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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:09]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon, everyone. It's nice to have you here. For our 4:00 Special Meeting and I will start with a call to order on this, with a roll call, please.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:17]

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.

Councilwoman 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.

Mayor Lane: Thank you. The one and only order of business for our Special Meeting this afternoon is for the board and commissions interviews and appointments, and for that purpose, I will turn it over to the Vice Mayor, Virginia Korte.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCE INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS

[Time: 00:00:50]

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mayor. This afternoon, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on citizen advisory boards and commissions. I want to thank these individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service of this community. Your time is very much appreciated. Following each set of interviews, we'll vote on the appointments for that board or commission. As I call your name, please come over to the podium

which is to my 10:00. We ask that you briefly cover the following material. Please 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 that particular commission. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage that time. Following each nominee's response, I will ask Councilmembers if they have any questions, and here we go.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

[Time: 00:02:03]

Vice Mayor Korte: First up is Board of Adjustments. There are two openings. 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. There are two vacancies and three nominees. The nominees are Michael Gonzalez, Scott Johnson, and Jay Leopold. Again, so Michael Gonzalez, would you please come to the podium?

[Time: 00:02:44]

Michael Gonzalez: Thank you Mayor, Councilmembers. My name is Michael Gonzalez. I live in north Scottsdale. I have been a Scottsdale resident for over 20 years and I have enjoyed every minute of it. The experience, I'm just wrapping up six years of service on Neighborhood Advisory Commission. I have enjoyed it very much. During those six years, I spent two years as the vice chair and two years as the chair in different years.

The reason I'm interested in the Board of Adjustment and a friend knew I was terming out in the other commission and asked me if I would be interested in running for this Board of Adjustment. I told him absolutely. The top issues that the Board of Adjustment has, and these are from the board itself, number one, is attendance; number two is making sure that anyone voting against the variance, state one of the four criteria have not been met. And those issues are from the board itself. I believe I can help on that. I appreciate your time and would appreciate your vote. Any questions?

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez. Any questions from the Council? Thank you. Scott Johnson.

[Time: 00:04:21]

Scott Johnson: Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members the Council. My name is Scott Johnson. I am a new resident of Scottsdale. I have been here about a year and a half. I have moved from the state of Wyoming where my experiences come in various forms. I have been on both sides of a Board of Adjustment. As a developer, I went through zoning changes, that type of thing. And as a property owner, I was on both sides of that issue as well.

One of the, I guess the, and I live up in Grayhawk, there's a current issue with Grayhawk currently, where I'm sure you are probably aware of the sale of the land just south of there. That's a very contentious issue and I, with my experience as doing some property development and on the other side of it the criteria that Mr. Gonzalez specified, those are not only the issue that I see, but also the population that's coming here, because there's going to be more and more requests over time that are going to come because of the influx of people that we have here.

The Board of Adjustment will have to look at the different variances and you will have to view it from different sides and I would like to be able to offer the experience that I have, which is, I think, pretty good in this capacity. And I guess at this point, I would rather say that not only just the variances but also one of the other bigger things would be a, looking at the development and more of it that comes in. So you have to look outside of just those four. I believe that's one of the big things that you have to do. Sometimes you have to look outside the box. Any questions at all?

Vice Mayor Korte: Any questions of the Council? Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

Scott Johnson: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: And finally Mr. Jay Leopold.

[Time: 00:06:24]

Jay Leopold: Mr. Mayor, Council people. My name is Jay Leopold. I live in McDowell Mountain Ranch. I moved here 12 years ago to start a solar business, because you can't do that in Chicago. And I will tell you that it works extremely well in Scottsdale. It is shocking how sunny it is. And the business is very, very, very powerful. Over the years, the business has changed into a contracting business where we now rebuild houses and add solar. It was, it is my belief that the city, a city, our city needs to grow. It always needs to grow in this, the zoning commission and the Board of Adjustment's job to make Scottsdale, to help make Scottsdale a great place to live and a great place to work and obviously a great place to visit and raise your family.

So the job of the board is to weigh these, what we always refer to in university talk is a central tension between wanting to do a thing and needing to do a thing or having to do a thing. Just because you can build 100-story building doesn't mean that you have to or that you should. So it is my belief that the, the board's job is to weigh these tensions and to apply the law properly so that we can say yes as much as we can, and we'll say no when we are not supposed to say yes and that's my observation on the thing. I have a degree in engineering. I have a degree in business. I have run businesses for many, many years. I was president of the McDowell Mountain HOA for quite some time and I understand the obligations and the burdens of this task. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mr. Leopold. Any questions to Council? Thank you.

Jay Leopold: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: So now we will vote. We have two vacancies and three nominees. Each Councilmember can vote twice, and I will start with Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith: Thank you. I will vote for Michael Gonzalez and none further.

Vice Mayor Korte: Councilman Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Michael Gonzalez and Jay Leopold.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Michael Gonzalez and Jay Leopold.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Leopold.

Councilwoman Klapp: Michael Gonzalez and Scott Johnson.

Mayor Lane: I vote for Michael Gonzalez and Jay Leopold.

Vice Mayor Korte: And my vote is Michael Gonzalez and Jay Leopold. Congratulations Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Leopold. We appreciate your service.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

[Time: 00:09:42]

Vice Mayor Korte: Our next board is the Environmental Quality Advisory Board. There's one opening. The Environmental Quality Advisory Board provides guidance on the prioritization of future environmental activities and recommends environmental policies to the City Council. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS, as specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the membership of the Board shall reflect both scientific and non-scientific interests. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are David Abranovic. David is unable to attend, but has submitted his responses in writing and would like to be considered. And the second is Natalie Lazarr. So I ask Natalie Lazarr to come forward. Thank you.

[Time: 00:10:36]

Natalie Lazarr: Thank you Mayor and Councilmembers. I'm Natalie Lazarr and I live at 7647 East Turquoise Avenue. I lived there for just shy of 18 years. Why I want to serve on this particular board, primarily has to do a lot with my passion for the environment, as well as community service. I am an environmental engineer. My degrees are in civil engineering as an undergrad and environmental engineering as a graduate degree. My passion for the environment made me go into this field of service. I have been an environmental contractor dealing with cleanup of contaminated sites for over 20 years. I work for a global environmental engineering firm. I have a lot of resources and expertise specifically in contaminated sites.

One of the things that was the impetus for making me get involved was my participation in Scottsdale Leadership's core program and while there, I have actually moved on to becoming part of the board as part of Scottsdale Leadership. I currently am responsible for putting on the luncheon that hopefully all of you will attend next year. So it is a great opportunity to learn a little bit more about my city and have the opportunity to participate and I think hopefully offer my skill set to the place I live.

[Time: 00:12:04]

Some unique experiences that probably qualify me for this particular board, not just technical but I think my community service. My professional service, I'm someone who has done a lot of contaminated site works. I have been involved in IBW and a few of the treatment facilities that city of Scottsdale has. One of the reasons I moved to Scottsdale was I worked on the stormwater permit that everyone has to put together for certain sized cities. I actually did a lot of the rainfall monitoring that was conducted in the initial stages and it was that motivated me to love Scottsdale and move here.

I'm also a part of a few different professional organizations, and I think that those, those participation, things like Arizona hydrogeological society, things like the Arizona chamber environmental committees do help me in this capacity. I'm also a mother, and a triathlete. So I'm out and about. I love being out in the environment. I garden. I'm an avid Scottsdale resident. Top issues because I'm getting low on time. Top issues facing the board, I really believe that sustaining our resources for future generations is the top priority, at the board, however, I do believe that education of our residents in that manner is probably the biggest impact that we can have as a board. Because if we can convince our residents to protect our environment, we have a much bigger impact. With that, if you have any questions.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Ms. Lazarr. Any questions of Council? Thank you.

Natalie Lazarr: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: It's time to vote. We have one opening and two nominees. Each Councilmember can vote once. And I will start with Councilman Phillips, please.

Councilman Phillips: Natalie Lazarr.

Councilwoman Littlefield: David Abranovic.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ms. Lazarr.

Councilwoman Klapp: Natalie Lazarr.

Mayor Lane: David Abranovic.

Vice Mayor Korte: Natalie Lazarr.

Councilman Smith: Natalie Lazarr.

Vice Mayor Korte: Congratulations Ms. Lazarr, you have been nominated to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board. We thank you for your service.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

[Time: 00:14:32]

Vice Mayor Korte: Next is on the Historic Preservation Commission. We have one opening for an architect or archaeologist. The Historic Preservation Commission oversees the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Program. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS, 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. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are Linda Davis, Melissa Fedock. I would ask Linda Davis to come to the podium.

[Time: 00:15:24]

Linda Davis: Good afternoon, I'm Linda Davis. I live at 3320 North 85th Place in Scottsdale. I have been a resident for 59 years, nearly my entire life. The reason I want to serve on this board is I love this city, obviously, I have been here 59 years. I value its history and I want to be part of preserving Scottsdale's story. I'm a graduate from A.S.U. in anthropology. I have been doing archaeology for 16 years in the state of Arizona. I have done everything from survey monitoring, testing, data recovery. Currently I work for the Arizona department of Transportation. I'm responsible for the compliance of the federal and state laws and regulations for historic preservation.

And part of my job is to manage and provide technical assistance to our consultants for the work that they do for us that ADOT doesn't actually do their own archaeology work. So they hire archaeologists to manage those programs. And currently, I'm in charge of the South Mountain Freeway and the I-11. So I guess that's about, did I get all the questions? Sorry.

Vice Mayor Korte: Perhaps one question is what do you think the, the biggest issues for the particular commission.

Linda Davis: I knew I was forgetting one of the questions. My feeling is the most important issue is how to balance the growth of the community and the preservation of its historic story.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you. Are there any questions? Thank you, Ms. Davis. Melissa Fedock.

[Time: 00:17:27]

Melissa Fedock: Thank you, Mayor and Councilmembers, my name is Melissa Fedock. I lived in Scottsdale since the late '70s, my entire life, I have grown up here. I'm a product of Scottsdale schools. I graduated from Saguardo, my professional life has been in interior design and interior architecture, both commercial and residential, with specialty in mid-century design, which I think qualifies me a little uniquely, as far as determining what buildings are historically relevant for preserving and what are not. There's certainly the need to make room for progress, such as SkySong, but then there are buildings that need to be preserved and neighborhoods that need to be protected. So I think it's always weighing progress versus the future and the past.

So let's see, I want to serve on the board and the commission because I believe, I lived here my entire life. I've grown up in Scottsdale as I mentioned. I used to shop at Goldwater's and go to Farrells and I really watched all of the growth and progress that has happened and the spread. So I think that having that perspective, being here a long time, and seeing the changes is helpful. And marries with my background of interior architecture and design. I think the top issue, again, is determining what is historically relevant to Preserve, and making that determination and what needs to be protected and there is the ability to make room for progress and other buildings in those areas. So I think it's really being mindful of that. Do you have any questions for me?

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Ms. Fedock. Any questions from the Council?

Melissa Fedock: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: We will now take a, place our votes. We have one vacancy and two nominees. Each Councilmember can vote once, and we'll start with Councilwoman Littlefield, please.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I will vote for Linda Davis.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ms. Davis.

Councilwoman Klapp: Linda Davis.

Mayor Lane: Linda Davis.

Vice Mayor Korte: Linda Davis.

Councilman Smith: Linda Davis.

Councilwoman Littlefield: And Linda Davis.

Vice Mayor Korte: Congratulations, Ms. Davis.

LIBRARY BOARD

[Time: 00:20:07]

Vice Mayor Korte: Our next board is the Library Board. There's one opening. The Library Board advises Council on general policy related, general policy relating to programs and future development of the library. There is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are Monica Levens, Dana Rakinic and Janet Smigielski. Dana Rakinic is unable to attend and has submitted her responses in writing and would like to be considered. I ask Monica Levens to go to the podium.

[Time: 00:20:48]

Monica Levens: Good evening, my name is Monica Levens. I'm a new resident of Scottsdale. My husband just moved here in September of last year. Although we have been visiting down here for 15 or so years and we bought property here ten years ago, two units, planning our retirement down here and now that we are here, we are loving it. One of the first things I did was get my library card. I am a retired school teacher. In fact, a reading specialist. And so reading and libraries are very dear to my heart. And I thought that this would be an excellent way for me to meld my background in education with this kind of excitement I have about getting involved in my new community. I have even, I have gone to seminars at the library. I have taken advantage of the culture passes. Just all kinds of things. We have a lot of great things going for Scottsdale library.

As far as issues facing the library, I would be open to just listening to residents of Scottsdale library employees and others to determine how to move the library forward in their mission and values. I don't have any particular areas at this point. I would need to get up to speed with what's going on behind the scenes there. Are there any questions?

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Ms. Levens. Are there any questions from the Council? Thank you. I now ask Janet Smigielski to come to the podium. Thank you.

[Time: 00:22:42]

Janet Smigielski: Good afternoon. My name is Janet Smigielski, I live at 7813 East Beryl Avenue in Scottsdale. I have been a resident of Scottsdale since we moved here eight and a half years ago. In fact, my son just bought a condo over at Bon Vie. You may recognize me. I was here in the fall applying for a board position, which I obviously didn't get, but you never give up. So as I said last time I was here, why I want to be on the board is I truly have a passion and love of libraries that you will soon hear about. I really wanted to give back to my city.

I recently retired from a very intense job at Grand Canyon University where we put in 14, 16 hours a day and never was able to spend a lot of time back here which I now have. What makes me really unique and shows that I have a passion for libraries is first of all, I have a master's in library science. I have worked at the Orange County library system, and I worked in Auburn Hills, adult service library and so I have a passion for libraries. They are in my blood. I love to be around them. And I think it's really important to understand how they operate. But also, in addition to that since the last time I have seen you all, I have been active. I have been giving back. I volunteer at the Civic Center

Library. And because of my degree, I get to be on the floor with the other librarian helping patrons. In fact, and it's really, really good. You get to talk to patrons and hear what their interests are and what you can do for them.

I think one of the big issues as all, with all libraries, is looking at cost analysis, budget savings trying to maintain the services and programs that a lot of our patrons really do love, and maintaining the staff. And sometimes you have to do creative things, like I know recently there was a shifting in hours in libraries because there was another library that needed the extra hours. I think that's really important to do and I have the operational experience to help the board with that. I think I could be an asset. I know about data analysis. I know the board wants to look at informational reports. And see how efficient everything is running. So that's who I am. I love libraries and I would love to sit on the board and I thank you for your time and I ask for your support today. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Ms. Smigielski. Are there any questions from the Council? Thank you. So now we will vote we have one vacancy and three nominees. And each Councilmember can vote once. So I would like to start with Councilwoman Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ms. Smigielski.

Councilwoman Klapp: Janet Smigielski.

Mayor Lane: Janet Smigielski.

Vice Mayor Korte: Say that three times.

Mayor Lane: I can't get it once.

Vice Mayor Korte: Janet Smigielski.

Councilman Smith: I will just vote for Janet.

Councilman Phillips: Janet Smigielski.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Janet Smigielski.

Vice Mayor Korte: Congratulations Ms. Smigielski and welcome to the Library Board.

MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE COMMISSION

[Time: 00:26:26]

Vice Mayor Korte: Moving on, we are now looking at the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. We have two openings. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission provides citizen oversight for acquisition, preservation, management and stewardship of the McDowell Mountain and related

Sonoran desert for the benefit of this and future generations. There are two vacancies and four nominees. Joseph Blankenship and Andrea Davis withdrew their nominations from consideration. So now the nominees are Ann Adams, who is unable to attend, but submitted her responses in writing and would like to be considered, and Steve Dodd, Michael Mayer and Tawana Parker. So I would ask Steve Dodd to come to the podium, please.

[Time: 00:27:17]

Steve Dodd: Thank you, Mayor and Councilmembers, my name is Steve Dodd. I am currently Preserve commissioner and seeking a second term. I live at 13462 North 92nd Place in Scottsdale. We have been here since 1994. The Preserve has been a big part of our lives since we moved here. We started hiking at the Lost Dog area, prior to the official trailheads being there. My wife signed us up unbeknown to me, for steward classes for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy and announced that when I got home from work one day. And I was smart enough to say, great idea, because she usually has good idea. And from there it's just grown.

I marked my 6,000th volunteer hour with the Conservancy this past year. I have been active in just about all the programs of the Conservancy. Former chair of the core leadership, I have chaired many programs with the Conservancy. Certified citizen scientist, and lots of other stuff within the Preserve. Still active on various committees, I'm team lead for our steward events program.

As we look forward, where does the Preserve go from here? I think sustainability is the key issue that we face. Coming up with a plan for sustainability and more importantly, financing measures to make sure we protect this investment in time and money that we have made and keep it the way it is for future generations. And that's about it. Any questions.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mr. Dodd, are there any questions from the Council?

Steve Dodd: Thanks.

Vice Mayor Korte: I now ask Michael Mayer to come to the podium, please.

[Time: 00:29:51]

Michael Mayer: My name is Michael Mayer, I live at 11157 East Greenway. Scottsdale resident for 31 years. I have been part of this Preserve for, ever since I retired in 2003. It's my backyard and I happen to have two Brittanys. So they gave me good reason to go hiking every day in the Preserve and I have been around the world in the Preserve on a daily basis, going on 14 years. It's really been a joy of my life and something happened last month at the Preserve Commission that said, okay, you haven't done enough. What I have done for the Preserve with the help of friends is, is I have gone to Game and Fish to change the hunting regulations in the Preserve. When I first went to Game and Fish, rifles and shotguns were still allowed. They are now prohibited. I was the one who started the annual animal surveys in the Preserve. There had been none done before that. We didn't know what the animal life was like in the Preserve. I was also one of the first to suggest a program for the

deer to find out what their migration habits were. So hiking in the Preserve daily, I developed a theory on seasonal effects by heat, rain, urbanization, and hunting pressures in the Preserve.

At the April commission meeting, Game and Fish reported that there were very few javelina in the Preserve. Guy, you were there with me in August of 2012 at Game and Fish, when the Game and Fish commissioners doubled the javelina bag limit to, quote, market additional revenues. It had nothing to do with animal counts. Well, the animals are about gone now and I think we need someone to protect them. I'm also concerned about officers at the Conservancy that have left. There have been difficult raising money and we know how important the Conservancy is to maintaining the Preserve.

I do have endorsements from three notable people, secretary of state Michele Reagan, who has worked with me at Game and Fish for years. Director R.J. Cardon of Maricopa County parks and recreation manages over 120,000 acres, four times the size of the Preserve, has endorsed me and I have worked with his people. And also one of the founders of the Preserve, Peter Chaser who was the founding member and the first chair of McDowell Conservancy.

Vice Mayor Korte: Mr. Mayer, I ask you to bring your remarks.....

Michael Mayer: Protecting the Preserve for future generations is the top issue for the Preserve. I will focus on wildlife, water resources and hunting. I think poaching is rampant.

Vice Mayor Korte: I ask that you bring closure to your remarks.

Michael Mayer: All right. That's it.

Vice Mayor Korte: Okay. Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. I ask Tawana Parker to the podium, please.

[Time: 00:33:47]

Tawana Parker: Hi, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Tawana Parker and I have been a resident of Scottsdale for exactly seven years this month. May 14th, 2011. I moved to Scottsdale from Pennsylvania, and what prompted me to move to Scottsdale was twofold. One, to be closer to my Hawaiian-based family, my son, daughter and granddaughter and the opportunity to volunteer. As I looked at areas to get closer from Pennsylvania to Hawai'i, Scottsdale stood out because of the opportunities to volunteer. Within a year of moving here, I started volunteering at the library and had a list of other areas for the community and have really enjoyed it.

A little over three years ago, I began volunteering for the Conservancy. And what prompted that was I loved hiking there, and was going through a little breast cancer journey, and couldn't get anyone to hike with me at the last moment. So I Googled hiking and the Conservancy came up. I thought, wow, I didn't know that they would do. This I will go ahead and help them too while I was waiting for a bilateral mastectomy. So it's a wonderful journey serving the Conservancy and my community.

What I really enjoy about the Conservancy is having regulars come in and visitors and how excited they are that one-third of the city of Scottsdale has been Preserved just for them to enjoy nature. And it really gets me excited and pumped up just to see when visitors come how much they think of Scottsdale and the regulars who come every day. And when I hear people say, oh, hi, you are everywhere. I saw you over there. What do you do? That makes me excited.

But the most important thing is just being able to have the Preserve here for future generations, the perpetual care of the Preserve and how I can do that with my background serving through nonprofits, as well as my background in business, both consumer packaged goods, marketing for major corporations and finance enables me to be able to look at the big pictures strategically and also to execute, but also go across different areas of government, just not the Preserve but other areas that we interact with. Are there any questions?

Vice Mayor Korte: Any questions of the Council? Thank you, Ms. Parker.

Vice Mayor Korte: It is now time vote. We have two vacancies and four nominees each Councilmember can vote twice and I would like to start with Councilwoman Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Steve Dodd, Tawana Parker.

Mayor Lane: Steve Dodd and Tawana Parker.

Vice Mayor Korte: Steve Dodd and Tawana Parker.

Councilman Smith: Steve Dodd and Michael Mayer.

Councilman Phillips: Steve Dodd and Michael Mayer.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Steve Dodd, Michael Mayer.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Steve Dodd Tawana Parker.

Vice Mayor Korte: So we have two appointees to our Preserve commission, Mr. Dodd and Ms. Parker. Congratulations. And thank you for your service. Our next commission is Planning Commission.

PLANNING COMMISSION

[Time: 00:37:23]

Vice Mayor Korte: There is one opening. The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the city Council on all matters relating to the creation of zoning districts, the enforcement of zoning regulations, and amendments to all zoning ordinances. There's one vacancy and one nominee. William Conti withdrew his nomination from consideration. So the nominee today is Paul Alessio. I

would like to ask Paul to come to the podium.

[Time: 00:37:56]

Paul Alessio: Thank you Mayor Lane, my name is Paul Alessio and my address is 7527 East Tail Spin Lane, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254. I appreciate the opportunity to stand before you today for a candidate for reappointment for the Planning Commission. I have enjoyed serving the citizens, the city Council, staff, as well as the development community for last three years on the Planning Commission. My background with 20 years in construction and real estate is, I believe, served the Planning Commission well. Top priority for the Planning Commission is really the balance between the development community's desires and needs, balancing that with our citizens, as well as the Planning Commission as well as our staffer's planning guidelines and I just believe that we should do that in the collaboration and the respectful manner and that's the top priority. And it's been an absolute honor to serve and it would be honor to serve another term with the Planning Commission. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Paul. Any questions by the Council? Thank you.

Paul Alessio: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: We have one vacancy and one nominee and each Councilmember can vote once and I would like to start with Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane: Mr. Paul Alessio.

Vice Mayor Korte: Paul Alessio, please.

Councilman Smith: Tough call, but I will vote for Paul.

Councilman Phillips: Paul Alessio.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Paul Alessio.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Alessio.

Councilwoman Klapp: Paul Alessio.

Vice Mayor Korte: Congratulations, Mr. Alessio. Appreciate your service.

PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT BOARD

[Time: 00:39:35]

Vice Mayor Korte: Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board. There's one opening. Pursuant to

A.R.S. 38-847, the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards, Police local and Fire local, are responsible for deciding all questions of eligibility and service credits, and determines the amount, manner and time of payment of any benefits under the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Mayor Lane has submitted the proposed reappointment of Hugo Meraz to serve on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board for a four-year term. Mr. Meraz has been a Financial Services Specialist for nearly 20 years and is a 20-year resident of the city of Scottsdale. The Mayor's appointment of Hugo Meraz requires City Council affirmation. Therefore, I move to approve Mayor Lane's appointment of Hugo Meraz to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board. And I see that it calls for a second and a vote.

Councilman Smith: I will second.

Vice Mayor Korte: It's been moved and seconded. No further discussion. All in favor? Place your vote. And thank you, and congratulations Mr. Meraz.

This concludes our interview and appointment process this afternoon. I would like to thank everyone that interviewed today and would like to note that we are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applicants for the positions on our Boards and Commissions. Please remember, 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 for your given board or commission. The City of Scottsdale is very lucky to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing and ready to serve for our City and for that, thank you to all of you. And now I turn the meeting back to our Mayor.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Well done all the way around and I want to also thank all of those who participated in the process. It is a credit to our community that there is such talent there, that's willing to serve. So thank you very much for that and congratulations to those who received the appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:42:01]

Mayor Lane: That completes our business in the Special Meeting and so I will ask for the motion it adjourn.

Councilwoman Klapp: Move to adjourn.

Vice Mayor Korte: Second.

Mayor Lane: Thank you. Motion has been made and seconded. All of those in favor of adjournment, please indicate aye. We are adjourned. And we will begin our regular meeting at 5 p.m.