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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:02]

Mayor Ortega: I call the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 city council special meeting to order. Welcome. City clerk, Ben Lane, will you please conduct the roll call?

#### **ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:16]

Clerk Lane: Thank you, mayor. Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Betty Janik.

Vice Mayor Janik: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilmember Caputi: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Linda Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Solange Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

Sherry Scott: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

Sonia Andrews: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: And the Clerk is present. Thank you, mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Excellent. The purpose of this special meeting is to make appointments to boards and commissions and task force interviews as they come forward. I will now turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Betty Janik, for the boards, commissions, and task force interviews and appointments.

[Time: 00:01:09]

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you, mayor. The Scottsdale City Council is responsible for establishing city policies and enacting laws in support of those policies. The Council relies on volunteer, citizen-based boards and commissions to research issues and make recommendations in support of the Council's mission and goals.

The information and recommendations provided by Council-appointed advisory Boards is a

valuable tool in helping Councilmembers in their deliberations. 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 to this community.

Following each set of interviews, we'll vote on the appointments for that board or commission. As I call your name, please approach the podium, and briefly cover the following: For the record, please state your name and address and how long you have lived in Scottsdale. Please tell us how your education, employment, or volunteer experience relates to this board or commission. What is the top issue facing this board or commission? Please limit your comments to two minutes or less. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's response, I'll ask Councilmembers if they have any follow-up questions for you.

### **BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD OF APPEALS**

[Time: 00:02:46]

Vice Mayor Janik: We'll start with the building advisory board of appeals. Two openings. The Building Advisory Board of Appeals has the jurisdiction to recommend that minor variances in the electrical, plumbing, and mechanical application of the Building Code be granted and that alternative construction methods or materials be allowed. There are two vacancies and two nominees. The nominees are: Brian Brose. Michael Kravit. Mr. Brose will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically. Is Brian Brose ready to participate?

Brian Brose: Yes, I'm here. I am here. Hello? Hello?

Vice Mayor Janik: Alternately, I can move ahead to Michael Kravit or would you rather have me wait?

City Attorney Scott: Vice Mayor, Sherry Scott, city attorney, I believe I hear his voice trying to come through. Maybe I'm hearing voices, but perhaps the volume can just be turned up?

Vice Mayor Janik: Okay. Thank you. Appreciate that.

Brian Brose: Hi. Can you hear me now? Hello?

City Attorney Scott: It's still -- I'm sorry.

Vice Mayor Janik: It's still muffled.

City Attorney Scott: If you could speak as loudly as you can.

Brian Brose: Okay. Can you hear me now?

Vice Mayor Janik: Yes!

Brian Brose: Okay. Hi. Madam Vice Mayor thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Brian Brose. I live at 11000 north 77<sup>th</sup> place unit 2054 in Scottsdale. I have been here since January 8<sup>th</sup>. I relocated here from Chicago with my wife. I'm a graduate from Arizona State University 1984. My education -- I have a bachelor of science this construction management. I have over 35 years of experience managing complex and large construction projects across the country. Mainly hospitals, hotels and office buildings, where I have extensive experience with mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, fire alarm, teledata systems.

In terms of issues facing the board, I'm not aware of any issues facing the board. I only assume that with the opening and as busy as the market is, that the board is very busy. Do you have any questions for me?

Vice Mayor Janik: You have completed your comments, Mr. Brose?

[Time: 00:06:06]

Brian Brose: I have. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Janik: Okay. Thank you. Does anybody on council have any questions for Brian Brose? Okay. Thank you.

Next, Michael Kravit, could you please step forward to the podium, and introduce yourself. Thank you.

Michael Kravit: I assume this is on? Yes. Okay. Madam Vice Mayor, Mr. Mayor, members of the council, my name is Michael Kravit. And it's the greatest honor that I come before you today to volunteer my time for this board.

I am an architect, registered in approximately 26 states. I have been practicing since 1979, when I graduated from the university of Miami, with my degree in architecture, as well as a year of graduate studies in urban and regional planning.

Over the years, my experience includes multistory, high-rise, mid-rise office buildings, university buildings, hospitals, some residences, not many, and corporate headquarters and facilities. Most recently, I just finished the corporate headquarters and studios for CBS sports in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It was a fun project and it was a blast.

Over the years, I have been appointed to a number of boards based on my experience, including site plan review boards, planning and zoning boards, unsafe structures boards, and code enforcement boards. In 1998, I was appointed by the governor of the state of Florida to sit on the Florida building commission technical advisory committee for fire codes. Basically, we took 13 building codes across that state and combined them into one state, building code.

It was a daunting task, but we did it and obviously, since that time, we are now part of the International Building Code such as Arizona. I have also worked as an adjunct professor of architecture for a local university in Florida, and currently, I am certified as an expert witness in federal and circuit courts, with respect to construction forensics and construction litigation.

I moved -- oh, I'm sorry. I'm supposed to tell you where I'm from. I moved to -- my wife and I purchased our home in Scottsdale in April of 2020, just as COVID was hitting. We moved here, drove across the country in June of 2020. I went back and forth running my office for a couple months and then ultimately sold the firm to a national company in December of 2020. We actually love Scottsdale. We're enjoying it tremendously. We try to get out hiking when it's not 108 or 110 degrees. We do enjoy it quite a bit.

[Time: 00:09:04]

In regard to the biggest issue that I feel board of this nature faces and I think it would be very similar to other boards I served on, but that is balance -- balancing fairness and balancing the needs of the zoning community, the zoning codes and the building codes for everybody so it's equitable and works. I'm sorry if I went over the time.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you very much. Does anybody on council have any questions for Mr. Kravit? Okay. Thank you.

Michael Kravit: Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Janik: I will now entertain a vote for the Building Advisory Board of Appeals. Each Councilmember can vote for two nominees. Okay. I will start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilmember Caputi: Brian Brose and Michael Kravit.

Councilmember Whitehead: Brian Brose and Michael Kravit.

Vice Mayor Janik: Councilperson Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Brose and Mr. Kravit.

Vice Mayor Janik: Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Brian Brose and Kravitz.

Councilmember Littlefield: Brian Brose and Michael Kravit.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself, Brian Brose and Michael Kravit.

Councilmember Durham: Brian Brose and Michael Kravit.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you. Brian Brose and Michael Kravit have been appointed. Thank you.

**CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

[Time: 00:10:47]

Vice Mayor Janik: Citizens bond oversight committee, one opening. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee receives reports on the City's progress in implementing the Bond Program, reviews any proposed project changes to the program and provides comments to the City Council with respect to the bond program as the Committee deems appropriate. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is: Laraine Rodgers. Thank you, Laraine. You can begin.

Laraine Rodgers: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Janik, and council. My name is Laraine Rodgers. My address is on file. I live in Scottsdale 32 years from 1975 until today. I love living here. I have been very fortunate and very grateful to be appointed to my first term in the citizen bond oversight committee and now that we have our 54 Scottsdale voter approved bonds, I am -- thank you. I am -- I think there's a lot more work to go done and I would like to continue to contribute for a second term.

In terms of my qualifications, I have a bachelor of science, undergrad in organizational behavior and information technology, and I have an M.B.A. from Pepperdine university. And other qualifications, I bring decades of experience, including leadership experience on complex projects both in industry and in government.

In terms of my volunteer experience, I have been a solid volunteer, loving it for the last ten years. I served two terms on the library board and completed the full appointment to the 2014 general plan task force, including the initial draft of the 2035, prior to 2020, after others and, of course, council had the opportunity to make that go through.

In terms of the top issue, the top issue for the committee is oversee each bond's progress and use of fund as approved by the citizens. If reappointed, I will continue to participate fully and probe for understanding and clarity on proposed changes, project details and financial performance. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you. Does anybody on council have any questions? Okay. I will now entertain a vote for the citizens' bond oversight committee. I will start with Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: I will vote for Laraine Rodgers.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ms. Rodgers.

Mayor Ortega: Laraine Rodgers. Thank you for your service.

Councilmember Littlefield: Laraine Rodgers.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself, Laraine Rodgers.

Councilmember Durham: Laraine Rodgers.

Councilmember Caputi: Laraine Rodgers.

Vice Mayor Janik: Laraine Rodgers has been appointed. Thank you.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:13:46]

Vice Mayor Janik: Next, we move on to the historic preservation commission. We have one opening. The Historic Preservation Commission oversees the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Program. There is one vacancy and one Nominee. The nominee is: Rose Smith. Please begin, Rose.

Rose Smith: Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor, Vice Mayor and council. My name is Rose Smith. And I would like to thank you for considering my nomination for member of the historic preservation commission. My family has been in the area as citizens for over 50 years and I have lived here continuously for the past 17. Currently at 8708 east -- in McCormick ranch.

Having worked for public service, including city of Scottsdale and retiring from Scottsdale unified, I feel strongly that public service is a natural transition for me. I am currently in the third year of a four-year appointment on an advisory committee with the Department of Education. I was also selected as a representative community member of the SUSD strategic plan design team.

I serve on yes to children and currently volunteer for education volunteer association and the SUSD schools. Relating to preserving the significant properties, I have been an outspoken proponent on maintaining the historic and architectural integrity such as Hohokam.

I would like to thank the city for giving lay residents like myself that serve in processes that enhance the community and our quality of life. I would be honored to be part of commission that preserves and promotes the history of the city I love. Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the Historic Preservation Commission. Do you have any questions for me?

Vice Mayor Janik: None. Thank you.

I will now entertain a vote for the historic preservation commission. I will start with

councilperson Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ms. Smith.

Mayor Ortega: Rose Smith.

Councilmember Littlefield: Rose Smith.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself, Rose Smith.

Councilmember Durham: Rose Smith.

Councilmember Caputi: Rose Smith.

Councilmember Whitehead: Rose Smith.

Vice Mayor Janik: Rose Smith has been appointed. Okay.

#### **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:16:13]

Vice Mayor Janik: Human relations commission. Two openings. The Human Relations Commission advocates and promotes all dimensions of diversity. The Commission acts as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and staff to make recommendations on ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding among people, to discourage prejudice and Discrimination, and to work towards cultural awareness and unity. There are two vacancies and two nominees. The nominees are: James Eaneman. And his term is expiring and he is eligible for reappointment. Emily Hinchman. Ms. Hinchman's term is expiring and is eligible for reappointment. Mr. Eaneman, proceed. Thank you.

James Eaneman: Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Vice Mayor and members of council, I'm Jim Eaneman, a five-year resident of Scottsdale, living at 1162 east Arabian park drive. My story is simple and straightforward.

I was raised in the San Francisco Bay area and in high school was deeply involved in academics, student government and athletics. Then came college and a bachelor's degree, followed by an M.B.A. and later completion of Duke University's advanced management program.

More recently, I have attended and completed the four Scottsdale citizens academies. 25 years of my professional life was spent at Pacific gas and electric company, where as manager of human resources, planning and development, my group conceived and delivered corporate initiatives involving diversity in the workplace, employee development and empowerment and process improvement. Those efforts benefited greatly the corporation and secondarily receives



widespread notoriety and awards.

My parents believed in and practiced commitment to community, and for a very long time, I have attempted to follow the example that they have set through involvements ranging from tutoring, youth, chambers of commerce and homeowners associations, along with serving on various city and county boards, commissions and grand juries in other locales.

For the past three years, it has been one the singular honors of my life to serve on this commission. My attendance record is unblemished. And my activities reflect the full gamut of the commission's pursuits with a particular emphasis on helping to develop the -- and provide advocacy for the antidiscrimination ordinance that you adopted in April.

It's my hope that you will allow me to continue to stay on the commission, as it were to you, city staff, and our fellow residents to confront the issues that bedevil our overall society and that exist here to one degree or another so that we can collectively and jointly and cooperatively move Scottsdale forward. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

[Time: 00:19:52]

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you, Mr. Eaneman. Does anyone on council have questions for him? Thank you very much.

James Eaneman: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Janik: Next Emily Hinchman.

Emily Hinchman: Mr. Mayor and Vice Mayor Janik, members of the council, my name is Emily Hinchman. My address is on file. And I'm currently serving as vice chair of this commission, and I am very interested in reupping and serving for another three years.

My background is in nursing, and I closely align myself from my career with being a humanist. I have taken care of all sorts of people and I want to advocate for all sorts of people. I'm very proud of what our commission has done over the last three years, and I'm grateful to you all for adopting the antidiscrimination ordinance. Our work is not over.

We have a lot, actually that, we need to do, which is to promote, practice what we preach, and I'm big on educating our citizens and getting the community involved. We also have to walk the walk and hopefully others will follow. So I look forward to continuing my service, and as Jim said, it's been an honor these last three years and once again, I'm grateful for all of you who stood behind us that whole time. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Ms. Hinchman? Thank you. I just want to say, it really makes me feel good that we have two people who have already served on this board, and they want to reup. That is quite a compliment and I thank you for your

commitment to society. Thank you.

I will now entertain a vote for the human relations commission. Each Councilmember can vote for two nominees. I will start with Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you very much for your service. My votes are for Emily Hinchman and Jim Eaneman.

Councilmember Littlefield: No additional.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself, no additional.

City Clerk Supervisor Rommel Cordova: Excuse me. Vice Mayor, just for the record, if you could each please indicate who you are actually voting for.

Vice Mayor Janik: Okay. So Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: James mean and Emily Hinchman.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself, James Eaneman and Emily Hinchman. Councilman Durham.

Councilmember Durham: James Eaneman and Emily Hinchman.

Councilmember Caputi: James Eaneman and Emily Hinchman.

Councilmember Whitehead: James Eaneman and Emily Hinchman. Thank you.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Eaneman and Ms. Hinchman.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you. James Eaneman and Emily Hinchman have been appointed. Thank you.

#### **HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:23:09]

Vice Mayor Janik: Human services commission. Three openings. The Human Services Commission provides advisory recommendations to staff and the City Council on human services priorities and programs; and funding allocations for Scottsdale Cares, Community Development Block Grants, HOME, Human Services Emergency and General Funds.

There are three vacancies and Dawn Abel withdrew her application from consideration, as did Nancy Cantor. The nominees are: Jeff Jameson, Diane Lester. Ms. Lester is unable to join us this afternoon; however, she is still very much interested in serving on the commission. Tricia Serlin,

Neal Shearer, Paula Sturgeon.

Jeff, if you could make your comments.

Jeff Jameson: Yes. Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, madam Vice Mayor, I my name is Jeff Jameson and my wife and I live at 9360 east Astor drive. We have been residents of Scottsdale since 2006. I work for life care centers as the division director of human resources overseeing 24 facilities in four states where we care for over 4,000 patients a day with a staff of over 3,000 employees.

I have a master's degree in human resource management and have spent most of my career in the nonprofit community. I have worked for -- as an energy assistance director for Arizona community action, a vice president of human resources for Arizona's children association, and I ran my own consulting firm focusing on providing services to the nonprofit community. In addition, my professional background, I served for six years on the Scottsdale human relations commission.

And on that note, I would like to personally thank this panel for the recent passage of the LGBTQ rights ordinance. I'm very active in my church's outreach programs, nativity episcopal of Scottsdale gives thousands of hours of time and over \$30,000 per year to community-based nonprofits, such as St. Mary's food bank, foothills caring corps, save the family, a new leaf and habitat for humanity to name a few.

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Based on my experience, I feel I'm qualified to be part of the human services commission. Regarding the top issue facing this commission, I believe all sectors of our community have been highly impacted by COVID.

It has impacted so many people's lives who find themselves in need of food assistance, economic help, counseling, job seeking assistance, risk of loss of housing, and access to good healthcare. I'm sure this has put a major strain on all aspects of city human services and I'm sure it's put a -- a major thrust on making sure that we continue the strong outreach so our citizens can get a hand up. I greatly appreciate this opportunity to sit on this commission.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you, Jeff. Does anybody on council have any questions? Thank you.

Jeff Jameson: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Janik: Again, Diane Lester, she's unable to join us this afternoon, however, she's still very interested in serving on the commission. -- very interested in serving on the commission. Next we move on to Tricia Serlin.

Tricia Serlin: Thank you, mayor -- oops. I'm vertically challenged. Mayor Ortega Vice Mayor

Janik, and councilmembers, I'm Tricia Serlin. I'm live at 4015 unit 111. I lived in Scottsdale for 27 years. I really feel I bring to the city of Scottsdale and the human services commission experience. I bring balance and resiliency. I have been in human services, I think over 100 years. It's actually been 40 years, and worked in nonprofits. I currently work at ability 360. I'm the information and referral program coordinator. So I get all of the calls. And it's great.

I actually worked for the city of Scottsdale for 11 years before that. I was at the Via Linda senior center working with older adults. I then went to youth and family, and the mayor's youth commission, Smith. And then I went to Paiute, and worked with the population there. We gave out a lot of bus passes, food boxes. And I made a transition everywhere. And vista Del Camino where I packed the food boxes and also gave them out with rental and utility assistance. So I have a lot of experience, a lot of resiliency, and it's in my heart, human services. So I have made a lot of contacts. I have that information that I would like to share and be with people.

[Time: 00:28:21]

I really feel the top issues are programs of sustainability and moving forward, keeping aligned with the city's goals. And what we need. We have tons of issues, housing, transportation, neighborhoods, people experiencing homelessness, aging, youth, family issues, but if we can prioritize and partner with other agencies and cities, we can then keep Scottsdale the great city it is. Moving forward, and I thank you for this opportunity again. I look forward to your decision.

Vice Mayor Janik: Does anybody on council have questions for Ms. Serlin? Thank you very much. Next is Neal Shearer.

Neal Shearer: Honorable Vice Mayor, mayor, and members of the council, thank you for your service, I'm Neal Shearer. I reside at 13141 north 90<sup>th</sup> place in Vista North, where I have been for about 36 years. I'm also proud that my education and my entire professional life has been dedicated to community service.

I have a master's degree in public administration, from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. And last year, I retired after 42 years in community management serving just two outstanding but very different organizations. In the past decade, I worked as C.O.O. and then C.E.O. of the Anthem Community Council, the governing body that manages the large-scale master plan community in the North Valley.

Prior to Anthem, it was my privilege to work for the city of Scottsdale for 32 years. I performed a number of different positions and wore several different hats but the reason I'm here today is because the most rewarding job that I had was when I served as human services director in the mid-1990s.

With the support of the council, the commission, and the community, we did some really neat things. We opened the Paiute neighborhood center. We opened the Via Linda senior center, and we launched the Scottsdale Cares donation program and it's exciting to see that all three of

those major initiatives are going gang busters today. As it relates to the most important issue facing the commission, it's really -- and Tricia did a great job of running down a number of different issues.

It's not an issue per se, as much as it is a discipline to be prudent about the recommendations we make with limited funds for an unlimited set of needs. And I particularly want to echo, I think, a path that council is on to really pursue joint partnerships and collaborations, not only with the nonprofit community, but also with our neighboring communities.

[Time: 00:31:38]

Just as you did last month, when you approved the joint venture to examine solutions to homelessness in the east valley. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you, Mr. Shearer. Does anybody on council have any questions for him? Okay. Thank you. Next, is Paula Sturgeon. Thank you.

Paula Sturgeon: Thank you, Vice Mayor Janik. Mayor Ortega, members of the council, it's a pleasure to get to speak you to this afternoon on an issue about which I feel great enthusiasm. And that is the opportunity to serve in our community.

One of the great privileges of my recent past was serving as chair of the political action committee, as much as PACs are sometimes a naughty word, the political action committee that helps Scottsdale bring about the bonds that are going to be so essential in moving forward so many of the services and facilities we're talking about in this commission. I am a consumer of human services, as a longstanding member of the bridge club at the senior center. I want you to know how important I think that is.

My background is this, after spending most of my life as a sick kid, I went to work in a hospital and was a hospital human resources and clinical care vice president and executive. When I retired from that, I went to work for the other major nonprofit in my life, which is the church.

And through the variety of churches that I -- with which I have been affiliated, we do human services since way back when, since we were told that's what our charge was to do. I coordinate with groups to be involved in the communities both locally and around the world, and look forward to doing that more. I think one of the things that is so essential when we take on subjects like this, is a sense of prudence about the money we have, and what we can do, but more importantly, a powerful sense of positive purpose. It is incumbent upon us when we say we will serve to do so joyfully, enthusiastically, and seek to make it as -- as successful an operation as possible.

The people who have sat on this commission heretofore deserve enormous kudos. I would like to join them and make this commission known more far and wide in our community and see

what we can do with it. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you, Ms. Sturgeon. Does anybody in the council have any questions? Okay. Thank you. I will now entertain a vote for the human services commission. Each councilmember can vote for three nominees. I will start with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Jeff Jameson, Diane Lester, Tricia Serlin.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself, Jeff Jameson, Tricia Serlin and Neal Shearer.

Councilmember Durham: Jeff Jameson, Diane Lester, and Neal Shearer.

Councilmember Whitehead: Jeff Jameson, Tricia Serlin and Neal shearer.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Jameson, Mr. Shearer and Ms. Sturgeon.

Mayor Ortega: Jeff Jameson, Diane Lester and Tricia Serlin.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you. Okay. Jeff Jameson, Tricia Serlin and Neal Shearer have been appointed. Thank you.

#### **JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD**

[Time: 00:36:16]

Vice Mayor Janik: Judicial appointments advisory board. One opening for a citizen rep position. The Judicial Appointments Advisory Board (JAAB) makes advisory recommendations to the City Council regarding the appointment and reappointment of full-time city judges. There is one citizen rep position vacancy and one citizen rep nominee.

The appointment of the Scottsdale Bar Association rep position will be held at a later date. The citizen rep nominee is: Susan Galpin-Tyree. Ms. Galpin-Tyree will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically. We're prepared when Ms. Tyree is ready to speak.

Susan Galpin-Tyree: Good afternoon. [ Echo ] Vice Mayor Janik, and members of the council, my name is Susan Galpin-Tyree.

Vice Mayor Janik: We are unable to hear you.

Susan Galpin-Tyree: I reside at 13558 east Jenna drive in Scottsdale and I have lived there -- here in Scottsdale for over 30 years. Currently, I work at the center for gender equity and science and technology at A.S.U. I hold a master's degree from A.S.U. law, and I'm proud to be counted among the city of Scottsdale judicial appointment advisory board members.

It's been a privilege to serve as the JAAB vice chair for the term ending this month. I appreciate the legal reasoning expressed by our attorney, judge, and my fellow non-jurist board members as we complete due diligence for the city's appointments and reappointments of its judges.

It would be a distinct privilege to serve a second term. We have more work ahead in 2022. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you, Susan. Does anybody from council have any questions? Seeing none, I will now entertain a vote for the judicial appointments advisory board. Each councilmember can vote once. I will start with myself, and I nominate Susan Galpin-Tyree. Councilperson Durham.

Councilmember Durham: I would vote for Susan Galpin-Tyree.

Councilmember Caputi: Susan Galpin-Tyree.

Councilmember Whitehead: Susan Galpin-Tyree.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ms. Galpin-Tyree.

Mayor Ortega: Susan Galpin-Tyree.

Councilmember Littlefield: Susan Galpin-Tyree.

Vice Mayor Janik: Susan Galpin-Tyree has been appointed. Thank you.

#### **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:39:21]

Vice Mayor Janik: Tourism development commission, two openings. One an industry rep and one a Scottsdale hotelier. The Tourism Development Commission advises the City Council on matters concerning the expenditure of revenues from the Transaction Privilege Tax on transient lodging, bed tax, designated for tourism development.

There is one Industry position vacancy and one Scottsdale hotelier position vacancy; and two nominees. The nominees are: Chris Montgomery, Industry rep nominee. Richard Newman, Scottsdale Hotelier nominee. Mr. Newman's term has expired and is eligible for reappointment. We'll start with Chris Montgomery, if you could approach the podium.

Chris Montgomery: Thank you very much, may or Ortega and Vice Mayor Janik and, of course, the lovely councilmembers. My name is Chris Montgomery. I lived in Scottsdale now 27 years. I originally hailed from Chicago, Illinois. It took one day's visit to decide my history -- my future

was going to be in Arizona and that started in 1990.

Since then, I graduated from -- I graduated from northern Illinois university and DeKalb. That's where they invented bar, wire, in case you needed to know. I played college football and I loved the recruiting process of college football and I got really, really engaged in that.

In the process, I moved all around a little bit before I trained with the sears management training program that got me to California and then eventually I moved here in 1994, to work with the Phoenix suns.

I work for the Phoenix suns and the America west arena for 19 and a half years. I was lucky enough to be part of starting the many things that happened from the baseball team to the hockey team. We sold Rodeos to the tennis event out of Scottsdale. We did everything that was sports related and venue related that you can possibly think of. I like to refer to those times as Colangelo land. We did everything is we could to attract people.

My role there was sales and my last nine years with the suns, I manage the premium accounts which are all the floor seat holders. During that time, I learned how valuable golf was to our community because I had nothing in common with some of the titans of Arizona, except that I played golf. And so when I had the opportunity, the Arizona golf association asked me if I would take a look at a role there and I did. That happened about six and a half years ago.

So I have been with the Arizona golf association since then. My experience like I mentioned, included starting all the teams from the baseball team to the hockey team, to the women's WNBA team, and I also worked for the NBA and 11 all-star games and traveled the country in that entertainment capacity.

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The things that attract me to this particular position are I do the same thing that I hotels and Scottsdale does. I try to put butts in seats. I did that for so long and the golf world, I'm trying to attract and support the amateur game and support that with businesses and services through my corporate sales role.

The top three -- I say the challenges, number one, is finding a way to make people feel safe again to travel. Second I believe is promoting inclusive and diverse type of events. I had an interesting time during one of the many diversity events I go to, where working for the suns I believe I was the only African American that didn't play there. And it never occurred to me to think about it like that but a young black person, a woman and male approached me one the diversity meetings and said I would have never thought to work at place x because there was no one that looked like me there in the executive area.

Since then, it's been a huge impact on me and I tried to be as involved and committed to some of the things that allowed someone like myself to get out in front and show people that



anything is possible. I work on the international golf administrators board and that's supporting golf. I'm the only African American on that board as you can imagine and currently I'm the chair of the SBA which is the A.S.U. sports business advisory committee and we help to guide the sports business community. Thank you so much, and if you have any questions, I'm a talker so I'm happy to answer.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you very much, Chris Montgomery. Does anybody have any questions for him? Thank you. Next, Richard Newman.

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Richard Newman: Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Janik and councilmembers, it's a pleasure to be here. Thank you for having me. My name is Rich Newman, I live at 7647 east onyx court in Scottsdale. I lived there since 2003. I first came here to Scottsdale a while back, in 1986, where I was the food and beverage director at the now Saguaro hotel. It was a double tree back then. And I remember serving lunch to Mayor Drinkwater back then. He was a wonderful man, a gentleman and he exuded energy and positivity. Along with his inspiration and the way I was enamored with Scottsdale and the magic of the desert, I just found this to be a place where I wanted to be for my forever home. And I have been here and I don't plan on going anywhere. And what I have been honored and privileged to be able to do is contribute, better late than never, more than I ever have in my entire life in tourism and development.

I served on the board of directors for the valley hotel and resort association, for a number of years. I was the -- I was the -- on the tourist development committee. I have served as a member and was recently appointed the vice chair of the tourism development committee. But the most exciting -- the most exciting appointment and opportunity I have had was to be part of the Citizen Review Committee for the Scottsdale general plan of 2035.

It was -- you know, it was a different process, because of the pandemic and COVID and restrictions. It was all virtually organized. I never really saw a face. So I had to go online and see who people were, and we listened to voices and we listened to people's contributions and their opinions and it was absolutely -- for me, it was a very fascinating and insightful and a tremendous growth experience that gave me insight that I never had before.

All that goes into a city, all that goes into making a place amazing is what I learned as part of the Citizen Review Committee for the Scottsdale general plan. So many parts, so many people, so many efforts, so much time, so much energy. And that has really taken me to a higher level of inspiration. I'm sorry to go on and just talk, but I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve another term on the tourism development committee and I appreciate you having me here today. Sorry.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you, Mr. Newman. Does anybody on council have any questions for him? Okay. Thank you. I will now entertain a vote for the tourism development commission. Each councilmember can vote for two nominees. I will start with Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: I would nominate Chris Montgomery and Richard Newman.

Councilmember Caputi: Chris Montgomery, Richard Newman.

Councilmember Whitehead: Chris Montgomery and Richard Newman.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Newman.

Mayor Ortega: I vote for Rich Newman and Chris Montgomery.

Councilmember Littlefield: Chris Montgomery and Richard Newman.

Vice Mayor Janik: And myself, Chris Montgomery and Richard Newman. Okay, Chris Montgomery and Richard Newman have been appointed. Thank you.

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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Vice Mayor Janik: And last but not least, we have the transportation commission with two openings. The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient movement of vehicles, transit, pedestrians, and bicycles.

The commission provides a public forum to hear citizen complaints and requests regarding transportation matters. There are two nominees and two vacancies due to the recent resignation of Donald Pochowski from the commission. The nominees are: B. Kent Lall. Mr. Lall's term has expired and is eligible for reappointment. Kerry Wilcoxon. Mr. Wilcoxon will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically. We will start with B. Kent Lall.

B. Kent Lall: Mr. Mayor and members of the council, my name is B. Kent Lall, I'm a transportation consultant. I have resided at 12652 east Boaz avenue, in Scottsdale, for the last ten years. I came to this community after a year of teaching and research in Oregon for 34 years, while serving on the transportation commission for the last three years, I have contributed to developing a futuristic transportation system that's practical, safe and acceptable to the community.

I assist the department of transportation in developing the transportation action plan, T.A.P., to its final draft. I will continue to contribute to guiding us to more livable environment in our neighborhoods and the city.

I have experience -- extensive knowledge in transportation systems, and I worked in roadway design, access management, highway capacity, and level of service issues through professional associations, my experience extends to public transport, us about rapid transit, B.R.T., public

private partnerships.

I'm a resource and help the commission critically analyze the issues at hand. The commission faces the task of preserving and maintaining the existing infrastructure as resources would be limited for any new infrastructure.

Commission's commitment to roundabouts has strengthened during my tenure. Other issues facing the commission are cool surface treatments and cyclist safety. I'm currently helping the commission to look at colored pavement markings for bicycle safety near intersections. I would assist the commission in looking at technology for better signal coordination in the future. Thank you.

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Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you, Mr. Lall. Does anybody on council have any questions for him? Okay. Seeing none, let's move on to Kerry Wilcoxson.

Councilmember Littlefield: Councilwoman Caputi had a question.

Vice Mayor Janik: Mr. Lall, Councilwoman Caputi has a question for you. I missed her hand.

Councilmember Caputi: My own personal curiosity. You mentioned that you were involved in futuristic transportation systems in your resume and you repeated it in your comments. So just what does that mean? I'm curious to hear.

B. Kent Lall: I'm sorry, I didn't quite get --

Councilmember Caputi: You mentioned you were involved in -- helping to design futuristic transportation systems for the city. I was just curious -- that's cool. What does that mean?

B. Kent Lall: Looking at technologies for future transportation. Well, there's intelligent transportation technologies that are being used in signal coordination, but they are constantly changing. And that's where I can help, because I do have some experience with those.

Councilmember Caputi: Okay.

B. Kent Lall: That's what I meant.

Councilmember Caputi: I was thinking like Jetsons or something.

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B. Kent Lall: And, of course, people -- we are also trying to expand it to additional intersections which currently do not have cameras or intelligent transportation systems.

Councilmember Caputi: Thank you.

B. Kent Lall: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Janik: Do we have any other questions? Okay. Thank you. And, again, we will go on to Kerry Wilcoxon who will be participating electronically.

Kerry Wilcoxon: Can you hear me okay? Good afternoon, can you hear me okay?

Vice Mayor Janik: Yes, now.

Kerry Wilcoxon: Thank you, madam vice chair or Vice Mayor Janik, Mayor Ortega and members of the council. I appreciate being considered for this position in the transportation commission. My name is Kerry Wilcoxon, I'm a 25-year resident of Scottsdale. My wife and I reside at 634 east Edgemont avenue in the southern part of the city. I am a professional engineer, working for Arizona Department of Transportation.

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I am a professional traffic operations engineer and recently was certified as a road safety professional. I am the state traffic safety engineer and I am thrilled for the opportunity to be considered for this position. I appreciate all the work that has been done by both council and the commission since I have been in Scottsdale and I note that the commission has worked very hard to expand the usability of roads and the equitability of the road users.

My belief is that the main points of concern going forward would be to continue maintaining the balance between road users, making sure that we still have roads but also accommodate people on bikes, scooters, all kinds of road users. My second concern or at least my second challenge would be the future of transportation in the city.

We are hopefully coming out of the pandemic and I know that statewide, there are a lot of changes that we're seeing in the road use, and that translates to how the city roads are being used. I want to make sure I can help do my part through the commission to making sure that Scottsdale is prepared for that, and that we continue to maintain safe and accessible roadways. And finally, I would very much like to continue the tradition that has been started by the -- the board members and the council of continuing to listen to people on -- in the citizenry, and also continue to -- to consider all choices and all opinions. So thank you.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you, Mr. Wilcoxon. Does anybody have any questions for him? Yes? Mr. Durham?

Councilmember Durham: One question I have is obviously your current employment provides a great deal of experience that would be useful to your role on this commission. But do you

envision that your current employment, would there be any conflicts with the city of Scottsdale regarding the transportation commission as between your employment and your role on the commission?

Kerry Wilcoxon: That's a great question. I do oversee a couple of different programs that are statewide. Probably the most visible of which is the highway safety improvement program. We are ADOT's monitoring -- not monitor. We provide an opportunity for cities and state to bid or to propose projects that improve safety. Scottsdale does and has been participating in that program, and while I oversee it, I don't actually vote on the apportionment of it.

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I make sure that the rules of the program are followed as I would on any other concerns that would come across with Scottsdale. The other area that has a conflict is when we consider the interaction of the freeway network in the Maricopa County Region along with Scottsdale.

In those roles I'm primarily an advisory on the board and primarily from the traffic safety stand point but anything that would constitute a conflict either now or in the future, I would recuse myself, if I was appointed to the board. That's a good question. Thank you for asking.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Janik: Any other questions? Thank you very much. I will now entertain a vote for the transportation commission. Each councilmember can vote for two nominees. I will start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilmember Caputi: B. Kent Lall and Kerry Wilcoxon.

Councilmember Whitehead: Kent Lall and Kerry Wilcoxon.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Lall and Mr. Wilcoxon.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Lall and Mr. Wilcoxon.

Councilmember Littlefield: Kent Lall and Kerry Wilcoxon.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself, Kent Lall and Kerry Wilcoxon.

Councilmember Durham: Kent Lall and Kerry Wilcoxon.

Vice Mayor Janik: Kent Lall and Kerry Wilcoxon have been appointed. Thank you. This concludes our appointment process for today. I would like to thank all our nominees for their interest in serving on a city board or commission.

We are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applicants for the positions on our Boards and Commissions. Even if you were not appointed today, your application will remain on file for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies.

City staff will contact the individuals appointed this evening and provide them with information on next steps regarding their appointment. The City of Scottsdale is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing and ready to serve for our city. I will now turn the meeting back to Mayor Ortega. Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Ortega: Thank you. That concludes our business. I move to adjourn. Do I hear a second.

Councilmember Littlefield: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Ms. Littlefield. Please vote. Register your vote. It's unanimous. Thank you.