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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:10]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for being here with us. I would like to start with a call to order of our special meeting of City Council meeting. It is approximately 4:00, maybe just a little bit afterwards.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:29]

Mayor Lane: It's Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018, and we'll start with a roll call, please.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Virginia Korte.

Vice Mayor Korte: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp.

Councilmember Klapp: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Linda Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Guy Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: David Smith.

Councilman Smith: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

Bruce Washburn: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

Jeff Nichols: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

[Time: 00:00:50]

Mayor Lane: Thank you. Well, the one and only issue or item we have on the special meeting is for the appointments, rather the nominations, right?

Vice Mayor Korte: The nominations.

Mayor Lane: The appointments, I'm sorry, appointments to our Boards and Commissions and for that purpose, I'm totally untrained in that area, so I turn that over to our Vice Mayor, Virginia Korte.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: So this afternoon, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on citizen advisory Boards and Commissions. I want to thank each of these individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service of this community. Your time really is very much appreciated. Following each set of interviews, the Council will vote on the appointments for that board or commission. As I call your name, please come to the podium and we ask you to briefly cover the following material, share your name, address and how long you have lived in Scottsdale. Why do you want to serve on this board or commission. How do your experiences whether they are educational, professional, or volunteer qualify you to serve on the commission, and finally, what do you think is the top issue facing your commission. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's response, I will ask Councilmembers if they have any questions of the nominee, and then we will take the vote.

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Vice Mayor Korte: First on the list is the Airport Advisory Commission. There's one opening. The Airport Advisory Commission advises the City Council on policy matters relating to the operation of the airport, proposals for development, airport area land use, fees and safety concerns. Robert Hobbi's term expires February 17th, 2018. He's not eligible for reappointment. There's one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are Michael Gonzalez and Elizabeth Kaplan. So would Michael Gonzalez like to come to the podium?

[Time: 00:03:26]

Michael Gonzalez: Mayor, Councilmembers, my name is Michael Gonzalez. I'm applying for the open position on the Airport Advisory Board. I'm here tonight to ask for your vote for this position. I look at the questions. I live in north Scottsdale, and I lived there for 20 plus years. I live by the airport and I love the sound of the airport. I'm a retired C.P.A. Part of my background was years ago I was an in-air controller for an airline based in Atlanta and we operated out of New York City. I was there for the interim while we were going through the process of a major airline buying a minor airline and we were trying to combine the two. It took eight months and I flew every week from here to New York and back. So I could be part of that process.

For that, I was doing some consulting work for Mesa airlines. When I look at what this, the airport in Scottsdale has done and I have been following it for years since I live there. I'm fascinated by airplanes and airports and I have been currently serving on the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. My two terms is up, and so I'm looking to serve our community in another area and the one that excites me the most is the, is the Airport Advisory Commission and that's why I applied for that position.

I think the airport is, for that position. I think airport is important for the city of Scottsdale and

there's lots going on right now in the airport with the construction and other concerns that they have. And I would like to think that I could be able to help the city in that commission as I helped the city and the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. I thank you for your time and I appreciate your vote.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez. Are there any questions? Thank you. Now, I would like to call up to the podium, Elizabeth Kaplan.

[Time: 00:05:35]

Elizabeth Kaplan: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers. Thank you for this great opportunity, and I apologize, I have a little bit of a cold. My name is Elizabeth Kaplan. My address is 4222 North 82nd Street, Scottsdale, 85251. I have been a proud member of Scottsdale for the last 25 years. I did grow up in Phoenix, but I lived in Scottsdale for the last 25 years. So I, I really enjoy, I actually love living in Scottsdale and I love being part of our community.

But I have gotten older, the economic engines of this community are really what interest me, and the airport really stands out as one of them. It's a big, big thing in our community. So that's why I'm interested in serving on this board. I think I bring a really interesting perspective to it. I will utilize both my professional and community work. I have been a member, I'm a proud member of the Scottsdale Leadership 2007. I was on the board for four years. I know how to live in Scottsdale and work in Scottsdale.

I worked for the Arizona Coyotes. I was their foundation director. I have overseen large budgets, which I think is really important. And I have also served on other boards and I think one of the other things too is understanding how to work in a group and group think. So I think that those things are very important.

The issue that I think, a couple of issues, noise. And also traffic, big events. I mean, we are in the time where this is, you know, the airport is in full swing. So I think that the issues that our citizens have about noise, traffic, is something that we, that I think this board really needs to, you know, is working on, listening to citizens, working with them to get the best solutions and I think that's something that I really bring to the table. So I really appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Ms. Kaplan. Are there any questions? Thank you.

Elizabeth Kaplan: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: So it is now time to vote. We have one vacancy and two nominees. And each Councilmember can vote once. I would like to start with Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith: Thank you. I will vote for Elizabeth Kaplan.

Councilmember Phillips: Michael Gonzalez.

Councilmember Littlefield: Michael Gonzalez.

Councilmember Milhaven: Liz Kaplan.

Councilwoman Klapp: Liz Kaplan.

Mayor Lane: Michael Gonzalez.

Vice Mayor Korte: And Liz Kaplan. And Liz Kaplan has been appointed to the Airport Advisory Commission. Thank you.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Vice Mayor Korte: Moving forward, the Board of Adjustments. The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that hears variance requests, appeals of the Zoning Administrator's interpretation/decisions, and decides on administrative decisions or zoning requirements. Gary Donahoe's term expires February 17th. He is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application for consideration. There is one vacancy and one nominee. And I believe Gary Donahoe is already at the podium poised. Thank you, Mr. Donahoe.

[Time: 00:09:18]

Gary Donahoe: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, good afternoon. My name is Gary Donahoe. Compared to these last two speakers, I'm a relative newcomer here. I have only been here about four years, since May I live at 8613 East San Lorenzo Drive, Scottsdale 85258, although I'm a native Arizonan and lived in the Phoenix area since about 1979. I was born and raised in Tucson.

Thank you for you allowing me to request a reappointment to a second term on the Board of Adjustment. I have found the cases interesting and challenging. I believe my background and education and experience as an urban and regional planner. I have a master's degree in urban planning and also spent almost 22 years on the Maricopa County Superior Court. So that's enabled me to help sort through the facts and I don't have a problem making decisions.

Regarding number four, that was the challenging for me, coming up with a top issue facing the board. I think the board is really well run, because of great staff support from the city development department staff that assists that committee or board. I guess the challenge, if you, if there is one, would to be impress on all of our new members the importance of doing your homework. I think it's important to read the applications, the staff reports, and visit the properties in question to make sure that you understand the layout and maybe walk or drive around the neighborhood to get a feel for the neighborhood.

Of course, attend the meetings and actively listen at that those meetings so that you can factor in any public input or input from the applicants. I really believe that it's important to the applicants to give a reasoned decision and to articulate that decision when making a ruling so to speak. I always do

that before I vote. So I think that's important and I would hope that all of our members would do that. If you have any questions, I'm happy to answer them. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you Mr. Donahoe, are there any questions? Thank you. Each Councilmember can vote once. We will start with Councilman Phillips.

Councilmember Phillips: I vote for Gary Donahoe.

Councilwoman Littlefield: No additional.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Donahoe.

Councilwoman Klapp: Gary Donahoe.

Vice Mayor Korte: Gary Donahoe.

Mayor Lane: Gary Donahoe.

Councilman Smith: I will make it unanimous.

Vice Mayor Korte: Make it unanimous. Congratulations Mr. Donahoe, and thank you for your service.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

Vice Mayor Korte: We now have the Environmental Quality Advisory Board. There's one opening. The Environmental Quality Advisory Board advises the City Council on issues related to environmental quality as well as the prioritization of future environmental activities and programs. **SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS**, as specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the membership of the Board shall reflect both scientific and non-scientific interests. Bruce Travers' term expires February 17th. He is eligible for reappointment, however, he has not submitted an application. Mr. Travers represented a scientific position. Stephanie Clark has withdrawn her application for consideration. There is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are: David Abranovic, Anthony Coletta, Natalie Lazarr. And I would like to start with Mr. Abranovic.

[Time: 00:13:34]

David Abranovic: Thank you for having me here. My name is David Abranovic. I have been, well, I was born and raised in Scottsdale and I have been a resident for most of my 54 years. I decided to apply for this for a number of reasons. I mean, I'm a native here. I grew up here. I really value the quality of life that we have here in Scottsdale. You know, I think there's a lot of, you know, changes that are, you know, not necessarily threatening but are, you know, at risk to changing the lifestyle that I love so much growing up here. I have got two grown kids now. So, you know, they are both in college at A.S.U. So I don't have to go home after work and do homework and things like that. So I

feel like I have the time to put into this.

I am in the middle of my consulting career. I work for environmental resources management. We're a global environmental consulting firm. So I do, you know, cleanup of hazardous waste sites and permitting of new facilities. We work with private sector for the most part. I do a lot of mining work, you know, cleanup of mining sites, things like that. I have an undergraduate degree in hydrogeology that I got at N.A.U. and then a master's degree in environmental engineering that I got from A.S.U. I'm a registered professional engineer in Arizona. So I definitely would be the technical position. I'm an analytical thinker for sure. And probably the top issue, I think, facing the city is, you know, climate change. There's definitely, you know, changes, higher, hotter summers. More scarce resources, drought conditions that, you know, need to be considered in the planning. You know, I think there's going to be a lot of choices to make with regard to the technologies that we need to apply to address some of these climate challenges. So that's all I have to say.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you. Are there any questions? Anthony Coletta.

[Time: 00:16:25]

Anthony Coletta: Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor, my name is Anthony Coletta. I look for your vote to the commission. Why I want to serve? A number of reasons. Mainly, my background is environmental consulting. This March will be my 30th year. I spent a lot of time working on environmental projects for the private sector for cities, counties and various countries. So I'm very well versed and know a lot about the environmental arena when it comes to development, future development, things of that nature. So I understand those things pretty well. Time and talent.

I love to volunteer and do a lot of things. That's one of the things I would like to do. I volunteer a lot of my time. I'm president of a local baseball league, a youth baseball league here in Scottsdale. So I spend a lot of time doing that, working with that, about 200 families here in the city. I also volunteer a lot of time at my church. I teach Sunday school. Every month, I work with the St. Vincent DePaul folks and feed the homeless and the city of Phoenix. So I do a lot of time volunteering things.

One thing I haven't done is serve my fellow citizens and what I love to do is help the city of Scottsdale. I love living here. That's one the reasons why I moved here and I think this commission does a lot towards keeping the city of Scottsdale vibrant and a great place to live which is why I moved here and I think if I was appointed to that board, I can take a lot of my time and talents that I loved in other maces, and help this committee do a number of great things for the city of Scottsdale. So the top issue, I guess, would probably be keeping the city as great as it is from future development to whatever the case may be. There's a lot of great things that we have here and I would hopefully be able to keep those things in place to keep this city as great as it is. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mr. Coletta. Are there any questions? Thank you. And last, Natalie Lazarr.

[Time: 00:18:46]

Natalie Lazarr: Mayor Lane, honorable Councilmembers I'm Natalie Christman Lazarr and I live in Scottsdale Arizona, 85258. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 17 years. What does an award winning green belt conceived in 1964 to address stormwater problems, the creation of 30,000-acre open space Preserve in the Sonoran desert and a state-of-the-art aquifer reinjection system have in common? They are examples of our city's past environmental stewardship and vision that motivated me to make my home in Scottsdale. You see, I'm passionate about the environment. This passion has driven me to study both civil and environmental engineering at the University of Arizona. It led me to a profession as a registered engineer, serving municipalities, counties, industry, with contaminated site assessment, cleanup and pollution prevention for over 20 years.

This passion continues to inspire me to give back to my community. As a volunteer, so that I can help Scottsdale work towards a sustainable future with our flagship vision of what environmental leadership looks like today. I think this opportunity for leadership is important because I'm a mother who wants to raise a son in a healthy environment. I'm also a triathlete who swims in lakes fed by our watersheds and shares the road as a multimodal user of our roadways and breathes deeply as I run in our fresh desert air. I believe the number one issue facing the EQAB is the need to better educate our citizens and how they can protect our natural resources and sensibly maintain environmental balance. Unless we know and understand the implications in commuting each day to work, softening the tap water in our homes and building communities responsibly we have missed an important opportunity to promote Scottsdale's next environmental vision and the ground swell of citizen-backed support that is required to implement it. Thank you very much.

[Time: 00:21:01]

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Ms. Lazarr. Are there any questions? We have one vacancy and three nominees. Each Councilmember can vote once. I will begin with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I will vote for Anthony Coletta.

Councilmember Milhaven: Natalie Lazarr.

Councilwoman Klapp: Anthony Coletta.

Mayor Lane: Natalie Lazarr.

Vice Mayor Korte: Anthony Coletta.

Councilman Smith: I will vote for Tony Coletta but I want to take a moment to congratulate all three candidates. It's a pleasure to make the choice but a tough choice.

Councilmember Phillips: Well, you don't need me, but I agree with Councilman Smith, that all three of you are more than qualified for this position. And it's really hard. I would have picked David

Abranovic. So I think Coletta has got it.

Vice Mayor Korte: So with the majority of votes going to Anthony Coletta, congratulations. And we will move on.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Vice Mayor Korte: Historic Preservation Commission, there's one opening for the archaeologist. The Historic Preservation Commission oversees the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Program. As outlined in the Scottsdale City Code, each member shall have demonstrated special interest, knowledge or experience in at least one of the following: Building construction, history, architectural history, real estate, historic preservation law or other historic preservation-related field. Also, the State recommends that at least one member from each of the following professions be on this commission: Registered Architect, Real Estate Professional, Archaeologist and Historian. Mark Hackbarth's term expires on February 17th. He is not eligible for reappointment. Mr. Hackbarth represented an Archaeologist position. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is Ben Brosseau. Ben, you are already there.

[Time: 00:23:11]

Ben Brosseau: Yes, correct. Hi, everybody. It's good to see everybody. I can't believe it's six or eight weeks since I was up here last. I live at 6296 East Third Street in Old Town Scottsdale. Just south of the Valley Ho at the Embassy. The Embassy is one of 15 historic buildings who just over ten years ago, Debbie Abel put on a list, suggested to be part of our historic overlay. Hard to believe in just the last few weeks alone, one of those 15 buildings has now come up for sale. Unfortunately the way the building is priced out, anyone who is going to buy it will most likely tear it down to the ground. So if you look at that list of buildings from 2006, there were 18 at that time. Up until last week, there were 15 and now we are down to 14. So that pretty much jumps us to number four.

We have encroachment facing our little neighborhood of just a handful of important, significant, historic buildings in Old Town Scottsdale. My experience, I have got quite a bit in the world of public relations. After college, Arizona State University, I started a P.R. agency here and we handled night life and hospitality. In 2008 and 2009, we were ranked as one of the top ten publicity agencies. I then moved to Los Angeles. I learned a lot about the mid-century trend. So returning to Scottsdale.

One the first people I met was Steven Venker at one of the events held by modern Phoenix week and made a commitment to do not only what I could to live in the garden apartment district but to promote awareness within the H.O.A.s and building owners within that little community. We face prop 2007, which as everybody knows puts me at risk of spending a lot of time, perhaps, maybe getting nowhere in terms of getting our neighborhood recognized as historic. However, there are other plans and backups in place if that's not the case. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter and thank you very much for calling me back up here. I do appreciate it.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mr. Brosseau. Are there any questions? With have one vacancy

and one nominee and each Councilmember can vote once. I would like to start with Councilwoman Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ben Brosseau.

Councilwoman Klapp: Ben Brosseau.

Mayor Lane: Ben Brosseau.

Councilman Smith: Ben Brosseau.

Councilmember Phillips: Go get 'em, Ben.

Councilmember Littlefield: Ben Brosseau.

Vice Mayor Korte: Congratulations Mr. Brosseau.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD

Vice Mayor Korte: And moving on to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board. The Judicial Appointments Advisory Board, JAAB, makes advisory recommendations to the City Council regarding the appointment and reappointment of full-time city judges. Stanley Morganstern's term expires February 17th. He represents a citizen representative. He is eligible for reappointment, and has submitted an application for consideration. And I see Stanley is poised at the podium. Thank you, Mr. Morganstern.

[Time: 00:26:47]

Stanley Morganstern: Thank you, Mayor and members of the Council. My name is Stanley Morganstern. We have been full-time residents of Scottsdale since 2012. We have been property owners since 1999. I have had the privilege of serving on the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board during this last term and I would obviously like to continue doing that.

The court is a very important function of this city's government, and it is the responsibility of the board to see that the judges who are serving on that board fairly and judiciously represent the city in their dealings with people who are required to be there or seek the advice and the consult of the court. My experience is I have practiced law for 50 years, believe it or not, and in various courts ranging from Mayors courts to federal courts. That along with my current service and other boards of which I have served on, I think have allowed me to be an effective member of this board.

And as I say, I would like to continue. When the board is called upon, and it's not very often to meet, we are looking at the applications for the new judge or reappointment of an existing judge. And members of the boards spend considerable amount of time speaking with primarily attorneys who have appeared before these judges. To get their comments as to the judge's legal ability, demeanor,

how they conduct their courtroom, whether or not they are courteous to the litigants and to the counsel and the prosecutors and we take all of those comments into consideration and make recommendations to this board.

In addition, we are provided with very extensive survey from judges, lawyers, staff, witnesses, other people that have appeared before the judges to determine their qualifications. Based upon all of, that we interview the judges and often ask them some very tough questions about how they conduct their courtroom. The top priority of this board is obviously to continue to have good representation of the city on the judicial bench. I would like that opportunity to continue to be part of that. Thank you.

[Time: 00:29:26]

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mr. Morganstern. Are there any questions? We have one vacancy and one nominee. Each Councilmember can vote once and I would like to start with Councilwoman Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Stanley Morganstern.

Mayor Lane: I vote for Stanley Morganstern.

Vice Mayor Korte: Mr. Morganstern.

Councilman Smith: Stan Morganstern.

Councilmember Phillips: Mr. Morganstern.

Councilmember Littlefield: Mr. Morganstern.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Morganstern.

Vice Mayor Korte: Congratulations Mr. Morganstern. This concludes our interview and appointment process this afternoon. I would like to thank everyone that interviewed today, and I would like to comment that I am extremely impressed with all of the applicants that we continue to have for our Boards and Commissions. Please remember, even if you were not appointed tonight, your application will remain on file for one year for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies. The City of Scottsdale is very lucky to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing to serve our city and for that, thank you. Mayor, meeting is yours.

[Time: 00:30:37]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor and well conducted meeting on that. And that being the only item of business we have for that special meeting, I wanted to, myself, thank everybody who applied and put their names in in hopes that they will give it another try if, in fact, we are not successful this

time. But your participation is welcomed.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:31:05]

Mayor Lane: In any case, that does complete our work and so I would accept a motion to adjourn this special meeting.

Councilwoman Klapp: Move to adjourn.

Second.

Mayor Lane: The motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor of adjournment, please say aye. We are adjourned. Thank you again.