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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:05]

Mayor Borowsky: All right. I'd like to call the December 1, 2025, Special Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, will you please conduct a roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:12]

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

Mayor Lisa Borowsky: Present.

Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Adam Kwasman.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Here.

Ben Lane: Councilmembers Jan Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Here.

Ben Lane: Barry Graham.

Councilman 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: And the Clerk is present. Thank you, Mayor.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND TASK FORCES INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you very much. Our Special Meeting this afternoon is being held for boards and commissions appointments. According to our City Council rules, I will now turn the proceedings over to Vice Mayor Kwasman.

[Time: 00:00:50]

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, Mayor. Scottsdale City Council is responsible for enacting city laws and enforcing those policies. The Council relies on volunteers 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 and service to this community. Following the set of interviews, we'll vote on an appointment for board or commission.

As I call your name, please approach the podium on my right. And briefly cover the following. For the record, please state your name and address and how long you've lived in Scottsdale.

Please tell us how your education, employment, or volunteer experience relates to the board or commission. What is the top issue facing this board or commission. Please limit your comments to 2 minutes or less. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's response, I will ask Council members if they have any follow-up questions for you. Sound clear? Let's get rolling.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

[Time: 00:02:04]

Board of Adjustment. One opening. The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judiciary body that hears variance requests, appeals of zoning administrators' interpretation and 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's one vacancy and two nominees, Kenneth Erler has withdrawn his application from consideration. The nominees are Jenna Moore and Stephanie Rimmer. Jenna Moore, please come up.

[Time: 00:02:39]

Jenna Moore: Hi. I'm Jenna Moore. I grew up in Scottsdale and Paradise Valley area. I live at 10416 North 82nd Place in McCormick Ranch, and I sorry, make sure the time is good. And so, I grew up in a pocket of Paradise Valley. I've only lived in Scottsdale three years. Just north of Vista, off Scottsdale Road. So, it was kind of a more rural vibe, one acre property, but I was able to walk through old town Scottsdale. I consider growing up in Scottsdale. I moved away to Hillsdale College in Michigan, and I studied political science while I was there and the whole time, I was kind of pitching people on Scottsdale. So, to me, Scottsdale is my home, I got two different groups of sorority sisters to move out here and now live in the Scottsdale area, one of my good friends works at Vanguard, and yeah, so I've kind of been pitching Scottsdale as my home my entire life.

So, my work experience, I transferred to Arizona State University from Hillsdale, graduated with political science degree, and I'm working in commercial real estate at Jones Lang La Salle. Through my different internships and work at JLL I've been pitching businesses and companies on properties in Arizona, but also on the Scottsdale area. So, a lot of my role is putting together packets on why Arizona is a good place to move, not just the properties, but Arizona itself. Working in commercial real estate, I've just been seeing from different conversations that part of pitching a business is pitching the area.

And so, one of the challenges that I see the board facing and see Scottsdale facing a lot in the dialogue that's been going on is balancing our rural character, our open spaces, and our comfortable living space with growing businesses. And I think that those are two things that are intertwined, and they're combined because when you pitch a company on Arizona, you're pitching it on a place to move its people, a place for people to live, to grow, to raise their

children, to educate their children. And a place that you want them to love. So, I think we'll be wanting to combine those two and it's not a zero-sum game. I want everyone to love Scottsdale the way that I do and you guys do. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, Jenna, members, do you have any questions? Thank you very much. Next up, Stephanie Rimmer.

[Time: 00: 05:29]

Stephanie Rimmer: Hi. I'm Stephanie Rimmer, I'm a 30-year resident of the Northeast valley for the last 21 years I've been a homeowner on the right side of the line in Scottsdale. Like many of us I was on both sides of the line but always thought I was in Scottsdale. I have six children, my husband and I have enjoyed raising our family here. We have graduated four kids from Scottsdale schools, and we have two that are presently at OLPH right now over across the street.

And so, like everyone here, we have chosen to live, work, do business and raise our family in Scottsdale, and the reason that I would like to serve on the board here is because we want to keep it that way. We want our children to be able to make the same choice we did, to build their lives in this great community where we can enjoy not just a great quality of life with the climate, weather, outdoor activities, but also it's almost like we are on vacation half of the time because every event we have wanted to attend is right down the street. We don't have to travel to Scottsdale, like everybody else in the world, and we get to enjoy what it's like to be in the best of both worlds.

What I've noticed over the 30 years that I have lived here, and my husband feels the same having been born in Arizona himself, that as we grow and change, throughout the valley, there are a lot of places that are not getting it quite like Scottsdale. So, we are doing a great job, and we would like to see us continue to do that. I'm here to nominate myself or to say I'm free and available to help keep Scottsdale a great place to live.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you very much. Members, any questions? Thank you, Stephanie. I will now entertain a vote for the Board of Adjustment. Each Council member can vote for one nominee. Madam Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you very much. This is a very difficult choice. I wish there were two openings. Whoever doesn't get it, I hope you reapply for the next opening. With that, Jenna Moore. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Stephanie Rimmer.

Councilman Graham: Miss Moore.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Jenna Moore.

Councilwoman McAllen: Miss Rimmer.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I agree with everything the Mayor just said. I'll cast my vote for Miss Rimmer, both of you keep your name in the hat.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Very few times do I believe that a university is a deciding factor in the type of vote. Very few universities signal certain type of person, and that is the decision that is what brought me to this decision, and I'm voting for Jenna Moore. Thank you very much. Congratulations, Jenna Moore has been appointed.

Currently one opening on the Building Advisory, we did not receive any applications for considerations. The current opening will be included in the next cycle of board and commissions appointments. We'll move on to the next commission.

LOSS TRUST FUND BOARD

[Time: 00:09:28]

The Loss Trust Fund Board, two openings. The Loss Trust Fund Board is responsible for recommendations to the City Council regarding the administration of the Loss Trust Fund. There are two vacancies, and two nominees. The nominees are Austin Brooker, Austin Brooker's term is expiring and is eligible for reappointment. Aaron, please help me with the pronunciation, Gocal? I'm just going to go with Gocal. Aaron Gocal is unable to participate in today's interviews, I should have read that prior to asking how to pronounce his name. Still interested in being appointed to the commission. He did provide the Council with written responses to the questions which have been provided to all members. With that, Austin, would you like to come up to the podium.

[Time: 00:10:19]

Austin Brooker: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Austin Brooker, I live at 11176 North 78th Street. Corner of Hayden and Shea. I've lived in Scottsdale for ten years now and currently serve as Vice-Chair of the city's Loss Trust Fund Board. I'm seeking reappointment for another term.

Regarding my experience and qualifications, I led an acquisitions team for a national real estate investment firm. I focus on risk analysis for multimillion dollar health care assets. Those skills translate directly to the board's work. When we are reviewing actuarial studies, funding levels and the city's self-insurance program, my experience and insight is very valuable from that perspective. I've been a member of the board since 2022 and during that time I've really helped promote clear reporting, constructive dialogue with both staff and former and current board members. Prudent recommendations that align with the Council's fiscal policies.

The top issue, after a few years of being a member of this board, the top issue that we are facing is ensuring that the city maintains adequate reserves in a changing risk environment. So, I believe our approach must remain data driven, relying on actuarial studies, collaboration with the risk management team for the city and long-term financial discipline to keep the funds stable. So, in closing I'd like to say it's been a privilege to serve, and I would be honored to continue serving Scottsdale's strong financial stewardship and I thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, Austin, members, any questions? With that, I would ask to suspend the rules and appoint by acclamation both Austin Brooker and Aaron Gocal to the Loss Trust Fund Board. Without objection.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Congratulations. Austin Brooker and Aaron Gocal have been appointed.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:13:30]

Next up, Neighborhood Advisory Commission there's one opening. The Neighborhood Advisory Commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on policies, plans, strategies, and programs for the preservation, improvement and revitalization of Scottsdale's housing and neighborhoods. There is one vacancy and five applicants. Kelly Perez and Ira Scott have withdrawn their applications from consideration. The applicants are Rafael Borobia, Katie Corl, Christopher Smudde, Jayne Brenna, and Teri Nickerson. Rafael, you are recognized for two minutes.

[Time: 00:13:11]

Rafael Borobia: Okay. Not sure what I'm doing, but hey, why not? Never done anything like that. Anyways, Rafael Borobia, I live in 778 East El Vitoria, been there are eight years, live there with Michelle, she's been there for 25 years or so. And before that, I lived nearby Phoenix area 85254 area, Scottsdale.

What else? I'm a small business owner for the last 20 years, last 14 years has been the current business, which is an HVAC business, I have experience balancing budgets and applying common sense to solve problems my biggest thing, what I believe in, business stuff, you know, account stuff for the last 14 years. I have firsthand knowledge of what works and doesn't work when it comes to code and stuff like that. Not a code expert, but I know what works and doesn't work when it comes to my business, HVAC. My business has given me the opportunity to interact with thousands of Scottsdale residents. So, I have firsthand knowledge of what people think and don't

think about the city sometimes don't read too much into that, sometimes I do hear from them.

As far as biggest issues the city is going through, I think it's managing growth. Probably the biggest issue for the city right now. One of the problems with that would be reconciling progress with preservation. I think that's important. I'm a triathlete so sports are important to me and bike lanes are a big thing for me, so safety and when it comes to sports and the Preserve, those are important to me.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you very much. Members, do you have any questions for Mr. Borobia. Thank you. Before we move on to Katie Corl who is going to be coming in electronically, I just want to say that Christopher Smudde is unable to participate in today's interviews but is still interested in being appointed, he did provide written responses to the Council. With that, Katie Corl.

[Time: 00:16:01]

Katie Corl: Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Katie Corl. And I live at 12563 North 76th Place in Scottsdale. We have been here for five years. I grew up in south Tempe, graduated from the University of Arizona. After college, went to Seattle where with my husband we raised our three kids. I was working for political consulting firm, I'm an entrepreneur, a small business owner, I currently run a small business, and while I was up in Seattle I also worked for a national nonprofit, raising money and awareness in the Pacific Northwest. Then we relocated to Scottsdale, because my parents were out here. While I was in Seattle I was also involved a lot in local politics with PCO district chair, did a lot of county delegate work. Did a lot of fundraising for the party, just a lot of fundraising mainly.

But then we came back to Scottsdale because my parents are out here and we relocated. I was also in Seattle very involved in the district little league where I coached and, again, raised a lot of money, involved with all of my kids and their schools and always worked on auctions and raising money, and like I said, we came out here, I got involved as a PCO for a while out here, PC, and just feel communities really, really important.

I feel like the top issues out here are just basically like neighborhood engagement, with people, because there's so much movement into Scottsdale, and just letting people know what the services of the city are. And of course, you know, the rapid development and the traffic, congestion, and I know in our neighborhood, short-term rentals are a bit of an issue, I just love to work with and engage in the community. So, I really appreciate you listening and taking the time to hear me today. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you very much Miss Corl. Members, do you have any questions for Miss Corl? Thank you. Jayne Brenna is I think in person. You are recognized for two minutes. Thank you.

[Time: 00:18:20]

Jayne Brenna: Okay. Okay. My name is Jayne, Jayne Brenna, I live the 8226 East Montecito Avenue. I'm actually in Scottsdale Estates 9, which is a historic neighborhood, houses built in the 50s and 60s. I've actually been in Arizona for over 25 years, I relocated from San Francisco in 1978.

I am interested in the Neighborhood Advisory Commission because I want to be involved with what the city is trying to do with neighborhoods, I want to help. Help with our goals and specifically I'm interested in some of the aging, south Scottsdale neighborhoods that also have aging populations. A lot of elderly people, a lot of them live alone. I'm interested in trying to get outreach to those folks. As an example, one of my neighbors, name is Emile, he's over 80 years old, also in a house over 50, 60 years old. He's got a giant Mesquite tree that's pulling up the sidewalk, pulling up the driveway, hangs over. Behind that is a dead cotton wood fully mature, and on a visit from the code enforcement folks, specifically Jorge, he came and visited me and we walked my street, because we wanted to talk about some of the issues on my street. We passed Emile's house and I pointed that out as being one of the houses that could use some help, but elderly gentleman, et cetera. Few days later, I hear the sound of chainsaws, I walk outside, here's a crew taking care of that Mesquite tree and removing that dead cottonwood. Emile is standing outside. I walked down and I just said, so how is it going. He was so happy, and I was just relieved. I thought maybe it's just a coincidence that Jorge was visiting. I don't know. But I do know City of Scottsdale really cares.

Running out of time. Education, Arizona State University, bachelor's in organizational communications, I've got training with CAI as an HOA manager, professional experiences with large companies, Motorola, Blue Cross Blue Shield is a Project Manager and a business analyst. I also as a side job managed homeowner's associations for over five years. I have volunteered, I had a house in east Mesa, that was in an HOA. I volunteered for the board, I also volunteered for the valley mediation program.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, miss Brenna. Why appreciate it. If you have one more.

Jayne Brenna: The conclusion was, I just want to help.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you so much. Appreciate it. Members, do you have any questions? Thank you.

Councilman Graham: Vice Mayor, that was kind of you.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Of course, we want to make sure people are able to speak even if they have two minutes. I think that every person for a job that's a two-year job has been able to represent themselves in two minutes, it's incredible and knowing that we can get it accomplished. Appreciate that. Thank you.

With that, we go back to the interwebs with Teri Nickerson. He'll be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically.

[Time: 00:22:03]

Teri Nickerson: Hi, all, I'm Teri Nickerson, I live at 7955 East Chaparral Road on the corner of Chaparral and Hayden. I have been in real estate for I think 41 years this year in Arizona. I also very directly worked with the City of Scottsdale when I worked for Bob Hing on Hing Properties, this goes back 30 years ago, I guess, when he was developing the property on Indian Bend from Hayden into the health club that we built. I worked hand in hand with him with the City of Scottsdale, and on zoning and design and everything to do with building the property. So that is a little bit of my background

Originally I am a native. I lived in Scottsdale, moved to the town of Paradise Valley and now I'm back in Scottsdale. I feel like one of the biggest hot topics in Scottsdale right now is the short-term rentals. Hate to bring it up because I know a lot of people are so against them, they have helped in some ways our community bringing more money in and people from out of state for taxes and so there's a bonus, but I know that it's a hot item for the neighbors with the noise issues, and also of the garbage. Then on the broader scope with probably would probably include safety and so we want to maintain the Scottsdale small town, but yet it's a large city now. It wasn't when I was growing up, but it certainly is now. My late husband actually did all the signage for downtown Scottsdale, Smith Craft Signs many years ago, and, you know, I got to really know Scottsdale as like a wild west town, if you will. And so, I think that, you know, Scottsdale it's important to try to maintain that image and the arts district, along with absolutely maintaining security and safety in downtown Scottsdale. I know that has been an issue and furthermore, it's also an issue at Scottsdale Fashion Square. And I think the vision for the wild west most western town, I think that's what we call ourselves, including like the Prada Del Sol is important and pony express coming up from the rim, and I believe that, again, I think a lot of our maybe problems with like our downtown area mostly, is because of the short-term rentals, and I think maybe...

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, Miss Nickerson.

Teri Nickerson: Thank you, and thank you for your consideration.

[Time: 00:25:29]

Vice Mayor Kwasman: I appreciate it. Thank you, members, do you have any questions for Miss Nickerson? Okay. Appreciate all applicants truly caring people. This is what makes the city so amazing. With that, I will entertain nominations for the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. I will start with our senior member, Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you. Jayne Brenna.

Councilman Graham: Miss Corl.

Councilwoman Dubuaskas: Katie Corl.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Councilwoman McAllen.

Councilwoman McAllen: Jayne Brenna.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Jayne Brenna, you're right the City of Scottsdale really cares, thank you for noticing.

Mayor Borowsky: I'm going to go with Katie Corl.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: I also vote for Katie Corl. Congratulations to Katie Corl, you have been appointed to the Neighborhood Advisory Commission.

This concludes our appointment process for today and I'd like to thank all of our nominees for their interest in serving on a city, board or commission, everybody in this room and anybody participating across the waves have an excellent, please seek nomination again. We are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applicants for people on boards and commissions, 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. Back to you, Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you very much. That concludes the Special Meeting, and with that, I'll entertain and congratulations to those that got appointed, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: So moved.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: All those in favor. Thank you everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:27:30]