

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023**



**CITY HALL KIVA  
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor David D. Ortega called to order a Special Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 3:01 P.M. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor David D. Ortega; Vice Mayor Solange Whitehead; and Councilmembers Tammy Caputi, Tom Durham (participated electronically), Barry Graham, Betty Janik, and Kathy Littlefield

Also Present: City Manager Jim Thompson, City Attorney Sherry Scott, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, and City Clerk Ben Lane

**1. Request for Executive Session to:**

- A. Discuss and consult with the City's attorneys for purpose of obtaining legal advice; discussion and consultation with the City's attorneys and representatives in order to consider the City's position and provide instruction to attorneys and representatives regarding the application of the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility laws, specifically as applied to requests for accommodation by persons with mobility disabilities seeking to use power-driven personal mobility devices to traverse a City facility or participate in a City (pedestrian) program in the City's parks and public spaces. A.R.S. § 38- 431.03 (3).
- B. Discuss and consider employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salary, and other contract terms, disciplining or resignation of the City Manager; employment matters relating to the City Manager's Office; and discussion or consultation with the City Attorney(s) for legal advice and necessary City Staff regarding the same. A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(1) and (A)(3).

If authorized by a majority vote of the Scottsdale City Council, the Council will recess into Executive Session immediately after the vote and the Executive Session will not be open to the public.

**NOTE: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK STUDY SESSIONS ARE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES. THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF ACTION TAKEN AND DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND ARE NOT VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS. DIGITAL RECORDINGS AND CLOSED CAPTION TRANSCRIPTS OF SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ARE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

## **MOTION AND VOTE – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Janik made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss and consult with the City's attorneys for purpose of obtaining legal advice; discussion and consultation with the City's attorneys and representatives in order to consider the City's position and provide instruction to attorneys and representatives regarding the application of the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility laws, specifically as applied to requests for accommodation by persons with mobility disabilities seeking to use power-driven personal mobility devices to traverse a City facility or participate in a City (pedestrian) program in the City's parks and public spaces; and discuss and consider employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salary, and other contract terms, disciplining or resignation of the City Manager; employment matters relating to the City Manager's Office; and discussion or consultation with the City Attorney(s) for legal advice and necessary City Staff regarding the same. Vice Mayor Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield voting in the affirmative.

Recess Special Meeting (to Executive Session) – 3:03 P.M.

Reconvene Special Meeting (following Executive Session) – 4:34 P.M.

### **2. City Manager Appointment and Employment Contract**

**Request:** Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the employment contract, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, compensation and benefits, disciplining, and/or resignation of the Acting City Manager and discuss, consider, and take possible action on all other employment matters relating to the permanent appointment or hiring of a City Manager.

## **MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 2**

Councilwoman Littlefield made a motion to appoint Jim Thompson as City Manager effective October 14, 2023, at an annual base salary of \$375,000, with any additional contract terms to be considered by the Council at a later date. Councilwoman Caputi seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield voting in the affirmative.

### **3. Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces Interviews and Appointments**

**How the Board and Commission Interview and Appointment Process Works:** The Council will spend a few minutes interviewing each board and commission nominee. The Council will make the appointment(s) at the conclusion of the interviews for each board or commission.

#### **Airport Advisory Commission**

*Nominee(s):* Fred Atarian, April Beauboeuf, \*Sabrina Haverty, Christan Lambert, Peter Mier, Domenic Sarnataro, Ken Weingarten

*Council to fill two vacancies (appointments effective October 10, 2023)*

'Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

**(First Round)**

April Beauboeuf: Vice Mayor Whitehead and Councilmembers Caputi and Janik.

Christan Lambert: Councilmembers Durham and Littlefield.

Peter Mier: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield.

Dominic Sarnataro: Mayor Ortega.

Ken Weingarten: Councilmember Graham.

**(Second Round)**

April Beauboeuf: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi and Janik.

Christan Lambert: Councilmembers Durham, Graham, and Littlefield.

**Appointment:** April Beauboeuf was appointed and Peter Mier was reappointed to the Airport Advisory Commission, effective October 10, 2023.

**Loss Trust Fund Board**

*Nominee(s):* Brian Pittluck

*Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective October 20, 2023)*

Brian Pittluck: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield.

**Appointment:** Brian Pittluck was appointed to the Loss Trust Fund Board, effective October 20, 2023.

**Neighborhood Advisory Commission**

*Nominee(s):* \*Lee Cooley, Bob Dahms, Craig Handzlik, \*Sheri Lopez, \*Kristine Rodriguez, \*Michele Rusinko, George Spatola

*Council to fill two vacancies (appointments effective October 10, 2023)*

'Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

Bob Dahms: Councilmembers Caputi and Littlefield.

Craig Handzlik: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Durham, Graham, and Janik.

George Spatola: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield.

**Appointment:** Craig Handzlik and George Spatola were appointed to the Neighborhood Advisory Commission, effective October 10, 2023.

**Paths and Trails Subcommittee**

*Nominee(s):* Bradley Adame

*Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective October 20, 2023)*

Bradley Adame: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield.

**Appointment:** Bradley Adame was appointed to the Path and Trails Subcommittee, effective October 20, 2023.

**Planning Commission**

*Nominee(s):* Doug Craig, George Ertel, Jon Griffin, Pamela Iacovo, Michal Ann Joyner, David Pierce, William Scarbrough, Joe Young

*Council to fill three vacancies (appointments effective October 10, 2023)*

Doug Craig: Councilmember Graham.

George Ertel: Vice Mayor Whitehead and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, and Littlefield.

Pamela Iacovo: Mayor Ortega.

Michal Ann Joyner: Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield.

David Pierce: Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield.

William Scarbrough: Vice Mayor Whitehead and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, and Janik.

Joe Young: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, and Janik.

**Appointment:** George Ertel, William Scarbrough, and Joe Young were reappointed to the Planning Commission, effective October 10, 2023.

**MOTION AND VOTE - ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Lane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Ben Lane**  
**City Clerk**

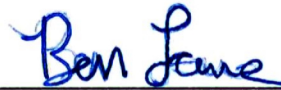
Officially approved by the City Council on November 13, 2023

**C E R T I F I C A T E**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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

**DATED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.



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**Ben Lane, City Clerk**