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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:01]

Mayor Borowsky: Good afternoon. That was loud. I would like to call the June 24, 2025 Special Meeting and possible Executive Session of the Scottsdale City Council to order. This evening, this afternoon, we have Scottsdale Police Sergeant Bernice Ingram and Officer Darren Hyman as well as Firefighter Ray Iglani. Am I saying that right, Ray? I hope so. All right, anyone that requires assistance, please let a member of our staff know.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:40]

City Clerk, Ben Lane, will you please give us a roll call.

City Clerk Ben Lane: Thank you, Mayor. Mayor Lisa Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: Present.

Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Jan Dubauskas.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Here.

Ben Lane: Councilmembers Barry Graham.

Councilman Graham: Here.

Ben Lane: Adam Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Here.

Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

Ben Lane: Maryann McAllen.

Councilwoman McAllen: Present.

Ben Lane: And Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Here.

Ben Lane: City Manager Greg Caton.

City Manager Greg Caton: Here.

Ben Lane: Acting City Attorney Luis Santella.

Acting City Attorney Luis Santaella: Here.

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

Mayor Borowsky: As regular protocol and given that it's Boards and Commissions tonight, I will turn it over to the Vice Mayor Dubauskas who will conduct the interviews and appointments. Take it away.

[Time: 01:21:00]

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Mayor Borowsky. 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 approved 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 or commission. What is the top issue facing this board or commission? Please limit your comments to two minutes or less. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time.

Following each nominee's response, I will ask Councilmembers if they have any follow-up questions for you.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

[Time: 00:02:39]

The first board is the Board of Adjustments. We have one opening. 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 property because of exceptional or extraordinary conditions.

There is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are: Michael Gonzalez, Randall Pullen, Martha West. So please come forward, Michael Gonzalez, be prepared Randall Pullen and Martha West.

Michael Gonzalez: Mayor, Councilmembers, my name is Michael Gonzalez. I have lived in north Scottsdale for over 30 years, and I love the city. I've been working with the city for the last for 12 years in various positions. The last six years, we were with the Board of Adjustment, and a position I've certainly enjoyed. Prior to that, I was on the Neighborhood Advisory Commission for six years. So, I have six years of experience working or 12 years of experience working with the city and the City Council.

My experience, I would have to say, I'm a professional, I'm a retired CPA. I have a lot of management experience and 12 years' working with the city. One of things that I have always noticed in dealing with the Board of Adjustment is the Board of Adjustment has strictly been assigned to take variance from citizens. One if the things that is always interesting is when you hear the introduction at each meeting, it says the rules for variance or given by four areas dictated by the state. And in those rules are not rules are fair and common sense used. I heard that a lot once a verdict is given, that isn't fair or that's not common sense. The board doesn't make the rules, the board interprets the rules as text is written.

So, one of the things I would like to see, perhaps be addressed and only the City Council can do that is

take a look at the different zoning ordinances that we have and see do they really make sense since the day they were put into place. In a professional environment, we are governed by rules that say you have to review policy and procedure every few years by federal law. Of course, I don't know that that applies to the city here or not. But it would make sense that when people don't like the way the vote comes out, when they get either an adjustment or not adjustment from the board, they want to know why. And sometimes the board does not make the rules. They don't interpret the rules as to whether they are right or not. We don't suggest alternatives to the, to the...

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez.

Michael Gonzalez: Zoning codes. So what I would like to do is just suggest that the City Council take a look over time and look at all the different decisions made by the Board of Adjustment and say do the rules that they were required to follow really make sense and do we need to change some of the zoning over the years and some of it may be antiquated and some of it may not.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez, your time has expired.

Michael Gonzalez: Okay, thank you very much. I would appreciate your vote.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Mr. Randall Pullen and then Martha West. I'm sorry, do we have any questions for Mr. Gonzalez? Oh, okay. Mr. Pullen.

[Time: 00:06:44]

Randall Pullen: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. I'm Randall Pullen I have lived in the city of Scottsdale for a little over four years now. Before that, I lived in Arcadia in Phoenix. So I kind of know the area fairly well.

My background is I have a bachelor and a M.B.A. from Arizona State University. I used to do a lot of real estate deals and then I went to work for Deloitte & Touche where my area of expertise were actually real estate-related projects and that's where I spent most of my time. I was always on the side of looking at the zoning, trying to figure out how the project they were talking about would fit within that zoning and does it make sense financially as well as physically. So I have a lot of experience doing that.

Over the years, you probably know I was the Chairman of the Republican party for a number of years, as well as the Treasurer of the National Party. So my interest in this is being having been on the other side, watching how the zoning ordinances worked and how you have to deal with them, but I have done with them as recently as three years ago, we did a big project in Buckeye, where we had to have it rezoned from commercial to industrial, as well as raised the heights of the buildings. And so I understand how you have to go through this process of getting it done. I want to looking forward helping out on that. I looked at the four criteria that the board has to follow, and it all makes sense. I watched the last two April and March board meetings to see how they operated. I thought it was done very professionally, and I liked what I saw and I think I would be a good help, a lot of assistance and have the ideas for the

board. So, I look forward to that as well.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you Mr. Pullen. Do we have any questions for Mr. Pullen? Thank you, sir.

Randall Pullen: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Martha West.

[Time: 00:09:03]

Martha West: Good afternoon, Mayor Borowsky and members of City Council. I reside at 8244 East Chaparral, and I have been a homeowner here in Scottsdale for just a little less than a year, although back in the late 1980s and most of the 1990s, we lived in Scottsdale as well. I'm also a 21-year city employee actually 23-year city employee. I worked from 1988 to 2001 primarily in Long Range Planning and Downtown Planning and then from 2012 until 2021 as a Real Estate Management Specialist in managing the real estate program.

My educational background and professional background that would support my application to you as a member of the Board of Adjustment include the following: I am a graduate of urban planning program, from Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada, and I have a working knowledge of the city of Scottsdale's zoning code. As a volunteer for our homeowner's association, I'm on the Board of Directors, and I understand Robert's Rules of Order in terms of how the Board of Adjustment needs to conduct itself.

I think the top issue for the Board of Adjustment is really, in my opinion, the fact that the board is a quasi-judicial board. It has very specific rules and an appeal from the decision of Board of Adjustment goes to the Superior Court. For this reason, I think we need to be very, very aware of the very specific rules of engagement for the approval of variances and also for an appeal of an interpretation from the zoning administrator. And I thank you today for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Ms. West do we have any questions for Ms. West? Thank you.

Martha West: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: I will now entertain a vote for the Board of Adjustment. Each Councilmember can vote for one nominee. Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: I'm thrilled to cast my vote for Randy Pullen. His leadership, his knowledge, his experience is, in my opinion, unparalleled in this state and anything or everything that Randy Pullen puts his heart into, I know is successful. So, with that, I vote for Randy.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Councilwoman McAllen.

Councilwoman McAllen: Yes, I nominate...

Councilman Graham: Technical issue.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Go ahead.

Councilwoman McAllen: I nominate Martha West.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I nominate Martha West.

Mayor Borowsky: Randy Pullen.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Michael Gonzalez.

Councilman Graham: Councilman Kwasman, was it a close one for you? Mr. Pullen and all the applicants are qualified.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Wonderful pool of applicants and I will select Randy Pullen. And with that Mr. Pullen, you have been appointed. Congratulations.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

[Time: 00:16:52]

The Historic Preservation Commission, we have one opening. The Historic Preservation Commission oversees the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Program. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are Kat Djordjevic and she will be participating in this meeting electronically. And Brin Sherrin. Ms. Sherrin's term has expired and she's eligible for reappointment. So, City Clerk do we have Ms. Djordjevic. Okay, please proceed.

Kat Djordjevic: Hi, good evening. Thank you for having me. My name is Kat Djordjevic. I live in the Village Grove Historic community. I have been living there for almost nine years now. My professional background is in tech and supply chain and real estate, both on the sales side, as well as on the building side.

I'm thrilled to be considered for this Historic Preservation Commission as a resident of the historic community. I see firsthand the unique charm that our homes bring for us and our future generations. With my background in real estate, I understand both the challenges and the opportunities that come with preserving historic properties especially as we enter into the summer and are seeing higher and higher temperatures, which I believe is our biggest issue. I'm committed to making sure that our preservation efforts are not only respectful of our past but also practical and sustainable so these homes can stand for another 50 plus years. I care deeply about keeping our community in good shape and will advocate for thoughtful and appropriate maintenance that honors our history and maintaining the needs of today's homeowners. Thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Ms. Djordjevic? Thank you, Brin Sherrin.

[Time: 00:15:23]

Brin Sherrin: Hi, my name is Brin Sherrin, thank you for having me. I live at 2830 North 82nd Street in south Scottsdale. This is our tenth year. My house is from 1957. We are in Village Grove Seven. So, we didn't qualify to be historic, but I love our house just the same.

I have been on the Historic Preservation Commission for the past three years. And I have tried consistently to uphold the historic preservation guidelines at every case we hear. And I think for me, that's the top issue facing the commission is my first meeting back in 2022 was a case for Villa Monterey, and our last meeting in 2025 was three cases for Villa Monterey and they have been working under interim guidelines since I believe 2011. So that's 14 years and they haven't adopted them formally yet. We keep seeing them. And I would really like to see them get on board. So that's all for me. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Any questions for Ms. Sherrin? Okay. We'll now entertain a vote for the Historic Preservation Commission. Each Councilmember can vote for one nominee. Councilwoman McAllen.

Councilwoman McAllen: Yes, I nominate Brin Sherrin.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I vote to reappoint Brin Sherrin.

Mayor Borowsky: I would like to cast my vote for Kat Djordjevic.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Brin Sherrin.

Councilman Graham: Kat Djordjevic.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: I will vote for Kat Djordjevic.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman.: Likewise, I will vote for Kat.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Kat Djordjevic has been appointed. Congratulations, Kat.

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Human Services Advisory Commission, there are three openings. The Human Services Advisory Commission provides advisory recommendations to staff and the City Council on human services

priorities and programs, and funding allocations for Scottsdale Cares, Community Development Block Grants, HOME, Home Services Emergency and General Funds. There are three vacancies and four nominees. Gary Blatnick and Pamela Hallows have withdrawn their applications from consideration. The nominees are: Cynthia Hill, Sheila Roe, Mary Jung, whose term has expired and eligible for reappointment. And Cindy Schopf who will be participating this afternoon electronically. So I will call up Cindy Hill and then Sheila Roe.

[Time: 00:18:34]

Cynthia Hill: Hi, good evening, Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers, I'm Cindy Hill. I have lived on East Vista Drive for 25 years. And I'm the proud wife of a retired Scottsdale Police Officer who I saw just came in and I want to wish him a happy 37th Anniversary today because this is how we are celebrating our anniversary.

It is a privilege to stand before you today as a nominee for the Human Services Advisory Commission. I'm a long-time advocate for Scottsdale's families, seniors and underserved residents and my journey to service reflects that real change starts at the grassroots level. I'm applying to this commission because I see human services as the heartbeat of Scottsdale, especially as we face challenges in development, affordability and mobility. I have seen firsthand how policies and thoughtful decision making can change lives. I want to bring a voice to this commission that reflects boots on the ground experience, compassion, and an unwavering belief in community. Rising housing costs, transportation gaps and limited awareness of services are the pressing issues. As a commissioner, I would advocate for increased outreach and continued support for affordable programs that strengthen families and foster independence.

As a former member of the Paiute Neighborhood Community Center Board, I have closely worked with local families to connect them with central services. Through the aging in place committee, I helped seniors maintain independence with dignity and when development pressures threaten the senior residents of Wagon Wheel Ranch RV Park, I stepped up to help relocate them safely and respectfully because no one should be left behind. And I have built programs that bridge gaps between law enforcement and the community and through Vista del Camino I've provided back-to-school drives making sure that every child starts the year with confidence and hope.

My experiences taught me to listen first, act with empathy and work collaboratively, three values I would bring to this role if selected. Thank you for your consideration and for the hard work that all of you do to better our community.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you do we have any questions for Ms. Hill? Thank you, Ms. Hill. Sheila Roe and then Mary Jung.

[Time: 00:21:07]

Sheila Roe: My name is Sheila Roe. My address is on file with the City Clerk. Mayor Borowsky, Vice Mayor Dubauskas and distinguished members of the Council, thank you for inviting me here today. I am not an Arizona native, but when my husband's active-duty military service came to an end, we were tasked with finding a place to settle and raise our family. We chose Scottsdale. That was 34 years ago. And we have never looked back.

To us, Scottsdale is a beautiful place to live, but also a community of warm, welcoming and generous people. Very much a synergy of people and place. We're fortunate to have enjoyed a comfortable and prosperous life here in Scottsdale, but we cannot lose sight of the fact that not everyone has that same experience and some struggle to live here.

As a person, I carry the heart of a servant, the intellect of an accountant and a creative energy. These are the qualities I bring to everything I do, both personally and professionally. In service to veterans' organizations, church organizations, community service outreach projects, those are the qualities I believe can bring value to the Human Services Advisory Commission.

I see two conflicting issues facing the commission. The need within the community and finite resources available to address it. Our hearts may want to reach out to everyone, but our intellects tell us we must be practical stewards of the resources that we're allocated. So that leaves us to engage creatively to stretch existing resources and amplify them with community engagement. I would be honored to participate as a member of the commission and focus on easing the challenges of living in Scottsdale for those who currently struggle. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Ms. Roe?

Councilman Graham: One question Vice Mayor. You said you have the intellect of an accountant, can you say a little more I'm just kidding. I'm the designated accountant up here. So, I thank you.

Sheila Roe: This seems to be an awful lot of us here in the room tonight.

Councilman Graham: his room is teeming with them. It's accountant invested right now.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you Ms. Roe. Mary Jung and then Cindy Schopf.

Mary Jung: Let it be no surprise that I'm an accountant. Mayor, Council, my name is Mary Jung. I have lived in the city of Scottsdale for over six years. I live at 9163 East Nittany Drive, 85255. I am a former Human Services Commission Commissioner and was elected to the vice chair role twice. Serving a three-year term that ended in May 2025. I work at HonorHealth as the Director of Community Impact in the area of Government and Community Affairs, and part of my role is to study public health issues and create opportunities to address those issues. I'm a businessperson and yes, a former Certified Public Accountant and a volunteer in the community I serve on the board of NOAH, Neighborhood Access to

Health. I understand public health and social issues. I'm a financial professional and prioritize financial stewardship. I understand nonprofits and community-based organizations. I'm an experienced commissioner and contributed to the human services strategic plan. And I care about the prosperity and well-being of Scottsdale and its residents.

I believe the top issue is that our needs exceed our resources. A wide variety of individuals and families need temporary support during a life crisis and unfortunately, we are seeing more crises every day. So, unfortunately that does mean that we need to be a steward of the limited resources that we have and I would be honored to serve again as a human services commissioner. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Ms. Jung? Thank you. Cindy Schopf.

[Time: 00:26:18]

Cindy Schopf: Hi, good afternoon. I'm Cindy Schopf and I'm not an accountant. I live at 8222 East Via de la Escuela in McCormick Ranch 85258. I'm not an Arizona native as well. I'm originally from Wisconsin. I bought my home in 2021. I came down as a part-time snowbird and now I'm a full-time resident.

My background is I'm a recently retired business owner and I was our HR director, entertainment director, benefit advisor, onboard psychologist not qualified, you name it. The reason that I applied is a lot of work that I did with our employees we had 60 employees, and it was my duty to make sure that everyone had proper benefits, be it insurance, 401(k)s, and knowing each person's personality as best I could to make sure that people could work very well together. And that could have some challenging times. I am also in the process of becoming a volunteer for HonorHealth at the foundation location for their philanthropy center. I'm waiting to hear about that.

So, I am newer to the area, as a full-time resident. I'm looking to help out where I can, and I feel with my H.R. background, I'm a very good read of people, that I could be of some benefit to help people in our communities that do not have some of the luxuries that the rest of us do. I have not worked on any boards before. I was a landlord for ten years. So, I dealt with people in that way, making sure that people are, oh that everybody is following the state laws of Wisconsin for renting. So that's a little bit about me. I bring my Midwest nice to the city of Scottsdale. And I thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you very much. Do we have any questions for Ms. Schopf? Okay. Thank you. I will now entertain a vote for the Human Services Advisory Commission; each Councilmember can vote for three nominees. Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I will vote for Cynthia Hill, reappoint Mary Jung and Sheila Roe.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. Cindy Hill, Sheila Roe, and Cindy Schopf and thank you, Mary, for your service to the city.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Cindy Hill, Mary Jung, and Cindy Schopf.

Councilman Graham: Ms. Hill, Ms. Roe, Ms. Schopf.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Cindy Hill, Sheila Roe, Mary Jung.

Councilman Kwasman: Cindy Hill, Sheila Roe, and Cindy Schopf.

Councilwoman McAllen: Mary Jung, Sheila Roe, and Cindy Hill.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: It looks like we have a runoff between Mary Jung and Cindy Schopf.

Deputy City Clerk Rommel Cordova: That's correct. Give me a moment to clear the board.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: That means that Cynthia Hill and Sheila Roe have been elected. Congratulations.

Mayor Borowsky: Cindy Schopf.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Mary Jung.

Councilman Graham: Ms. Schopf.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Mary Jung.

Councilman Kwasman: Ms. Schopf.

Councilwoman McAllen: Mary Jung.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mary Jung.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Okay. Thank you. So, Cindy Hill, Sheila Roe and Mary Jung have been appointed. Congratulations.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

[Time: 00:30:34]

The Industrial Development Authority, we have one opening. The Industrial Development Authority's main function is to issue tax-exempt bonds for certain types of private developments for the purpose of attracting new economic activity to the community. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is: Edgar Alvarado. Mr. Alvarado will be participating in the meeting electronically. Please proceed, Mr. Alvarado.

[Time: 00:31:06]

Edgar Alvarado: Can everyone hear me? Okay, perfect. Thank you, Mayor and Council for making the time. My name is Edgar Alvarado, I live on North 93rd Way in Sweetwater Ranch and my wife and I had a home four years in Scottsdale Country Club East and we decided to do a new construction which is where we are at now. And literally, we have made the decision to be permanent residents, and we are literally in the middle of that move this week. So, this actually comes at an opportune time.

I have been very familiar with the Phoenix and the Scottsdale area since 1993, which is when I first went there on business and have traveled extensively to the area over those past 35, almost 40 years. And particularly with Scottsdale, my wife and I have traveled there on business and pleasure for over 20 years, fell in love with it. I'm very familiar with the area.

I have been very fortunate to have seen the development of Scottsdale over the last 35 to 40 years and been extremely impressed how it's been managed and how it's looked at in terms of benefits for the residents and tourism, et cetera. And so having made a decision to become permanent residents, I wanted to do my part and give back. And I do have a history of doing that. I think it's a personal priority for me. I do have experience in public service. I'm a trustee of the Village of South Barrington here in Illinois. I'm in the middle of my second elected term which obviously, I am resigned or have resigned since we're moving. And my experience is, you know, real estate investments. I have an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois, a MBA from Northwestern, and I have done significant amount of transactions. So, I have an understanding of that in financing and while I'm not an accountant, I'm a certified financial expert. That means not only do you know, I basically understand and have conversations with accountants and know what they are saying.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Mr. Alvarado, thank you, your time has expired. Do we have any questions? We will now entertain a vote for the Industrial Development Authority. Starting with Councilman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you. Edgar Alvarado.

Councilman Graham: Can we do a vote by acclamation?

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Vote by acclamation. All in favor. Congratulations, Mr. Alvarado, you have been appointed.

Edgar Alvarado: Thank you very much.

LOSS TRUST FUND BOARD

[Time: 00:34:09]

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Loss Trust Fund Board, there's one opening. The Loss Trust Fund Board is responsible for recommendations to the City Council regarding the administration of the loss trust fund.

There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is: Tami Smith. Ms. Smith will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically. Ms. Smith, please go ahead.

[Time: 00:34:31]

Tami Smith: Okay, let's do a sound check. Can you hear me clearly?

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: We gotcha.

Tami Smith: Okay. Thank you. Hello, my name is Tami Smith, address 7644 East Vista Drive. I have lived in Scottsdale with my husband since 2009. Thank you for the opportunity to interview for the Loss Trust Fund Board. A special thank you to Rommel who throughout this process has been kind, professional and helpful.

How does my experience relate to the Loss Trust Fund Board? I graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Studies and my professional experience of over 25 years, I worked for large enterprise corporations and roles involving financial analysis, corporate and municipal budgets and revenue generation. I held positions as a compliance and risk manager and commercial underwriter, as well as a regional manager of business development with a portfolio that exceeded \$500 million. I successfully completed a Six Sigma green belt program, as well as Moody's risk management and lending training. My professional career was extraordinary. Opportunities were given to me beyond my dreams. I am grateful and that is why it is important for me to give back to my community.

I am the Neighborhood Watch Captain for my community for the last nine years, and I'm the Captain of a precinct and our Legislative District Four. Also, I volunteer at the U.S. Military Insurance Processing Station in downtown Phoenix as a volunteer for the American Red Cross service to the armed forces.

What do I think are the top issues facing the board? I attended the loss trust fund meeting as a guest. The board members and staff were led by George Woods, the Director of Risk Management. They discussed the issues for the city of Scottsdale. The top issues for the Loss Trust Fund Board members are to ask relevant questions and to provide guidance to the city staff.

Thank you again for the opportunity to interview for this board. If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Do we have any questions for Ms. Smith? All right, I will now entertain a vote for the Loss Trust Fund Board, starting with Councilman Graham.

Councilman Graham: I will acclaim her.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: By acclamation?

Councilman Graham: By acclimation.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Congratulations, Ms. Smith, you have been appointed.

Tami Smith: Thank you.

MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE COMMISSION

[Time: 00:37:05]

Thank you. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, there is one opening. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission provides citizen oversight for acquisition, preservation, management and stewardship of the McDowell Mountain and related Sonoran Desert for the benefit of this and future generations. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is: Savannah Engelking. Ms. Engelking's term has expired and is eligible for reappointment. Ms. Engelking.

Savannah Engelking: Hello, everybody. Let me just adjust this. My name is Savannah Engelking, my address is on file and I born was raised in Scottsdale, Arizona where I have lived for the entire 30 years of my life.

I would first and foremost like to thank our honorable City Councilmembers for supported my nomination and I would like to thank the fellow McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commissioners and it's an honor to work with all of you and I'm humbled to be chose as the vice chair.

My education in biology as, as an EMT and business professional have given me unique perspective on the Preserve and our city's symbiotic relationship with the land. My career as a park ranger, wildlife relocater and animal control officer have provided me with a deep understanding of public land regulation and enforcement gained through real life experience. Lastly, my work as a Park Ranger and wildlife relocater has given many he a true appreciation for how valuable education is for public land and for the benefit and the well-being of our city.

I would also like to thank the City Council for protecting our residents and our votes by continuing to support Prop 490 against the lawsuit filed by the Goldwater Institute. It is the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission's duty to advise on implementation of Prop 490 within the Preserve and we look forward to sharing our knowledge and insights with the city that we call home to help our neighbors, friends and families.

A top issue currently facing the commission is the Rio Verde wildlife crossing. I would like to thank the Council for approving the feasibility study so that we may have the innovative and long-term land management as effectively as possible. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Ms. Engelking?

Savannah Engelking: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. And I will entertain a vote for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, by acclamation. Savannah Engelking. Congratulations, Ms. Engelking, you have been reappointed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

[Time: 00:39:54]

Planning Commission, there are two openings. The Planning Commission holds public meetings and makes recommendations to the City Council on all matters relating to the creation of zoning districts, the enforcement of zoning regulations, amendments to all zoning ordinances and any other planning and zoning issues. There are two vacancies and five nominees. The five nominees are: Marianne Bazan, Douglas Drake, Katie Kiefer, Thomas LaBlonde, Jr., David Reid. I will ask Marianne Bazan and then Douglas Drake to come forward, please.

Marianne Bazan: Hi, good afternoon, I'm Marianne Bazan, and I'm not an accountant. I'm a proud graduate of Arizona State University, I got my degree in microbiology, and I have made a vast departure from that and worked in real estate for over 30 years. I have seen a lot of progress. I have seen what has worked, what has not worked, and I understand what the residents value and what is important as our beautiful city grows. I think it's incredibly important that we are very thoughtful and careful in what we do and how we plan our growth. Certainly, there's progress, but there should be a great deal of thought put into that progress knowing how it affects our community, how it affects our residents, how it affects our homes. And I think that's about it. Did I answer everything?

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Do we have any questions for Ms. Bazan? Thank you.

Marianne Bazan: Thank you. I would be very honored if not this time, sometime in the future. So, thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Douglas Drake, Katie Kiefer.

Douglas Drake: Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council, I'm Doug Drake, and I live at 6929 Montero Way in Scottsdale, and of course and I have been a resident here for six years. I have six years of experience on the Burbank, California Planning Commission with stints as chair and vice chair where I reviewed quite a large-scale amount of projects and helped settle land use disputes between the city and homeowners and carried out many other duties for the Burbank City Council. I helped approve the city's general plan that language wished for years incomplete during my tenure, I was the Planning Commission representative on the sustainability task force meetings helping to keep the city well focused. I represent Burbank during the discussions of the 710 Freeway extensions in Los Angeles, where an expansive tunnel system under a residential neighborhood was proposed. I also was privileged to take several field trips throughout California and Nevada and Arizona to learn more about water resources in

every area.

I believe the biggest issue facing the Scottsdale Planning Commission is the potential for high-density mixed-use development proposals coming before the commission. I feel that any large-scale development proposals of a magnitude that we see under construction now or in the cue will need to face more scrutiny for cumulative impacts. So, I will bring extra passion, enthusiasm and insight into the position because I believe I have done it before.

I am a respectful, upbeat and thoughtful person, that will take on this position with the utmost responsibility to my community. Thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Mr. Drake. Do we have any questions? Thank you, sir. Katie Kiefer and then Thomas LaBlonde.

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Katie Kiefer: Hello Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Katie Kiefer. My address is 9757 E. San Salvador Drive. I'm a Scottsdale native. I recently relocated back to Scottsdale Ranch from Los Angeles and collectively that gets me at 19 years as a resident.

My experience includes a bachelor's degree in real estate development, and an executive master's degree in urban planning. Professionally, I worked across the public, private and nonprofit sectors for the last 15 years giving me a unique 360 view of land use and zoning decisions. I have worked for developers and represented them with the planning process. I have worked for a Councilmember overseeing zoning and general plan amendments, assessing design overlays and C.U.P.s. I worked for a county doing master planning for county-owned properties and land, and I worked for a business improvement district values property owners with the public realm and economic development priorities.

I believe the most pressing priority is community engagement. It's the foundation that interconnects the Planning Commission's work with individual projects; community engagement is simply community listening. It's meeting people where they are at, to build a sense of ownership and trust from day one of a project, and maintain the transparency throughout that project's evolution, be it someone's back yard, down the street, or generally within their community.

And with that, thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Ms. Kiefer? Thank you. Thomas LaBlonde and then David Reid.

Tom LaBlonde: Good afternoon, Mayor and good afternoon, Councilmembers, my name is Tom LaBlonde, I reside in Troon North at 28412 North 92nd Place. As a proud Scottsdale resident since 1985, I am here to apply for a position on the Planning Commission. My passion is to reserve Scottsdale's

unique character, charm, and quality of life. I am committed to promoting responsible growth, protecting our natural beauty, and upholding the values that make our community exceptional.

With 38 years as a home builder in Scottsdale, I have constructed over 400 custom homes. This experience has given me a deep understanding of building codes, city regulations, and HOA guidelines. My experience designing and building high-quality homes has enabled me to provide valuable insights for informed decision on the Planning Commission.

The primary issue facing the Planning Commission is the influx of monolithic, uninspired structures that threaten Scottsdale's unique style and its reputation as a world-class place to live. These developments risk eroding the city's distinctive character, which is defined by beautiful, harmonious architecture and natural surroundings. To address this, I would advocate for stricter design guidelines that focus on architectural excellence, beauty, and compatibility with Scottsdale desert environment. Done.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Mr. LaBlonde? Thank you. David Reid.

[Time: 00:49:00]

David Reid: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is David Reid, I live on East Corbon Drive and I have been a wonderfully happy citizen here for last 15 years. I'm a graduate of A.S.U.'s W.P. Carey School of Business, and after college, I spent my career leading divisions of two of large public corporations.

I currently serve on a board of directors and on the Scottsdale Airport Commission. My experience in college, in business, and on the Airport Commission, have taught me the value of staying focused on your goals while also understanding how to negotiate with different constituents to align and incorporate their needs and plans that are acceptable to everyone.

I believe the most important issue facing the Planning Commission and the City Council is the development and also the redevelopment of our city to maintain its unique and valuable characteristics. I love our open spaces, our parks, our restaurants, our golf, our entertainment venues that facilitate our lifestyles. The architecture of our city and the balance of high density and low density living and working and recreational environments must be cherished and maintained. We can and must do a better job to ensure quality development. Thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Do we have any questions for Mr. Reid? Thank you, sir.

David Reid: Thanks.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: We will now entertain a vote for the Planning Commission; each Councilmember can vote for two nominees. Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: I nominate Doug Drake and Tom LaBlonde.

Councilwoman McAllen: I nominate Doug Drake and Katie Kiefer.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I will nominate Katie Kiefer and David Reid.

Mayor Borowsky: What a great group of applicants. Tough to pick. Great choices. Thank you all for applying. I am going to cast my vote for Doug Drake and Tom LaBlonde.

Councilwoman Littlefield: I will vote for Marianne Bazan and David Reid.

Councilman Graham: Thank you, Vice Mayor. All the applicants very qualified and appreciation their application. I will cast my votes for Mr. Drake and Mr. Reid.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: And I will vote for Douglas Drake and Thomas LaBlonde. Mr. Drake, congratulations, it looks like we have a runoff between Thomas LaBlonde and David Reid. Councilwoman McAllen.

Councilwoman McAllen: David Reid.

Councilwoman Whitehead: David Reid.

Mayor Borowsky: Tom LaBlonde.

Councilwoman Littlefield: David Reid.

Councilman Graham: Mr. Reid.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Tom LaBlonde.

Councilman Kwasman: Mr. Reid.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Douglas Drake and David Reid have been appointed. Congratulations.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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The Tourism Development Commission. There's one industry rep opening. The Tourism Development Commission advises the City Council on matters concerning the expenditure of revenues from the Transaction Privilege Tax on transient lodging (which is bed tax) designated for tourism development. Special Qualifications: As specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the Tourism Development Commission shall consist of representatives of the tourism industry in Scottsdale, including a minimum of four Scottsdale hoteliers, one member of the Scottsdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, and a balance from elements of the tourism industry. There is one Industry representative position vacancy and three

nominees. The nominees are Darian Nguyen. Mr. Nguyen will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically. Joseph Shershenovich, and French Thompson. We will hear first from Darian Nguyen and then Joseph Shershenovich. Darian.

Darian Nguyen: Good afternoon, my name is Darian Nguyen and I'm the proud Scottsdale native of over 20 plus years and I live at 24344 North 75th Way. I'm a professional chess player and an ASU graduate with an educator background working with over 100 students both locally and internationally. From Scottsdale to Switzerland and beyond. I have created and hosted competitive programs with local vendors at top resorts in Scottsdale. And have a global network that I can leverage to elevate our city's presence worldwide. With my background in education, technology, business analytics and machine learning, I can help Scottsdale modernize its outreach using targeted marketing, search engine optimization, and digital platforms.

The biggest challenge for the Tourism Development Commission is expanding our audience's reach. I bring together both local networks and global reach to transform Scottsdale into a year-round multigenerational destination. With strong roots and passion in this community and a global platform to build from, I'm ready to help Scottsdale grow into a dynamic, inclusive and internationally recognized city. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Mr. Nguyen? Thank you, Mr. Nguyen. Joseph Shershenovich and then French Thompson.

[Time: 00:55:33]

Joseph Shershenovich: Good afternoon, Mayor and Vice Mayor and Councilmembers, my name is Joe Shershenovich. I have lived in Scottsdale for 39 years. I worked in Scottsdale golf and hospitality industry for nearly 40 years. My wife is a native, we built a career on the golf and hospitality pillars of the Scottsdale economy. I'm thrilled at the opportunity to give back and lend industry perspective to the big picture items facing the commission. I have been fortunate to be employed as the General Manager at Gray Hawk Golf Club which opened 30 years ago. We hosted many great local and national events in our history that brought the entire hospitality community together to deliver a memorable experience for all of our attendees.

Most recently Grayhawk, Arizona State, and Scottsdale hosted the NCAA Division One National Championships from 2021 to 2023 in May with over 300 student-athletes from all over the country, coaches, universities, sports information directors and parents attending. The NCAA enjoyed the spirit of our great community with all of our enthusiastic golf volunteers and the host hotel being the Grand Hyatt at Gainey Ranch and most notably our great weather.

Tourism is foundational to the city of Scottsdale's economy and with over 35 years in the Scottsdale golf industry, I firmly believe that golf is the heartbeat of Scottsdale's tourism ecosystem. Ensuring that the golf industry's voice is represented and the tourism conversations happening throughout the city and within the commission is paramount, as Scottsdale is rightly regarded as one of the best places to play

golf in the world. The Scottsdale golf sector employs thousands of people, and I'm pleased to be an advocate on its behalf as it has certainly earned the its mainstay in the Scottsdale tourism market with the great courses who enjoy everything that Scottsdale has to offer. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Do we have any questions? Thank you, sir. French Thompson?

[Time: 00:57:57]

French Thompson: Good evening, Mayor, City Council, my name is French Thompson. My address is on record. You know, I was really impressed with these other two people that are in front of me. So, I will vote for one of the other of these two and I will withdrawal my nomination. I think both of these two are more qualified than I am. I will say that one the things that I think I would bring to the board because I have presented to it. I have been involved with it for many years; I was the president of the Scottsdale Gallery Association for many terms. I was also the president of the Contemporary Forum of the Phoenix Art Museum which is the largest fundraising group that the Phoenix Art Museum has had. I've been in retail for over 40 years. And I have lived here for over 47 years. I think if I was on this board I would add a unique perspective, because it's a small businessman, you have to be really nimble on your feet. You have to be able to adapt. You have to be able to change and I'm very aware that tourism is a major draw for this city. It you know, we generate a lot of sales tax off of it and I'm right there on the front line. I'm talking to these people as they come in as businesses and one the first things we do is say hey, where are you from?

It's getting more because it's getting bigger but it's would be a shock that somebody said they lived here so I how important the tourism is and, you know, my idea would be simply to bring a different view of the arts and retail business. It's all teamwork. Everybody on the commission works together to make it better for the city of Scottsdale. Thank you for your time and that consideration, but I'm withdrawing my application.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Okay. Each Councilmember can start with one nominee, and I will start with Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Okay. I am going to first of all, say I'm so intrigued with Mr. Nguyen, so I may be following up with you. I would love to see that broadened professional chess in Scottsdale. But for tonight, I will be voting for Mr. Shershenovich.

Mayor Borowsky: I echo what Councilwoman Whitehead just said, three great candidates, and I'm going to cast my vote for Joseph Shershenovich.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Same here. Thank you very much.

Councilman Graham: French. French, are you sure?

French Thompson: They are qualified.

Councilman Graham: You think they edge you in the qualifications. Okay. Fine, I will cast mine for Mr. Shershenovich.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Joseph Shershenovich.

Councilman Kwasman: I just want to say one of the exciting aspects is really the focus of golf in our tourism industry. As the chair of the of the Subcommunity Economic Development, golf is a forefront of our future and our present, our past and our future. I look forward to working with you as much as humanly possible as we make sure that it has the environmental focus, the economic focus. And the cultural focus so enthusiastically, for Mr. Shershenovich.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Alright, Mr. Shershenovich have been appointed. Congratulations.

Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor?

Councilwoman McAllen: Can I vote? I was just going to say, that was very humble of French, who does have a vast knowledge of arts in Scottsdale to so kindly withdraw and I'm enthusiastically voting for Joe Shershenovich because of his decades of experience and how that affects tourism in Scottsdale. So, thank you.

Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor, if I may, Councilwoman Littlefield, if we can get your formal vote for this opening.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you and congratulations.

Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor, if I may, Councilwoman Littlefield, if we can get your formal vote for this opening.

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Councilwoman Littlefield: Yes, it's for Mr. Shershenovich. But also, I would like to say I see a good place for professional chess players in Scottsdale too. You might want to reach out to this young man and see what you can come up with together. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: This concludes our appointment process for today. I would like to thank all our nominees for their interest in serving on a city board or commission. We are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applicants for the positions on our Boards and Commissions. Even if you were not appointed today, your application will remain on file for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies. City staff will contact the individuals appointed this evening and provide them with information on next steps regarding their appointment.

The City of Scottsdale is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing and ready to serve for our city. Thank you very much to all applicants and congratulations. Mayor

Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you very much, and yes, thank you to everyone that has applied. Please come back if you didn't make it tonight, because lots of great applicants and we really appreciate your support and enthusiasm for our city.

So, with that, our special meeting business has concluded. I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Littlefield: So moved.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: All those in favor say aye. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 01:04:13]

We have a 5:00 P.M. Regular Meeting but we will take a ten-minute break. Thank you very much for your patience.