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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:01]

Mayor Ortega: December 6, 2023, City Council Special Meeting and possible Executive Session to order, City Clerk Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:12]

City Clerk Ben Lane: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor David Ortega: Present.

City Clerk Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Solange Whitehead.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: Barry Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilmember Graham: On her way.

Councilmember Durham: I think she's on her way. She doesn't drive as fast as I do. I beat her here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

Sherry Scott: Here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

Sonia Andrews: Here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff.

Lai Cluff: Here.

City Clerk Ben Lane: And the Clerk is present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

[Time: 00:00:59]

Mayor Ortega: Very good and we'll take attendance as well in the Executive Session. Let's begin with the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilmember Barry Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Oh, my pleasure Mayor, thank you. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands: One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ITEM 1 – REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

[Time: 00:01:22]

Mayor Ortega: Okay. As posted, we will consider going into an Executive Session. Do I have a motion to recess into Executive Session to discuss and consider the employment, assignment, appointment, and compensation and benefits of a City Auditor from the following candidates: Mary Modelski and Alan Moorhead. Secondly to discuss and consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position on contracts that are subject of employment negotiations, and then discuss and consult with City's attorneys for legal advice regarding employment, assignment, appointment, and compensation and benefits of a City Auditor. May I have a motion.

Councilwoman Janik: So moved.

Councilmember Graham: Second.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: We have a motion and a second. Please register your vote. We are unanimous, and we will go directly into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[Time: 00:02:24]

ITEM 1A – 40 LOVE LIQUOR LICENSE

[Time: 00:06:19]

Mayor Ortega: We will resume our Special Meeting of City Council on December 6, 2023. Okay, good. So for the record, all Councilmembers are present, as well as the charter. We began this Special Meeting and then adjourned to an Executive Meeting, and we are now back in the big room.

So, we will continue with the next item which is Item 1A, which is a liquor license application for a business called 40 Love. This item was continued from the December 4, 2023, City Council Meeting and we have our presenter on case 77-LL-2023 Tim Curtis is the Current Planning Director. Hello Tim.

Current Planning Director Tim Curtis: Hello, honorable Mayor and members of City Council, Tim Curtis with the City's Planning Department. Item 1A, as you said Mayor, was a liquor license request that was continued from Monday night's meeting in order to correct some paperwork, some documentation regarding this request.

So this, again, is the property used to be Kelly's at South Bridge located on 6th Avenue and Stetson. It's had a liquor license for many years, and a conditional use permit for a bar for ten years. This was a request for a recommendation by the City Council regarding a liquor license for a new owner, a series 6 bar liquor license.

The continuance on Monday was to allow for the applicant team to correct some paperwork that was submitted regarding the restaurant aspect of this establishment, and so the questionnaire that was previously submitted incorrectly indicated that there wasn't going to be a kitchen at this restaurant/bar. And so, the application was corrected showing 1,000 square foot of kitchen space, as well as the floor plan was modified and they submitted that to the State, as well as the City, showing kitchen area, that kitchen area that's been there, and has been documented to exist.

So again, your action tonight is a follow-up from the Monday discussion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Department of Liquor regarding this existing location for the new owner. And again, the Council provides the recommendation to the State. The State makes the decision about liquor licenses. There is, like I said a bar use permit for the property. The applicant has committed to comply with the existing bar conditional use permit stipulations. So, there's really no update or discussion regarding the conditional use permit. And, again, both planning and the police department determined that there's no reason to recommend denial to the State. So that's why we are here tonight, and I hope those updates satisfy the Council's concerns and happy to answer any questions. And the applicant team, just like Monday, is here if you have any more additional questions. Thank you.

[Time: 00:09:23]

Mayor Ortega: So, two things I will point out, that the applicant can speak if we request them to speak or their representative, and then secondly, we have no public comment on this particular item. So I just thought I'd mention that as we move forward. Councilmember Durham may have a question and then Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. It sort of got lost in the uproar on Monday night over the kitchen. But one of the things that really concerned me here was that there have been violations of the CUP requirements and that was very concerning to me, as there are some institutions in the City that are sort of walking the line between a bar and a restaurant. And they've been, some of them, not all have been very problematic. And so, I'm very concerned in the face of the violations that we see in the past, that those not go forward into the future.

So, I would like to say to the applicant and the applicant's attorney, I think that you are here, really urge you to stay within the terms of the CUP on no amplified music, no DJs, and to keep it up with something that's a benefit to Scottsdale and not something that is going to be a concern to neighbors and nearby residents. I will be voting for it with that caveat. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: I just had pretty much the exact same comments. So, there were a lot of complaints about violations of the CUP originally. And so, I know that tonight is not about that, but at what point is it appropriate to complain when someone is not staying within the guidelines of the CUP. What are our options? Because obviously, we are just going to have to move it forward. How do we complain? If the CUP doesn't mean anything, what are the, how does it work?

Tim Curtis: Thank you, Mayor, and Councilwoman Caputi. I think under the circumstances, the process in place did work. I mean, they did violate the terms, but they were immediately notified, and corrective measures started immediately. And you saw on Monday that the police department is comfortable with the outcome over the last eight months. It really got corrected shortly thereafter, and this is one of those things that certainly when they reopen, we'll be monitoring their operations. We have commitments from them both in writing and verbally, and I think organizationally, we do a pretty good job monitoring for compliance and if there's another violation, then we'll take the necessary steps from there, but thank you.

[Time: 00:12:27]

Councilwoman Caputi: Okay. I would echo Councilmember Durham. Please try to be a good neighbor. Our life is miserable on Council when we get bombarded with emails of complaints and we want everyone to be successful, and it's not just the business itself, but the neighbors as well. So, thank you for complying.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. I would just add to that, that in the process of ownership changes, right, which is what we are dealing with here, and a conditional use permit, that runs with the land. So the new owner obviously, that's purchasing, has to be aware and know all those terms. So, they can't plead, "Well, gee, I didn't know what the rules were." Because you bought the place with the CUP. So, there's really no excuse for not understanding or knowing that. Maybe what we need to do as they come forward is also check box, do you know what the CUP is and what it means, whether a new user has ever operated in Scottsdale before. May have a great reputation but maybe not know, there's no excuse for not knowing the rules. So that's one area that you might be able to, as staff, just double check for us. So, I'm open to a motion and to clear this matter. Go ahead.

Councilwoman Janik: So moved.

Mayor Ortega: So in this particular case, we're going to read through it so that it's...

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Please make the motion. So, the action item would be just to approve liquor license request number 77-LL-2023, 40 Love.

Councilwoman Janik: I don't have it.

Councilwoman Littlefield: I will second that.

Mayor Ortega: Sorry, go ahead.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Do you have it?

Councilwoman Janik: I don't have a copy of it.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Let me put on my glasses. I motion to approve Item Number 1A, 40 Love liquor license 77-LL-2023. And consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for an owner transfer of a series 6 bar state liquor license for an existing location and a new owner.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, motion and a second. Okay. We went -- there are no requests to speak on this. Therefore, please record your vote. Okay. Unanimous. Good luck.

ITEM 2 – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND TASK FORCES INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS

[Time: 00:15:23]

Moving on, the next part of our program is Boards and Commissions. And at this point, I will turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Whitehead, who will be chairing this portion of the meeting.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: 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 various Boards and Commissions. I want to thank the individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service to this community. Following the set of interviews, we'll vote on an appointment for the 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 and Commission. What is the top issue facing this Board and 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 will ask Councilmembers if they have any follow-up questions for you.

Okay. We're going to get started with the Board of Adjustment. There are two openings. The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that hears variance requests, appeals of the Zoning Administrator's interpretation/decisions, and decides on administrative decisions or zoning requirements, which create unnecessary hardships in the development of a property because of exceptional or extraordinary conditions. There are two vacancies and three nominees. The nominees are Alexander Hayes, Jay Leopold, and Azam Qayum. Sorry, if I butchered that. So, let's start with Alexander Hayes.

[Time: 00:18:06]

Alexander Hayes: Good evening, Mayor Ortega, and members of the City Council. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today. My name is Alexander Hayes. I reside at 2700 North Hayden Road. I was born and raised in Scottsdale, and I have lived within Scottsdale city limits for over 13 years.

I bring a few qualities to the table that qualify me to serve on the Board of Adjustment. Most significantly, I think, is that I've gone back and watched every Board of Adjustment meeting since January 2021, and I've also taken notes of the questions and also the conclusions I would have made had I been on the board. So in a way, I feel that I practically almost have three years of experience. Needless to say, I find what the Board of Adjustment does is very interesting. With that said, I'm already very familiar with the norms of the Board, the general variance criteria, disability accommodation criteria, and the zoning administrator appeal criteria. In fact, I've also created my own guide of the, to refer to the criteria, as well as my own guide of the zoning code so I can compare different zoning designations at a glance. And so, I have also reviewed all of them too, and there's quite a few.

As far as the top issue facing the Board, we continue to live in a housing affordability crisis unseen since the early 1980s. Land space in Scottsdale is starting to run out and a number of homes are ready for modernization, which will require us to think outside of the box which will surely bring complexity to the Board of Adjustment. That means making the right decision will

get tougher and I will help the Board make the right decision by analyzing City Code, researching historical context, and adhering to my pledge to equally treat each application with compassion, thorough analysis, and applying a fair objective interpretation of the Code. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you so much. Are there any questions?

Councilmember Graham: I have a question for the applicant, Vice Mayor.

Alexander Hayes: Please.

Councilmember Graham: You mentioned outside-the-box solutions? Do you have an example.

Alexander Hayes: Absolutely. So ,there was one case in particular, a few months ago where there was a residual land case out in central Scottsdale where there was this really wonky property that had gone through quite some history and I guess what the Board had concluded was that it was, if I recall, this is some time ago, but that they, it was illegally split, and so I think there, in order to meet the housing affordability crisis, we will need to dive deeper into those things to find ways to help people be able to build the houses they want on those little residual plots that people have ignored for all this time, but are now coming to light because the land space is starting to run out. Does that help to answer the question?

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Thank you so much.

Alexander Hayes: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Let's call up Jay Leopold.

[Time: 00:21:34]

Jay Leopold: Good evening, Councilmembers and good evening, Mayor. My name is Jay Leopold, I live at 16580 North 105th Street, which is McDowell Mountain. We moved here 16 years ago to start a solar company and I have lived in Scottsdale the whole time. I was on the Board during the COVID years, which is great experience. So, I understand how the Board works. I understand that the Board has criteria that must be met. It's, in concept, it's quite simple. There are four basic rules and that's what we follow. We, as you have said, we are a quasi-judicial operation. So, our job is to judge each case on those merits without bias or without previous conclusion. I have done that before. My record shows that, and I am more than happy to help the City and to do it some more.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions for Mr. Leopold? I see none. So, thank you.

Jay Leopold: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: I'm looking forward to hearing how Azam says his last name.

Azam Qayum: Thank you, Mayor, and Councilmembers. It's pronounced Azam. My name is Azam Qayum. I live at 19700 North 76th Street in Scottsdale, Arizona. I have, out of the other candidates, I have only been a resident of Scottsdale for approximately three and a half years. I bring about just over 30 years of residential and commercial real estate experience. At the age of 16, I was writing commercial real estate leases for an office property owner. Since then, I started my own property management company, which I ran in seven different western states for about 16 years. After that, we got into development. I've been on the applicant side many times, variances, adjustments, you name it. I have retired from development but I still do consulting for investors smaller developers and so I applied, or I requested nomination, so I could apply my skills in a capacity where I can give back.

I spent about 9 years on a university foundation board as a trustee, participating on their real estate committee, and actually heading the real estate committee overseeing all the universities' assets. And I'm basically a due diligence guy. I like to research everything, uncover all the facts, positive or negative and that, at least historically has allowed me to make the best possible decisions, and hopefully I can continue that on the Board.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you so much. Are there any questions?

Azam Qayum: Thank you.

[Time: 00:24:52]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: You can sit down, and we are going to go ahead and vote. Each Councilmember can vote for two nominees, and we are going to wait for our assistant, yes, there you go. You have set up fast. All right, we will start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Alexander Hayes and Azam Qayum.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Alexander Hayes and Azam Qayum.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield

Councilwoman Littlefield: No additional.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Oh, no, you need to state.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Alexander Hayes and Azam Qayum.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Azam Qayum and Alex Hayes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Alexander Hayes and Azam Qayum, I think I got that closer.
Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Alexander Hayes and Azam Qayum.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, and Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Leopold and Mr. Qayum.

Rommel Cordova: Okay. So, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Qayum have been appointed.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Thank you. We move on to the Development Review Board. The purpose of the Development Review Board is to review and approve architectural design and layout of proposed development plans. There are three openings and nine nominees. Jon Griffin has withdrawn his application from consideration. The nominees are Julie Berry, and Ms. Berry is unable to join us this evening, but she is still interested in serving on the Board. Jeff Brand, Mr. Brand's term expires this month and is eligible for reappointment. Danielle Davis, Ali Fakhri, Mr. Fakhri's term expires this month and is eligible for reappointment. He will be participating in today's meeting electronically. Thomas Kube, Ed Peaser, Roger Strassburg, Scott Tiedemann, and Michael Wills. With that, we're going to skip Julie Berry, because she is not able to attend and move on to Jeff Brand.

[Time: 00:27:22]

Jeff Brand: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council, my name is Jeff Brand. I reside at 8128 East Mitchell Road. I've been a Scottsdale resident at that address for about 12 years and have been in Scottsdale for 25 years. So currently I'm a partner and studio director at Nelson Partners which is a firm of about 50 design, architectural design professionals up at Kierland Commons. My background, currently, by the way, I'm up for reappointment and spent the last years serving as Vice Chair on the Board.

My background is in commercial mixed use master planning and building design. So, as is my education. I've been really pushing projects through the City of Scottsdale and presenting master plans and building designs in front of City Council and DRB for the past 25 years. It's been a great service to be able to take my background with understanding commercial development. Both the planning and the financial and the impact side of it combined with the practice of working in the City and understanding the zoning ordinance and character guidelines and

everything that makes Scottsdale a great place, to be able to have the chance to volunteer and apply that here at the DRB.

So as far as the most important issue, facing the Board or Commission, I think that with DRB, it's always about upholding the quality of development in Scottsdale. This is as, I have done projects across this valley regionally and across the country, Scottsdale is a really special place as far as how we enforce high quality design in our city. And I think it's incredibly important as we move forward that we have people on the Board who have a background and who understand the impact of the decisions that we make and who are well versed in how things and how buildings get built. So, I appreciate the chance to volunteer.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you Mr. Brand. Are there any questions?

Mayor Ortega: Yes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: The Mayor has a question.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Hello, Jeff. I wanted to zero in on the Old Town Character Area.

Jeff Brand: Mm-hmm.

Mayor Ortega: And the importance of shaded walkways and your experience in reviewing that or, and/or, your own experience designing whether they, how, what priority or emphasis you have on shaded walkways.

[Time: 00:30:13]

Jeff Brand: I'd say the highest priority. I think the streetscapes, the city, and the walkability of the city and the number one issue with walkability in our area is climate. So pedestrian comfort and walkability and the public realm is probably the most important part of making sure that our city is incredibly walkable and friendly. And if you don't have walkability, you don't have dynamic streets or dynamic streetscapes and Scottsdale doesn't feel special. So, it's something that's been a very specific issue that when I'm assessing cases on DRB over the past three years, is really looking at the edge and looking at how each of these projects is addressing both through shade and activation of the public frontages of these projects being developed.

Mayor Ortega: Generally speaking, I can tell you, I prefer built shade, that is covered shaded walkways. There are many examples where you have both. You have trees lining Marshall and 5th and so forth and you also have covered, the tradition of covered walkways. So, I would continue to impress that as you look and deliberate because it's a characteristic that only Scottsdale has in this valley. It's when pedestrians can seek shade, it's very dog friendly. It allows window shopping and other amenities. So just wanted to get your opinion on that because I'm, that's what I'm looking for when we move forward with other, I think the

pedestrian activity is part of the General Plan which is adopted by the voters too. So, I appreciate you are on board with that.

Jeff Brand: Yes, and in response to that and adding to it, I think that built shade is certainly something that's absolutely necessary. There is something I feel that landscape helps with microclimates and does help with a little bit of temperature control, and I think also variety along streetscapes to make sure that pedestrians continue to feel that there's newness around them and there is an element of discovery, but certainly assessing built structure, encouraging it, and making sure that what the built structure is built out of is not heat generating. So it's also something that we are always.

Mayor Ortega: And then finally, the importance of sense of place, which is in our vision statement as well as, and it can apply especially at corners, where you can sort of notch back. There's plenty of illustrations in the architectural guidelines, I think. You may have worked on them, and I know Ms. Caputi worked on when she was on, I think, transportation or something. So that's good. I just want to emphasize that helps us have a sense of place rather than just butting corners. Okay, thank you.

Jeff Brand: I appreciate it, thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Are there any questions? I see one more. Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Vice Mayor, not a question. I just wanted to add emphasis to what the Mayor said to Mr. Brand and all the applicants, those features are important to me as well. So, thank you.

Jeff Brand: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Let's move on to Danielle Davis.

[Time: 00:33:29]

Danielle Davis: Good evening, Mayor and City Councilmembers, my name is Danielle Davis I live on 8301 East Arlington Road. I'm an Arizona native and I have lived and worked in Scottsdale for most of my adult life which gives me a vested interest in the City's growth and development. Throughout my 17-year career in commercial real estate, I have gained a deep understanding of the Scottsdale market. I feel this knowledge can be invaluable while assessing development proposals, as I'm able to provide insight into market trends, demands for different types of properties and the potential impact of new projects. My career has given me insight into the development process including planning, permitting, construction and ongoing management.

I have experience working with the wide range of stakeholders including property owners, community members and developers. My extensive experience in commercial real estate equips

me with a unique perspective and skill set, which will contribute to making well-informed decisions that promote responsible and suitable developments in the city I love. My observation is that we need to continue to be mindful of Scottsdale's history and appeal and maintain community benefit that expected in Scottsdale and continue to make it a great place to live, work and play. I intend to view each project on its merits and give recommendations that will continue to support quality and design unique to Scottsdale. Focusing on design elements that truly make our community a special place.

As a commercial real estate broker and in my day-to-day interaction in the community and environment, I have an intimate understanding of the importance of the visual quality and can offer constructive viewpoint on each and every project brought forward. Thank you very much for your time.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Let me see if there's any questions.

Mayor Ortega: I have a question.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: The Mayor has a question.

Mayor Ortega: You have a very successful firm that's been around a long time and obviously as you said many stakeholders owners. So that means that if they haven't leased a building or bought or sold a building, it would be rare that your company wouldn't be involved with sale, or upgrade or some business connection. I find that, there's got to be an objective, yet if there is any kind of financial interests that's been happening or potential leases in a building and so forth, that creates a conflict.

Danielle Davis: Right.

Mayor Ortega: That brings me to quite a bit of caution because it's very important, I love your qualifications and so forth. I know that you love Scottsdale.

Danielle Davis: I do.

Mayor Ortega: And yet, you know, if you were at Parks and Rec or applying for a different Commission, that would not be related to your leasing or buying parks, you know what I mean, then you could certainly serve there with less conflicts. Because the problem that I foresee is that, you know, running short if we have two or three consultants or potential conflicts.

Danielle Davis: Sure.

[Time: 00:36:45]

Mayor Ortega: Then we don't have a full quorum. And so that's why I'm just bringing that up,

and you would have to report all that. You would have to show all that. And there may be so many occasions that it could be, have a conflict and that's an area that I would be really concerned with. I think you are an excellent applicant, and I would probably support you for any other Commission than this one, just saying because of that, that's my feeling on it. And I understand that, the sincerity and everything else but we have Transportation, we have Airport. We have so many other areas that could be of tremendous interest with probably no possible business conflict.

Danielle Davis: Sure.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. That's just a concern. I thought I would just express it.

Danielle Davis: And I appreciate that, yeah.

Mayor Ortega: Go ahead.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: It seems like I have some other questions for you. Thank you, Ms. Davis.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

[Time: 00:37:50]

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I kind of share that comment, really about all the applicants is the highest standards of conflict and recusal, and that kind of just sort of general statement. I know we're all committed to that, as far as recusal of any even potential or perception of conflict. And you mentioned in your speech, which was a good speech.

Danielle Davis: Thank you.

Councilmember Graham: About you are mindful of Scottsdale's history and high standards. Can you think of a recent project in Scottsdale that didn't meet those standards or wasn't mindful of our history?

Danielle Davis: I'm just more meaning the height, the density and the height and things to do with that, with that kind of thing. I can't think, I'm so nervous, I can't think of anything off the top of my head. Sorry. I'm not good at public speaking.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Danielle.

Danielle Davis: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: DRB is always kind of interesting because if you look at the description, we really want people who have specific knowledge, unlike most of the other Boards and Commissions, we want people who have expertise in that area. You certainly wouldn't want, I was just joking with Councilwoman Janik about we don't really want nurses, you know, doing, you know, something, teaching or whatever, something completely unrelated. We actually want people on our Development Review Board who have expertise so that we can depend on you to get good advice when we are trying to make a decision about a project. So, but we are very sensitive. We certainly, I agree, we don't want people who are going to be continually missing meetings.

So, I'm just curious, have you looked back, would there have been meetings where you would have a conflict. Because I'm having a hard time connecting what you do versus, you know, whether, you couldn't even think of a project. I mean that's a perfect example, right? Councilmember Graham asked you to come up with a project that you had a comment on, and you are not sure.

Danielle Davis: Sure.

Councilwoman Caputi: Because you probably haven't worked on any of the projects. I'm just curious, do you feel that you would have a conflict of interest.

[Time: 00:40:02]

Danielle Davis: I looked back, actually. I did look back over the last few years and I wouldn't have to recuse myself of any of those that I saw for the last few years. I didn't see it being a problem, because I wouldn't want to put anyone in that position if I was always missing meetings. And so, I didn't see it as a problem, but I do understand your concerns, for sure.

Councilwoman Caputi: Of course you are aware that for all of us as well, when we have conflicts, there's a process in which we recuse and you would be perfectly comfortable with that if it would come up which it doesn't sound like it would.

Danielle Davis: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. I think you're set, thank you Ms. Davis. Let's move to Ali Fakhri and he's going to come in through the speaker here.

Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor, I think there's a slight delay, but he is on the line.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, there he is.

[Time: 00:40:53]

Ali Fakh: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council, sorry for not with you in person. My name is Ali Fakh, I live at 8018 North 75th Street in Scottsdale, Arizona. I guess I see myself on the screen. So, I've been in Scottsdale now for 16 years in the U.S. total for 19. Of the 16, proud to call Scottsdale a home for me and my family of four kids. How my education relates to the Board and Commission? It applies, I guess you know. I'm a civil engineer, as I mentioned, practicing 18 years, Ph.D. in Engineering focused on sustainability, which is a big part aligned with the Council vision of the green and the IGCC (International Green Construction Code), as stated before, the Board, one the board members is a qualified professional or civil engineer which fits in this qualification.

I have been involved in a lot of projects throughout Arizona, actually nationwide, when it comes to engineering and sustainability and planning. As a personal, I have been actually on the class of 2017, 40 under 40 Phoenix Business Journal Class. I have done a lot of, I have been involved in a lot of environmental organizations and I have been involved with a lot of projects related to water conservation. Heat island was mentioned earlier. Matter of fact this is one of my expertise on alternative pavement and how to eliminate heat island effect.

Some of the issues facing the Board, again, I love serving the Board. The biggest two things I think of is the DSPM update which we have been working with staff on. I would like to, hopefully if I get appointed to be part of taking this to the next level so we can get our DSPM aligned with the IGCC, and green effort. And I think the water conservation and understanding the overall issue, I see myself as a good member to be contributing to this discussion. I'm here to answer any question and thank you for consideration.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Thanks Mr. Fakh. Any questions?

[Time: 00:43:22]

Councilwoman Janik: I do.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Oh, Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: What would you say is the strongest attribute that you bring to DRB, based on your past experience on DRB?

Ali Fakh: Sure, I think as a civil engineer, I think the water conservation piece and the sustainability. I think my background is really unique based on my PhD. in sustainability. I have been involved in heat island, been involved heavily in water conservation and I have been involved in a lot of environmentally friendly projects and I think is a unique background for my colleagues on the Board. And being operational and all aspect of real estate gave me a really good understanding of the overall process, not just in nerdy engineering. Which for some of

those of you who know me, I'm truly a nerd but at the same time I'm just still understanding the overall process to get the project built and designed.

Councilwoman Janik: One other question, is your experience limited to Scottsdale, in Arizona or is it broader than that?

Ali Fakih: No, definitely broader. Matter of fact my, we do a lot of work nationwide. We are working in Scottsdale as a smaller percentage of all the work we do nationwide. We don't only work in Arizona. We work in other states as well.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you.

Ali Fakih: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Hello, Ali, I feel that your life story is a successful American story. I applaud you for that.

Ali Fakih: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: I do want to just raise a concern, because another applicant that is Julie Berry shows as an employee or a consultant as you are a consultant in your company, to your company and I'm not comfortable having two people from the same company appointed to the same Board. Again, I find her life story compelling and engagement, but I don't favor having two from the same company, because that's automatic recusals as that would hold. So, I know she did not appear, but that is a concern, and it was all honestly stated and so forth. This would be your last term on DR Board as I understand it.

Ali Fakih: Correct.

[Time: 00:46:09]

Mayor Ortega: So that's, it shows again, Scottsdale is a great launching point for a lot of expertise, I think. That's worthy. So that's my main comment that I would have a problem with the two on the same Board.

Ali Fakih: And Mayor, I appreciate your note. Just for the record, I want to clarify one thing that I have known Julie for a long time, but she is not an employee of SEG, however, she helped me financially as a contractor. She's not an employee. I want to clarify this. I see your point as well, but I want to make this clarification.

Mayor Ortega: Well, certainly, and you are the decider of who the consultant would be, you

know, and that's, but -

Ali Fakih: Understood.

Mayor Ortega: That's just my point. Thank you.

Ali Fakih: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Thank you for clarifying that, Ali. I think that the construction industry in general, you know, folks who work on DRB and Planning and in this industry, particularly in our City, it is fairly small and at some point if you are working successfully in the City, your path will overlap with someone else so I just want to make that point. I appreciate all that you do. I served on DRB with you as well, and I definitely appreciate your deep expertise on these issues. And again, I think that for me to whether you worked with someone else who is in the industry, if you are successful in Scottsdale, that it's more than likely that you will have. So, I personally don't have an issue with that. Thank you.

Ali Fakih: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. And thank you. I just that Ms. Berry did speak before us in the last appointment cycle and so she also clarified that, I happen to remember that, but it's so, but that's fine. Let's move on to Thomas Kube.

[Time: 00:48:09]

Thomas Kube: Good evening, madam Vice Mayor, Mr. Mayor, members of the City Council, I'm Tom Kube, a 26-year resident of Scottsdale. I reside at 12740 East Sunnyside Drive. I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for the Development Review Board.

Although not a practicing architect or currently a developer, my background fits precisely under the criteria for appointment under persons otherwise qualified by design background, training, and experience. I've helped to author and disseminate national criteria used to develop new and repurpose existing structures, including site selection predominantly in K12 and higher ed. master planning.

I served on the Scottsdale Unified Bond Oversight Committee for the high school renovations. I facilitated the development of the K12 Equalization Standards in Arizona and similarly for the state of Ohio. I developed residential facilities in Arlington County, Virginia for mentally ill and developmentally disabled adults using HUD 202 program dollars. I developed national planning guides for K12 and college facilities addressing planning, design, environmental and sustainability concerns, construction, citing criteria, and community engagement. At the federal

level, I managed grants and collaborated with agencies such as the EPA, and the Department of Energy on sustainable growth, including air quality, acoustics, and mold remediation. My entire career has been immersed in state and federal legislative and regulatory environments.

Scottsdale is a wonderful place to live, and a really well-run city. I'm also a graduate of Scottsdale Leadership Class 12 and I would like to contribute to Scottsdale's ongoing success. You rely on your Boards and Commissions, and you want to approve quality developments that contribute to the vision of Scottsdale, the long-term plan, and the quality of life for Scottsdale residents. I think the role of the DRB is to exercise its good judgment, remain focused and continue to help you receive good information so you can make those decisions. I firmly believe my background and contributions to the body of knowledge and planning and development can contribute to the work of the DRB and your work in evaluating such proposals. Thank you for the opportunity.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, Mr. Kube. Are there any questions? I see none. Thank you. Okay. Let's move on to Mr. Ed Peaser.

[Time: 00:50:46]

Ed Peaser: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of the Council. My name is Ed Peaser. I live at 8413 East Rosewood Lane in Scottsdale. And I've lived in that house for the last 57 years. As far as my experience is concerned, I've worked in construction for 55 years and I've been a building inspector for, and inspector for the last 40.

I started in Scottsdale in 1984 as an electrical inspector, the only city electrical inspector at the time and in 1985, I took on the duties of clearance inspection, which involved accepting the and issuing the final certificate of occupancy on all commercial buildings. It was the clearance inspection program that evolved into the planning inspection program around 1996. What my duties were at the time in clearance inspection was to gather the information to gather it from all the different building departments and to verify that everything had been done and approved and then as the clearance inspector, my job was to do the inspection of the building based on all the Design Review Board specifications to make sure that they had been completed and make sure that everything had been adhered to as far as their specifications were concerned.

In addition to doing inspections, I taught codes and ordinances and construction techniques at Scottsdale Community College for 22 years, including how buildings were put together as far as concrete masonry, wood, and steel. I sat on the Building Advisory Board of Appeals for six years after I retired, and I was Chairman of the Board for four years. And for the ten years previous to my retirement, I was as Deputy Building Official, I was the Secretary of the Board.

I think that the only thing I can think of that is challenging the Design Review Board is probably making sure that buildings are aesthetically pleasing and fit the area of community in which they

are being built. I think my background, experience and education would fit well in the Design Review Board. Thank you for allowing me to participate in the interview process.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, Mr. Peaser. Let me see if there are any questions. Okay because I went to, thank you Mr. Peaser, I went too fast. Mr. Kube there is a question for you, if you could come on back up. Thank you so much.

Thomas Kube: Yes.

Councilwoman Caputi: Hi, we've only had maybe a handful or so of major development projects on the last three years and you just have been particularly outspoken on a lot of them, mostly negative, which is great. We like both, we like to have a variety and diversity of opinions, it helps us to make better decisions here on the Council, but Councilmember Graham gave me the idea. Can you just give me an idea of a project that we've seen that you felt good about, that you would have moved forward with a recommendation to City Council?

Thomas Kube: Well, I, the project that I was outspoken on here most recently was the 92nd Mercado project, if you might recall, like a number of people who live in the area, I'm concerned about the size of the project and so forth. I would say the project, The Parque that you just recently approved I think is probably the best use for that space, given what's happening in that area in Scottsdale, and the long-term plan for that space. I like the fact that it had community use. The Parque and its mixed use in terms of retail, the opportunity for hotel and tourist participation as well as ownership and rentals where I would say that we do need more housing in Scottsdale, and I think that the Board is, the Council and its Boards have tried to appropriately look at what's the best fit to fill that need for housing, both owned and rented and get.

Councilwoman Caputi: Great. I like the answer. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, thank you so much. Next up.

[Time: 00:55:58]

Councilmember Graham: Vice Mayor if I can just make a comment.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Sure, go ahead.

Councilmember Graham: I just want to thank Mr. Kube for applying tonight and I don't think we should be stigmatizing members, residents of our community who voice their opinions and who are active and applying to is serve voluntarily for free their time, attention, and resources. So, I want to thank Mr. Kube.

Councilwoman Caputi: I was certainly not stigmatizing you. In fact, that was a lovely answer.

That's what we like to hear. I appreciate that you are very open minded in how you make your decisions and thank you so much for answering my question.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Great. Let's get back to our next candidate. Roger Strassburg. Is Mr. Strassburg here? Have we heard from Mr. Strassburg? No, we have not? Okay, well, we'll move on to Scott Tiedemann. Do we not have a Mr. Tiedemann here? Have we heard from Mr. Tiedemann? No? We have not, well, I know Michael Willis is here. So, let's have him come on up.

[Time: 00:57:04]

Michael Wills: Thank you. I'm up here a little sooner than I thought I was going to be. Good evening, Councilmembers, Mayor Ortega. My name is Michael Wills. I live at 9595 East Jenan Drive. Professionally, I have been in real estate for 20 plus years in Scottsdale as a licensed Realtor. Civically, I'm a founding member of a Scottsdale-based nonprofit, Neighbors Helping Neighbors. I sit on the City's Neighborhood Advisory Commission, and I'm Block Watch Captain through our Block Watch Program. And then, of course, I'm Scottsdale Leadership Alumni Class 33. Mr. Kube, as well I see, and I'm currently serving as President of their Board of Directors.

So, I'm a native of Scottsdale. I grew up in south Scottsdale, graduated from Coronado High School. When I was growing up, our drugstore was the Revco Drugstore in Papago Plaza. We shopped at Smitty's, and we shopped at Yellow Front and Handyman and I'm not telling you this to walk you through and reminisce about the old days. What I'm telling you this for is to give you the lens for which I see our city and how I have seen our city develop.

So when I talk about our growth over the years, I'm not talking about the last couple years. I've actually watched our city grow for decades. In our city, and this Board, faces a unique problem with embracing that growth and change, but still honoring our history and our residents and our neighborhoods. So, projects need to serve all of our neighborhoods and all of our citizens. And they must protect the Scottsdale image and the Scottsdale brand while at the same time push us forward.

So, during my years as a Realtor, I built multiple spec homes and I know what it takes to get a project from, you know, successfully from the design phase all the way up to your certificate of occupancy. And I know it's important that that project be an asset to its surrounding area and not a liability. So tonight, it is my hope that after you see my passion for our community, my dedication to our community and 20 years of learning about real estate and working in real estate in Scottsdale, that you consider giving me a vote and a seat on the Design Review Board. Thank you for your consideration.

[Time: 00:59:28]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions? Okay. I see none. So, we now move

on to vote for the Development Review Board. Each Councilmember can vote for three nominees and I'm going to start with Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you. I want to say that this is a wonderful group of candidates. You all bring a depth of knowledge, should you not get the nomination this evening, please continue to apply for these positions because I know you all have knowledge and expertise to add. With that said, I would like to nominate Jeff Brand, Ali Fakih, and Thomas Kube.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: I will echo that, this is a very difficult choice. But I will nominate Ali Fakih, Ed Peaser, and Michael Wills.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: I would say Ed Peaser, Ali Fakih, and Jeff Brand.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. I'm going to vote for, and we all agree this is top-notch people. I am going to go ahead and vote for Jeff Brand, Ali Fakih, and Ed Peaser. You are next.

Councilmember Durham: I'm going to vote for Julie Berry, Jeff Brand, and Ali Fakih.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I will vote for Mr. Kube, Mr. Peaser, and Mr. Wills.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Jeff Brand, Ali Fakih, Julie Berry.

Rommel Cordova: Okay. So, Mr. Brand and Mr. Fakih have been reappointed and Mr. Peaser has been appointed.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Thank you. And thank you to all. Okay. Next is the Environmental Advisory Commission, and there's one opening. The Environmental Advisory Commission provides guidance on the prioritization of future environmental activities and recommendations and recommends environmental policies to the City Council. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are Lauren Click and Alisa McMahon. I will have Ms. Click come up first. Thank you.

[Time: 01:02:35]

Lauren Click: Hi, Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers. I'm really happy to be here. My name is Lauren Click. My address is 7901 East Keim Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona. I have been living in Scottsdale for five years, but I'm an Arizona resident and proud ASU alumni. My professional experience is as a content strategist. I formerly worked for a large developer here in Arizona, in Scottsdale. So, I really understand deeply the shareholder perspective of environmental and sustainability initiatives while maintaining that bottom line approach.

Additionally, I am the founder and executive director of Let's Go Compost. We're a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based here in Scottsdale, working to make composting free and accessible throughout the United States. I currently sit on a number of committees related to my non-profit work, including being named an emerging sustainable leader by Arizona Forward. I'm a member of BPI, The U.S. Plastic Pact, Local First Arizona, The U.S. Composting Council and The Plastic Pollution Coalition. And most recently I won, applied for and won, a grant from the City of Scottsdale to install a native xeriscape pollinator garden at Agua Linda Park, which we are installing next week, if anyone would like to attend.

And I believe the core challenges of Scottsdale's Environmental Advisory Commission would be around effectively watering, managing water resources, and promoting sustainable development and tourism throughout the circular economy. Our climate has and will continue to make water scarcity a pressing issue, especially as Scottsdale continues to develop rapidly. In this development, it's also vital we encourage sustainable tourism that aligns with the City's environmental goals and contributes to responsible engagement with our desert landscape. I believe that by establishing a circular economy within the city, we can meet our goals for water, development, and tourism, all successfully. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, are there any questions for Ms. Click. Councilmember Graham.

[Time: 01:04:36]

Councilmember Graham: Just one quick comment for Ms. Click, whether or not you are appointed this has been a really good self-promotional opportunity for everything you are up to so best of luck to you, whether or not you are appointed.

Lauren Click: Thank you so much.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Are there any other questions? And yes, very good work. Okay, next up, I think we'll bring up Alisa McMahon.

Alisa McMahon: Thank you. Might I use the elmo? Thank you. Good evening. I'm Dr. Alisa McMahon, I reside at 7454 East Camino Rayo De Luz for 17 years. In fact, we moved to Scottsdale because our home is built under the Scottsdale Green Building Program. When we talk about environmental issues we usually talk about things like water, energy, waste, but

fundamentally environmental issues are about people, our health, our comfort, our safety, and our quality of life. As a medical provider, I tend to view the environment through that lens, including environmentally-related public health concerns.

A city balances many interests and sometimes there is a perceived or a real tension between financial and environmental interests. This page is from the General Plan, and I submitted the sentence in the box or close version of it, along with other input for the environmental chapter. way back when in 2014. Fiscal responsibility, economic growth, and environmental stewardship are not mutually exclusive goals. In fact, they are mutually achievable. Moreover, I believe that the long-term success of Scottsdale as we know it requires that approach.

The top issue facing SEAC (Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission) in the near term, like right now, is the development of Scottsdale's first sustainability plan. If appointed, my bio science background will inform my approach to this and other issues. I will listen, research, analyze, synthesize, and then make recommendations based on science, best practices, and what I believe will work for Scottsdale. I'm happy to answer any questions but in case there are none, I know this is your last meeting before the holiday break and I just want to wish you all a restful and restorative holiday season. Thank you.

[Time: 01:07:21]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, great. Are there any questions for Ms. McMahon. Okay. You are free to sit down. With that, we're going to go ahead and vote. There's one opening, so each Councilmember can vote for one nominee, and we're going to start with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you. Alisa McMahon.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Lauren Click.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And I will go ahead and vote for Alisa McMahon and Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Alisa McMahon but I would encourage Ms. Click to hang around and look for opportunities in the future, because we could certainly use you. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Dr. McMahon.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Alisa McMahan.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Alisa McMahan but I echo what Councilmember Tom said. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Great. All right, well, Ms. McMahan, you have been appointed we are looking forward to seeing Ms. Click again. Okay. The Judicial Appointments Advisory Board. There are two citizen representative openings. The Judicial Appointments Advisory Board (JAAB) makes advisory recommendations to the City Council regarding the appointment and reappointment of full-time judges. There are two citizen representative vacancies and three nominees. The nominees are Aurea Flores, Kristina Jensen, and Janice Shimokubo. I will now, sorry, we're not going to vote. We are going to have you up. Sorry. It is our last meeting of a long year. Let's go ahead and have Aurea come on up. Thank you.

[Time: 01:09:13]

Aurea Flores: Good evening. Mr. Mayor, madam Vice Mayor and the rest of the Councilmembers. My name, can you hear me okay?

Councilmembers: Yes.

Aurea Flores: Okay. I'm a little bit nervous and I don't have much of a voice. So my name is Aurea Flores. I live at 7732 East Rancho Vista Drive. I have been in Scottsdale for seven years. I came to Scottsdale for work. I actually worked at Honor Health Research Institute. I was the Director for Research Quality and Regulatory Compliance, and sorry. I'm also a pharmacist, I'm actually licensed in the State of Arizona. I have a Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology. I completed a postdoctoral fellowship in molecular oncology. And my life for the last 25 years has been clinical trials. Part of clinical trials is that it's highly regulated. There's a lot of laws and regulations that govern our clinical trials and so one of my specialties have been to understand those laws and regulations and operationalize them for compliance as well as success. You know, efficiency on how we do things.

How I would help this Committee is because I'm basically anal retentive. It's actually a very good quality to have in the business that I'm in, it's being very detail oriented and being very analytical. So the challenges or how I could help is really, has to do with maintaining the safety of Scottsdale, you know residents, by having the best, you know, judges serving, you know, the community. And that is something I can help in really understanding the different candidates and ensuring they are the best candidates. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions for Ms. Flores? Okay. I see none. Thank you so much. And let's have Kristina Jensen come on up.

[Time: 01:11:45]

Kristina Jensen: Good evening, Mayor and Council. My name is Kristina Jensen. I have been in Scottsdale since my parents brought me here in 1974. I'm a graduate of Coronado High School, and a double graduate of ASU. I have a master's in public administration. For the last 25 years of my life, I have been serving the State. I was at the Arizona Attorney General's Office as a paralegal for 13 years and I have also been working for the last nine years as the Deputy Director the Arizona Medical Board.

I totally skipped over my address. I'm at 14265 East Cheryl Drive, and I love the City. I have a vested interest in the city and in the state. I believe my background is unique in that I've had an opportunity to work with all kinds of attorneys, doctors. I've worked with the Citizen Branch of the FBI InfraGard. I feel like I have a pretty good spidey sense when it comes to meeting people and understanding what drives them. I think that I would be a good candidate.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions? Okay. I see none. So, thank you and Janice Shimokubo.

[Time: 01:13:20]

Janice Shimokubo: Good evening, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and City Councilmembers. I'm Janice Shimokubo, and I live at 6114 East Sonoran Trail and that's ZIP code 85266. I have lived in Scottsdale for 12 years, five years at McCormick Ranch during the 1990s and I returned to Scottsdale in 2016. My MBA degree and 30-year at Fortune 100 companies leading lines of businesses taught me the value of making recommendations and decisions using facts and data, studying market research, and survey findings and applying due diligence before making any conclusions. I would bring that discipline to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board.

Throughout my adult life, I have also made it a priority to volunteer and become involved in the community. Our court touches thousands of lives every year so it's really important that the judges uphold the rule of law and try to make sure that all parties feel the law is applied fairly and equally and all parties feel they were treated with respect.

The top issue facing this Board is to continue to ensure that the recommendations for appointments and reappointments are handled with the utmost care and rigor. I have the ability to dedicate as much time as necessary to do the due diligence to help this Board bring to you the best recommendations. I also believe that this board needs strong citizen representation. So, my sound approach to making recommendations, my prior service on the Human Relations Commission, and the General Plan Citizens Review Board, and my active community involvement can help fulfill this need. Thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions? I see none. Okay. So now we're

going to vote, so come on up Rommel. So again, we are going to vote on the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board and each Councilmember can vote for two and we start with the Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Yes, really appreciate the applicants and backgrounds. I will vote for Kristina Jensen and Janice Shimokubo.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Kristina Jensen, Janice Shimokubo. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Kristina Jensen and Janice Shimokubo.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Jensen and Ms. Shimokubo.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Kristina Jensen, Janice Shimokubo.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Aurea Flores and Janice Shimokubo.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Kristina Jensen and Janice Shimokubo.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Thank you so much to all the applicants. Okay. Next up is the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission provides citizen oversight for acquisition, preservation, management, and stewardship of the McDowell Mountains and related Sonoran Desert for the benefit of this and future generations. There is one vacancy and one nominee. And that nominee is: Stephen Coluccio. Mr. Coluccio's term expires this month, and he is eligible for reappointment. So, give us your spiel.

[Time: 01:17:03]

Stephen Coluccio: Thank you Vice Mayor, Mayor, members of the Council. My name is Steve Coluccio, I live at 8819 N. 85th Court, that's in McCormick Ranch. I've been a 20-year resident of Scottsdale. I would like to start out by thanking you for the opportunity to serve on the Preserve Commission during last three years. I have enjoyed it thoroughly and I hope that I have made a meaningful contribution to the discussions and the business of the Preserve. Besides being a Preserve Commissioner, I have been a Steward for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy for the past almost seven years, seven years in February. Some of the roles that I play currently with the

Conservancy is I'm a team lead for the Tortoise Telemetry Project. I'm a team lead for the Wildlife Camera Project. I am the only lead for our Firewise Team which assists the fire department in getting communities certified for Firewise U.S.A. I'm also the assistant lead for the Trailhead Ambassadors out at the Gateway Trailhead and I'm a past Chair of the Patrol Program. I like to think that these experiences kind of give me a boots on-the-ground type of perspective with regard to the goings on in the Preserve, and I think that it makes me a better commissioner.

As far as the key issue facing the Preserve Commission, it's probably no surprise that that would be for the dedicated and ongoing source of funding for maintenance of the Preserve. With that, I'm happy to answer any questions.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions for Mr. Coluccio?

[Time: 01:19:06]

Councilwoman Janik: I have a question.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, go ahead.

Councilwoman Janik: Well, first of all, I don't know that you have done enough for the Preserve.

Stephen Coluccio: Those are only some of the things.

Councilwoman Janik: Okay. Well thank you very, very much for your dedication to the Preserve. You make it a better preserve because of your service. Now my question would be, I know that you feel it's important for the funding, for the Preserve to protect it, is there one particular issue that stands out as far as what the biggest need is, would it be police? Would it be fire? Would it be improvement in the trails?

Stephen Coluccio: So as far as, you know, the immediate, I guess the most immediate and drastic concern that I have as far as the Preserve is concerned is, of course, wildfire. So, you know, that is a, I know an issue that is being covered by the Protect the Preserve Task Force and that could create tremendous damage to the Preserve. That's, you know, one the things that maintenance will help to hopefully avert in the future.

Councilwoman Janik: Okay. Thank you, appreciate it.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Mr. Coluccio, have you seen anybody at the trailhead remarkable recently?

Stephen Coluccio: Yeah, I did, I saw a family, and I think that they had a cholla thorn in their finger.

Councilmember Graham: I just wanted to comment that because my family goes there every Thanksgiving, and there Mr. Coluccio was, on Thanksgiving Day, every year. And we happened upon him and he was withdrawing cholla needles from another person with tweezers on Thanksgiving morning. And then my son happened to have a little one in his hand, and you helped us with that. So very dedicated servant.

Stephen Coluccio: Happy to do it.

Councilmember Graham: Really appreciate that. Thank you.

[Time: 01:20:51]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay we are going to start the vote, and we are going to start with me, and I have the great pleasure of voting to reappoint Mr. Coluccio and we will wait for Rommel. Sorry, Rommel. Did you get my vote?

Rommel Cordova: Yes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. All right, Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Coluccio.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Coluccio.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Stephen Coluccio, and not just because it's the only name on there. Thank you for your service.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Mr. Coluccio.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Mr. Coluccio.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Coluccio.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: All right. Mr. Coluccio, you have been reappointed. Okay, the Neighborhood Advisory Commission is next. The Neighborhood Advisory Commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on policies, plans, strategies and programs for the preservation, improvement, and revitalization of Scottsdale's housing and neighborhoods. There is one vacancy and one nominee. And that nominee is someone we know also, Louise Lamb. Come on up.

[Time: 01:22:01]

Louise Lamb: Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and City Council members, my name is Louise Lamb, I reside at 7706 East Vista Drive, and have been a resident of Scottsdale for 40 years. I'm a graduate of Marquette University School of Dental Hygiene. My long career in dental hygiene had me interacting with people of all walks of life and all ages.

I have attended Scottsdale 101 class, and also the Citizens Police, Water and Fire Academies along with the Fire Department Certified Emergency Response Training Class. I continue to volunteer with the Scottsdale Fire Department Lock Box for Seniors program. And also, as a Scottsdale ambassador. I have enjoyed being on the Neighborhood Advisory Commission the last three years, funding, approving funding for the various neighborhoods for the projects and needs and I would like to continue doing so.

These neighborhoods are predominantly in the southern area of Scottsdale, as those areas have few HOA communities. And all neighborhood issues are important, and solutions are unique to each neighborhood. Top issue, to control short-term rentals and return the responsibility to cities so that the cities can regulate their own neighborhoods. I would appreciate if you would appoint me for another term. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions for Ms. Lamb? I see none. Thank you. So, we're going to start our vote with Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Ms. Lamb.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Lamb.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Louise Lamb.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: I want to thank Louise for her service to the community. You make Scottsdale a better city. Thank you. And I nominate Louise.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Louise Lamb.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: The one and only Louise Lamb.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Ditto. I'm voting to reappoint Louise Lamb. You have been reappointed. Thank you. Okay. Next is the Tourism Development Commission, with one Scottsdale hotelier opening. The Tourism Development Commission advises the City Council on matters concerning the expenditure of revenues for the Transaction Privilege Tax or Transient Lodging Tax, which we call the bed tax, designated for tourism development. There is one Scottsdale hotelier position vacancy and one nominee, and that nominee is Lance Marrin. Would you like to come on up?

[Time: 01:24:59]

Lance Marrin: Good evening, Mayor and Vice Mayor, and City Council. Thank you for allowing me time. My name is Lance Marrin. I reside at 7500 East Doubletree Ranch Road. I've been in the residence for about two and a half years. I'm currently the General Manager at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale, which I have been with Hyatt for 36 years, and this is my 13th hotel throughout the United States and several cities, Vancouver, British Columbia, as well as Puerto Rico. And I want to be a part to help this city as well.

Prior to my arrival to Scottsdale, I was asked to formulate the Tourism Board of Visit Bellevue, which is a city outside of Seattle, Washington and served on the Board until I moved to Scottsdale. Prior to Bellevue, in Vancouver, I served as Vice President, as well as Chairman of the Vancouver Hotel Destination Association, and that was in conjunction with the Tourism Board of Vancouver. And then prior to that, I was, I served as an elected board at the DFW, for the DFW Airport at the City of Grapevine, the Convention Visitors Bureau of Grapevine which is the Christmas Capital of the World as they claim themselves to be.

What I think is the, probably the biggest issue is I'm very involved with the Experience Scottsdale and believe that they are doing everything they can to bring business to, whether that's the summer, bring more business to the destination. I would challenge what I believe is the biggest challenge for us is talent, and providing the talent, and being able to support talent that will be, if we are going to sustain the growth in tourism, how are we allowing to bring more people to the hospitality industry.

We hosted over 40 high school children, kids from Chaparral High School at our hotel today to try to encourage them to go the hospitality route. And I know that is a little different from the bed tax, but if we're going to have success in increasing tourism, we need to have the people to support it and I would be willing to do whatever I can to help encourage more people to enjoy the hospitality path. Thank you again for your time and happy holidays.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Any questions? I see none. And we're going to go ahead and start voting. Okay. I think we're starting with Councilmember Graham.

[Time: 01:27:30]

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Mr. Marrin. Marrin? I'm sorry, one of the two. The gentleman that just spoke to us.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Lance Marrin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Lance Marrin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Lance Marrin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Lance Marrin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Lance Marrin. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Lance Marrin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mr. Marrin, you have been reappointed.

Councilmember Graham: Reappointed?

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Oh, was he just appointed.

Councilmember Durham: Just appointed.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, correction. You have been appointed. Okay, Transportation Commission is next. There's one opening. The Transportation Commission advises the City

Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient movement of vehicles, transit, pedestrians, and bicycle, bicycles. The Commission provides a public forum to hear citizen complaints and requests regarding transportation matters. There's one vacancy, and there are three nominees. The nominees are Kevin Konczal, Mailen Pankiewicz, and Darren Wolf. Let's start with Kevin Konczal.

[Time: 01:28:43]

Kevin Konczal: Good evening, honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and members of Council. My name is Kevin Konczal. And I live at 9125 East Purdue Avenue. I've lived in Scottsdale for just over a year. I'm one of the newbies here but I've always been dedicated to public service. I moved here from Fountain Hills. There I was a lead on the crisis response team. My experience in transportation is twofold. I've owned two transportation companies, one of them was the premier transportation company in sports and entertainment. I shipped all the players cars. So, every year I would come here to spring training, load up all their cars and spring training on our trucks and ship them back to our teams. And I did the same thing with the teams in Florida. It was a great experience. I always came out here. So, I understand logistics and also the flow of goods and services.

Secondly, I have worked in public safety for the past 25 years as a traffic and bike police officer. I chaired the Oceanside Police and Fire Commission for five years, along with the Fire Appeals Board. I'm currently a Director of Grant Services at Lexipol so my interest in transportation is more on the public safety aspect side of things and the best way to keep our roadways and our bike paths safe for everybody's usage.

I think that our rapid growth of Arizona in this metropolitan area has put a strain on our transportation services, and the flow of traffic, and along with Arizona being ranked ninth in fatalities and drunk driving we had an increase of 65% in the deaths from drunk driving since 2012. And I think that my background in public safety, which would be my focus on this Commission, would be towards that, and making our streets and bikeways safer for everybody to use. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you so much. Are there any questions? Okay. I see none. With that, I am going to call up Mailen Pankiewicz.

Mailen Pankiewicz: Thank you. Good evening, Mayor and City Councilmembers. My name is Mailen Pankiewicz. I'm a resident of Scottsdale. I live at 303 North Miller Road. I have resided in south Scottsdale for the past 12 years. As far as my qualifications and expertise to serve in the Transportation Commission, in terms of my education, I have two master's degrees, one in urban planning and one in public administration, with an emphasis in urban management. In terms of my expertise in the area of transportation and government, I have ten years of experience working in the City of Phoenix with my last four and a half years, sorry, working in the role of Principal Transportation Planner, addressing serious and fatal pedestrian crashes. In

this role, I analyzed crash data to prioritize and develop projects, administering a \$2 million capital improvement project fund dedicated to eliminating fatalities.

In this role, I developed and advanced over 40 pedestrian safety projects led the school traffic safety program in Phoenix, and I chair the Arizona Strategic Highway Safety Plan in the pedestrian emphasis area. And the Maricopa Associate of Government Safe Routes to School Team. And my current role as Principal Planner for the City of Tempe, I lead all activities associated with the new land development or redevelopment of the City and I staff the Development Review Committee, and the General Review Committee in Tempe.

I believe the issues facing Scottsdale in terms of transportation are in most ways no different than any other Arizona city or U.S. city. The they involve the ability of our built environment to provide transportation options other than cars that are as equally safe and convenient as vehicles are so that, my apologies, so that children, elderly, and disabled people have equal and safe access and mobility as the people who have the privilege to drive do. And also, people like myself, who mostly drives everywhere, also have different options that include increasing activity in our streets, and improving the public health of Scottsdale residents.

I believe this access should first and foremost address our citizens' daily activities such as shopping and schools and appointments so that alternative modes can be used for more than just recreation. I thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to serving our City. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, are there any, Councilmember Graham.

[Time: 01:33:48]

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Pankiewicz you mentioned options, optionality, what are some of your favorite options for transportation?

Mailen Pankiewicz: Public transit availability, the closeness that people have to public transit stops, the paths that people can or may not be able to take to get to those spots. Mayor Ortega mentioned earlier during the Development Review Committee appointees interviews the availability of shade. So walkability is not just the ability to provide a sidewalk and have people connect from one place to another, but when we have really hot summers it also means how our signals are timed so that pedestrians are not waiting in the sun and taking chances when they shouldn't be, or how you are streets are shaded so people are comfortable and feel comfortable walking to school or to their appointments.

In terms of bike lanes, I don't, I'm not a strong proponent of just lines in pavement. I, as a woman who bikes, I really don't feel safe in most of the streets when speeds go over 30 miles per hour and many of our roadways people go over 30 miles per hour anyways. So protected bike lanes, how bike lanes are designed and also the shaded bike lanes also make it more

available for people to be able to choose those modes of transportation if they want to.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Vice Mayor. You obviously have great qualifications. My son has a degree in urban and regional planning, and we often argue on some transportation issues. He hates parking lots, and we keep telling him, your mother and father are getting elderly, and they need to be able to park their car, so we have a lot of disputes. But the ones that come out to me here, you talk about, you know, use, beyond the use of private vehicles. And when you say things like that, you are really digging into a lot of Scottsdale people. It's been made clear by our population many times that we really don't want light rail here, but you have worked on light rail, and you say the number one option, the number one issue is the opposition to multimodal transportation projects which is really big here.

So, I think in some ways if we were to appoint you to this, it wouldn't be pushing a boulder up a hill, it would be pushing it up a vertical wall. So how would you deal more concretely with the fact that Scottsdale is a car-centered city and that there's very, very strong opposition to light rail and other multimodal means of transportation?

[Time: 01:36:54]

Mailen Pankiewicz: Well, thanks for bringing that issue up. I've dealt with this issue all of my career, working in government. We like our cars and we prefer our cars, but I think we can all agree that we like family-friendly streets and that those are streets where drivers can drive their vehicles at a safe speed and also families can go for a walk, take the dog for a walk, send their kids to school on their own without fearing for an injury or fearing for their kids' lives. So, I think the way that we word things is really important and also the way that we provide access to everyone without really taking away from anyone. It's really important.

Councilmember Durham: Great. Thank you. If you get the appointment, you are going to find some opposition in many of your ideas but maybe that's a good thing. Thank you.

Mailen Pankiewicz: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Well, you know, I will support her, and I say that Scottsdale has always been aware of trails, bike paths, it's part of our code. It's not just - The word "alternate" all of a sudden, you know, raises people's ire. It's like the City of Tempe has over 60% apartments or multi-families. It's a dorm town. It's a college town. There's a different infrastructure entirely saying that someone in multimodal all of a sudden is, you know, over the top, really isn't, especially when they're totally educated on all means and modes. In the end, it's, you know, the determinant is cataracts, gas prices, and insurance as far as whether people can maneuver a two-ton vehicle around or whatever. So I just really, I think that we want to have a broad view and I don't want, in my opinion, I don't think it's a vote for light rail in any way in this decision to

have qualified people that understand it. But that's, you know, we're almost near our Christmas break, so we're getting perilously close and I hope we're keeping in good cheer here. Continue. I'm done.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. It looks Councilwoman Caputi is going to weigh in.

Councilwoman Caputi: Okay, I appreciate that. I'm just listening to my colleagues. I haven't thought of those perspectives but as I said earlier, I think you are going to be a little bit of an outlier perhaps on this Board, but maybe that's great. Like, I just want to say, I think it's good that we have diversity of opinions on all of our Boards, and certainly expertise at the particular Board that you are trying to apply to. I think both of those things are incredibly important. So I'm okay with having, again, a diverse Board that all has expertise in different areas related to that particular Board. So, thank you. I appreciated your explanation and your answers to the questions.

Mailen Pankiewicz: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, Councilwoman Janik. You are getting a lot of intention.

Councilwoman Janik: I totally appreciate your integrity that you are holding your position in spite of the fact that you know that there will be opposition. You are not saying what we want to hear, you are saying what you believe in, and I do appreciate that. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: You know I just want to add there's seven of us for a reason. I heard the same thing that I heard from Mr. Konczal which is that the number one goal is to make our streets safe for everyone and so I do think that's very much a Scottsdale goal. I didn't hear anything about light rail. And for anybody who is worried that a single appointment can suddenly turn a billion dollars light rail project through the center of Scottsdale, let it be known that our voters passed a General Plan that excludes it, and we also don't have a billion dollars. So, let's move on. Thank you for your time, Ms. Pankiewicz. Let's move on to Darren Wolf.

[Time: 01:41:16]

Darren Wolf: Good evening. Oh, sorry about that. Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of City Council, my name is Darren Wolf, I reside at 5900 East Thomas Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251. I have been in Scottsdale now since September of last year so about 15 months. I was born and raised in Arizona, but 15 months ago, I moved back because I missed the state.

For last 16 years, I have worked for XPL Logistics which is formerly Conway. I'm a driver sales representative and a driver trainer. And I think what I bring to the table is I don't sit behind a desk. I actually drive for a living. I drive quite a bit in Scottsdale. I deliver here, and there are a lot of problems here. I drive a big rig. I have to deal with children. I have to deal with bicycles. I have to deal with motorcycles, people who don't know how to drive, people don't know where

they are going. And I deal with it on a regular basis as the blue-collar worker. I'm out there, I'm in the streets, I see it firsthand. I live it. I don't sit behind a desk and look at statistics and stuff like that.

I think the biggest thing facing the Board is the traffic here. It's terrible! It's not like L.A. I have lived there, but it is getting bad here, especially up in northern Scottsdale in the commercial areas. When you have a truck that weighs 80,000 pounds you might have Haz-Mat on it, it's a dangerous job, it really is, and there's a lot of things that can go wrong and cause a hazard and stuff you just don't want happening.

But I think the biggest thing here is the traffic, the congestion, and there's just a bunch of variables that go into this and it's just not a numbers thing, it's a real-world thing. I'm trying to think what else to say, but I'm not as educated as everybody else, the other people like that, but I do think I have something to bring to the table. I love Scottsdale and the reason I applied for this is because I want to give back to this community.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions? Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Vice Mayor. Real quick, Darren, Arizona drivers are better than they complain about, right?

Darren Wolf: Uh -

Councilmember Graham: You don't have to answer that.

Darren Wolf: Okay.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: All right, Councilwoman Caputi.

[Time: 01:43:55]

Councilwoman Caputi: I'm trying to picture what you're describing. You're driving a big rig through the residential streets of Scottsdale.

Darren Wolf: Oh yeah, I do residential deliveries.

Councilwoman Caputi: Like where? I'm trying to see if I saw any big rigs driving through Scottsdale.

Darren Wolf: You will see an XP on the side of it. Mostly though in this area we have lift gates, the 33-foot lift gates. We deliver in Old Town, to the galleries, to the restaurants, and stuff like that and also a lot around the airport. You've got Waste Management Open coming, and we will be delivering a lot out there. But yeah, we're out there and around.

Councilwoman Caputi: Hats off to you! Thank you.

Darren Wolf: It's not an easy job.

Councilwoman Caputi: I can't even imagine. Thank you.

[Time: 01:44:33]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: All right, well thank you Mr. Wolf and we're going to move on and vote now. So, we're going to vote for the Transportation Commission and each Councilmember can only vote for one, which is always hard. So, let's start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Mailen Pankiewicz, although she says that so much prettier than I just did.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Kevin Konczal.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Kevin Konczal.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Mailen Pankiewicz.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: I will vote for Mailen Pankiewicz.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Ms. Pankiewicz.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Konczal.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. So, it looks like Ms. Mailen Pankiewicz has it and everybody else needs to keep their name in the hat. So, thank you, and let's see, are we, do we have any other? I think we're done. All right.

ITEM 3 – APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD

[Time: 01:45:36]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: So let's see, so next on our agenda is the Council affirmation of Mayor Ortega's proposed appointment to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Systems Board. There is one opening. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-847, the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards, Police Local and Fire Local, are responsible for deciding all questions of eligibility and service credits, and determines the amount, manner, and time of payment of any benefits under the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

Mayor Ortega has submitted the proposed appointment of Robert Leavitt to serve on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Boards for a four-year term. Mr. Leavitt has been a resident of Scottsdale for 19 years and has a business in law enforcement background. The Mayor's appointment of Robert Leavitt requires a City Council affirmation; therefore, I move to approve Mayor Ortega's Appointment of Robert Leavitt to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards. And do I have a second?

Councilwoman Janik: Second.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, any further discussion? I see none. So, let's go ahead and vote.

[Time: 01:47:00]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Congratulations to Mr. Leavitt for being appointed to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Systems Board. Now we're concluded. This concludes our appointment process for today. I would like to thank all 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. So, with that, happy holidays and I'm turning it back over to the Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Good. So, at this point, we are concluded with our Special Meeting. I would, we want to wish everyone a good break into the holidays. It's time for great reflection, family time, and certainly we wish everyone happy holidays. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Yes.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Please record your vote. Thank you. We are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

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