legislation for casitas.
- Research the issue and identify consequences and long-term impacts for the short-term rental of casitas.

It was the consensus of the Council to have staff bring back the vacation rental and nuisance party ordinances, along with research related to casitas and the possible initiation of a text amendment at either the December 7, 2021 or December 8, 2021 City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

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

The Work Study Session adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane, City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on December 7, 2021

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Work Study Session of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 9th day of November 2021.

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

DATED this 7th day of December 2021.



Ben Lane, City Clerk

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Council Direction

- July 1, 2021 – Council accepted nine recommendations from the Short-Term Rental Working Group and included as a priority in the Organization Strategic Plan
- Staff was directed to act on these recommendations and report back to the City Council on a quarterly basis

<https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/codes/vacation-short-term-rentals>

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Vacation Rental Ordinance

The key changes to the Vacation Rental ordinance include:

- requiring a one-hour response time in the event of an emergency and
- setting a penalty for non-response

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Nuisance Party and Unruly Gathering Ordinance

The key changes to the Nuisance Party ordinance include:

- adding a noise levels and measurement criteria,
- replacing the police service fee and administrative hearing process with a civil citation process,
- increasing minimum fines for hosts and owners,
- allowing for mitigation, suspension or reduction of fines based on best practices, and
- defining habitual offenders.

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Additional issues

- Occupancy
- Additional regulations
- Rental of detached casitas or guest houses separate from the main residence

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