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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:01]

Mayor Ortega: I call the September 24, 2024 City Council Special Meeting to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:13]

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

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Barry Graham.

Vice Mayor Graham: Present.

Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

Ben Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Here.

Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

Ben Lane: And Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Here.

Ben Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Ben Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

Sherry Scott: Here.

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

Mayor Ortega: Excellent. We have two items on our Special Meeting agenda, and they have to do with the board and commission appointments. So, I will turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Graham who will be chairing this portion of the meeting.

ITEM 1

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mayor. It would be my honor to chair this portion of the meeting.

[Time: 00:00:58]

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 agenda. The information and recommendations provided by us from you to us, 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. We'd like to thank the individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time and service to this community. Following the set of interviews, we will vote on the appointment for the board and commission.

So, some housekeeping, as I call your name, please approach the podium and briefly answer, cover the following questions: Your name, your address, how long you have lived in the city of Scottsdale, please tell us how your education, employment and volunteer experience relates to the board and commission, and please share with us the top issue that you believe faces the board and commission.

Please limit your time to two minutes, which the Mayor will enforce. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time. And following each nominee's response, I will ask Councilmembers and the Mayor if they have any follow-up questions for you before taking a vote.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

We will start with the Board of Adjustment. At the top of the alphabet. Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that hears variance requests, appeals of the zoning administrator's interpretations and decisions and decides on administrative decisions or zoning requirements, which create unnecessary hardship in the development of property because of exceptional or extraordinary conditions. There is one vacancy and two nominees.

The nominees tonight are: Paul Garry who I understand is unavailable to join us, but he is interested in serving on the board. He remains unavailable. Okay. And I will call up Mr. Jay Leopold. Thank you.

[Time: 00:03:19]

Jay Leopold: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Jay Leopold and I live at 16580 North 105th Street which is McDowell Mountain Ranch and I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 18 years. When I moved to start my first solar company from Chicago, because you can't run a solar company in Chicago. I have served on the Board of Adjustments during the COVID years, and I'm available to you if you need me. I have experience and I am happy to help.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mr. Leopold. I will now ask my colleagues if there are any questions. Well, seeing none, thank you. And I will invite Rommel Cordova to help us track our votes. I will start with to the far end, Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Paul Garry, please.

Councilwoman Janik: Jay Leopold.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Paul Garry.

Mayor Ortega: Paul Garry.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Paul Garry.

Councilmember Durham: Paul Garry.

Vice Mayor Graham: If someone gets a majority, do we have to keep voting?

Deputy City Clerk Rommel Cordova: If you can, please, Mr. Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Graham: Okay. Paul Garry.

Rommel Cordova: Thank you.

BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD OF APPEALS

Vice Mayor Graham: Building Advisory Board of Appeals. Building Advisory Board of Appeals has the jurisdiction to recommend the minor variances in electrical, plumbing and mechanical application of the building code be granted and that alternative construction methods and materials be allowed.

With two vacancies and three nominees, the nominees are: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Chad Bennett, Mr. Frederick Dettman, and Mr. Michael Kravit. Mr. Michael Kravit's term has expired in September and he will be participating in today's meeting electronically. Again, there are two vacancies, and three nominees. I will invite Mr. Chad Bennett to the podium.

[Time: 00:05:38]

Chad Bennett: Thank you for having me, Mr. Mayor, Council. My name is Chad Bennett I live at 8626 East Sails Drive. I'm a resident working on a year now. I have been in the Phoenix valley for 12 years. I have sat on the Building Board of Adjustment, the Building Board of Appeals and the Planning and Zoning Board of Bullhead City. I have also taken their master government course some time ago before I moved out here to Phoenix. I'm currently a general contractor, a landscape contractor. I hold two different licenses, and the reason I want to join the board is there is a definitely a stigma in the construction world about working with two municipalities, city of Scottsdale is one of them and Maricopa County is the other. And I want to try to bridge that gap.

There is a lot of different parts of different organizations and building affiliations that I have that it's constantly like a have to deal with the city of Scottsdale. And I think if we can I think there's a lot of homeowners that don't want to get building permits, that don't want to go through things and I've even heard contractors talk about it. So, I think it's important to try to bridge that gap and see kind of how this committee works and what this committee does, and maybe making recommendations for how we can bridge that gap from the building officials, the building department to getting permits and things like that.

Vice Mayor Graham: Any questions for Mr. Bennett?

[Time: 00:07:38]

Councilmember Durham: Yes. Mr. Bennett, I think you said you have been in Scottsdale one year?

Chad Bennett: Close to, 10 months.

Councilmember Durham: And then I think I heard you said you had been in Phoenix 12 years?

Chad Bennett: Yes.

Councilmember Durham: And that was after Bullhead City?

Chad Bennett: Yes.

Councilmember Durham: Okay. So, during those 12 years, when you were in Phoenix, have you done much work in Scottsdale?

Chad Bennett: Yeah. We do we serve the whole valley, both my general contracting company and my landscape construction company. And I had a firsthand experience of the permitting experience with the city of Scottsdale. So, I know firsthand what some of the difficulties are on the homeowners' side of things.

Councilmember Durham: Okay. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Graham: Any more questions for Mr. Bennett? Seeing none, thank you.

Chad Bennett: Okay. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Graham: I will invite Mr. Dettmann up. Mr. Frederick Dettmann. Appears not to be here. And so, with that, we will move to Mr. Kravit. I understand electronically participating.

Michael Kravit: Yes, I'm here.

Vice Mayor Graham: Very good. You have two minutes and please begin.

[Time: 00:08:35]

Michael Kravit: Sure. Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers. I am Michael Kravit. I have been serving on the Board of Appeals now for the past three years. The last two years as the Vice Chairman.

I have enjoyed the honor and privilege of serving, and the main issue that has come before us over the past two years has been the revisions to the building code upgrades, working with the various builders and homeowners and the public to get their opinions and feelings on the new code revisions and so on and so forth.

I have been a licensed architect for approximately 45 years. I practice currently out of my home in Troon North on East Skinner Drive. I currently have projects in Paradise Valley, Scottsdale, Mesa, Gilbert, and Tempe in various phases. It's been an honor and privilege to work with Michael Clack and the other members of the board, and it's been an amazing experience, and I really enjoyed giving back to the city of Scottsdale as an architect. If you have any questions, maybe I forgot something. Oh, and I'm coming to you live from the mountains of Colorado. I do appreciate you allowing me to call in remotely.

Vice Mayor Graham: Well, very good. Thank you, Mr. Kravit. Any questions? Seeing none, thank you for thank you for speaking. And with that...

Michael Kravit: Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Graham: With that, we will turn it to Rommel to take our vote. I will start with Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you. Chad Bennett and Michael Kravit.

Councilwoman Littlefield: No additional.

Rommel Cordova: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: We have to do it, okay. Chad Bennett and Michael Kravit.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Kravit and Mr. Bennett.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mr. Bennett and Mr. Kravit.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Kravit and Mr. Bennett.

Vice Mayor Graham: Same two, can I say that?

Councilwoman Littlefield: No, they wouldn't let me.

Vice Mayor Graham: Okay. Kravit and Bennett.

Councilwoman Caputi: Chad Bennett, Michael Kravit.

Vice Mayor Graham: Congratulations, Mr. Bennett and congratulations again for a second term to Mr. Kravit.

CITIZEN BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

[Time: 00:11:13]

Moving on to Citizen Bond Oversight Committee. We have one opening. This committee receives report on the city's progress in implementing the bond program, reviewing any proposed project changes and providing commentary to the City Council with respect to bond program as the committee deems appropriate.

There's one vacancy and two nominees. Britta McKee has withdrawn her application from consideration. Nominees are April Holland, who is participating today electronically, and Scott Sandell, who we will ask to remain ready. We can start with Ms. Holland if we can bring her up electronically.

Hi, Ms. Holland. You have two minutes. Please begin.

April Holland: Hi. I moved to Arizona in 1991. I have been a resident...I'm a subject matter expert for municipal bond.

Vice Mayor Graham: Ms. Holland, sorry to interrupt you, but we're losing a little bit of connectivity. If you can make sure your microphone and connection are stable.

April Holland: Sure.

Vice Mayor Graham: I'm not sure how much you can do but we want to hear everything you say.

April Holland: Okay. Can you hear me a little bit better?

Vice Mayor Graham: You might have changed something, but that came in loud and clear. Please.

April Holland: Okay. So yeah, we have a lot of experience with...

Vice Mayor Graham: Ms. Holland, you still there still seems to some interruption in your connection and the Mayor is suggesting that perhaps you can preserve some of your bandwidth by turning off your video to isolate your connection to your sound. Is that what you meant? As as simply troubleshooting, an attempt.

April Holland: Okay. So is this better?

Councilwoman Littlefield: Yes.

Vice Mayor Graham: So far.

April Holland: Okay so, in addition to my knowledge...in the financial fields, management...For ultra-high net worth...real estate and pension...

Vice Mayor Graham: Ms. Holland, there continues to be disruption with the connection. So, I think what we're going to do I spoke to the City Clerk, we're going to end the connection, and she can call back okay, they will call you back to reestablish the connection and I think we'll just take a moment I will invite Scott Sandell if he is here. Mr. Sandell?

So, what I will ask what I have been told to ask you is to hang up and we will call you back to reestablish the connection to hopefully one that's more is a stronger connection. And it sounds it appears that Mr. Sandell is not with us today.

Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor, if you would like, we can just pause that appointment momentarily, and we can go to the Historic Preservation Commission and then come back to it.

Vice Mayor Graham: Okay.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

[Time: 00:15:07]

Rommel Cordova is telling me to go to the Historic Preservation Commission next, for one nominee. One applicant.

Historic Preservation oversees the development and management of the city's historic preservation program. One vacancy, one nominee, Ms. Rose Smith, whose term expired is eligible for reappointment. She's unable to join us today, but she is interested in serving.

So, let's go ahead and vote on on this Preservation Commission. I will start with Councilmember oh, Mayor, did you have a comment?

Mayor Ortega: No, that's fine.

Vice Mayor Graham: I will start with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you. I will vote for Rose Smith.

Mayor Ortega: Rose Smith.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Rose Smith.

Councilmember Durham: Rose Smith.

Vice Mayor Graham: Ms. Smith.

Councilwoman Caputi: Rose Smith.

Councilwoman Janik: Rose Smith.

Vice Mayor Graham: Congratulations Mr. Smith oh, excuse me, Ms. Smith. And now I will see if I should go back to bonds or if I should move on. Keep going? Okay.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

I will forge ahead to Human Relations Commission. One opening. Human Relations Commission advocates and promotes all dimensions of diversity. The commission acts as advisory body to the Mayor, City Council and staff to make recommendations on ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding among people. It discourages prejudice and discrimination and to work towards cultural awareness and unity.

There's one vacancy and two nominees. Nominees are as follows, Jeannie McKenna who is unable to join us, but she is still interested on serving the commission and Mr. James Somerville, or Somerville depending on how you might pronounce that I hope you correct me, Mr. Somerville. Please when you reach the podium, please state your name and you have two minutes. Thank you.

[Time: 00:17:03]

Jim Somerville: My name is Jim Somerville. Only my father called me James and only when I was in big trouble. I live at 19475 North Grayhawk Drive, that's in the Grayhawk subdivision, the Tesoro part of that. I became a part-time resident in 2003, when my wife and visited Scottsdale for the first time, and at the end of the first day of shopping, she came home and informed me that we had just bought a condominium.

We live 14 so 21 years as a part-time resident, and then in 2010, we moved down from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, much the same weather as this. 30 feet of snow in the winter and

we became full-time Scottsdale residents.

How am I qualified? After 20 years of broad range H.R. leadership roles in companies like Michelin, Whirlpool, Kellogg's, A.T. Kearney and Smith or Spencer Stuart, I retired, but that lasted exactly four days. I formed my own consulting firm, which has been very successful for the last 21 years. I have about 125 clients and I'm proud to say, all of them came as a result of referrals. I have never done any advertising. Of all of the work that I do with them is in the area of human resources, and I do most of the projects are very similar to what the Human Relations Commission and the relationship it would have with the HR the HR people in the in the city of Scottsdale.

[Time: 00:19:10]

I also have served as a CEO, a chairman, president, COO, of several public and private companies both here in the United States and in Europe. How do I how do I believe my contributions and my experience would help the commission? I know how organizations run well, and that's the objective of doing exactly what I've been doing with all of my clients for the last almost 60 years. My particular strengths are relating to selecting.

Vice Mayor Graham: Mr. Somerville, your time has expired if you could just write up your comments.

Jim Somerville Thank you. I know what needs to be done.

Vice Mayor Graham: Very good. Any questions for Mr. Somerville.

Councilwoman Caputi: Could you just answer the last question. I actually would like to hear your thoughts on the top issue facing the board, the commission.

Jim Somerville: I couldn't understand.

Councilwoman Caputi: Oh, sorry. What do you think the top issue is facing our commission?

Jim Somerville: I think the top issue is identifying with the staff members in the city in human resources and in operations, what their goals are and making sure that that DEI, diversity, equity and inclusion, which have started out a year ago, two years ago as great things and are now being dumped by a lot of companies are not taken to the extreme and that we identify in all of our activities the 11 other categories other than color of skin, sexual preference, 11 other categories and how they can benefit the city.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you. I will thank you, Mr. Somerville. I will now entertain a vote. I'll start with the Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Sure. So Human Services Advisory Commission. Lee...

Rommel Cordova: Mayor, actually, this is for Human Relations Commission, sir.

Mayor Ortega: Oh, okay. I was looking ahead. Okay. Yes. Mr. Jim Somerville.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Jeannie McKenna.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Somerville.

Vice Mayor Graham: Ms. McKenna.

Councilwoman Caputi: James Somerville.

Councilwoman Janik: Mr. Somerville.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Jeannie McKenna.

Vice Mayor Graham: Congratulations Mr. Somerville, Jim. Thank you. Ready to go back? We will now return back to our previous programming.

CITIZEN BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Bond Oversight Commission. We were speaking with April Holland. We're bringing her back in and she's got only 45 seconds left, I'm just kidding. April, if you can hear us, please begin your two minutes.

[Time: 00:22:43]

April Holland: Okay. I can hear you. Can you hear me?

Vice Mayor Graham: Yeah, but every time you say that it falls off immediately after. So, our fingers are crossed.

April Holland: I will make it quick then. So, I have an extensive amount of experience working in working as a corporate trust officer specifically for municipal bonds. So, volunteering and serving on this committee is a great interest to me.

In addition to my experience with municipal bonds, I have over 30 years of experience in the financial service field that includes investment management, retirement planning, wealth management for ultra-high net worth portfolios, trust estate settlement and pension operations. I'm skilled in corporate budget planning, project management that includes software enhancements for large financial institutions. I feel confident that I can provide solutions to any

bond-related challenges that the city of Scottsdale could encounter, and I work exceptionally well on team projects.

In closing, I would like to thank you for considering me for this opportunity to serve my community.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you very much, Ms. Holland. I will ask my colleagues, invite them to ask questions. I see none. And so, we will entertain a vote for this commission. I will start with Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: April Holland.

Councilmember Durham: April Holland.

Vice Mayor Graham: Ms. Holland.

Councilwoman Caputi: April Poland.

Councilwoman Janik: April Holland.

Councilwoman Littlefield: April Holland.

Mayor Ortega: April Holland.

Vice Mayor Graham: Congratulations Ms. Holland. I'm glad we got the connection, reestablished got a better connection and thank you for applying to serve.

April Holland: Thank you.

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:24:36]

Vice Mayor Graham: Moving on now to the Mayor's favorite commission perhaps. Human Services Advisory Commission. Human Services Advisory Commission provides advisory recommendations to staff and City Council on human services, priorities and programs and funding allocations for Scottsdale Cares, Community Development Block Grants, home, emergency service and general funds.

There are three vacancies. We have five nominees. The nominees are Mr. Lee Cooley, Mr. Ralph Da Costa Nunes, who will be participating electronically, Pamela Hallows, Jeff Jameson, whose term expired and is eligible for reappointment and Mr. Neal Shearer, who is in the same situation. His term expired and he's eligible for reappointment. Mr. Lee Cooley, please, I invite

you to come up and you have two minutes. You can please begin.

[Time: 00:25:33]

Lee Cooley: Thank you. My name is Lee Cooley. I live at 10142 East Floria Drive. I have been a resident for 18 years.

Mr. Mayor and Mr. Vice Mayor, distinguished members of Council. I came here 18 years ago to start the nonprofit phase of my career. First at Make a Wish America, and Valley Youth Theater and then Arizona Realtor Association and Scottsdale Real Tourist Association. They are both 501 (C) (6) nonprofits. So, I still met my criteria.

Since I have been in the Scottsdale Realtor Association for the past almost six years we have done a lot of collaboration with the city. As staff liaison for the Housing Opportunities Committee. We have been involved with the I think we had three different fair housing symposiums. We hosted three of the housing partner programs with the city's Housing and Community Assistance Department to try to get more Realtors involved. As a matter of fact, they had a great landlord connection meeting just last week. There were 15 landlords that attended. I think five were new. So hopefully that will continue to escalate as we get toward the SAFMR, small area fair market rate will come out here in. Next few months. You will hear that and I think you will be impressed.

Also working with the Human Services Strategic Planning Committee, Karen and her team will have some reports on that and first quarter of next year. What else can I say? Oh, well, we had a couple of events some of you have been at. As a matter of fact, we had one Path to Housing event on cross modular housing. This year in May, it was one on affordable or rather ADU's and missing middle housing, which sort of set the stage before we got to HB-2720 and 21 going into law, so hopefully it was to help.

My goal is to help educate and participate. I think one the biggest challenges we have as our constituents here grow, grow older, is senior opportunities to expand that and I look forward to working on that with your vote.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Cooley? Thank you, Mr. Cooley. I was actually able to attend the Middle Housing Symposium. Inviting Ralph Da Costa Nunes. Who is participating electronically. Hopefully we get a sturdy connection with Mr. Da Costa Nunes.

[Time: 00:28:01]

Ralph Da Costa Nunes: Yes.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you for being here. Please begin. You have two minutes.

Ralph Da Costa Nunes: Yes, I'm Ralph Da Costa Nunes, I live on North 152nd Place in Scottsdale. I've had a home here for 20 years and I've been living here permanently for the last...I spent the last 45 years in public service. I have a great interest in that area. I ran New York City agencies dealing with human services throughout the five boroughs. I've also run nonprofits throughout the city of New York dealing with the same thing, human services and I have been on a number of foundation boards and commissions dealing with these issues.

In addition, I have been a professor of Public Policy at Colombia University's Graduate School of International Public Affairs, and I have written a number of books and numerous articles on human services and social services issues.

What I find most interesting and most important and what interests me is the phenomenal growth of Scottsdale from the period that I have been here living here permanently. With that growth, what I see for this commission is an enormous set of new demands coming across the table. Eventually, if not already, the infrastructure will probably be challenged. It has to be quality provision of services and new needs. My interest lies my interest in this board is simply based on my dedication to public service and I think I bring some experience that might be useful. And that's it.

Vice Mayor Graham: Any questions for Mr. Da Costa Nunes. Seeing none, thank you for your time in presenting to us.

Ralph Da Costa Nunes: Thank you.

[Time: 00:29:41]

Vice Mayor Graham: Inviting Pamela Hallows. Please correct my pronunciation if needed and when you get to the podium, you have two minutes. Please begin.

Pamela Hallows: Good afternoon.

Vice Mayor Graham: Feel free to adjust the microphone.

Pamela Hallows: I am short. You have to point that out. Hi, good afternoon, Mayor Ortega and Vice Mayor Graham and City Council women and men. I'm happy to be here today, a little nervous. But other than that, I lived in I now call this my new stay Arizona. I have lived in Scottsdale, Arizona, now for 37 years. And I'm just going to tell you candidly, I love Scottsdale! And I'm grateful to be here.

We have so many social programs that we provide. One of the areas, oh, and I live at 7002, I just moved, East Hubble Street. And I'm a graduate proudly of Scottsdale Community College. You may have read about me. It's never too late. And now I'm over at A.S.U. driving Mr. Crow crazy.

So, the word mitzvah comes to mind when you want me to tell you all the different thing I volunteered for and done. Because a mitzvah is a doing of the deed, not the recognition. So, I feel uncomfortable telling you all the things I have done. I have been a volunteer and a teacher at Botanical Garden, docent at the Phoenix Art Museum. I brought the first international Nanny Association Conference here to Arizona in 1995. I have written two bills to be passed for the regulation of private and home care, I.E. nannies and was on the board. I volunteer always at the schools in teaching art masterpiece to for third through seventh graders. I know all the social workers here because that's what I'm getting my degree in and they're waiting for me.

And so I love to help people and I believe that our well, I can't speak for all of the City Council, but I believe part of our concerns are for the homeless, at least it is for me and I know about the program that you had I can't remember the name of it, but it was wonderful, where you were able to take the homeless people and put them into ten different rooms at a hotel or a motel. But it isn't a blight on Scottsdale to have homeless people. It's a blight on the people of Scottsdale if we don't help each other, because that's all we're put here for, is to help each other. So, thank you for listening to me, and I will see you again.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Ms. Hallows. I will move on to Mr. Jeff Jameson. Mr. Jeff Jameson, his term expired and eligible for reappointment. Thank you, Mr. Jameson. When you get to the podium, you may begin. You have two minutes.

[Time: 00:32:19]

Jeff Jameson: Yes, good evening, Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers. My name is Thomas Jefferson Jameson III, but you can call me Jeff. I'm an 18-year resident of Scottsdale. And I live at 903 East Astrid Drive. Since moving here I have been impressed with Scottsdale because of the many services the city provides, particularly for those in need. Because of this, I continuously have been involved with maintaining our quality of life through my many professional and volunteer activities.

I believe I'm very well qualified to continue my service on the Human Services Advisory Commission for a number of reasons. First, I have contributed well to the commission and have attended many events, and constantly championing the work that our Human Services Department does. I also served on the Human Relations Commission for six years, three of those years I was a chairman, and I belong to Scottsdale Blue Zones, an organization that I believe works in the best interest of all of our residents to deliver live long and healthy lives. I'm a leader at my church's outreach efforts where we provide aid to the homeless and indigent, Native American neighbors and many more. And lastly, most of my professional career has been spent in the nonprofit executive arena and agencies serving homeless, hungry, troubled youth, elders,, differently abled and other marginalized communities.

I have been asked to speak about the top issues facing our commission this evening. It's hard to rank the issues that we have in the city but toward that, I will mention two. First, we have

funding. The amount of money available to provide direct city services and to fund our nonprofit partners is below the demand for assistance. I ask Council to take a very make a very strong case to taxpayers that more is needed and then the other one is homelessness. The current housing crisis for unhoused neighbors is not getting any better. I believe the city must take make this a priority and create more attainable housing for working for working class people with and by working with developers, neighborhood neighborhoods to build more sustainable housing stock. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the city these past three years. I hope to continue my service to the Human Services Advisory Commission. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mr. Jameson III. Any questions? Seeing none. Appreciate your presentation. Inviting Neal Shearer to the podium. Two minutes to present. Please begin.

[Time: 00:35:04]

Neal Shearer: Hello, Your Honor, and members of the Council. I'm Neal Shearer. I have proudly called Scottsdale home for 44 years. I currently live at 14131 North 90th Place.

My professional life has been dedicated to public service. I received my master's in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and I have served 42 years in various community management positions including 32 years with the City of Scottsdale and some very adventurous jobs. I served as Executive Assistant to Mayor Drinkwater. I was Assistant to the City Manager for Intergovernmental Relations. I was the Human Services Director. I was the Human Resources General Manager, and I was Assistant City Manager.

As Human Services Director in the mid-1990s, we had community and Council support to build and open the Via Linda Senior Center, the Paiute Neighborhood Center, and created the Scottsdale Cares Donation Program. And I'm also pleased to let you know that the commission is working with staff to bring back a recommendation later this fiscal year to increase the marketing and donations for Scottsdale Cares.

As chair of the Human Services Commission, and Scottsdale Housing Advisory Board for the last two years, I've encouraged open and constructive dialogue, and I'm really pleased that our recommendations have been well received by the City Council.

As to the top issue facing the commission, we all know that these issues are interrelated, whether you have financial hardships, you have food and housing insecurities, social isolation, loneliness, transportation gaps, health issues. So, we don't have sufficient funding, wish we did, to address all of these issues. The most important issue that we face is how best to leverage limited resources and partnerships to address priority needs in a cohesive and comprehensive way. I'm proud of the work that we have done on the Human Services Commission and Housing Agency Governing Board during my term and I would like to continue working on these important issues. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mr. Shearer. Any questions from the Council. Seeing none, we thank the applicants for presenting and I will invite Rommel to entertain votes for the Human Services Advisory Commission. Starting with Councilmember I think I'm at Durham.
Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Yes. Jeff Jameson, Neal Shearer and Mr. Da Costa Nunes.

Vice Mayor Graham: I will vote for Mr. Da Costa Nunes, Ms. Hallows, and Mr. Jameson.

Councilwoman Caputi: Lee Cooley, Jeff Jameson, Neal Shearer.

Councilwoman Janik: Lee Cooley, Jeff Jameson, Neal Shearer and I would encourage the other candidates to apply again. You are all wonderful candidates that would benefit the city. Thank you.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Pamela Hallows, Jeff Jameson, Neal Shearer.

Mayor Ortega: Lee Cooley, Jeff Jameson, Neal Shearer.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Lee Cooley, Jeff Jameson and Neal Shearer and I concur with Councilwoman Janik.

Vice Mayor Graham: I thank my colleagues for voting and we have appointed Mr. Cooley. Mr. Cooley has been appointed and Mr. Jameson and Mr. Shearer have been reappointed. We thank everyone for their applications and for presenting.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD (CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE)

[Time: 00:39:09]

Judicial Appointments Advisory Board. The Judicial Appointments Advisory Board makes advisory recommendations to City Council regarding the appointment and reappointment of full-time city judges. With special qualifications, the seven member JAAB will consist of two active judges one representative from the state bar and Scottsdale Bar Associations and three citizens appointed by City Council who are not judges in any official capacity, nor retired judges nor members of the state bar. There are two citizen representative vacancies and one Scottsdale bar representative vacancy. We will begin this afternoon's appointment to the JAAB with the citizen representative appointments.

For the two citizen representative vacancies, there are three nominees Aurea Flores has withdrawn her application and the remaining are Carol Ann Petren, who I will invite to speak first, it Norman Spisak, and Helene Weitzenkorn. I see Carol Ann Petren approaching the podium and you are invited to begin. You have two minutes and please begin when you are ready.

[Time: 00:40:19]

Carol Petren: Good afternoon. Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, and members of the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you. My name is Carol Petren. I live at 10053 East Relic Rock Road in Scottsdale. I have been a part-time resident of Scottsdale for over 20 years and a full-time resident for the last 11 or 12 years.

So why my interest on this particular board? Number one, during my entire legal career, I have always found time and thought it was extremely important to serve on nonprofit boards and give back. I've been involved in bringing clean water to South Africa, working with young lawyers who have spent their time representing the needy on health issues, housing issues, and emergency issues like in Katrina.

And I also have been involved in the national foundation of Lupus Foundation that has provided national help in terms of education and services for those with Lupus challenges. I have been a lawyer for over 40 years. I like to say 50 but it sounds too old for me, but I say lightly over 40. I started off as a state and federal prosecutor, was a trial lawyer for many, many years and then was a corporate counsel.

I'm interested in serving on this commission because through my career, I've had many opportunities to appear before many courts across the country on several levels. And I have come to recognize the importance of competency, the importance of fairness, the importance of judicial temperament and the importance of performance.

So, I commit to you that if I were to be selected as a committee member, I would look in evaluating and recommending judges who have those particular qualifications. The citizens of Scottsdale are entitled and expect good quality legal service, and I believe I could add value to that particular board in delivering those services. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Ms. Petren and I will invite colleagues for to pose any questions. Seeing none, I will invite Norman Spisak to the podium to share your thoughts with us for two minutes. You may begin when you are ready, sir.

[Time: 00:42:56]

Norman Spisak: First and foremost, thanks for having me here, really appreciate it. My name is Dr. Norman Spisak. I live at 34288 North 86th Place in Scottsdale, Arizona, been here since 2001, when I retired from the City of Michigan. In the state of Michigan, I was the Chief Officer in the state for 14 years. After that I was the Court Administrator for the last seven. And I retired from there prior to just after my retirement from the state of Michigan, I taught at ASU, just after my retirement. I taught as the Barrett Honors professor at ASU, taught law, criminology and my major is criminology and criminal psychology. That's what my actual degree is in. I have enjoyed working with judges over the years. I used to evaluate criminals as the chief officers and advise

the judges every day. I would be to court every day.

As administrator, I oversaw one of the largest districts in the state of Michigan and I really enjoyed that. I was able to interact with, excuse me, a number of judges at various of levels. I did some writing for the Michigan Supreme Court with the Chief Judge Manuel. I was the contributing editor and writer.

I have been on past boards in the state of Michigan, St. Joe's Hospital and I was on advisory board for the International Guard Base. And now I do cherry work. My wife is here with me. She runs a number of charities that I assist her with and God has been good to me and I want to give back. Again, I thank you for having me here.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mr. Spisak. Apologies for the name pronunciation. I will invite my colleagues to pose any questions. Seeing none, I will thank you again for your presentation. I will invite the final remaining applicant for this portion of the board, Ms. Helene Weitzenkorn. Thank you, Helene. You have two minutes and please feel free to begin when you're ready.

[Time: 00:45:07]

Helene Weitzenkorn: Hi, I'm Helene Weitzenkorn. I live at 7739 East Bisbee Road in McCormick Ranch. I moved to Scottsdale from Boston, Massachusetts, in April 2020. I love living in Scottsdale and want to give back to the community.

The Judicial Appointments Advisory Board is of interest to me. I believe the most important issue facing the board is the selection of judicial candidates that are fair, open minded, representative of our city, and able to make judgments in the best interest of Scottsdale, not influenced by outside interests. I also believe our judicial system should be well run and efficient. I do not have a formal legal education. Professionally, I worked in purchasing for a Fortune 500 Company and with the corporate attorney negotiated corporate-wide contracts for many goods and services. I ask for your support for my nomination to this board. Thanks.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mr. Weitzenkorn. I will ask my colleagues if they want to pose any questions. Seeing none, I will invite Mr. Cordova to take the tally, and I think I will begin this time with myself. And if you are ready, I will tender votes for Ms. Petren and Mr. Spisak. And we'll move on to Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Carol Ann Petren and Helene Weitzenkorn.

Councilwoman Janik: Carol Ann Petren, Helene Weitzenkorn.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Carol Ann Petren, Norman Spisak.

Mayor Ortega: Carol Ann Petren and Helene.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Carol Ann Petren and Helene Weitzenkorn.

Councilmember Durham: Carol Ann Petren and Mr. Spisak.

Vice Mayor Graham: Well, thank you and congratulations to Carol Ann Petren and Ms. Weitzenkorn. And I think these are both two new appointees. So, no reappointments. Thank you, again, everyone for applying and congratulations. As a reminder, this is for the citizen representative vacancies of which there are two for the Judiciary Appointments Advisory Board.

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And we will move on to the Scottsdale Bar rep portion of the same board. This member is a representative of the Scottsdale Bar Association, the City Council appoints them based on names submitted to the Council by the President of the Scottsdale Bar Association. This section should go quickly because we have one nominee and one opening. And the nominee Mr. John Gilbert who is not here has completed his first term and eligible for reappointment. And you need us to vote, right? That's correct. So, I will start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: John Gilbert.

Councilwoman Janik: John Gilbert.

Councilwoman Littlefield: John Gilbert.

Mayor Ortega: John Gilbert.

Councilwoman Whitehead: John Gilbert.

Councilmember Durham: John Gilbert.

Vice Mayor Graham: John Gilbert. Thank you and congratulations Mr. Gilbert on your reappointment.

Moving to Tourism Development Commission, one industry representative with two nominees. Tourism Development Commission advises the City Council on matters concerning the expenditure of revenues from the transaction privilege transient lodging, colloquially known as bed tax designated for Tourism Development. Special qualifications are required for the position.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

[Time: 00:28:25]

Tourism Development Commission shall consist of a representative of the tourism industry in Scottsdale, including a member of four including a minimum of four Scottsdale hoteliers one member of the Scottsdale Convention and Visitor Bureau, Experience Scottsdale and a balance from elements of the tourism industry. There is one Scottsdale industry representative position vacancy and two nominees, Joanne Hildt has withdrawn her application from consideration.

Today's nominees are Mr. Chris Montgomery and Mr. Darian Nguyen. Mr. Chris Montgomery is appointment has expired. He's eligible for reappointment. He's unable to join us this afternoon. He is interested in serving another term on the commission and I will invite Darian Nguyen, who will be participating electronically.

So, Darian, if you can hear me, and you are ready to go, you can begin your you can begin. You have two minutes. And you can begin when you are ready.

[Time: 00:49:45]

Darian Nguyen: Hello Mr. Mayor, City Council. My name is Darian Nguyen. I live at 2344 North 75th Way. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for over 20 years. Currently, I work in the Ed Tech industry where I develop innovative educational solutions that empower students and educators.

Beyond my career, I'm a professional chess player and have been deeply involved in the Scholastic Chess community for many years. Over the past several years I successfully organized two annual Scholastic Chess tournaments in Scottsdale. Each of these events attract over 200 participants and generated over \$15,000 in revenue. These events have not only boosted the local economy but also aligned with Scottsdale's tourism strategy to increase year-round events that drive cultural and educational tourism. As a chess professional, I have developed strong connections in many different scholastic communities around the United States. This enables me to promote Scottsdale as a destination for year-round festivals, camps, and educational events which can attract visitors nationwide and support the local economy.

The most significant issue facing the Scottsdale Tourism Board is the lack of young people entering the tourism industry. My approach to addressing this would be to create initiatives and make tourism draws more accessible and appealing to college students.

Vice Mayor Graham: Well, very good. Thank you, Mr. Nguyen. And I will ask my I will ask my colleagues if they want to pose any questions. And thank you for joining us and presenting today.

Darian Nguyen: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Graham: Rommel Cordova will entertain the vote. I think we're starting with Councilwoman Janik on this particular one.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you. Darian Nguyen.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Chris Montgomery.

Mayor Ortega: Darian Nguyen.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Chris Montgomery.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Montgomery.

Vice Mayor Graham: Mr. Montgomery.

Councilwoman Caputi: Chris Montgomery.

Vice Mayor Graham: Congratulations Mr. Montgomery has been reappointed. I want to thank all the applicants and congratulations. I think we are on the last and final commission appointment of the day. I might get us through this is just under an hour, we'll see.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

[Time: 00:52:34]

Transportation Commission. Transportation Commission is always last. Transportation Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient movement of vehicles, transit, pedestrians and bicycles. This commission provides a public forum to hear citizen complaints and requests regarding transportation matters. There are two vacancies and two nominees.

Darren Wolf withdrew his application from consideration and the nominees are as follows: Kyle Davis and Kerry Wilcoxon. Mr. Wilcoxon's term expired in September and is eligible for reappointment. Do we have Kyle Davis here? Welcome. Please approach the podium, and when you are ready to begin, you have two minutes.

[Time: 00:53:12]

Kyle Davis: All right. Thank you, Vice Mayor Graham. I live at 8607 East Via de Serena which is in the McCormick Ranch area. I have been a Scottsdale resident for 14 years. Five of which are were in the southern part of the city and then the remainder in the central part where I am now.

For the past six years. I had the pleasure of serving on your behalf to the Pass and Trails Subcommittee to the Transportation Commission. I really enjoyed my time on that subcommittee, and during my tenure I was very happy to see us awarded Gold status by the League of American Bicyclists twice as well as the execution of a variety of projects that have

helped to improve our overall active transportation infrastructure. Most recently, I'm really excited to see the progress we have made at the underpass on Chaparral on Indian Bend Wash. I will be termed out in November, and I'm interested in continuing the service for the betterment of the city.

Travel by car is the number one way that the majority of the citizens use our transportation network and I would like to support the evolution and improvements of our streets in addition to having oversight of transit, as well as continued support of path and trails. My experience serving on the subcommittee has put me in a position to immediately contribute as a member of the Transportation Commission. I have experienced in helping to draft the bikeway and trails element of Transportation Action Plan, and I'm up to date on the major decisions facing the current commission.

Professionally, I have a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and currently work in the aerospace industry. I think the engineering background helps us understand the why that goes behind some of the decisions in transportation.

While I think there are a variety of issues facing the commission, a few of which could probably consider the top, I think that cost and right-of-way constraints that we see in the southern and central parts of the city are a large concern. We have certain roads such as Shea or Indian Bend sorry Indian School which consistently rank as some of our most congested streets but there are cost and right-of-way limitations to widen them. So, I'm very interested to know what kind of short-term and long-term plans we could have to improve those issues by minimizing cost and impact to the community. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Any questions for Mr. Davis seeing none. Thank you. I will invite Kerry Wilcoxon to the podium. Again, Mr. Wilcoxon's term expired in September and he's eligible for reappointment. Thank you for your service and you have two minutes when you are ready. Please begin.

[Time: 00:55:41]

Kerry Wilcoxon: Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of the Council. I'm Kerry Wilcoxon, I live at 6034 East Edgemont Avenue south of Thomas in Old Town or southern Scottsdale. I am a 28-year resident of Scottsdale.

I'm also an employee of ADOT and formerly the city of Phoenix. My current role at ADOT, I serve as State Traffic Engineer helping to design the roadways, freeways and trails within the state right-of-way. Prior to my current role, I was the state Traffic Safety Engineer, where I made sure that while we designed those roads, they remain safe for everybody using them. When I worked for the city of Phoenix, I was the City Traffic Safety Engineer and spent a lot of time doing a lot of the same issues. I have been on the commission for three years now. I have really enjoyed my time, maybe not for the reasons most people think. I'm a traffic geek and I'm proud of that, but I

know that traffic does not exist in a vacuum.

Everyone who has a driver's license believe they can do my job at the state better than I can. And I some days I don't I don't doubt that. But I do know that it's important to recognize that no matter how technical traffic is or can be, there's also a human side of it. Traffic needs to be both efficient and safe, but it needs to meet the needs of the people who are living in the city. And my role on the commission is to make sure that my technical expertise, my experience living in the city, can be brought to bear to help navigate the city through there.

Most important aspect or the most top aspect of the facing the commission is how to manage growth within the city, and make sure that as we grow, we recognize we're not a homogenous city and there will be different solutions for different parts of the city and for different road users. I thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to answer any questions.

Vice Mayor Graham: Thank you, Mr. Wilcoxon. The mayor has a question for you. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Sure. Thank you for presenting. I went to one of the meetings where ADOT presented, and they came forward with their engineering team and outlined where all of the off-ramp slivers of land and how those improvements would affect marching forward with the state 101 and that influence. You were listening to that and obviously the state kind of reported to us, they made the acquisitions, and did you ever get any blowback from citizens about whether or not the Transportation Commission had done a good job on the state's decision in their in their domain?

[Time: 00:59:14]

Kerry Wilcoxon: Mayor, I have not received any blowback one way or the other, positive or negative. But I do remember that presentation and I think it's an important project but, again, I want to make sure that when it goes through, the best knowledge that ADOT has accumulated over the many years of building freeways is brought to bear on our interchanges.

Mayor Ortega: Sure, and for instance, the Pima Road off ramp and how that interfaced and the Frank Lloyd Wright exchange where it looks like they are facing each other but then they they turn turn in opposite directions. I think, again, that's underway. We will see some more results as they complete their project. Thank you for your patience.

Kerry Wilcoxon: You're welcome. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Graham: Any other questions from the Councilmembers? Yeah, I got a kick out of your comment about everybody is an expert, you know. It's like when I'm driving. Anybody who drives faster than me is crazy. Anybody that drives slower is an idiot, right?

Kerry Wilcoxon: I have been in a car with the same comments.

[Time: 01:00:31]

Vice Mayor Graham: I will now entertain, thank you Mr. Wilcoxon. I will entertain a vote for the transportation commission. I think we're starting I think we're at Councilwoman Littlefield? I don't think this is going to be very difficult. You have to pick two.

Councilwoman Littlefield: I gotta pick two?

Vice Mayor Graham: Correct.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Kyle Davis and Kerry Wilcoxon.

Mayor Ortega: Kyle Davis, Kerry Wilcoxon.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Kyle Davis and Kerry Wilcoxon.

Councilmember Durham: Kyle Davis and Kerry Wilcoxon.

Vice Mayor Graham: Mr. Davis and Mr. Wilcoxon.

Councilwoman Caputi: Kyle Davis and Kerry Wilcoxon.

Councilwoman Janik: Kyle Davis, Kerry Wilcoxon.

Vice Mayor Graham: Well, thank you Mr. Davis or congratulations for your reappointment Mr. Wilcoxon and we always appreciate everyone applying. An so that finishes this segment of it.

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[Time: 01:01:19]

I've got to go now to the next part of this agenda, which is affirmation of Mayor Ortega's proposed Public Safety Personnel Retirement Systems Board. There is one opening pursuant to ARS 38847, the Public Safety Requirement Systems Board, police, local, and fire local are responsible for deciding all questions of eligibility and service credits and determine the amount, manner and timing of payment of any benefits under the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

Mr. Ortega, or Mayor Ortega has presented the proposed of Susan Galpin-Tyree to serve on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Boards for a four-year term. Mr. Galpin-Tyree has been a resident of Scottsdale for 16 years and holds a master's degree in legal studies. She previously served on the Human Relations Commission and this month completed a second term on the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board. The Mayor's appointment of Susan Galpin-Tyree requires

City Council affirmation. Therefore, I move to approve Mayor Ortega's appointment of Susan Galpin-Tyree to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Systems Boards. Do I have a second from one of my colleagues?

Councilwoman Janik: Second.

Vice Mayor Graham: Any further discussion? Seeing no discussion, Council, please record your votes.

Well, I want to congratulate Ms. Galpin-Tyree for being appointed to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board. And this concludes the nomination process for the day.

I would like to thank all our nominees for their interest in serving on a board or commission. We are fortunate to receive qualified applicants for the positions on our boards and commissions. And that is part of the script, and we say that every time, but we truly have an abundance of wealth, talent and knowledge in our community, all the Councilmembers agree on that, and it is truly remarkable how many applicants of such high caliber that we get for these unpaid, volunteer boards and commissions.

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 the city. And it's been my honor to lead this portion of the of today's meeting and I humbly turn it back to the Mayor. Thank you.

[Time: 01:03:48]

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Vice Mayor that. Concludes our business. Do I have a motion to adjourn our Special Meeting.

Councilwoman Littlefield: So moved.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Moved and seconded. Please record your vote. Mr. Durham. Thank you. We are adjourned and we will begin our Regular City Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 01:04:04]