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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:03]

Mayor Borowsky: Welcome. Thank you for coming this afternoon. Y'all look very colorful and it's good to see you. I would like to call the September 9, 2025 City Council Special Meeting and possible Executive Session to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, can I have a roll call?

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:18]

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: Interim City Attorney Luis Santaella.

Interim City Attorney Luis Santaella: Present.

Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

City Treasurer Sonia Andrew: Here.

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

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Ben Lane. I appreciate it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[Time: 00:00:48]

If it would please the Council, I will entertain a motion to adjourn into Executive Session.

Councilwoman Littlefield: So moved.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: All those in favor, please indicate your vote. Thank you. We will now recess into Executive Session.

Mayor Borowsky: First, sorry for the delay. I appreciate your patience.

SPECIAL AGENDA - ITEM 2

[Time: 00:27:30]

We have recessed from Executive Session, and we now turn to item two on the Special Meeting Agenda and item 2 is the request from city staff to adopt Resolution 13506, authorizing the Interim City Attorney and his respective staff and designees to file a declaratory judgment against state of Arizona to challenge the legality and the constitutionality of Senate Bill 1543. And I note that we have received numerous requests to speak. Lots of.

Councilman Kwasman: Madam Mayor, should we start with the pledge?

Mayor Borowsky: No, don't throw me off. Because it's not the Regular Meeting. Don't throw me off. You are trying to confuse me. Alright, that was easy. We received a lot of requests for public comment, but I will ask for your courtesy and holding that until after the next couple of minutes here. And you can decide if you still want to speak.

So, I'm going to make a motion to vacate this agenda item for the reasons that I personally still have lots of questions about this and I will entertain a second if there's one.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: And vacating this will do the equivalent of canceling this agenda item tonight. So, all those in favor of the motion on the table?

Councilman Graham: I wanted to speak to the motion on the table. I was hitting my request to speak but it's not working.

Mayor Borowsky: I'll call for the point of order to go ahead and vote on the motion.

Councilman Graham: Point of order. May I speak?

Mayor Borowsky: I'll call the question. Excuse me, all those in favor, please indicate your vote.

Councilman Graham: Wait, hold. Point of order. We are calling the question now.

Mayor Borowsky: I called the question. All those in favor?

Councilman Kwasman: Yeah, there's a point of order. Madam Mayor, Luis, where are we at on this?

[Time: 00:29:40]

Interim City Attorney Luis Santaella: Generally, this would be discussion, would be authorized and allowed before the motion should be voted on. The Council as a whole could vote to shut down discussion, but at this point, I think Councilman Graham would be entitled to speak.

Mayor Borowsky: Councilman Graham let's not debate it. Go right ahead.

Councilman Graham: Thank you so Luis, so I have the floor?

Luis Santaella: Yes.

Councilman Graham: Okay, well, we spent significant amount of time in Executive Session, had a good discussion and now we are out here and you came to hear from us, and there are many people streaming from home watching this on TV and we have an overflow audience with people across the street in the overflow watching this on the television monitor across the street. I'm disappointed to say that I, we are, there's a motion on the table right now to vacate, which means to withdraw or retreat from the motion that you came for us to vote on tonight. I support the motion tonight. I support it for several reasons. One of the most important reasons I support it is because it gives us leverage in moving forward with negotiations.

There are so many reasons. We have gotten hundreds and hundreds of emails from residents begging us with every kind of argument to hear this item, to hear public speakers, and to vote in the affirmative to protect citizens' right to referendum. Fundamentally, a vote to vacate is a vote for 2,000 apartments, 1,900 apartments in north Scottsdale. There is no guarantee. There is no promise this will return to the Council. This is an epically important item for this City Council. I'm stunned right now and speechless that this is where we are. There are so many things I wanted to share with you now and I looked forward to hearing from the public to give us public comment. I look forward to posing questions in a public open forum of city staff and our legal experts about strategy and what this means.

We have, I would guess, hundreds if not thousands of residents watching this right now wondering what is going to become of their constitutional rights and what is going to become of their city. Over 27,000 residents signed a referendum to put this on the ballot to give them a say about whether or not they want this apartment complex, which was passed in a lame duck session with five votes, four of which were not returning to the City Council, their chance to have a say on it. Referendum is enshrined in our Constitution. It is a basic Constitutional right that I agree with everybody who is emailing us that they have a right to exercise. And so, I am stunned, and I am shocked that we are vacating this motion or withdrawing it and I see that as a vote for this apartment complex. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Thank you, Madam Mayor. I, I think Councilman Graham is the greatest peoples champion that this city has ever had. There are very, very, very few things when it comes to his values that I disagree with. I think it is incorrect, whole cloth to say that adopting a specific strategy is the equivalent of supporting a gigantic apartment complex that many members on this of this rostrum is against and a Bill that is against that we are against.

And I as a as a litigator, as somebody who is a civil litigator, who boasts government notices of claim as one of their areas of practice, and government and government claims, I want to be very clear to those at home that the black or white story is not correct. And my deep respect toward Councilman Graham in this instance is a difference of strategy not a difference of policy. And I want to make sure that with the amount of due deference that Councilman Graham deserves, I entirely disagree with his assessment on this and that lawyering is complicated. Lawyering is hard. And the right outcome will come from this Council that listens to the people.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Councilman Kwasman. Appreciate that. Councilwoman Whitehead.

[Time: 00:35:19]

Councilwoman Whitehead: Okay, thank you, Mayor. I want to say this is a vote to protect your tax dollars. This is a vote to make sure that this city government operates in a way that is not only protecting your tax dollars but protecting your rights as citizens and a quality of life. We don't act, we always act judiciously and so we will not make decisions when we don't have full and complete information.

And I did want to say that if the referendum was ever about the voice of the people, we would have already had a vote this past March. We had a citizen's petition demanding a vote and these Councilmembers voted against giving you that chance to vote for or against this use of land. So here we are and we'll just deal with it, we'll move forward in the best capacity we can, the best way we can and we're not gonna make rash decisions without full and complete information which is why we're not making a decision tonight. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Councilwoman Whitehead. And the reason I called the question is because I didn't I know that Councilman Graham is entitled to his day. We know what it feels like to not be able to speak coming from experience on our first meeting. And so, I sympathize with that and I'm while I'm glad that Councilman Graham said his piece, it couldn't have distorted the situation any further, any further.

Well, I'm just going to speak to Councilman Graham. And that couldn't have distorted this scenario any further than he just did. We had a very long Executive Session discussion which is confidential and shall not be repeated. As I opened by saying this is the fact of this my motion, and I will let Councilwoman Whitehead speak to her fact for seconding it and anyone else that votes for it on their own. There were too many unanswered questions on the next steps. Many options. I was not prepared to say commit to direction and that's it. So, this story is not over, unfortunately. And for now, it's a we're not going to

make a decision on this agenda item. So, with that, I will ask for Vice Mayor Dubauskas.

[Time: 00:37:57]

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Madam Mayor. One thing that has been left unsaid so far tonight is that we value Axon. Thank you for coming out. Thank you for conducting business in the city of Scottsdale. We appreciate you. We value the tools that you bring to our community and to the world, and we hope to retain your business here in the city of Scottsdale.

In my view, this vote is about SB1543. It is not about our relationship with Axon. And to that point, I stand ready to fight for the citizens of Scottsdale, right here, right now tonight, and I hope my colleagues join me. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Vice Mayor Dubauskas. Excellent point, however, this is not a vote either way at this point, unfortunately. Too many unanswered questions and I'll call for a vote. That motion passes and while this is a done issue for this evening, I would like to thank all of you for coming out and we appreciate your passion and this is a very critical issue for our community and, again, this was a decision on the legislation that will soon become law. And we appreciate you all being here. I think that, you know, if you have a compelling reason to speak tonight, please please move forward. If not, this matter will come back around. I'm certain of it. Thank you very much.

Councilman Graham: Do you want to adjourn for five minutes to...

Mayor Borowsky: No, I want to keep going.

Councilman Graham: I'm just saying it's loud.

Mayor Borowsky: We're going to take a five-minute recess while everyone quiets down.

[Time: 00:43:07]

SPECIAL AGENDA – ITEM 3

[Time: 00:53:05]

Mayor Borowsky: We actually recessed briefly before the boards and commission appointments. So I am going to call the Council back to the dais and proceed with the 4:00 session of the meeting, which is the Boards, Commissions and Task Force interviews and appointments and for that, as is the protocol, I will turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Dubauskas.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Madam Mayor. The City of Scottsdale is responsible for establishing City policies and enacting laws in support of those policies. The Council is responsible for establishing City policies and enacting laws in support of those policies. The Council relies on volunteer,

citizen-based boards and Commissions to research issues and make recommendations in support of the Council's mission and goals. The information and recommendations provided by Council-appointed advisory boards is a valuable tool in helping Councilmembers in their deliberations. This afternoon, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on various boards and commissions.

I want to thank the individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service to this community. Following the set of interviews, we'll vote on an appointment for the board or commission. As I call your name, please approach the podium to my right and briefly cover the following: 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 The 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.

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Our first commission, the Airport Advisory Commission, there is one opening. The Airport Advisory Commission advises the City Council on policy matters relating to the operation of the airport, proposals for development, airport area land use, fees and safety concerns. There is one vacancy and four nominees. Fred Atarian has withdrawn from consideration. The nominees are: Craig Bennett, David Ganz, David Mecartney, and John Sloan. Excuse me so, I will first call up Craig Bennett and then David Ganz. There you go. Thank you.

[Time: 00:55:32]

Craig Bennett: Councilmembers, my name is Craig Bennett. I've been a resident of Scottsdale for almost 13 years. Originally from Los Angeles area. We escaped that area and we're working hard to be sure that Scottsdale doesn't end up like Los Angeles. I have firsthand experience of that. I attended University of Southern California, I had aerospace aspirations for a while, and I graduated B.S. in mechanical engineering in 1972. We have a family business of utility trailers. We have six plants around the country and one in Mexico. I traveled extensively throughout North America and to the detriment of your family at some point, but did I a lot of time in a lot of places that you don't see when you are touring, if you will. It's a good industry and it's taught me a lot about how to apply manufacturing skills in the engineering world.

And the Airport Commission, I when I moved here, I wanted to get back to California. So, I learned how to fly here in Scottsdale in two different flight schools. I got my private pilot license and my instrument rating here and I owned like six airplanes. I now have two jets parked in hangars at the Scottsdale Airport. And I have done that so I could fly back to Southern California. My business is still there. The business is still there. I was the one that left and all rest stayed there is a good beach if you haven't heard.

I think the issues of Scottsdale here would like to see how the operations work at the airport from the inside. I have seen it from the user standpoint and there are some issues that we can deal with. The challenges are going to be how to handle the traffic and what type of traffic we want, whether we want private training or charter or what type of business we want. So...

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Mr. Bennett. David Ganz. After David Ganz, we have David Mecartney. David Ganz? David Mecartney and then John Sloan. David Mecartney? David Mecartney?

[Time: 00:58:17]

David Mecartney: Hi, good afternoon. Yes, I'm here. I'm online. Do you hear me okay?

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Yes, please proceed.

David Mecartney: Thank you. My name is David Mecartney, I live 11235 East Wingspan Way in Scottsdale. I have been a part-time resident for about five years and a full-time resident just since the beginning of the year. So, this is my first summer. It was a little warm.

My experience, I have an aviation management degree from Florida Institute of Technology, and I also learned to fly there. I intended to be a professional pilot. I currently hold an airplane transport pilot rating. I have almost 8,000 flight hours and I have a Cessna Citation that I keep at Jet Aviation. So, I'm an active pilot. I retired last year after 42 years as an airline consultant. I designed baggage systems and security systems for airports throughout the world. Relatively medium-sized engineering firm. I have a lot of general airport planning experience and very familiar with the Scottsdale Airport.

I think that the biggest challenge that the airport faces today, and I share the view as the previous interviewee is developing a master plan, a future, a vision for the future. A lot of great growth can replace hangars and infrastructure, but at the same time, we need to address capacity and who will be the the main users the principal users of the airport and how do we support all the tenants at the airport? So, thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you Mr. Mecartney. John Sloan?

[Time: 01:00:29]

John Sloan: Good afternoon. I'm John Sloan. I live at 10359 North 98th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona and I have been there since 2002. So, 22 years that I have lived there. I moved here, like I say in 2002 and I have 40 years of aviation experience. 26 of it was in the United States Air Force at various a sundry levels of that, both both as a pilot, fighter pilot and as a as a leader of squadrons and things of that nature for my whole career. Then I moved after that, I went into commercial aviation. I was an airline pilot for 16 years. And my last my last job, actually, was as the vice president and General Manager of Ross Aviation Incorporated which was over in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our company was had eight airplanes of various types, and I was the vice president and general manager of that company.

And I had a lot of experience in safety. While I was in the Air Force, I attended the Chief of Safety School at the University of Southern California, before I picked up my job as Chief of Safety for a Dallas Air Force Base which is a premier fighter base in the country. And it was really interesting because I got to give safety lectures. I got to give safety instruction to the Commander of the base and he took my advice one time and made a made a decision to do what it was and I think we saved an accident because of that.

I think then I can provide some valuable information and some valuable input to the safety of the Scottsdale Airport. I have flown in there many times with a neighbor and a friend who has an airplane up in northern Scottsdale. We used to fly up to the northern part state and he let me fly my airport, and thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Mr. Sloan. Do we have David Ganz? No? I will entertain a vote for the Airport Advisory Commission. Each Councilmember can vote for one nominee. Councilman Graham.

Councilman Graham: Mr. Bennett.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Mr. Mecartney.

Mayor Borowsky: David Mecartney.

Councilwoman Whitehead: David Mecartney.

Councilwoman McAllen: David Mecartney.

Councilman Kwasman: Craig Bennett.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: And my vote is for Craig Bennett and it looks like we have nominated David Mecartney. Congratulations Mr. Mecartney.

David Mecartney: Thank you. I appreciate that.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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 two nominees. The nominees are: Kenneth Erler and Martha West. Kenneth Erler may be participating this afternoon electronically. Do we have Mr. Erler? We'll ask Martha West to come speak.

[Time: 01:04:25]

Martha West: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mayor Borowsky and members of City Council. I'm Martha

West, and I'm a homeowner at 8244 East Chaparral. Since we moved to Arizona in the late 1980s, I have lived in Scottsdale for approximately nine years. My education and professional experience supports my application today. I hold a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in Urban and Regional Planning. I served the city of Scottsdale as a long-range planner, as the downtown planning manager, and as a redevelopment planner from 1988 through 2001. I serve the city as a real estate specialist and as the real estate program manager from 2012 until 2021 when I retired. I also worked as a planning consultant in the private sector from 2001 to 2012. I have working knowledge of the city of Scottsdale's zoning ordinance. I've experience in preparing and presenting variance cases before Board of Adjustment. I understand Robert's Rules of Order governing Board of Adjustment meetings and I have reviewed the Arizona Revised Statute rules governing the Board of Adjustment.

I believe the top issue facing the board is that it is a quasi-judicial entity. Decisions can only be appealed to the superior court so all board decisions must carefully follow statutory requirements and tests. Thank you for your time today.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Ms. West. Do we have Mr. Erler? Okay. I will now entertain a vote for the Board of Adjustments. Each Councilmember can vote for one nominee. Go ahead.

[Time: 01:06:31]

Mayor Borowsky: Before we vote. I have a question for Clerk Ben Lane. Did we hear from the other candidate at all this evening?

Ben Lane: Thank you, Mayor Borowsky and members of Council. Mr. Erler was on earlier. He had to leave for another meeting, and we were hoping he would be able to come back but I believe he was in the other meeting.

Mayor Borowsky: And for the record we're about an hour behind. So that's understandable. Okay. Sorry to interrupt.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: So Councilwoman Littlefield?

Councilwoman Littlefield: Martha West.

Mayor Borowsky: Martha West.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Martha West.

Councilwoman McAllen: Martha West.

Councilman Kwasman: Ken Erler.

Councilman Graham: He said Ken Erler.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Oh. Okay.

Councilman Graham: Ms. West.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: And I will vote for Ms. West. Congratulations, Ms. West. You have now been appointed.

BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD OF APPEALS

The Building Advisory Board of Appeals there is one opening. There is currently one opening available on the Building Advisory Board of Appeals, however, we did not receive any applications for consideration. The current opening will be included in the next cycle of board and commission appointments. As such, we'll move on to the next commission.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Historic Preservation Commission, one opening. The Historic Preservation Commission oversees the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Program. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is: Mark McCurdy. Do we have Mr. McCurdy today?

[Time: 01:08:24]

Mark McCurdy: Honorable City Councilmembers, my name and address Mark McCurdy, my home address is 8607 East Ward Avenue, Scottsdale. Please tell us how your education, employment or volunteer experience relates to the board or the commission. I have served several years working at Frank Lloyd Wright's and it was the Ennis-Brown House when I worked there and I have an appreciation for mid-century architecture, including Ralph Haver and Frank Lloyd Wright. He designed up through about 1960. And just a second. There's the other local architect, his name is well, anyway, I can't find it. So, I love the mid-century architecture around here and I love the uniquely the unique history of Scottsdale.

I think our biggest challenge is preserving the the cultural heritage and the character of Scottsdale and so I would say that's a priority. What is the top issue facing oh, the other thing too is as far as experience goes, I served on a City Council and I have seen how out-of-control, runaway development can destroy the history and the integrity of the city. At the one time, the city next door did a lot of redevelopment and lost its character entirely. So, including a lot of historical places that I miss.

What is the top issue facing this board or commission? I would say being too much development, being overdeveloped. Having too much density, having too much traffic, losing the character and the history of of the city itself. So that's about it. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you Mr. McCurdy.

Councilman Graham: Mr. McCurdy. You are the only applicant. You could have said anything you wanted. You could have even taunted us or said something derisive and we would have had to appoint you. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: All right. So Mayor Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: Mark McCurdy. Congratulations.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Congratulations, Mr. McCurdy you have been appointed.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No, we all have to vote. But we will vote for Mr. McCurdy thank you, but we have to.

Councilman Kwasman: I move to suspend the vote and vote by acclamation.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Okay.

LIBRARY BOARD

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: The Library Board, there's one opening. The Library Board advises the City Council on general policy relating to the programs, services and future development of the Scottsdale Public Libraries. The Board oversees the Library Special Revenue Fund, which is made up of donations and funds generated through the sale of used books and magazines. There is one vacancy and three nominees. Patricia Pellett has withdrawn from consideration. The nominees are: John Groseclose, Mary McBride, and Monica Sonnenklar. I will ask John and then Mary McBride to come forward.

[Time: 01:11:57]

John Groseclose: Sorry about that, I sat on the wrong side. My name is John Groseclose, I was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in downtown Phoenix, more number of years than I will mention here. I lived in south Scottsdale for coming up on 30 years. I'm one of those vanishing, rare natives that people like to talk about us. I went to A.S.U. West for my degree in interdisciplinary arts and sciences. I currently work as a network engineer. I currently serve on a board for an autism-only academy in south Scottsdale. I have previously served on other boards, including amateur radio clubs and a few other things. I understand organization. I understand technology. I know Robert's Rules, and I think the number one thing that people fail to understand about the library system is exactly what it does and what it's for. It's not just for books. Questions?

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Any questions? Go for it.

Mayor Borowsky: Tell us in your opinion what it is for.

John Groseclose: It's a place to get outta the heat, it's a place for kids in the summer. It's a place to use a

computer to fill out your job application in you don't have Internet at home. It's a place to look up forms that you need for other parts of your life. There's so many things that the library does other than just loan books.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you very much. Mary McBride?

[Time: 01:13:49]

Mary McBride: Good afternoon. My name is Mary McBride. I live at 6841 East Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale, Arizona. I have been in Scottsdale 35 years. My family has made good use of the Scottsdale public library countless times for many varied activities and quests.

For over 20 years, I worked at Scottsdale Unified School District teaching and coaching students. I earned a master's in education with an emphasis in media and technology. I have taught civics, English language arts, media studies and social studies, as well as desktop publishing and other courses. I facilitated student governments and the National Junior Honors Society right within the schools. I spent 17 wonderful years sponsoring the future city competition at the middle school level. This competition is an international engineering competition that focuses on improving students' math, engineering and science skills and students and I worked with volunteers, engineers from the community to bring students into the knowledge about how they would like to live in the future, and what they are capable of doing and changing so that we have a sustainable future. This competition opens one's heart and mind to the real world.

It is of paramount importance to note that the funding is a prominent aspect that and a concern of any organization, especially one that is serving the public. Our public libraries are no exception. They are vital and necessary functions. Our entire community uses our libraries for resources, research, as well as for enjoyment and respite. Citizens need our libraries as they provide value, that no other places can provide, meaning reading materials, wireless communication, kind people who help, quiet study areas with no clutter, and countless other services. They provide programs for all ages. Every person in Scottsdale is a stakeholder in keeping our libraries vibrant. To are this reason, the Library Board could include people from all walks of life, so everyone had a voice and a way to communicate and advocate for their needs. A Library Board has an outstanding opportunity to find avenues to ensure that our libraries secure the appropriate funding. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. Monica Sonnenklar.

[Time: 01:16:13]

Monica Sonnenklar: Hello, my name is Monica Sonnenklar and I'm at 134th and Shea in the beautiful Sonora Vista neighborhood. And I have been in Scottsdale, now coming up on five years and I'm loving it and my kids love it and we are loving the libraries. So, I'm very passionate about this library system in

Scottsdale. When we moved here we couldn't believe this was a drive-thru library. So we see the library definitely at least three times a month, if not more. My kids check out at a maximum amount of books and we use all the resources of the library but one thing we have done is bring our friends to the library.

So, one of the things I think the library could use is more school kids at the library, because not a boring place. We don't want it to be a sterile place. We want the library to be a place alive with the literature of American literature, we want our kids to love literature and that's what a library is about but we're competing with technology. We're in a digital age. How do we do that which applauds the library that they did their website. It is new, I love it. I can see so much. There's so many resources for everything you need to know about Scottsdale, and I think that it is really well done. So that was just a great refreshing thing, and to be able to be on the board would be just a way to really cheer on our libraries and really make them come alive. We all have a childhood book that really spoke to us whether it was Curious George or Caps for Sale and think of our adult books. And I talk to adults who are into a trilogy. Let's make the library that it's not just a place for boring books but you can go and immerse yourself in whether it's work, whether it's a study space, whether it's a maybe a print shop. Maybe it's a storyboard workshop, maybe it's a writing workshop for all of our amazing elementary schools here in Scottsdale. Let's bring that to our library.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you. I will now entertain a vote for the Library Board. Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I agree with all three of you. Great presentations. It's really, real exciting to have so many good people. I will go ahead and cast my vote for Mary McBride and encourage everyone to the stay in the pool.

Councilwoman McAllen: Agreed, Mary McBride.

Councilman Kwasman: Proud to cast my vote for Monica Sonnenklar.

Councilman Graham: Ms. Sonnenklar.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Ms. Sonnenklar.

Mayor Borowsky: And I will vote for Monica Sonnenklar. Thank you to all the applicants, great job.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: And I will cast my vote for Monica Sonnenklar. Congratulations Mrs. Sonnenklar, you have been appointed. An thank you to all of our applicants.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

[Time: 01:19:36]

Tourism Development Commission, two hotelier openings. The Tourism Development Commission

advises the City Council on matters concerning the expenditure of revenues from the Transaction Privilege Tax on transient lodging (bed tax) designated for tourism development. There are two vacancies and two nominees. The nominees are: Stephan Miller and Alex Shelton. Stephan Miller may be participating this afternoon electronically do we have Stephan Miller?

[Time: 01:20:00]

Stephan Miller: Yes, I'm here. I apologize, I'm on a work trip. I'm Stephan Miller and I live on East Silverstone Drive and I have been in Scottsdale for almost two years. I'm in my 29 years of hotel world. I have lived in amazing tourism-dependent defendant in additions. Whistler, Sonoma Wine Country, Hawaii, and I really feel that I have been instrumental in selling the destination and understanding the destination and understanding what makes the destination.

So, the challenge that I see or the biggest the biggest opportunity I see is really creating things or advising the Council to create things that touch all stakeholders. So residents and travelers or tourists. You know, how do we create things that create longevity, whether it's an event or a physical infrastructure support, and we also have the issue of Scottsdale obviously being very long. So how do we target all areas of Scottsdale, not just focusing in one area. And also, not all areas are accessible. So how do we solve that? So those are my opportunities that I see for this Council.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you very much. Do we have any questions for Mr. Miller. Thank you. Alex Shelton.

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Alex Shelton: Hi, my name is Alex Shelton. I'm Director of Sales of the ADERO Scottsdale. We're on the east side of Scottsdale. Our property will be undergoing a \$30 million renovation where we are adding more meeting space and more restaurants, so we are pretty significant in this community. So we care quite a bit about what's moving forward.

My background has been with major hotel properties, first in Las Vegas. In Las Vegas, we have always been able to be a chameleon. We change and we change quickly and we are very dynamic in when we do it. The fact of the matter is that right now is we're coming off one of the worst summer and probably the worst year we've had in the hotel business since about 2008. It's a crucial time for us to make adjustments and changes to move into 2026. Markets that are around us are suffering double-digit losses. It is a crucial time period for us to plan.

My background, besides on the Vegas side of it, I have spent years in the DMO world, vice president of the Albuquerque CBB and I'm the director the marking for the United States for the Israel ministry tourism for three years, and also have worked for Hilton and Marriott in various parts the country. There are many people who put Scottsdale into their Expedia or into Hilton into Marriott and you will be surprised to find out how few Scottsdale hotels actually show up in search. So, you are losing tax revenue right off the bat when somebody chooses to stay in Tempe or they are staying in Phoenix

because they are perceived to be closer than most hotels in Scottsdale actually are to a center point. So, there's a change that can be made that can actually grow tax revenue that's all controlled by Scottsdale. That's right off the bat a change I would like to mean to the table but there's a lot of opportunities that Scottsdale can offer. These adjustment that the bureau and the board can make to make a big difference.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Thank you, Mr. Shelton. Any questions? I will say thank you for your investment of \$30 million in your property. Thank you very much for investing in Scottsdale. We have two openings, and we have two applicants. Do we have a vote by acclamation to accept these two applicants?

Councilwoman McAllen: So moved.

Councilman Kwasman: Second.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: All right. Thank you. You have been appointed. Congratulations. 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 the 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 our city. Thank you to each and every one of you for coming out today. We appreciate you. Thank you, Madam Mayor, I will turn the meeting back over to you.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Vice Mayor, at this point we have concluded our Special Meeting and I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Whitehead: So moved.

Vice Mayor Dubauskas: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: All those in favor, aye. All right that concludes our Special Meeting.

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