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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:03]

Mayor Borowsky: I would like to call this March 3, 2026 City Council Special Meeting and possible Executive Session to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:12]

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

Mayor 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:

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: Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff.

Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff: Here.

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

[Time: 00:00:40]

Mayor Borowsky: The possible Executive Session is to discuss and consult with representatives of the city and instruct representatives regarding negotiations regarding the purchase, sale or lease of real property, discuss and consult with the city's attorneys for legal advice and to consider the city's position and instruct its attorneys regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations. These matters all pertain to real property located at 75th Street and east Main Street in Scottsdale.

And item number B is for legal advice and to discuss and consult with the city's designated attorneys to

consider its position and to instruct attorneys regarding ongoing litigation in the matter of Weaver vs. Washburn, which is in the Superior Court of Arizona.

And finally item B, consult with the city's attorneys to consider our position regarding negotiations for the purchase of real property and long-term storage credits and discuss and consult with the city's attorneys for legal advice and to consider the city's position and instruct its attorneys regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations all pertaining to long-term real property and long-term storage credits in the Harquahala Valley.

Can I have a motion to recess into Executive Session?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: So moved.

Councilwoman McAllen: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: All those in favor say aye.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Borowsky: I resume the Special Meeting, now that we have concluded the Executive Session. And let the record reflect all the Councilmembers are here.

PRESENTATION/INFORMATION UPDATES

[Time: 00:10:33]

Moving on to the presentations tonight, we have the Employee Recognition Program, which the Council will recognize proudly employees with 20 or more years of service as of March 2026. This will be presented by Holly Peralta, Communications and Public affairs Interim Senior Director.

Communications and Public Affairs Interim Senior Director Holly Peralta: Mayor and City Councilmembers, thank you for having us tonight. Hello. I'm proud to recognize dedicated members would have given 20 or more years of service to the city of Scottsdale. And those who join us tonight are represented are the Scottsdale Water, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation. And together they represent 125 years of collective service to this community. That kind of longevity does not happen by accident. It reflects commitment, professionalism and pride in public service. They have helped to deliver green water, safe neighborhoods, responsive inspections and reliable city services that residents depend on every day. I would like to invite them to join me up here, who with us tonight. We have Jason Bowman, Jimmy Hempin, Rick Valenzuela Darko Frazovic and Chris Walsh. Yes, come on up.

Thank you for your dedication and service and we thank you for your service and proud to recognize your milestone.

Mayor Borowsky: All right, jobs well done. We appreciate your service.

BOARDS, COMMISSION AND TASK FORCE NOMINATIONS

Moving on to the board, commission and task force nominations. Vice Mayor Kwasman, will you please take the lead on this.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Thank you, Mayor. This evening, the City Council will be nominating Scottsdale residents interested in serving on citizen advisory boards, commissions, and committees. The Scottsdale City Council is responsible for establishing City policies and enacting laws in support of those policies. The Council relies on volunteer, citizen-based boards and commissions to research issues and make recommendations in support of the Council's mission and goals. The information and recommendations provided by Council-appointed advisory boards is a valuable tool in helping Councilmembers in their deliberations. Appointments for these positions will be made at a Special City Council meeting on March 24th.

As we begin our process this evening, I'd like to note to my colleagues that an applicant only needs to receive one nomination in order to advance to interview before the Council. When I call on you, if your chosen applicant or applicants have already been nominated by a Councilmember, please state "no additional" and we'll move on in the process. Thank you. Now let's get started. I am also reserving the right, when there's single nominations to close the nomination for that particular board. Okay, thank you.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

[Time: 00:14:46]

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. Randall Pullen resigned in December to serve on the Budget Review Commission. There is one vacancy and one applicant. The applicant is: Stephanie Rimmer and therefore I nominate Stephanie Rimmer to be that nominee. And therefore, Stephanie Rimmer has been nominated. Moving on.

BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD OF APPEALS

[Time: 00:15:19]

Building Advisory Board of Appeals. There's not an opening right now. 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.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

[Time: 00:15:36]

The Human Relations Commission provides advisory recommendations to staff and the City Council on human services priorities and programs, and funding allocations for Scottsdale Cares, Community Development Block Grants, HOME, Human Services Emergency and General Funds. Cynthia Romagnolo's term expires in March. She is eligible for reappointment however she did not submit a new application for consideration. So therefore, there is one vacancy and seven applicants. The applicants are: Suhail Agwani, Alexandra Blanski, Paul Epstein, Vincent Indovina, Katie McGinty, Rutherford Pascal, Kimberly Schramm.

Apologies in advance if I mispronounce anybody's name or mispronounce anybody else's name in the future of this hearing. I will now entertain nominations for the human relations committee. Each Councilmember can nominate one applicant and I will start with mayor. Please.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Paul Epstein, please.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Moving on to the mayor's left with Councilwoman Littlefield and to the left.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you. There's one opening, and I would like Katie McGinty.

Councilman Graham: Ms. Schramm.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: No additional.

Councilwoman McAllen: No additional.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: And no additional from me. The nominees are therefore Paul Epstein, Katie McGinty and Kimberly Schramm. Moving on.

The Human Services Advisory Commission provides advisory recommendations to staff and the City Council on human services priorities and programs, and funding allocations for oh, we had this. I'm sorry. I'm apologize.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

[Time: 00:17:35]

The Industrial Development Authority's main function is to issue tax-exempt bonds for certain types of private developments for the purpose of attracting new economic activity to the community. There are

special qualifications for this. There are no formal requirements but given the nature of the work that the IDA conducts, it is suggested members be comfortable working with detailed financial pro forma, feasibility studies and financial projections. David Hyde and Evelyn Racett's terms expired in February. Both are eligible for reappointment, however only Evelyn Racette has submitted a new application for consideration. There are two vacancies and four applicants. The applicants are: Michelle Gardner, Evelyn Racette, Dean Simms-Elias, and Carter Stout. I will now entertain nominations for the industrial development authority. Each councilmember can nominate two applicants and we'll start with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you. Michelle Gardner and Evelyn Racette.

Councilman Graham: No additional.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Carter Stout. No additional.

Councilwoman McAllen: Dean Elias Simms or Simms-Elias.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: With that, all four applicants, Michelle Gardner, Dean Simms-Elias, Evelyn Racette and Carter Stout have been nominated.

City Clerk Lane: Vice Mayor Kwasman, I apologize, can we go back and do the Human Services?

Vice Mayor Kwasman: Yes. Did I skip it. Human relations and human services sounded the same, I apologize. Brevity is not always the way to go here.

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:19:21]

The Human Services Advisory Commission provides advisory recommendations to staff and the City Council on human services priorities and programs, and funding allocations for Scottsdale Cares, Community Development Block Grants, HOME, Human Services Emergency and General Funds. Jeff Jameson resigned in January. There is one vacancy and nine applicants. The applicants are: Hugh Creedon, Krista Demetrulias, Michael Dill, Jackson Fox, James Ko, Bill Millico, Carlee Schexnayder. Is Carlee here? No, not here. Cindy Schopf, Kiana Stastny. Stastny, okay.

I will now entertain nominations for the Human Services Advisory Commission. Each councilmember can nominate one person. We will start with Councilman Graham. Councilman Graham, if you need additional time, I'm happy to move on and come back to you.

Councilman Graham: I think I'm ready. Mr. Creedon. No additional.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: No additional.

Councilwoman McAllen: Cindy Schopf.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Mayor Borowsky: James Ko.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Carlee Schexnayder.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: And I have no additional. So, the nominees are Hugh Creedon, Jackson Fox no. I apologize. James Ko, I apologize, Hugh Creedon, James Ko, Carlee Schexnayder, Cindy Schopf. Thank you.

LIBRARY BOARD

[Time: 00:21:28]

Members, the next commission is the Library Board. Am I correct with that? Thank you. 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. Enid Seiden's term expires in March. She is eligible for reappointment and has submitted a new application for consideration. There is one vacancy and ten applicants. The applicants are: James Bultema, Mac Cobb, Isabelle Dortch, Matthew Farber, Jeff Flancer, John Groseclose, Mary McBride, Vernon Noronha, Patricia Pellett, Enid Seiden.

I will now entertain nominations for the Library Board. Each Councilmember can nominate one applicant. Councilmember Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Patricia Pellet.

Councilwoman McAllen: Enid Seiden.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Mayor Borowsky: No additional.

Councilwoman Littlefield: No additional.

Councilman Graham: Mr. Farber.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: And I have no additional nominee. The nominees therefore are Enid Seiden,

Patricia Pellet and Matthew Farber.

MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE COMMISSION

[Time: 00:23:02]

The next commission is the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission provides citizen oversight for acquisition, preservation, management and stewardship of the McDowell Mountain and related Sonoran Desert for the benefit of this and future generations. Kerry Olsson resigned from the commission in January. There is one vacancy and five applicants. The applicants are: Steven Lichtblau, Michelle Marcoux, John Vekich, David Vought, and Cynthia Wenstrom. And I will now entertain nominations for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission.

Councilwoman McAllen: Cynthia Wenstrom.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Mayor Borowsky: John Vekich.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Cynthia Wenstrom.

Councilman Graham: No additional.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: No additional.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: And I have no additional nominee. And the nominees are Cynthia Wenstrom and John Vekich.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:24:05]

The next commission is 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. Nancy Doty Brady's term expires in March. She is eligible for reappointment; however, she has not submitted a new application for consideration. There is one vacancy and four applicants. The applicants are: Lawrence Beer, Jayne Brenna, Teri Nickerson, and Kelley Perez.

And I now entertain nominations for the Neighborhood Advisory Commission; each Councilmember can nominate only one applicant. Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Jayne Brenna.

Mayor Borowsky: Terri Nickerson.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Jayne Brenna.

Councilman Graham: No additional.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Kelley Perez.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: And I will nominate Lawrence Beer. All four nominees have been nominated.

Councilwoman McAllen: No additional.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: All four nominees have been nominated. We have fun here. All right.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

[Time: 00:25:15]

Parks and Recreation Commission. There's one opening. The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the City Council on the acquisition of lands and facilities for use as parks or recreation centers, and on the operation, use, care and maintenance of these parks and recreation areas. Eric Maschhaupt's term expires in March. He is eligible for reappointment and has submitted the sole application for consideration. Therefore, I nominate Mr. Maschhaupt and he's deemed nominated.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

[Time: 00:25:50]

The next commission is the Tourism Development Commission. 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) I really don't like calling it transient lodging. We'll call it the bed tax, designated for tourism development. Special Qualifications: As specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the Tourism Development Commission shall consist of representatives of the tourism industry in Scottsdale, including a minimum of four Scottsdale hoteliers, one member of the Scottsdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, and a balance from elements of the tourism industry. Anna Mineer's second term is expiring, and she is ineligible for reappointment. There is one vacancy and five Applicants. The applicants are: Cathy McKeever, Darian Nguyen, Douglas Pressley, Brian Silverstein, and Prescott Smith.

And I will now entertain nominations for the Tourism Development Commission. Each Councilmember can nominate one applicant. Mayor Borowsky, I will start with you.

Mayor Borowsky: Douglas Pressley.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Cathy McKeever.

Councilman Graham: No additional.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: No additional.

Councilwoman McAllen: No additional.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: I have no additional nominee. Therefore, the nominees are Cathy McKeever and Douglas Pressley.

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:27:27]

Finally, the Veterans Advisory Commission has one opening. The Veterans Advisory Commission consists of seven members, at least five of whom shall either be 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. Thank you to Justin Layman, his term is expiring. He is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application for reappointment. I will suspend until Sum 41 has finished playing. I used to listen to a lot of that music. There is one vacancy and four applicants. The applicants are: Scott Burke, Justin Layman, Michael Lecy, Joseph Lindquist.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Justin Layman.

Councilman Graham: Scott Burke.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: No additional.

Councilwoman McAllen: No additional.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Mayor Borowsky: Joseph Lindquist.

Vice Mayor Kwasman: And I will nominate Michael Lecy to complete the nominees. All four applicants have been nominated. Back over to you, Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: Good job. That concludes the Special Meeting. We will move to adjourn.

Councilwoman Whitehead: So moved.

Mayor Borowsky: Great, we are adjourned briefly.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:29:07]