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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:02]

Mayor Borowsky: Good afternoon. I'd like to call the October 21, 2025 Special Meeting and Possible Executive Session of the City Council to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, will you please conduct a roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:10]

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

Mayor Lisa Borowsky: Present.

Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Adam Kwasman.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Present.

Ben Lane: Councilmembers Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Here.

Ben Lane: Barry Graham.

Barry Graham: 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: Here.

Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

City Treasurer Sonia Andrews: Here.

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

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. I normally have the names of our public safety officials here tonight to keep us all in line, but I don't, so pardon me for that. So thank you for being here, if anyone requires assistance during this meeting please let a member of our staff know.

For this afternoon's Special Meeting, we have one item, and that is our Boards, Commissions and Task Forces interviews and appointments. And the before I turn it over to the Vice Mayor, who has left the dais we'll just be one minute, stay tuned. Vice Mayor Adam Kwasman, it's his, as acting Vice Mayor, he will have the honors of taking over for the boards and commissions appointments. And he'll be right back. Thank you all for being here. The board and commissions members, who is here for that? All right. Thank you. There he is. With that, I will turn it over to Vice Mayor Kwasman.

SPECIAL MEETING – ITEM 1

[Time: 00:01:45]

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, Madam Mayor. Ladies and gentlemen, Scottsdale City Council, is responsible for establishing city policies and enacting laws in support of those policies, excuse me

one second. The Council relies on citizen-based boards and commissions research issues, make recommendations in support of the Council's missions and goals. The information and recommendations provided by the Council appointed advisory boards is a valuable tool in helping Council members in their deliberations. This afternoon the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents. Thank you, I have got to get in better shape. 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, how long you've lived in Scottsdale, please tell us how your education, employment or volunteer experience relates to this board or commission. And 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, the timer is not working, so we I would like to nominate Ben Lane the City Clerk to keep track of time. It's local government, folks. Following each nominee's response, I will ask Council members if they have any follow up questions for you. Here we go.

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:03:43]

First, the Airport Advisory Commission where we have two openings, 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. John Sloan and Carl Stein have withdrawn from consideration. There are two vacancies and four nominees. The nominees are Craig Bennett excuse me mispronunciation of the name if John Spalj is in the audience? Yes? Okay, if I mispronounce your name, I apologize, whose term expires in October whose term is eligible for appointment. He cannot attend today but did provide the Council written responses to his questions. Michael Gonzalez, and Mark Unterbach. I will now entertain a vote. We'll hear from everybody.

Councilwoman Littlefield: We are not going to vote now.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: So first we are going to hear from everybody. First, Craig Bennett, please.

[Time: 00:04:55]

Craig Bennett: Very entertaining.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: That's what my wife says.

Craig Bennett: I'm Craig Bennett, I've been in Scottsdale 13 years, we live at 9953 East Balancing Rock

Road in north Scottsdale. And we are very happy to be here. That's my timer, okay. Thank you.

I attended University of Southern California, have a BS degree in Engineering from the University a number of years ago, more than I'd like to count, and so I think that will be helpful in fulfilling these obligations. I became a registered private pilot and instrument rated pilot a number of years ago, I house two Jets at the Scottsdale Airport. I've been on the user side of the operations and anxious to see what the other side of the desk is like, and how the operations work and all.

Familiar with issues, traffic, and so forth, I think some of the biggest issues that there are probably is the growth of the airport, one runway, the busiest single runway airport, as we were just talking about, in the country. It has issues of growth, how to manage that growth and so part of the issue is what type of traffic do you want, do you want schools, or do you want charters, do you want commercial traffic? Like GSX or military type of stuff. Choices like that have to be made. Above all of it, of course, is safety. That has to be the number one issue at any airport. Operations, and there has been some issues with that, as a user, I can tell you.

Other than that, I think that my experience in the company traveling the company, I've traveled for 50 years in my career, all across the country, building a network of semi-truck trailers throughout North America, so I've been to a lot of places, seen a lot of airports, mostly commercial airports, didn't fly private back then, but it's interesting to see how the operations differ at the various airports, I'm really happy to be involved in this situation. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you. We have the written responses provided, are we going to read those off publicly or not. Ww won't be reading those off publicly. Mr. Michael Gonzalez.

[Time: 00:07:35]

Michael Gonzalez: Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council, I'm Michael Gonzalez, I live in north Scottsdale. I love to volunteer for things within the city, I've spent two terms on the Board of Adjustment with the city. I spent two terms on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee with the city.

I'm a retired CPA, and my background is basically accounting, which equals money and a lot of operations experience and a lot of inventory management experience. My background includes special projects with two different airline companies and working with them on an interim basis for short-term projects to help them improve their operations and help them through some rough areas. They used to pay me to do that, I'm offering to do it for free for the City of Scottsdale. Any questions?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you very much.

Michael Gonzalez: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Mark Unterbach.

[Time: 00:09:01]

Mark Unterbach: Madam Mayor, City Council, thank you for the opportunity. I'm Mark Unterbach, I'm 65, a new resident to Scottsdale, bought a home about 8308 E. Orsay in Scottsdale earlier this year. I'm a private pilot since 1989. Thank you. I've served on various boards. The rest of my life has been halftime in New York until I was 32, spent 12 years on Wall Street, a entrepreneur since 1994, currently retired.

I've served on a number of boards including community services board, President of the Kiwanis Animal Rescue Foundation, to the point in my life where I want to give back and, you know, you have an absolutely beautiful city. My only time spent down here before this was probably 8 or 10 different Barrett-Jackson Auctions. As far as what I believe I can use, like so much of life, it's all about balance, and you have an airport and you've got people who make money from the airport, use the airport recreationally and people who live around the airport, it's a matter of balance, balancing everybody's needs, wants and dreams, and I've done a lot of collaborative work over the years and like to continue to do it and make the airport and the air space better. I've got a plane right now at Deer Valley, and I look forward to working with you in some way, shape or form. Thanks for the opportunity.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you. Members? Okay. I will now entertain a vote for the Airport Advisory Commission. Each Council member can vote for two nominees. I will start with the honorable Councilwoman to my left, Maryann McAllen.

Councilwoman McAllen: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Craig Bennett and John Spalj.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Craig Bennett and John Spalj.

Mayor Borowsky: No additional. Do you need my vote. John Spalj and Craig Bennett.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Craig Bennett and Mark Unterbach.

Councilman Graham: Mr. Spalj and Mr. Bennett, I want to call out Mr. Bennett has applied more than once, and we appreciate his resolve and very excited to get him on this airport commission. We have a lot of excellent you're going to hear this, this will be a theme. We have a lot of qualified excellent applicants and thankful to all of those who are willing to serve their community. So, thank you, congratulations.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Craig Bennett and John Spalj.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: I will vote for Craig Bennett and John Spalj. I want to encourage the other applicants to please reapply. I got to know some of them over the course of this application process and look forward to their future service on this board. With that, Craig Bennett and John Spalj have been appointed.

BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD OF APPEALS

[Time: 00:12:31]

Next up, we have the Building Advisory Board of Appeals. There are two openings. The Building Advisory Board of Appeals has the jurisdiction to recommend that the minor variances in the electrical, plumbing and mechanical application of the building code be granted and that alternative construction methods or materials be allowed. The board also recommends amendments to the code. There are two vacancies and two nominees. The nominees are David Brotman, who is participating remotely and Tim Casselberry. David? You have two minutes. Take it away.

Councilwoman Littlefield: He may not hear us.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: David, you are muted. Should have gone with Tim first. But David is coming up.

Booth: Trying to unmute, sorry, this is the ghost from the booth, trying to unmute.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, ghost from the booth. Halloween theme tonight.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Tim Casselberry. Can you hear us? My favorite line in Spaceballs is even in the future nothing works. Hi, Tim, can you hear us? Tim, you're muted, can you hear us? David, can you hear us?

[Time: 00:14:49]

David Brotman: Yes, this is David.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: All right, David, we got you, two minutes, my friend, thank you very much. Thanks for being patient.

David Brotman: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mayor, members of the Council. My name is David Brotman and I lived in Scottsdale for the past 8 years at 24350 North Whispering Ridge Way. I'm a fellow of the American Institute of Architects and a licensed architect in 14 states with over 50 years of experience in building design, code compliance and construction oversight. My work includes major international award-winning projects, such as the Johns Hopkins Hospital redevelopment, the Computer Science Corporation headquarters in Virginia, Sundown Plaza in Beijing, the Gallery on Morally in Australia, and the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum.

Locally, I have served as a Scottsdale Downtown Ambassador and as a member of my HOA's Architectural Review Committee. Earlier, I was a Planning Commissioner in the City of Malibu, where I worked closely with staff and the public on design review, code interpretation and community standards.

The key issue before the Building Advisory Board of Appeals is maintaining the balance between public safety and flexibility in evaluating variances and alternative construction methods or materials.

As an architect, my primary duty is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. My approach would be to carefully assess each proposal to ensure it meets or exceeds the intent of the code while also supporting innovation and practical solutions for the for Scottsdale's continued growth. I appreciate your consideration.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, David. Tim Casselberry. Do we have him remotely?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: While we aren't able to hear from Mr. Casselberry, and I have not met Mr. Casselberry personally, he has the very distinguished privilege of having applied to a position where there are only two openings of one of two. The great master of default wins. With that, I seek to suspend the rules and appoint both David Brotman and Tim Casselberry on acclamation.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Yes.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: With that, congratulations.

David Brotman: Thank you.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Human Relations Commission, one opening, it advocates and promotes all dimensions of diversity, it acts as an advisory board to the Mayor, City Council and staff to make recommendations on way to encourage mutual respect and understanding among people. To discourage prejudice and discrimination and to work towards cultural awareness and unity. This one vacancy and three nominees, the number knees are Paul Epstein, Chass Onkst, Chass Onkst. And Katie McGinty. I would like to call Paul Epstein for two minutes, thank you.

[Time: 00:18:37]

Paul Epstein: My name is Paul Epstein, I live at 9049 North 87th Way in the McCormick Ranch area. That's been my address for 23 years. I've been in Scottsdale a total of 41 years. I owned and operated a small business in Scottsdale for 38 years where I had between 3 and 6 employees. I think I only had about 10 different employees over that 38-year period, and I parted on good terms with each and every one of them. I'm proud of that. I do volunteer work as an Old Town Scottsdale Ambassador about 4 to 6 hours a week, and that gives me the opportunity to interface with merchants and tourists from all over the world. I also volunteer at the McCormick Stillman Railroad Park one day a week and help mostly local residents navigate that awesome park.

I think the biggest problem that Scottsdale faces is sort of an image problem. I think it's almost become it has this elite image, and it needs to be recognized as a more welcoming place for tourists

and residents of the valley alike. Any questions for me?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, Paul. Miss Onkst, thank you. You're recognized for two minutes. At your leisure to start.

[Time: 00:20:28]

Chass Onkst: Good evening, Madam Mayor, esteemed members of the City Council and distinguished public servants of the City of Scottsdale. I wrote a speech because I tend to drone. So, I'm going to speak off book really quickly. I moved to Arizona in 1996; I graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelor's in Speech Communication and Rhetoric. A Master's in Education, Counseling and Human Relations. I worked as an Adjunct Professor for the Maricopa Community College district for five different community colleges, then worked for corporate for Rowland luxury homes where we built the Montelucia Resort and Spa located in Paradise Valley. So a lot of my mediation and conflict resolution skills come from that project.

I'll now speak on book. My address is on record, 18245 North Pima Road, Scottsdale, Arizona. I've proudly called Scottsdale home more than ten years, I would be honored to serve on the Human Relations Commission. Through the work I've just mentioned I've seen the profound effect of belonging or lack thereof on a person's confidence and future. When people feel acknowledged and valued by their community, they contribute with purpose. Helping to create a stronger and more resilient Scottsdale.

I bring to this commission grit, a solution-focused mind set and the ability to remain composed and strategic under pressure. These qualities help me build trust, mediate conflict and unite people around shared goals. Scottsdale is an extraordinary city. This is a one-of-a-kind destination. Built upon vision, integrity and community pride. The commission's work to promote respect, reduce division and strengthen unity is vital to our shared future.

If appointed, I would focus on community events and recognition, honoring Scottsdale's shared value and excellence, accountability and transparency ensuring visible progress and trust. It would be my privilege to bring my grit, grace, genuine connection and transparency to this role to serve as city that continues to set the standard for civic excellence. My name is Chass Onkst, thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you. Miss Onkst.

Councilman Graham: Vice Mayor?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Miss Onkst, would you please return to the podium. Vice Mayor, Councilmember Graham would like to ask you a couple of questions. When I met him he was Vice Mayor Graham. Vice Mayor is his father's name. Councilman Graham would like to ask you a few questions.

Councilman Graham: That's a serendipitous meeting, wasn't it. I was going to ask you, could you modulate your voice a little more during this meeting?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: I'll try.

Councilman Graham: Miss Onkst, thank you for being here. I just wanted to comment, the Montelucia, is a special place in my heart, that's where I got married, not me, my wife chose it. That's a bump up for you.

Chass Onkst: I wrote all the warranty manuals.

Councilman Graham: They kind of used that against us, I'm just kidding. I wanted to thank you for wearing purple today. It shows just an awareness, raising awareness for victims and survivors of domestic violence, it just shows your sensitivity to that. So, I wanted to comment on that, thank you.

Chass Onkst: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Members, any other question? Thank you Miss Onkst. Ms. McGinty. Thank you, you are recognized for two minutes.

[Time: 00:24:26]

Katie McGinty: Hi, everyone, thank you so much for the opportunity to be here today. I'm Katie McGinty, I live at 7900 East Princess Drive and I've been a proud member of Scottsdale proud resident of Scottsdale for the past seven years. I'm the co-founder of Knowledge Press, which is a nonprofit consulting agency that is helping nonprofits across the nation. We are helping bridge that divide between one what work they are doing and the communities serving in, helping those experiencing homelessness, survivors of human sex trafficking, veterans, youth escaping, aging out from foster care and finishing their time in juvenile detention centers and more.

Prior to that, I worked with Phoenix Rescue Mission and Fight CRC, both who have been very local here, but I worked with our city partners, businesses, faith groups and individuals on what are the barriers they are facing, the problems we were experiencing and how we can create solutions for real-life, real-time partnership. Those missions and those movements were incredibly impactful, and it was amazing to see the difference when somebody finally felt heard and recognized and understood.

I think the biggest issue that the Human Relations Commission is facing today is how the City of Scottsdale continues to be a place where people feel a sense of belonging and trust. In today's age conversations and topics become so polarized so quickly that people become uninterested in conversation, they also feel disconnected and unheard. I think it's important and City of Scottsdale can become that example and that model across the nation for what respectful dialogue looks like.

With the commission, you can sit there and show what is empathy, what is conversation look like and how do we educate the entire City of Scottsdale on what that looks like? That's what I think is most important for this commission and for the City of Scottsdale, and I'm so honored to be here today and I'm here to answer any questions that you have, thank you so much again.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you. Members? Ms. McGinty. With that, I will entertain a vote for human relations, each Council member can vote for one nominee.

[Time: 00:26:51]

Councilwoman Whitehead: This is such a great group, I am going to cast my vote for Katie McGinty and ask everybody else to remain whoever gets appointed the other two remain in.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. Chass Onkst.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Paul Epstein.

Councilman Graham: Miss Onkst.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Chass Onkst.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: I'll cast my vote for Chass Onkst and want tell everybody to please reapply, it was an excellent slate, yet again, thank you and congratulations, Chass Onkst.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: My apologies.

Councilwoman McAllen: Chass Onkst. I just had to, sorry.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: We make sure everybody's vote counts here at the Council. Apologies to Councilwoman McAllen. Thank you very much.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Next commission, the Industrial Development Authority. There's one opening. Industrial Development Authority's main function is to issue tax exempt bonds for certain types of private developments for the purposes of attracting new economic activity to the community. The special qualifications while no formal requirements but given the nature of the work that the IDA conducts, it is suggested that members be comfortable working with detailed financial pro forma, feasibility studies and financial projections, there is one vacation ease and three nominees, nominees are Michelle Gardner, who is participating remotely. Dean Simms-Elias, who is participating remotely and Michael Rowland. With that, shall we go Ben, go with remote first or in person first. Remote first, thank you very much. Michelle Gardner.

[Time: 00:28:48]

Michelle Gardner: Hello everybody, making sure you can hear me.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, Michelle, you're recognized for two minutes.

Michelle Gardner: Great. So Michelle Gardner, born and raised in Scottsdale, Arizona, believe it or not. I left home to move to California for about 14 years and moved back here in 2007. Lived between Phoenix and Scottsdale until 2019. At which point I've been a Scottsdale resident and currently live at 7646 Rose Garden in the Gray Hawk area.

My qualifications have been two years served on the Deer Valley Planning Committee, and as well as my occupation of being an industrial brokerage understanding the ground up development process, feasibility for clients and also understanding the landscape of the industrial environment of Scottsdale, understanding the market and the landscape.

And I have a strong desire to help preserve a lot of the industrial product and development for economic growth in Scottsdale, as opposed to some other uses. And that is why I am throwing my hat in the ring.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, members? Any questions? Thank you, Miss Gardner, appreciate it. Next up, Dean Simms-Elias.

[Time: 00:30:17]

Dean Simms-Elias: Can you hear me all right. Thank.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you sir, you're recognized for two minutes.

Dean Simms-Elias: The opportunity to interview for this position, I'm Dean Simms-Elias, I live at North 91st Street in Scottsdale, I've lived there for over two years since July 2023. Originally born and raised in Long Island, New York and worked in New York City for 8 years before marrying a 4th generation Arizonan, decided to start a new year, undergraduate and masters, folks on urban planning, cooperative plan development and career modernization. Before moving to Arizona, I worked in real estate operations where as assistant manager of the NYC campus managing two in square feet, million-dollar projects and a campus that hosted 15,000 personnel.

Since 2023 I've been the Program Manager at the Arizona office, venture capital firm that invests in early-stage tech startups and advises large corporations on open innovation practices. Arizona office has been open since 2023, focus on advanced manufacturing and sustainability, we are working with Arizona Commerce Authority, our founding partner to attract growing startups to Arizona as well as making connections for resources, also a community lead on the Arizona Technology Council's aerospace community.

I'm committed to serve on the City of Scottsdale's Industrial Development Authority to help shape how the IDA strategic partnerships and project management based on the mission to promote economic activity and community welfare. We leverage the position. A priority of the mission to increase affordable housing with structured partnerships so the IDA can take a coordinated effort to ensure proper oversight. Another part of IDA's mission is to attract economic activity, ensuring coasts are thoughtfully integrated into the suburban environment and surrounding community. We can happy the improve the community's engagement and relations between businesses, associations and new investment opportunities. I appreciate the nomination for this position and open to any questions or conversations.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Members, questions? Thank you, Mr. Elias. Appreciate it. Next up, Michael Rowland in person and live.

[Time: 00:32:45]

Michael Rowland: Good afternoon. I'm Mike Rowland, street address 1337 North 86th Place, south Scottsdale. Lived here 29 years. Educational background, I have a degree, BS in Finance and a BS in Real Estate. I've been in commercial real estate valuation for 30 years. 20 of that is with complex financial transactions, M & A, bond offering, feasibility studies, volunteer work, I volunteered for a charter school to relocate them and get them bond financing.

The top issue facing this board, I believe, is the understanding interest rates, current economic conditions, market conditions, that will allow us to actually place money to support those projects for economic development as well as improve the community where we live and work. So any questions?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Members, any questions, Mr. Graham.

Councilman Graham: Mr. Rowland.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Come back up to the podium.

Councilman Graham: You forgot to mention you have an adorable Great Dane.

Michael Rowland: How did you know?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Industrial Development Authority, I want to remind everybody they might apply for this position with or without an adorable Great Dane. With that, I will now entertain a vote for industrial for the Industrial Development Authority. Each Council member can vote for one nominee. With that, Madam Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: Dean Simms-Elias.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Councilmember Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Michael Rowland.

Councilman Graham: Mr. Rowland.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Mr. Rowland.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: A vote for Mr. Rowland. Just going around.

Councilwoman McAllen: Michelle Gardner.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Dean Simms-Elias.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: With that, congratulations, Mr. Rowland.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient movement of vehicles, the commission provides a public forum to hear citizen complaints and requests regarding transportation matters. There are two vacancies and five nominees, the nominees are Bob Baker, Kelly Christiansen, Carrie Cox, Emmie Cardella, whose term expires in October and is eligible for reappointment. Gerald Conover. Again, there are two openings. With that, we will begin with Mr. Baker.

[Time: 00:35:52]

Bob Baker: Bob Baker, 28529 North 101st Way, Scottsdale, Arizona. My wife Christy and I have been living in Scottsdale for seven years. My life of service and giving back began actually in Boy Scouts, I was appointed to be the Junior Assistant Scout Master where I managed the troop and the budget, kind of a cool job for a young boy. Went to Purdue University, majored in Computer Science and graduated with a BS degree. I then went into the Navy and served 21 years as an F-14 fighter pilot. I managed enlisted men and also, I was the operations officer of the squadron and managed the training for all the air crew, excuse me, as well as the yearly budget. I went through test pilot school when I was in the Navy, graduated with distinction, after that I was the program manager in three different major R & D programs in the Navy, developing software, hardware for the F-14, taking it from a completely analog airplane to the digital airplane that it ended up being. I did 20 years with Alaska Airlines, after serving in the Navy, as a 737 Captain. I was also a Boy Scout troop leader for my son, HOA board member, PTA president while my kids were in school.

I feel our main issue that we are going to face on the Transportation Committee is managing the growth, which is a wonderful thing, here in Scottsdale, but we also have to weigh it against the transportation needs of our citizens. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Members, do you have any questions? Thank you, sir. Next up, we have Kelly Christiansen, you're recognized for two minutes.

[Time: 00:37:59]

Kelly Christensen: Sorry, my name is Kelly Christiansen I live at 4200 North 82nd Street in Scottsdale. And I have lived here for 14 years, since my son was born, and I lived here about 4 years before that as well. So, 18 years together.

My background is in accounting, and specifically in third party logistics accounting, and I have also worked in public accounting, tax accounting and have some course work in and a Master of Taxation program from the Golden Gate University in California.

I found this position about a year ago, and have been doing research since then on what on the City of Scottsdale and on specifically the transportation plan that was put in place, and I feel that my background gives me a unique opportunity because, unlike some of the people I think who wrote the plan, I have had to ride the bus and I've had to drive pretty much every road in this city doing delivery driving during COVID, and I think I can give a unique perspective. I also was able to do a police ride-along about a month ago and was able to ask him a million questions that he answered with very, very polite, attentiveness, and about what the city needs as far as transportation, what they find is their biggest problem.

And I think the largest issue facing the commission right now is safety of our roads, due to crowdedness, breaking down of the road system itself and DUI's and I can solve all of those with one thing, and that's public transportation and making it better, and hopefully not relying on Phoenix's system anymore because we are Scottsdale, not Phoenix. That's it.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Members, any questions, members? Thank you, appreciate it. Carrie Cox. Miss Cox. Thank you very much. Emmie Cardella, you're recognized for two minutes.

[Time: 00:41:00]

Emmie Cardella: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council members, my name is Emmie Cardella, my address is 8217 East Redfield and I've been a Scottsdale resident for 47 years.

Thank you for the opportunity today to be considered for a second term on the Transportation Commission. Over the past three years I have learned a tremendous amount about our transportation systems, Scottsdale's policies and the challenges we face moving forward. I hope I get to build on this experience and continue to tribute to the city in this manner.

Professionally I have a Master's and Bachelors in Economics and have worked in data analytics in the financial industry. I spent 20 years at a small Scottsdale firm developing models for investment managers and work for a large bank and branch bank oversight. I believe that my analytical approach

make our commission make data driven balance decisions, we have a wonderful blend of professionals on our commission, and it's led to very thoughtful and well-rounded discussions. I also bring the perspective of being a lifelong Scottsdale resident. My husband grew up here and we are proud to be raising our three boys in this community.

I'm deeply invested in Scottsdale, and I have always been very involved in my community, it's been my top priority over the years, I volunteered in the Scottsdale library system, throughout our public school system in the foster care system as a court appointed special advocate, in scouting, and several other community organizations. Serving on the Transportation Commission has been an honor and a meaningful way to continue to contribute.

I believe the top issue facing the transportations commission is safety, as Scottsdale grows, our population ages and drivers become increasingly distracted, it's critical we keep safety at the forefront of our decision-making, this year the commission has provided valuable input into developing Scottsdale's first ever transportation safety plan and I hope to continue serving in order to see this important work through. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Members, any questions? Thank you very much. Last but not least, Gerald Conover. You, sir are recognized for two minutes when you approach the podium.

[Time: 00:43:12]

Gerald Conover: It's a long walk for a good cause. Madam Mayor, Councilmembers, thank you very much for the opportunity to address you. My name is Gerald Conover, I live at 5034 North 76th Place and have been a proud citizen of Scottsdale for 11 years.

In terms of my personal qualification, I've taken two degrees in engineering from the University of Michigan. Military service in the Army Corps of Engineers, the Army's Road Builders and 26 years of Federal Commission service. In parallel with that, spent 32 years at Ford Motor Company. Another of our great transportation companies and spending my time in corporate research and development. As part of that, I became involved in the intelligent transportation space, the area of applying modern communication and computer technology to our transport. I spent 20 years on the board of its American Intelligent Transportation Society, which is national advocacy group in the course of that work, a good deal of time with representatives and their staffs advancing federal transportation goals. I've also worked with private consulting with privately held traffic management companies and worked with some other federal organizations.

In terms of the issues facing Scottsdale and its transportation, first, it is blessed with a very vital and dynamic transportation network of both roads and public transport. Which you should be very proud of because of its effectiveness. We have to focus of course on our transportation customers, so we can deliver to them transportation services that are reliable, effective, affordable and most of all, safe. We must understand the needs of our transportation customers, the walkers, runners, cyclists, the bus drivers, truckers, private vehicle drivers, all these folks have to contribute and we have to

contribute to them. Our transportation mix is changing quite a bit. We are traditional cars, trucks, walkers, cyclists, but now we have micromobility. The wonderful electric scooters that are all over the neighborhoods. In order to develop our transportation possibilities, I think I've run out of my two minutes. In that case, I will say there are many older people and influx hoping to serve them all, thank you very much for your attention, have you any questions.

[Time: 00:46:06]

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Members? Thank you very much, sir, appreciate it. With that. I will entertain a vote for the transportation. Each Council member can vote for two nominees, we will start with Councilmember Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Bob Baker and Emmie Cardella.

Councilman Graham: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Bob Baker and Miss Cox.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Bob Baker and Gerald Conover.

Councilwoman McAllen: Emmie Cardella and Gerald Conover.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Emmie Cardella, Bob Baker.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: I'll vote for Bob Baker and Gerald Conover. Apologies, I almost got it right. Madam Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: That's okay. Emmie Cardella and Bob Baker.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: I will vote for Bob Baker and Gerald Conover.

Councilman Graham: I uttered the wrong name. Can I revise my name, my vote? To Mr. Conover. Thank you. From Cox to Conover, pardon me.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Councilmember Graham votes for Gerald Conover. With that, Bob Baker is the has been appointed and we have a do we have a runoff, Luis is this a runoff situation.

Ben Lane: Revote.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: From the top or does Bob Baker survive.

Ben Lane: Emmie Cardella and Gerald Conover.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: I'm sorry, start again with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Emmie Cardella.

Councilman Graham: Just one? Mr. Conover.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Mr. Conover.

Councilwoman McAllen: Emmie Cardella.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Emmie Cardella.

Mayor Borowsky: Emmie Cardella.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: So, I will vote for Mr. Conover, congratulations, Miss Cardella, you have been appointed.

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:49:25]

The Veterans Advisory Commission consists of seven members, at least five of whom shall be either military veterans or work for organizations supporting veterans, the commission advises the City Council on veteran programs, policies and practices and serve as a community connection point for veterans and the community where they live. Lynn Gallagher and Mark Smothermon have withdrawn from consideration. There are two vacancies, and two nominees. The nominees are Marcy Kostewa and Christie Slegers, apologies for mispronunciation of your name, who is participating remotely. Christie, we'll start with you. You have two minutes and congratulations up front.

Ghost in the machine, do we have. Do we have.

Booth: We do not have anyone else online for the night.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Okay, Marcy Kostewa. When you get to the podium, you are recognized for two minutes, take your time.

[Time: 00:50:50]

Marcy Kostewa: Good afternoon. My name is Marcy Kostewa, I'm honored to be considered for a position on the Veterans Advisory Commission, My address is 5902 E. Lewis Avenue and I've lived in Scottsdale for 33 years. I've held many volunteer positions in my personal and professional life. Church, women's clubs, school PTO, neighborhood HOA, Arizona Caregiver Coalition, professionally twice President of the Electric League of Arizona, national electrical manufacturers Arizona association and recent member and Chair of Scottsdale Building Advisory Board of Appeals. It was mentioned that the board is trying to source a company to add names to the Memorial. I have 40

years' experience in sourcing products. I have the name of a local company willing to come to perform the request.

My brother is a resident of one of the four Arizona State veteran homes for the past five years. Phoenix, Prescott, Tucson and Flagstaff. I have a wealth of information regarding their needs and wishes. He is the Governor of his ward and can give me answers regarding anyone interested in placement. There is also a community living center for those recently discharged from a hospital or need extensive care in the Phoenix Prescott and Tucson areas.

I believe we need to spotlight our military people and continue to support them and continue giving thanks for all they do for us. Some gave, some gave all. Do you have any questions for me?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Members, any questions? Thank you, miss Kostewa. With that, I would like to suspend the rule and appoint Marcy Kostewa and Christie Slegers to the Veterans Advisory Commission by acclamation.

We are good. This concludes our appointment process for today. Apologies for any technical difficulties that came from the Vice Mayor. This was his first role. I would like to thank all of our nominees for their interest in serve on the city board or commission. We are fortunate to consider to receive qualified applicants for the positions, 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, provide them with the information and 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, turning it back to you, Madam Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, well done. All right, that concludes boards, commissions and task force nominations, appointments and congratulations to all of those that prevailed and thank you for your service and thank you to all of those that applied, very grateful for your interest. Please apply again, if you did not make it this round.

SPECIAL MEETING – ITEM 2

[Time: 00:54:39]

So, item 2 possible Executive Session. To discuss and consult with the city's attorneys for advice, to consider its position and give possible instruction regarding taxpayers against Awful Apartment Zoning Exemptions, versus the state of Arizona. So, we are bumping up against 5:00 here. I'm tempted to either push this until after because I feel like this is a longer discussion or let me ask the city attorney what is our deadline for having this discussion, there's also I think an option to move this to next week.

Acting City Attorney Luis Santaella: Honorable Mayor and Council, I would like to have the discussion tonight because I need some direction.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay. Well, with that, I will, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Go right ahead.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Madam Mayor, I was going to make a motion to suspend, conduct the Regular Meeting and then go into Executive Session, we have a lot of folks here for the Regular meeting. So.

Councilwoman McAllen: I second that.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay, I think that's a better idea too. So with all those in favor, aye. So that concludes our Special Meeting.

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING TO REGULAR MEETING AND WORK STUDY SESSION

[Time: 00:56:05]

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING FROM REGULAR MEETING AND WORK STUDY SESSION

[Time: 03:34:46]

Reopening the Special Meeting. We left off with going into Executive Session. And there was a question whether we had a deadline, and I think that's been answered.

Mayor Borowsky: Councilman Graham.

Councilman Graham: Would my colleagues be interested in deferring this meeting until the next meeting?

Councilwoman Whitehead: Yes, I second that.

Mayor Borowsky: Enthusiastically yes. All in favor. Great idea. Move to adjourn Special Meeting.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: Open and shut. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 03:35:22]