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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:01]

Mayor Ortega: Good afternoon I call this December 6, 2022, city council special meeting and possible executive session to order. City Clerk Ben Lane please conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:14]

City Clerk Ben Lane: Thank you Mayor. Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Tom Durham.

Vice Mayor Durham: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Betty Janik

Councilwoman Janik: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Linda Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman 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.

ITEM 01 – REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

[Time: 00:00:39]

Mayor Ortega: The purpose of our meeting is posted. May I have a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss and consult with designated representatives of the city in order to consider the city's position and instruct its representatives regarding the proposed contract that could be the subject of potential future negotiations and discuss consult with the city's attorneys for legal advice?

These matters pertain to a proposal related to the potential treatment and transport of water for the Rio Verde Foothills area outside of the city of Scottsdale. Do I have a motion?

Councilwoman Janik: So moved.

Vice Mayor Durham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: we have a motion and a second, please register your vote and say your name remotely.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Councilmember Whitehead yes.

Mayor Ortega: We are unanimous. We are recessed into executive session.

[Time: 00:02:17]

Mayor Ortega: For the record our executive session has ended. We are now resuming our council special meeting. The second item on the agenda of our special meeting and let me note that our council is in attendance and Councilwoman Whitehead is remote also that our charters are in attendance and the city manager is remote so that we have a full house. The next item is the protect and preserve task force interviews and appointments. This afternoon the city council will be appointing individuals to one task force. I will turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Durham to begin the process.

ITEM 02 – PROTECT AND PRESERVE SCOTTSDALE TASK FORCE INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS

[Time: 00:03:13]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mayor. We will be appointing citizens to the protect and preserve Scottsdale task force. They will meet twice monthly beginning in 2023 and develop recommendations to report to the city council through identifying and quantifying unfunded needs through the protection, preservation, and perpetual maintenance of the city's open spaces. Indian Bend Wash, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, public safety and other needs. The protect and preserve Scottsdale task force shall consist of nine members representing different geographical areas: northern, central, southern, of the city.

Following each set of interviews, we'll vote on appointments for each set of representatives of the different geographical areas. I want to thank the individuals nominated for their willingness to volunteer their time and service to the community. 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've lived in Scottsdale. Please tell us how your education, employment, or volunteer experience relates to this task force, and finally explain what is the top issue facing this task force. Please limit your comments to two minutes or less. We have a timer on the screen to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's response, I will ask council members if they have any follow up questions.

Let's get started with appointments for the positions representing the northern geographical area of the city. The first nominee is Mr. Richard Bourke. Can you please approach the podium?

Richard Bourke: Hello. This is functioning, everybody can hear me. My name is Richard Bourke. I've lived in Scottsdale since 1987. Lived both in the McCormick Ranch area and then moved to Legend Trail which is in the far north area of town. I think the two questions were related to our qualifications as well as what we might consider to be the top issues. So I'll address those. I'm very familiar with the geography of Scottsdale having lived here for quite a while, having used when my kids were young both the city parks of the Indian Bend Greenbelt Wash. Also most recently since I retired volunteering for the McDowell Conservancy. So I'm very familiar with the preserve and all that that entails. So I think that geographically I have a pretty good understanding of the city and what those various entities of the city are about and who they serve. I would like to say that my professional career was largely involved in finance. If I have a skill set, that's probably it. So I think that the financial side of these issues, I have a

pretty good grounding in. I've also been involved as a board member, both my HOA as well as the conservancy and in addition to that some public/private entities in my professional career. I feel I'm very well grounded in governance matters. The last item relates really to my interest in conservation and open space. It's little known but in the beginning of my career years ago, I worked for a legislative agency that had an environmental quality aspect to it. And I've always been an outdoors person and a hiker. So that got me involved in the conservancy and as a consequence my interest in those areas has been strong my whole life. Having said that, I see that I'm down to the last five seconds. I would like to mention briefly the top issue is trying to decide upon an appropriate level of continued taxation if it's needed and how best to use those funds. I have a very open mind about that and I feel that listening is one of my better qualities. So having responded to that, I'll close and let any council members ask questions if they'd like.

[Time: 00:08:26]

Vice Mayor Durham: Any questions? Councilmember Milhaven?

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you. Mr. Bourke, do you have any thoughts about what kind of projects you'd like to see included? I have two questions. The first is do you have any idea what projects you'd like to see included in the tax?

Richard Bourke: Seems to me from the charge it's pretty clear that it's focused on maintenance and preservation over time of the city's open spaces which I assume city parks would go in there as well. I see those as the open spaces. I see those are the entities should there be continued taxation that should benefit. There's also the issue of public safety, I assume that has to do with fire issues and I was just informed that there's a police park ranger program that started. So there may be some ancillary public safety matters as well that need to be looked at.

Councilmember Milhaven: The charge also said and any other so thank you. How would you use future land acquisition and the use of any future tax?

Richard Bourke: To me that's a somewhat separate issue than preservation and maintenance of what we have. But we're responding to whatever charge the city gives us. If that is also to be considered, it will be. My reading of the charge did not really include that as a topic. I'm aware of the fact having been involved with the conservancy that there will be some unspent funds from the existing accounts to pay off the bonds. So maybe those unspent funds may play a little bit in the next year and a half analysis. I honestly don't know about that.

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you, Mr. Bourke.

Vice Mayor Durham: Any other questions from council members? Thank you, Mr. Bourke.

Richard Bourke: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Next is Mr. Rick Cooper.

Rick Cooper: Thank you for the invitation to speak and volunteer possibly. Rick Cooper and my wife and I have been in Scottsdale for 12 years, all of it in the north in the area between Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak, Pima, and Scottsdale. So that general quadrant up there.

As far as criteria for my background that I think might lend itself to this, I've been a volunteer in the conservancy for 11 years. Eight of those years was on the finance committee and three and a half of those years were spent as treasurer of the conservancy and six years on the board. Educationally and work wise it's all been finance. My whole career was in international finance with Shell Oil and all of my volunteer work has lent itself to the finance area.

Top issue facing, that's going to be an interesting one. I agree finances are the end result of the top issue. I think to get there, there's going to be a necessity for a program to get the voters in Scottsdale to recognize the importance of the open spaces, to understand what it means to Scottsdale to have those open spaces, and to create a desire among the voters to maintain those open spaces. I think if those things are done, then there's the possibility the finances will follow. But I don't see being able to do the one without the other. And I still have 45 seconds. I'll use that for questions. I tried to do this in 90 seconds. That was my goal.

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you, Mr. Cooper. What kind of projects would you like to see included in the future if this tax is renewed?

Rick Cooper: I think there will be discussions in the future, I think there will be some projects necessitated to get a better understanding of the stakeholders, how they feel about the open spaces and what they would do as individuals or organizations to help maintain them. And I think there needs to be a better understanding of how much ultimately open land Scottsdale does want to preserve and protect. As far as the infrastructure part of our charter, I'll give a personal note, my son-in-law happens to be a fireman at the Glendale Fire Department. So I'm very attuned to the needs of the various fire department agencies and the needs in the call centers. And if our charter lends us to get into that area, I'm more than happy to.

Councilmember Milhaven: And how important do you think it is to include additional taxes for future land purchases in the preserve?

Rick Cooper: I don't think we have current funding that is capable of maintaining it in perpetuity. Like in the short term there might be current funds as Richard mentioned left over from the prior tax. But I don't think in perpetuity we have the resources to do what needs to be done with the amount of land we have. So I think there needs to be some funding in place for that.

Councilmember Milhaven: You're talking about maintenance, but what about future land acquisition for the preserve?

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Rick Cooper: I think we have to see what the appetite is from the citizenry to do what is increasingly being more expensive land.

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you, sir.

Vice Mayor Durham: Any other questions? If not, thank you, Mr. Cooper. And next will be Mark Feldman who will be oh, Mr. Feldman will be participating electronically. And he will be followed by Rebecca Grossman. So first is Mr. Feldman.

Mark Feldman: Good afternoon. I was told to keep the camera off so I will do that. My name is Mark Feldman. I've been in Scottsdale continuously since 2001. Like one of the former candidates, I was previously in McCormick Ranch but now I'm up north in Boulder Ranch. I've been chair of a number of not-for-profit organizations. I've also been appointed by two consecutive governors as the Arizona Commission on the Arts two different times. So I am familiar with open meeting laws and governmental activities as well as governance activities. I have not been volunteering in Scottsdale, so this would be a first time for me. Unlike the other candidates I have a financial background. My interest in this is to sustain what we have here in Scottsdale to preserve and maintain it and to understand the taxation necessary either to continue or to grow in order to fund and preserve Scottsdale as I've known it for most of my life. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Feldman?

Councilmember Milhaven: Same two questions I asked the other applicants. What kind of projects would you like to see if this tax is renewed and how important do you think it is to renew the tax for additional land acquisition and preserve?

Mark Feldman: I am also unclear what the citizenry wants in terms of new land acquisitions and don't know how that would be funded, so I would have to open up the books and records and understand what that costs. But it's seemingly going to be a difficult objective. Preserve and maintain would be my focus both volunteer and the paid for activities that need to be managed in order to preserve and maintain.

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you, Mr. Feldman.

Mark Feldman: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Feldman. Our next candidate is Rebecca Grossman who will be followed by Robert Hallagan.

Councilmember Milhaven: Vice mayor, I got a message between meetings that Ms. Grossman is running late from a meeting so we will call on her last in case she needs time. But she's still interested in serving. Thank you.

[Time: 00:17:48]

Vice Mayor Durham: All right, Mr. Robert Hallagan who will be followed by Gregory Kruzel. Yes, you may begin.

Robert Hallagan: My name is Robert Hallagan. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak today. We live at 29251 North 71st Way in Scottsdale. That's the Scottsdale Dynamite intersection. My wife and I have been residents there since September of 2003. We've previously lived in Southern Arizona since 1977. Looking at experiences, voluntary, education, and employment, speaking to each I actually am a lead steward in the conservancy and I participate in multiple programs and these programs give me daily interaction with the users of the preserve. And I hear their comments, I hear their compliments, and I hear their questions about the preserve. Professionally I'm a retired army officer in the material procurement field and a retired program management executive from General Dynamics here in South Scottsdale.

Subsequently I have very strong skills in requirements analysis, budgets planning, controlling, reviewing and executing plans and programs in the multi hundred million dollar range. And this includes practical experience in long-range capital investment planning and financial planning in the commercial sector. Finally, educationally I'm a senior executive fellow in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. The emphasis of that highly selective post graduate education was to further develop within us the leadership frameworks for successful senior public service. Issue facing the board, the task force situation and mission are well defined. I believe the issue will be that our citizen engagement is well designed that we on the task force are consistent, transparent, and most importantly we are prepared for constructive disagreement. Excited to be here tonight and I look forward to serving. Your questions, sir or ma'am.

[Time: 00:20:24]

Thank you, Mr. Hallagan. Yes, Mayor?

Mayor Ortega: Yes, as you know we're deciding on task force with voices from every geographical area. And how familiar are you with open space issues city wide and how would you apply what you know as a steward to translate to needs or decisions as a task force?

Robert Hallagan: So that's an interesting question since the Indian Bend Wash leans more towards the park culture versus the preserve culture in the mountains and up north. Nonetheless they have to have the accessibility of the citizens that there is expression of, this is a difficult question, thank you. When I get in the open area, I don't mind that I see a power line and I don't mind that there's a road traffic, but I need to feel at peace and is there a way both in the Indian Bend Wash area as well as the more remote areas of the preserve to provide that personal peace that a citizen or any resident looks for when they enter these areas. And that will be an interesting discussion.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: What kinds of projects do you want to see if the tax is renewed and how important is it for additional land acquisition in the preserve?

Robert Hallagan: As part of the maintenance, the preserve and protect part, my experience boots on the ground in the preserve is that it is suffering very dramatically from the drought, from the climate effects particularly in the north as you move away from the mountainsides. Therefore I think land restoration or yeah a land restoration study should be a part of this and there may require funding. Right now you rely

upon almost entirely volunteer labor to do all of your land restoration in the preserve. That may have to turn into a funded activity. Similarly your actions you've taken in the city on the fire wise initiative and hiring the wildfire management, I believe that's his title, that's going to lend again as drought acts in the open areas in the preserve. For land acquisition speaking strictly for myself as the other gentlemen have said, this is a citizen input action. But speaking strictly for myself I do not want to discount future land acquisition. A year and a half ago the answer was oh no, it's too expensive. We'll never outbid the resort developers. Since then there has been two black swan events, maybe there's another one yet to come in 2023 and land may be accessible again to us. So I would not want to out of pocket throw that away.

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you, sir.

[Time: 00:23:44]

Vice Mayor Durham: Any further questions? If not, thank you, Mr. Hallagan. Next is Mr. Gregory Kruzel who will be followed by Jace McKeighan electronically.

Gregory Kruzel: Good afternoon. I'm Greg Kruzel, I live at 11825 East Paradise Drive in Scottsdale. I've lived in Scottsdale for over 35 years. My business has been based in and around Scottsdale for the last 23 years and I've been a neighbor looking out at the preserve for the last 25 years. So that's a little bit of my background. As far as activities, I spent about ten years as a volunteer, a steward, a director, and a former chair of the conservancy. During that period of time it was a time of interesting transition for the conservancy and we probably faced several naughty issues. But I've also had an opportunity to chair or vice chair 4 or 5 other groups and institutions and really in those roles as a chair or a vice chair end up developing certain skills to one, kind of put together the lists of issues that you're going to address.

Secondly, figure out how you want to develop a consensus. And then third, how do you then want to put together that plan for the citizens of Scottsdale. As far as the top issue and how do I see that, in 1995 we were able to develop and compel the citizens of Scottsdale to begin to purchase land into the preserve. Nine years later, we were able to compel them to build improvements and enhancements. I think for lack of a better term, the trick is how do we compel those same citizens today. It is still largely the preserve in particular a small group of people that use the preserve, but we really have to develop a clear argument for what we're doing, how we're doing it, how we're going to spend money, not just that we're going to have \$0.02 used to fund maintenance. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Do we have any questions? Councilmember Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: What kind of projects and programs would you like to see extended and how do you feel about land acquisition in the preserve?

Gregory Kruzel: I think the main projects I'd like to see are not only going back to that compelling the citizens. We really need to educate the people about the preserve, the idea of conservation within the community, but also the preservation of all of that open space of why Indian Bend Wash is not a concrete wash as they would have liked, Army Corps of Engineers would have liked to have done 50 years ago. I think that's your first question. The second question I personally think that the time of new purchases may be over for two reasons. One is the period of cheap land what we were able to negotiate with the three parcels and Brown's ranch with the state ten years ago was, face it, a sweetheart deal.

But you also need to buy parcels contiguous to the preserve. If there's an additional tract here or there that makes sense, great. But I think that it's going to take a lot of capital even if it does come down a bit. And I wonder if there's really contiguous property to the preserve that might make sense.

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you, sir.

Vice Mayor Durham: Any further questions? If not, thank you, Mr. Kruzel.

Gregory Kruzel: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Next we have Jace McKeighan electronically and he will be followed by Mary Moore. Mr. McKeighan.

[Time: 00:28:34]

Jace McKeighan: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. My name is Jace McKeighan. I've lived in Scottsdale for 25 years always within walking distance of the preserve. I've had a business in Scottsdale for the past 19 years. I'm an avid user of the parks and the preserve. Especially chaparral park and the Indian Bend wash. I believe that the open spaces in our area are very important to the quality of life here in Scottsdale. From an experience standpoint, I'm an attorney, I have a strong understanding of governance issues and government processes. From a volunteer perspective I previously chaired the community relations program. I served tonight preserve commission from 2010 to 2020. Including a period as chair of the commission. During that time we targeted preserve funding as a major initiative and with a series of reports from the state treasurer's office to understand bigger budget picture. We explored and assessed various options. And about a year ago we made a presentation to you about these sorts of issues. In short, I think the engagement process is probably very similar to this task force. In addition I've continued to volunteer on land acquisition issues. From a top issue perspective, I think the important part of this task force is to conduct a process that the citizens of Scottsdale will have confidence in so that they understand the importance of all of our open spaces and then we could preserve and protect the spaces. And with that, I'm available for questions.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. McKeighan. Any council members have questions?

Councilmember Milhaven: Same question. What kinds of projects or programs would you like to see if this tax is extended? And how do you feel about additional funding for land acquisition in the preserve?

Jace McKeighan: Certainly. I don't know that I see it necessarily as a project, but I see as an interest in having a baseline of funding that can serve our open spaces, not just the preserve but our parks as well. In terms of land acquisition, starting I believe in January, we will have a working group for the city looking at land acquisitions. My personal opinion is that -- and I think that's going to be an issue --

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Any further questions? If not, thank you, Mr. McKeighan. Our next candidate is Mary Moore who will be followed by Cynthia Wenstrom.

Mary Moore: Good afternoon. My name is Mary Moore. And I live at 7548 East --

Mayor Ortega: Closer to the mic, please.

Mary Moore: Oh, I'm sorry. I'll start again. My time hasn't started yet. Good afternoon my name is Mary Moore. I live at 7548 East Pontebella in Scottsdale in a community called Bella Cera. I have lived in the Bella Cera area for six years. However I have had family living in the valley for the last 30. So we've gotten to know Arizona and when we retired we decided to come here. We enjoy the hiking, we enjoy the preserves. And my interest in coming here today to join the task force is I would like to kind of have future generations approve and appreciate what I've been able to do. In terms of my experience, my experience is primarily in finance. I was in banking for 35 years, makeup kind of helps a lot on that. But in any event I helped financial strategies for both commercial, retail, and also high net worth clients for a very large bank throughout areas in the country. So determining financial strategy was one. I have expertise in I think team leadership, relationship management, project management, and also marketing. And I think these things are going to be important on a task force and also for future planning issues because it isn't just about the one issue. It is about the marketing, the understanding, project management and also leadership. I was a board member on the literacy council for Montgomery, Maryland for a number of years and our mission there really was to fundraise and raise community awareness on the importance of literacy. So I did that.

Finally, I am the chairman of the finance committee in Bella Cera, the budgeting and finance committee. And I do enjoy that and I've been doing that for the last five years. In terms of the top issue facing the task force for me, determining the sustainable financial strategy, that's kind of key. But we have many, many issues right now with the current market environment, recession, inflation. People are not feeling as wealthy as they did in the past. So again the way that I would work on trying to market that is I plan to listen on the committee, learn, and collaborate with the task force members on getting the ideas to present to you for the community. I think this would require understanding of the issues, balancing the needs of the available resources with the lawmakers, I'm sorry balancing the needs with the resources and then engaging the lawmakers, the community, and then also the residents to move forward. So that's kind of my story and I welcome any questions.

[Time: 00:35:48]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Ms. Moore.

Councilmember Milhaven: In the interest of time I'll only ask these questions of this pool of applicants so I won't ask it for the next group but since I've asked everybody so far. What projects or programs would you like to see?

Mary Moore: Very much the same ongoing maintenance, future preservation, safety and then just ongoing to continue the beautify occasion of what we have. I understand that it is a balancing act, but I think it's critical.

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Ms. Moore. Next is Cynthia Wenstrom who will be followed by John Zikias electronically.

Cynthia Wenstrom: Good evening, Mayor Ortega, city council members. I'm Cynthia Wenstrom. I've been a resident of Scottsdale for 17 years and in the valley for more than 40. Professionally I'm in nonprofit management. Skills critical there are finding common ground, building consensus, compromise when it's needed, really important. And I hold an MBA in global management. As a volunteer, I have served proudly for six years as a commissioner with the preserve commission for the City of Scottsdale. I am a hiker in Arizona and the great outdoors are part of my DNA. With the continuous preserve land acquisition completed, maintenance is number one priority that I see before the task force for Scottsdale's open space, and that means the green belt, our parks, and the preserve. These are all priceless pieces of Scottsdale's special cache. The top issue facing the task force I believe is bringing forward a succinct recommendation to the council that meets all requirements that they see necessary but more importantly taking to the residents and continuing the 2-tenths of 1% sales tax. I bring to this task force again finding common ground, the ability to find consensus, build consensus, and compromise when it's needed. I would be very proud to serve on this task force at the pleasure of the mayor and the city council if it is your choice. Thank you.

[Time: 00:38:28]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Ms. Wenstrom. Okay.

Cynthia Wenstrom: I'm ready.

Councilmember Milhaven: You answered my question in your comments, thank you.

Cynthia Wenstrom: Okay, thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. Mr. Zikias joining electronically.

John Zikias: Good afternoon, thank you, Vice Mayor, and council. My name is John Zikias. I first moved to Scottsdale in 1993 and lived in the Scottsdale Ranch area for nine years and moved back in 2016 so I've been here for six years. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing. My career has been in convenience store marketing and operations. My last position I was the chief operating officer in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I was responsible for developing capital budgets as well as sales budgets and working towards achieving those budgets. When I retired in 2018, I became a volunteer in the old town as an old town ambassador and I've worked with that program for the last several years and actually brought them a new program to track volunteer hours this year. I'm also a lead steward with the McDowell Center of Conservancy, and I'm the chair of our citizens science program responsible for all of our long-term monitoring and research inside of the preserve. In addition I'm 1 of 7 licensed by the state of Arizona herbicide applicators and I'm continually in the preserve surveying, monitoring, and treating invasive plants that have become widespread throughout the preserve. So I have a very good understanding of the challenges we're facing from a management standpoint, a maintenance standpoint in that area.

In addition I'm also an area lead on our construction and maintenance team out of a watchdog area. I understand the work that needs to be done to maintain and preserve what we have in the preserve. Working also in old town, I have a good understanding of the park system that we have and the importance to make sure we maintain the area we have in greater condition than it is when we acquired it and improved it. The things I think are facing the task force is getting a good understanding of what the needs will be in each of our areas including public safety in the preserve and the parks and in public safety. And then working to identify what those costs might be long term to maintain that and then bringing forward a plan that the citizens can understand and appreciate why it's so important for the maintenance or the continuation of the tax to fund these activities and keep what we have in as great of condition as it is, not just relying on volunteers.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Zikias. Councilmember Milhaven?

Councilmember Milhaven: You told us a little bit of what you'd like to see. How important do you think it is to include additional funding for land acquisition in the preserve?

John Zikias: For land acquisition, from the original plan there's approximately 4,000 acres that are contiguous up and around the legend trails that are not acquired. I don't think it's critically important unless there's an opportunity to acquire some land that's contiguous to the preserve at a reasonable price. But if it was just picking up land that was not contiguous to the preserve, I would not say that is a benefit.

Councilmember Milhaven: Thank you, sir.

[Time: 00:42:12]

Vice Mayor Durham: Any other questions? Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Zikias. I believe Ms. Grossman has arrived. So if you'll come forward to the podium. And are the three questions on the screen? The three questions we'd like you to address are on the screen.

Rebecca Grossman: Thank you very much for this opportunity, Mayor, council members. My name is Rebecca Grossman. I have been here for 11 years. One of the first things that impressed me about this area was the preserve. I grew up as the child of a naturalist and the six of us were raised to have an appreciation of our environment and to be a real integral part of my dad's career which was a senior naturalist of the emerald necklace in Cleveland. So he always instilled in me how important preserve space was to the community and how it thrives. So when I saw this opportunity to be a part of the continued care of this particular preserve and the passion that I've developed for it, I felt like I wanted to step forward and give that an opportunity. As far as my education and my employment and how that lends to it, I like my good friend Cynthia am in nonprofit management. And as those of you who know who have been involved in those kinds of organizations, it really lends to someone at the helm that can look at collaboration, at compromise, and I believe this group is going to hear all kinds of different ideas and attitudes about what might happen and what is possible. And there's a lot that's possible. So I feel like my skill level with strategic planning, with mediation, and all of that lends itself well.

As far as the top issues facing this task force, I don't want to pick one, but I know that I have some concerns in regards to fire mitigation and nonnative plants, and I've heard my friend Justin talk about

some of the opportunities that there might be to curtail some of the fire hazards that currently exist. So I would say that that would be my top issue along with just making sure that the preserve is enjoyed, that it is maintained, and that we don't allow it to be too overrun with tourists. I think there's a balance there. And I want to be a part of that. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Ms. Grossman. No questions?

Rebecca Grossman: No questions, she heard my top issue. Thank you.

[Time: 00:45:12]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. Those are all of the candidates for the protect and preserve Scottsdale task force. So I will now entertain a vote for the protect and preserve Scottsdale task force northern area representative positions. Each council member can vote for three nominees. I will start. I will vote for Mr. Robert Hallagan, Mr. Gregory Kruzel, and Ms. Cynthia Wenstrom.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you. I will vote for Robert Hallagan, Cynthia Wenstrom and John Zikias.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Littlefield?

Councilmember Littlefield: Thank you. I will vote for Jace McKeighan, Cynthia Wenstrom, John Zikias.

Vice Mayor Durham: Mayor Ortega?

Mayor Ortega: Cynthia Wenstrom, John Zikias, and Mark Feldman.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Milhaven?

Councilmember Milhaven: I apologize.

Councilwoman Caputi: You want me to go?

Councilmember Milhaven: Yeah, you go.

Councilwoman Caputi: Richard Bourke, Rebecca Grossman, John Zikias.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mark Feldman, Rebecca Grossman and Greg Kruzel.

Rommel Cordova: I'm sorry, if you can repeat it a little slower for me.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Feldman, Ms. Grossman, and Mr. Kruzel.

Rommel Cordova: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Whitehead?

Councilmember Whitehead: Thank you. This is an abundance of riches. So I just want to thank everybody. I will vote for Mr. Zikias, Ms. Wenstrom and Mr. McKeighan.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. That means I believe that Ms. Wenstrom and Mr. Zikias have been appointed. So we will continue to vote on the remaining members.

Rommel Cordova: Yes, just give me a moment to clear the board here.

Vice Mayor Durham: All right, thank you.

Rommel Cordova: So you'll be voting among the candidates that had two votes because they were the highest, the next highest votes.

Vice Mayor Durham: So do we cast two votes?

Rommel Cordova: There's only one position remaining so you'll each just vote for one individual. But you're voting amongst the ones that had the next highest number of votes which had two apiece.

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Vice Mayor Durham: Okay. Thank you. Councilmember Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Rebecca Grossman.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: Thank you. Mr. McKeighan.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ms. Grossman.

Vice Mayor Durham: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. McKeighan.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Jace McKeighan.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Mr. McKeighan.

Vice Mayor Durham: I will vote for Mr. McKeighan also. So Mr. McKeighan is elected.

Rommel Cordova: Yes, sir, as the third person.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of the other people who applied from the northern area of the city.

Next I will conduct appointments for positions representing the central geographical area of the city. There are three available positions. Do I need to proceed?

Rommel Cordova: You can go as it is.

Vice Mayor Durham: Okay, thank you. There are three available positions to serve as a member representing the central area of the city and six nominees. The nominees are James Eaneman, Barney Gonzales, Nicholas Hartman, Michael Norton who will be participating electronically, Daniel Schweiker who will also be participating electronically, and Mary Thoma. First candidate is James Eaneman, he will be followed by Barney Gonzales.

James Eaneman: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, members of the council. I'm Jim Eaneman, a six and a half year resident of Scottsdale. My personal story is straightforward. I was born and raised in the San Francisco bay area and throughout high school had a part-time job and was deeply involved in academics, student government, and athletics. Then in succession it was off to college receiving a bachelor's degree, then earning an MDA, later completing the advanced management program at Duke University and finally graduating from all four Scottsdale citizens academies. My 44 year professional life had two parts, the 29 year tenure at Pacific Gas & Electric Company with the last four years as human resources planning and development, and a subsequent performing operational reviews, coordinating task force and studies, and strategic and tactical plans for client companies in North America and Western Europe. My parents believe deeply in commitment to community. And over the years I've tried to emulate their example with leadership roles in 501c3 organizations, HOAs, chambers of commerce, and service on city and county boards, commissions, and grand juries in other locations and here in Scottsdale for the last four years as a member of the human relations commission. As I see it, the task force is rooted in and tied to the language of the general plan 2035 that provides a vision for preservation, protection, and conservation.

And to me the challenge before the task force is how to take those visions and make them into a practical reality. And to that end, I would offer three suggestions; first, to emphasize and build rapport, trust, and something approaching consensus among the group and then in turn with you, city staff, and Scottsdale residents. Second, to objectively study and analyze all of the relevant information and data and third to use those conclusions and findings to craft realistic strategic and financial plans. For more than five decades in both the public and the private sectors, I've done those types of functions. And if I do say so, done so with some level of proficiency. And it's my hope that you'll look favorably on my candidacy in order that those experiences and the lessons learned can be a resource to the task force. Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you.

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Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Eaneman. Do we have any questions from the council members? Thank you. Mr. Gonzales will be followed by Nicholas Hartmann.

Barney Gonzales: Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Tom Durham, and council members. Appreciate this time to talk to you on behalf of my candidacy. Basically I've been a resident of the City of Scottsdale for over 60 plus years. I have lived on and around the Indian Bend wash area before it was part of the green belt area. I've been an Arizona Realtor for 38 years. I attended ASU for architectural and business management. I currently serve on the Scottsdale board of Realtors for over ten years of which in that capacity we view your actions and the city's actions as far as bond reviews, money spent, the preserve spent, and everything else as far as what governs and helps the city approach its best use.

As a private developer in planning and construction manager for over 35 years in Scottsdale, I've worked for the City of Scottsdale as far as a volunteer for the historic preservation commission, planning and zoning commission, the general plan 2000 review group, the downtown task force of 1998, the city bond and budget review of 1990 and 2000. And I currently live at 639 North Cattle Track Road which is between McDonald and Lincoln Roads which is a small segment called Miller in that area. I've worked with the City of Scottsdale capital improvement services in Maricopa County flood control on the green belt, I've worked with the Army Corps of Engineers on the greenbelt, and I headed up the FEMA consulting for the flood control and flood zone for the green belt area, close to where the Silverado golf course is now where the canal goes down into the conversions. I wanted to say that I would really appreciate any kind of information that I may give to you on my candidacy.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Gonzales. Any questions from council members?

Mayor Ortega: Yes. Mr. Gonzales, how do you see the overall value of open space in our community as an asset for our adjoining businesses and of course residents and our tourism?

[Time: 00:56:58]

Barney Gonzales: I see the open space, I've seen this plan several times over 30 plus years. This is probably the biggest and best asset that the City of Scottsdale has. It's something that needs to be managed continually. The actual maintenance is something that's progressive and needs to be done perpetually. It's very important that we maintain this asset because it is one of the largest and best assets for the City of Scottsdale and its residents.

Vice Mayor Durham: Any further questions? Ms. Caputi?

Councilwoman Caputi: I didn't hear your answer for the top issue facing this task force..

Barney Gonzales: Oh the top issue for this task force is realizing what we can do with the funding that is available when we proceed on that. That is to look at the preserve, look at the different aspects of the green belt because green belt is a beautiful, I mean if you looked at it when it was being conceived first and what the Army Corps of engineers came up with was a big canal lined with concrete which the residents came back forward and said to -- but a few of the conservative members of the city looked at that and said no, we don't need this, we need more of a park area, a beautiful park space and actually it's worked and it keeps working. And all of our preserves and all of our acquisitions have worked to our benefit and are our best assets here.

Councilwoman Caputi: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Any more questions? Thank you, Mr. Gonzales.

Barney Gonzales: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Next is Mr. Nicholas Hartmann who will be followed by Michael Norton electronically.

Nicholas Hartmann: Good evening, thank you for having me. My name is Nicholas Hartmann. I live in McCormick Ranch very close to the green belt, the camelback wash portion of it. My wife and I moved here almost ten years ago. I've participated in the citizen academies for the water department and for the police department which taught me a lot about this place. I can bring as a virtue to this task force, 20 years of service as a volunteer board member, two years as president of the American translators association. 10,000 members global reach. I know how a meeting works, I know people can be made to work together. And I believe that would be a valuable skill to bring for what needs to be done by this task force.

As far as issues facing us, I have very strong feelings about the greenbelt. It is under maintained and over watered. It is hugely used by a diversity of people who obviously enjoy it a great deal. And I think it requires a great deal more attention than it's getting. Not long after we moved here, I participated in a focus group with McCormick Ranch property association owners that sounded absolutely lovely and nothing has ever happened. And I'm hoping that this task force with the horsepower of city council behind it might get some of that done. Because I believe the greenbelt as a whole, probably linearly longest park in the world deserves more attention and is an asset to this city that we need to pay more attention to. Thank you.

[Time: 01:00:53]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Hartmann. Any questions from the council? Thank you. Next is Mr. Michael Norton who will be participating electronically, followed by Daniel Schweiker who will also be electronic.

Michael Norton: Vice Mayor Durham, thank you very much for allowing me to speak. I know most of the people who are sitting at the dais right now. And I have worked with many of the people who have interviewed with the city council over the last hour. There are no bad choices among this group. They're great people who care about our city and want to see it turn into something even better and stay better. Throughout my career, I've been asked to take on the toughest projects. I have sent you my resume, my history, I know many of you know what I'm all about. But when a terrible project came up at whatever level I was participating, I was the person someone came to and said we've got to fix this. And I'm really proud of the fact that almost all of the time we fixed it. The skills of the people which you've listened to so far are primarily in the level of government and finance.

And we badly need those skills on this committee. My skills are different. My primary focus in my career has been, at the end of my career was on risk assessment, risk mitigation, and critical incident response. There are two different types of problems facing our open spaces right now. One is the greenbelt parks

area where we have a critical problem with the availability of water and we have a growing problem with our labor. I moved here because of the greenbelt and the parks, not because of the preserve. I came here just as the preserve was becoming a reality, and I loved if that is correct that we chose to do that too. Now we're looking at risks at the preserve level that will be mostly focused on either the cost of maintaining the greenbelt or excuse me the preserve as we go forward or the threat of fire. And the threat of fire is an enormous threat to our preserve. We have 30,000 plus acres of land. It has burned in the past, it's going to burn again in the future.

My primary focus in the last 20 years of my career was how do we address the risk of fire because fire is what causes things in my industry to detonate. We have not focused on that. We have talked about it, we have not focused on it. Had we focused on that risk, we would have done things like build buffers along roadways so that you couldn't have a road created fire that burned the preserve. We would have established places somewhere within the preserve. Those problems are going to become more difficult, not less difficult. I'd like to work with people, we find consensus, we achieve positive results. My performance in the 2019 bond campaign and the override for Scottsdale unified school district proved that. I would like to have the opportunity to work with other members of my community in protecting our open spaces and our preserve. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Norton. Are there any questions for Mr. Norton? If not, thank you. And we will move on to Mr. Schweiker. Is Mr. Schweiker available? If not, let's see if we can get Mary Thoma to step up to the podium.

[Time: 01:06:09]

Mary Thoma: Hello, I'm Mary Thoma. And I'm very new in Scottsdale. We've been here two years. We bought our property in December of 2020. However my parents have lived in the same development or I should say did live in the same development since the early nineties. When we moved here I jumped right in and became a board member on our HOA and have been active with our neighborhood link and doing our newsletter. In my past life which was many years ago, I have not had a paid position for almost 28 years, I was raising our family. My background was hospitality and tourism. I worked for the City of Oshkosh when I started out as a group promotions executive. And I also worked at that time we were part of EAA and did a lot with EAA and we were on the field and very exciting work. Then I went into sales with hotels and did a lot of work with the community in gathering people to come for conventions. So we worked closely with local executives to secure statewide conventions for hotels. Since then, again I've been a stay at home mother doing a lot of volunteer activities. The other entity that I work for or volunteer for is actually in Wisconsin. We are Wisconsin residents, but plan to move here at least as full-time residents. So I'm not quite sure how I got this interview, but thank you anyway. But I do volunteer for our yacht club and I do all of the merchandise purchasing, sales, marketing, everything, and I'm in charge of the trophies which is it sounds like a small job but it's an enormous job if you've ever tried to get trophies back from people, that takes an enormous amount of diplomacy. So any questions?

Vice Mayor Durham: No questions. Thank you, Ms. Thoma. Is Mr. Schweiker available? Mr. Schweiker?

Voice from the Control Room: Vice Mayor Durham, we are just having a moment to get him unmuted. Give me just one moment, please.

Vice Mayor Durham: Okay. Mr. Schweiker, are you available?

Dan Schweiker: Can you hear me now?

Vice Mayor Durham: Yes, we can hear you now.

Dan Schweiker: Thank you. Sorry about all of that. I'm Dan Schweiker, a Scottsdale resident at for almost nine years. And have lived in the valley since 1978. There are a great group of candidates for this task force, so however you choose you're going to have a wonderful group. We're a small area tucked between McCormick Ranch. For work, I founded a Scottsdale based tea company. I have a law degree from Drake University but couldn't argue my way out of a speeding ticket anymore so I don't practice. But I've been involved in many non-profits in the valley and most recently finished my term as board chair of the school of architecture. Previous to living in Scottsdale I lived in Paradise Valley for 21 years and served 12 years on the PV town council, mostly building a consensus on diverse and difficult issues among people that did not see eye to eye. Serving on the council gave me a lot of experience with the creation and summation of sales taxes. While on the council, I represented the east valley for six years deny utilization of sales taxes. While on the council, I represented the east valley for six years. The original tax that built the I-10 and I-17 in phoenix only funded construction. That is why those old sections never look very good and are never in very good condition. When we crafted prop 400 to funds if new freeways and roads we set aside one quarter of 1% for prepared maintenance and beautification. Scottsdale needs to make sure the sales tax extension really targets the beautification of the preserve and other greenbelt areas. So I think the biggest thing that the task force needs to focus on is finding a consensus among all of the stakeholders on how to have a fund balance that will preserve the green areas and the preserve for all time because they are such a wonderful asset to the valley and to Scottsdale. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

[Time: 01:13:14]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Schweiker. Any questions? Thank you. That concludes our nominations. I will now entertain a vote for the protect and preserve Scottsdale task force central area representative commissions. Each council member can vote for three nominees. Let's start with Councilmember Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: James Eaneman, Mike Norton, Dan Schweiker.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mr. Eaneman, Mr. Hartmann, and Mr. Schweiker.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Eaneman, Mr. Hartmann, and Mr. Schweiker.

Vice Mayor Durham: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Gonzales, Mr. Schweiker and Mr. Hartmann.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Mr. Eaneman, Mr. Gonzales, and Mary Thoma.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Mr. Eaneman, Barney Gonzales, and Nicholas Hartmann.

Vice Mayor Durham: I will vote for Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Schweiker, and Ms. Thoma. So that means Mr. Eaneman, Mr. Hartmann, and Mr. Schweiker have been elected, right? Yes. Thank you to everyone who applied.

Next I will conduct appointments for commissions representing southern geographical areas of the city. I'm going to call on Mr. Tyrell first because he is participating electronically and I believe he has another commitment. Mr. Tyrell, are you available? Mr. Tyrell, are you available?

If not, the candidates are Carla, Colleen Forgas, Larry Kush who will be participating electronically, Brandon Putman, Steve Tyrell, Mark Winkelman and Raoul Zubia. I will first call on Carla who will be followed by Colleen Forgas. Thank you.

[Time: 01:16:10]

Carla: Hello, my name is Carla. I live at 3420 North 78th Street, 85251. Thank you for your time. I've lived in Scottsdale for 58 years. The last 34 just east of here. As a regular user of the greenbelt path and neighborhood parks, I see daily the challenges they face. I am also honored to be one of your preserve pioneers. Having helped craft every aspect of the preserve's creation from day one, I have extensive experience. I also have current knowledge as I've stayed very involved with the preserve commission. Combining where I live with what I've done, I think I can bring a necessary balance to the task force for you. The challenge facing the task force is to stay focused on what the council has directed them to do, despite pressure to spread the money around which always happens when there's money. To produce a proposal that is equitable between all parts of the city, between parks and preserves, and between the protection needed for both. And to produce a proposal that is quantifiable in the benefits that it provides to our entire city so all residents can feel ownership and support this. I love my city and I want to keep serving it and I respectfully ask you all for this opportunity. Thank you. And I can answer your questions if you'd like, Councilwoman Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: In the interest of time, I think I'll spare my colleagues. Thank you, Carla.

Carla: Okay, you're welcome.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Carla. Next is Colleen Forgas, followed by Larry Kush who will be appearing electronically.

Colleen Forcus: Good afternoon, Mayor and council. My name is Colleen Forcus. I've lived in that exact same neighborhood in Scottsdale for 45 years just one block away from Chaparral Park. I began my career actually working for the City of Scottsdale back in 1980. I worked in the water and wastewater department for about eight years and went on to do several other things. I am a professional chef, I owned a business in Scottsdale which was very successful for several years in the Scottsdale Ranch area. So I also am a health advocate. I am a master gardener and I am a kiss the ground soil advocate. So I have a strong background and understanding of how the parks relate to our health, our fitness, and also our environment. What I see as one of the biggest challenges facing not only the parks and the preserve, but our city overall is our shortage of water. I think that is a drastic concern that we all need to be worried about. And so I find it interesting that I started my career working for the city in the water department, and I've now come full circle to try and help the city with other issues concerning our park system and how water might play a crucial role in taking care of our city the best way. I am in the parks pretty much every single day. I'm an outdoor person, I'm walking, playing tennis, golfing, biking, hiking. So I know what it's like to be in the parks every day. I love them, I love living in Scottsdale and I'm here to serve. Thank you.

[Time: 01:20:18]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Ms. Forcus. Any questions? If not, thank you. Mr. Kush, are you available?

Larry Kush: Yes, I am.

Vice Mayor Durham: Yes, you can begin.

Larry Kush: My apologies for not being there in person. I'm celebrating my 35th wedding anniversary with my wife otherwise I would have attended today. I live in Old Town. I'm a 45-year resident of Scottsdale. Spent six years as a planning commissioner. Also was president of I think one of the largest homeowners associations in Scottsdale Ranch. I built about 2,000 homes in my career in Scottsdale to include about 500 that border the Indian Bend Park. I'm a strong advocate, I love Scottsdale. I think that I bring to the table quite a bit of experience. I've got a lot of experience dealing with the land department also having assisted people in purchasing state land so I know the process. I'm very familiar with market values. I think I have leadership qualities and I would be a good person for this committee.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Kush. Are there any questions? If not, thank you. Next is Brandon Putman who will be followed by Steve Tyrell electronically.

Brandon Putman: Good evening, Mayor and council. My name is Brandon Putman, I reside at 7536 East Virginia Avenue. Proud to be a South Scottsdale member at the corners of Mill and Thomas Road for eight years. Growing up in Colorado, I engaged in many outdoor recreational sports as well as the traditional ones bringing both individuality and teamwork. I obtained a degree in landscape horticulture from Colorado State University. I oversee the Peoria parks and recreation field office operations for community parks, trails and preserves, outdoor education, programming and volunteerism, professional athletic fields and streetscapes. Also as a park and recreation planning manager, I am involved in strategic negotiations with developers for easements and public amenity construction. I have been fortunate to work with several state and county agencies in the pursuit of grants sponsored by and in

conjunction with those agencies. This task force is to focus on the open space and greenspaces which are highly regarded by the general public. In 2011 the Arizona legislature fundamentally changed the state's impact fee statutes. Specifically prohibiting municipalities from charging development impact fees for open space preservation.

Therefore cities are tasked with overcoming the hurdles in coordinating federal, state, and local agencies along with incentivizing private landowners for the public access to parks and open space. Solutions to this funding shortfall could include meeting the qualifications for grants at the federal and state levels, or with local voter authorized bonds and taxes. Scottsdale residents have voted five times to preserve the McDowell Mountains with their sales tax dollars, and it can be done again. This is where citizen-led programs such as this task force create a culture of stewardship focusing resources on high priority areas and a greater community inclusion. Thank you for your time.

[Time: 01:24:31]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. Any questions? If not, Mr. Tyrell, are you available? Yes, you can begin.

Steve Tyrell: Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor, can you hear me okay?

Vice Mayor Durham: Yes, we can hear you.

Steve Tyrell: Great. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor, Mayor, and council members. I'm Steve Tyrell. I moved here from New England in 1980 and that was the second best decision I ever made in my life. My first best was marrying my wife Deborah. I spent 20 years in the behavioral health system here in Arizona also as a stint as the executive director of mothers against drunk driving and another 15 working for the states of juvenile justice system administering and coordinating with that. I have skills that have to do with problem solving, budget management, that's what I've spent my lifetime doing. I will do it here as a member of this task force. A couple of issues I've seen basically relate to public safety, both public safety of the nuts and bolts of the things that we need to maintain the open spaces, make them and keep them world class because that's what our residents deserve, and that's what our visitors demand. So I would work as hard as I can in that direction. To answer the questions of a few minutes ago related to land acquisition and projects, for land acquisition, I don't think it should be an issue out of the gate for funds later down the road. Something contiguous makes sense and we can benefit from it, that sounds like it would be a good thing to do and we should not close our thoughts ahead of time to say we wouldn't or we will, let's just see what the future brings on it. Also there's a crossover issue, and that has to do with water and drought. I think part of the things I would like to see projects relate to invasive species and also water and drought and how we can use our task force and the future to blend those two things together. So that's what I think, that's who I am. I'd be happy to serve. I've taken a lot out of Scottsdale in the years in terms of my use of facilities and it's time for me to give a little bit back, Mr. Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. Any questions of Mr. Tyrell? If not, thank you. And our next candidate is Mark Winkelman who will be followed by Raoul Zubia.

Mark Winkelman: Good evening almost. Mayor, Vice Mayor, and council members. Mark Winkelman, I have spent a lifetime being a last speaker at various things and I appreciate the fact that there's a Z

tonight so I don't have to be the very last one. Mark Winkelman. I live like Mr. Kush near Scottsdale Road and Highland. I've been a resident of Scottsdale for just about 12 years. I have extensive experience with the preserve. I also am an active user of the greenbelt biking regularly. As a matter of fact I biked this morning. I probably don't bike as much as Councilwoman Whitehead, but it's pretty close at times. Very familiar with our parks, open space.

My experience, I think I've got substantial and significant experience for this position. First of all I'll start with many years ago when I was a resident of the City of Phoenix, I served on their bond committees. So I'm used to being on groups where there's many demands and not enough money to meet every demand so you have to make decisions. So I've been through that process and I know it's something you guys deal with regularly. In terms of the immediate subjects we're dealing with, I was a member of the state parks board for six years. So I've dealt with open space issues my entire career. I am currently the chairman of the urban land institute Arizona district. And I think this is the most responsible development organization probably in the globe as evidenced by two of the global missions which are developing to 0 net energy and promoting the development of affordable housing. I am currently a member of the McDowell Sonoran board. I am the chair of the external affairs committee. So at least a couple of times every month, I am specifically dealing with our preserve. So I'm intimately aware with it and the issues that deal with that. And then the last part of my experience that I'll get into that's somewhat unique, I am the former Arizona State land commissioner. And I was the steward of all of these lands before the City of Scottsdale was. And very familiar with the lands, the issues relating to it. Carl and I spent countless hours back in the day dealing with trying to get open space for not only Scottsdale but communities around the state. So these lands have been a part of my life for a good number of years. So I think my experiences puts me in good stead to serve and do a good job on this committee.

In terms of the top issue, not surprisingly I would say protection and maintenance of the preserve is the top issue. But as part of this committee, we've got to make sure that we get the job done. And this has to go to the voters and so in my experience open space is always an important issue for the voters. So is safety and protection. I don't know all of the issues that will come before this committee in terms of fire/police, that sort of thing, our parks and certainly the preserve deserve all of the attention we can get. And at the end of the day, we've got to come up with something that will be appealing to the voters and they'll think it's good value and worth protecting. So I see that as the most important issue. Councilwoman Milhaven's issues, we've got over 30,000 acres of land already. So I don't see acquisition of additional lands as a high priority. There may be some strategic pieces, but Scottsdale has done an amazing job of accumulating this much land. I just returned from a vacation down in New Zealand, went on a trip where the tour guide was bragging about their third largest park in the world of something like 700 acres, I just bit my tongue and didn't mention ours was over 30,000 acres. Anyway, I'd be happy to answer any questions if you have any. Thank you very much.

[Time: 01:31:52]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Winkelman. Finally, Mr. Raoul Zubia.

Raoul Zubia: Last man standing. Good afternoon, thank you for having me, Vice Mayor Durham, members of the council. My name is Raoul Zubia. I am a lifelong, proud resident of South Scottsdale. Been here 62 years, my whole life. Proud to say that I still live in South Scottsdale. Qualifications, so

most of you already know my community outreach, I'm president of the partners for Piute board of directors, member of the Charro Foundation, member of the Coronado Promise Committee, member of the Parada Del Sol committee and announcer, and also former chair of the human services commission for Scottsdale. What most of you don't know is my professional life. Over 25 years in banking, I did everything from retail banking which is the branches to mortgage underwriting, mortgage lending, and even financial planning. So I think those qualifications there make me a good fit for this task force. What I currently do is business consulting. So that gives me the ability to do project management, workflow analysis, development analysis. So other things that I think are important to this task force. So some of the needs I think, well first of all I think this is a great opportunity for the city, for the task force to go out and ask the citizens what they want, what they want to see done with this tax if it is approved. I think that it's very important that those of us in South Scottsdale continue to get that voice heard, get the input that we so often doesn't seem as though we get to do. So I'm looking forward to being able to be that voice of South Scottsdale. The other thing that I'm going to Councilmember Milhaven's, maybe about acquisition, I'm not sure. We have to look at everything first. And then projects once again open minded, want to hear everything. But I wouldn't mind if there was a little bit of public safety and maintenance included in that. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Zubia. Any questions? All right. I will now entertain a vote for the protect and preserve Scottsdale task force southern representative positions. Each council member can vote for three nominees. Mr. Mayor, I will start with you on this one.

[Time: 01:35:08]

Mayor Ortega: Sure. Carla, Mark Winkelman and Raoul Zubia.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Carla, Colleen Forgyus, and Steve Tyrell.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Carla, Steve Tyrell and Raoul Zubia.

Vice Mayor Durham: I will vote for Carla, Colleen Forgyus, and Raoul Zubia. Councilmember Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Larry Kush, Mark Winkelman, Raoul Zubia.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Carla, Mr. Tyrell, and Mr. Zubia.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Putnam, Mr. Winkelman, and Mr. Zubia.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. Mr. Zubia and Carla are elected.

Rommel Cordova: We'll do another round of voting with the two top getters which would be Mr. Tyrell and Mr. Winkelman.

Vice Mayor Durham: So now the choice is between Mr. Tyrell and Mr. Winkelman, correct?

Rommel Cordova: Correct. Give me just one moment to clear the board, please.

Vice Mayor Durham: Okay.

Rommel Cordova: Okay, thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: I will vote for Mr. Winkelman. Councilmember Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: I will vote for Steve Tyrell.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Steve Tyrell.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Winkelman.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Winkelman.

Councilwoman Caputi: Mr. Winkelman.

Vice Mayor Durham: And Councilmember Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mr. Tyrell.

[Time: 01:37:04]

Vice Mayor Durham: Mr. Winkelman is elected. Thank you. This concludes our appointment process. City staff will contact the individuals appointed today and provide them with information on next steps regarding their appointment. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all who applied to serve on this special task force. We were fortunate to receive a great number of applicants. Thank you and Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. At this point we have completed the special meeting agenda. I would request a motion to adjourn and a second.

Councilwoman Janik: So moved.

Councilwoman Caputi: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Motion and a second. All in favor, record your vote.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Councilwoman Whitehead, yes.

Mayor Ortega: We are adjourned. We will resume very shortly. Let's give it, are we okay with five minutes or so? So we will reconvene or we will begin our regular council meeting at five until 6:00.