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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:02]

Mayor Borowsky: Welcome. I'd like to call the July 1st Regular Council Meeting and Work Study Session to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, may we please have a roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:11]

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

Mayor Borowsky: Present.

Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Maryann McAllen.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Present.

Ben Lane: Councilmembers Jan Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Here.

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Ben Lane: Barry Graham.

Councilman Graham: Here

Ben Lane: Councilman Adam Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Here.

Ben Lane: Councilmember Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

Ben Lane: And Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Here.

Ben Lane: City Manager Greg Caton.

City Manager Greg Caton: Here.

Ben Lane: City Attorney Luis Santaella.

City Attorney Luis Santaella: Present.

Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

City Treasurer Sonia Andrews: Here.

Ben Lane: Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff.

Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff: Here.

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

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you very much. And this evening we have Scottsdale Police Officers, Shollack, Savage and Lowing, as well as Scottsdale Firefighters Drew Edwards and Derek Clucker. If anyone needs their assistance, please let a member of our staff know.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

For the Pledge of Allegiance, I would like to call on Councilwoman Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[Time: 00:01:26]

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. And for the invocation, I am pleased to welcome Pastor Hank Young, from Scottsdale Bible Church and he's the Enrichment Pastor. Welcome. Are you the which campus are you at?

Scottsdale Bible Church Enrichment Pastor Hank Young: The Shea campus.

Mayor Borowsky: That's right. Thank you for being here.

Hank Young: Absolutely. Thank you for having me. If you would if you would like, please join me in prayer. Heavenly father, we love you. We thank you for who you are, our creator, our sustainer and the giver of every good thing. Thank you that you deeply love every person in this city. We're thankful that you, the ultimate authority would entrust men and women with the responsibility to serve their community.

I thank you for each member of this Council and their willingness to serve and to carry the weight of leadership for the good of the city. May we each look to Jesus as the ultimate example of leadership found in serving others. We thank you for the freedoms we enjoy in this nation, the freedom to challenge and present ideas in the way that define the good and the just together. And God as we prepare for the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding, we're especially mindful of how precious this gift is. We pray that you would provide wisdom and discernment to these matters tonight. Lord, may our unifying love for the city and for one another breakthrough any disagreements or challenges. May clarity and humility be the markers of our time here. May the people of Scottsdale feel known, seen, and bless their works and communities so they may continue to serve and love others as you called them. Christ, I pray that your name be known and magnified. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you so much, pastor, for being here, we appreciate it. Moving on to the Mayor's Report, I'm thrilled to recognize July is Parks and Recreation month in Scottsdale! Two very important items in our city. Our parks, trails, community centers and recreation programs help to make Scottsdale an exceptional place to live. They promote health and wellness, connect neighbors, preserve our natural beauty and provide spaces where community members can gather and thrive.

Today, we also recognize the dedicated parks and recreation professionals, our staff, who work every day to keep these spaces safe, welcoming and accessible. Their efforts enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors that enjoy them throughout Scottsdale.

On behalf of the city of Scottsdale, I am proud to present a proclamation this evening, recognizing July officially as Parks and Recreation Month. I encourage everyone to get outside well, it's pretty hot out but, yes. Go at night or early in the morning. Explore our parks and trails and take advantage of the outstanding programs and facilities available throughout our beautiful city.

With that, I would like to invite Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Kevin McKee forward to accept the proclamation and I think we will all deliver that to you, if you are so inclined. All right. We can take a picture. Oh, Nick Molinari, of course. I don't know why I didn't have your name down and Stephanie is with us too.

Mayor Borowsky: We are going to stay down there. That's a good idea.

PRESENTATION/INFORMATION UPDATES

[Time: 00:05:55]

Next, we have the exciting opportunity to recognize employees with 20 or more years of service as of June and July of 2026. With that, I will turn it over to our new Communications Senior Director. Congratulations on that, Holly, Holly Peralta.

Communications Senior Director Holly Peralta: Thank you. Thank you, Mayor Borowsky and members of City Council. Pleased to be here tonight to recognize some employees who have celebrated significant milestones with the city of Scottsdale. I'd like to start with our June service anniversaries, and I know we have two employees here with us tonight. We have Waymond Allen who I saw sitting in the audience. He's here with his wife Cello who is also a city employee and his son Waymond II who was amazed that his dad worked here 20 years.

Let me start with a little bit about Waymond. He started in June of 2006, he was a facilities HVAC transition and later transitions to solid waste services and has been an important part of their supervisory team. He took on the residential program and currently leads the residential program and we're so glad to have him here tonight, Waymond if you would like to come up and we'll recognize you.

I have two more employees to mention, attorney Joe Padilla, who I believe is here with us tonight. Come on up. And his work is so complex, I don't know that I can accurately describe it but he does a great job with maintaining several contracts in the city and making sure we're doing everything we're supposed to be doing correctly.

And then in July, we have a service anniversary, our very own Chief of Police Joe LeDuc, who is celebrating 35 years of service. And I think to say a few words about our Chief, I'm going to invite up Assistant Chief Rich Slaven. Welcome.

Assistant Chief Rich Slaven: Well, good evening, Mayor Borowsky, members of Council, city leadership, members the community, thank you for recognizing one of Scottsdale's finest public servants, Chief Joe

LeDuc. It's an honor to have an opportunity to say a few words about our chief and my dear friend. He's served with quiet professionalism, unwavering integrity. He began his career in the Scottsdale Police Department in 1991, obviously at the age of 7 and a half. During those three and a half decades of service, he has served in virtually every major function of the department, from patrol officer to investigator to trainer to internal affairs from district operations to professional standards and ultimately becoming our Chief of Police.

For people few people have experienced the organization from literally every corner of the organization, giving him a unique perspective, making his leadership that much stronger. He's a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He's helped to build an award-winning servant leadership program that continues to shape the next generation of leaders.

As Chief, Joe leads more than 700 employees, serving 250,000 residents, nearly 13 million visitors, and under his leadership Scottsdale has remained one the safest cities in America consistently ranked in the top 5% nationwide. He's guided this department through one of the most significant organizational transformations in its history. Strengthening operations, improving accountability, embracing innovation and positioning the department for the future.

But statistics and organizational charts only tell part of the story. Those of us who have had the privilege of serving alongside Joe know that his greatest accomplishment has never been a program or recognition. It's been the people that he's influenced. Joe has always believed taking care of people is the first responsibility of every leader. He's challenged us to lead with humility. To serve others before ourselves and to never lose sight of why we wear this badge.

[Time: 00:10:34]

Earlier this year, Joe received the city of Scottsdale's Drinkwater Leadership Award for his fearless leadership, community minded and selfless service. It is a fitting honor for someone whose career has been dedicated to making the city safer and the organization better than he found it.

On a personal note, I've had the privilege of serving alongside Joe for much of those 35 years. I've watched him lead in moments of celebration and moments of crisis. I've watched him make difficult decisions when there were no easy answers. Through it all, one thing has never changed and that was your character. Leadership is often measured by titles and accomplishments, but character is measured by what people say when you are not in the room. Chief, I heard those conversations when you weren't in the room for years and they always remain the same. People trust you, respect you and they know that you care.

Chief Leduc, your legacy will not be measured by the policies you wrote, the organizational changes you lead or the awards you receive. It's measured by the hundreds of leaders you have mentored and the thousands of lives you touched and the example you set for all of us who had the privilege of serving beside you.

So, on behalf of the police department, the city of Scottsdale, I want to just and for me personally, say thank you. Congratulations on 35 remarkable years of service. Mayor Borowsky, members of the Council, city leadership team thank you for recognizing Chief LeDuc in this very special way. I can't think of anyone who is more deserving of the key to the city than Chief LeDuc. Congratulations.

Mayor Borowsky: Let's all go take a picture with these wonderful employees of the city of Scottsdale.

[Time: 00:13:41]

All right. Thank you all. Congratulations and I should have, I neglected to mention, I have a special announcement, PSA. I want to wish Councilwoman McAllen happy birthday. Yeah. Yeah, we should sing. I don't know. I'm not a singer.

Vice Mayor McAllen: That's okay. I can admit it. 62 last Friday. Thank you. I wanted to mention to Holly, like the Mayor said, congratulations, but I would like to see and I think the Council would also, in the future to have the retirees who recently retired at the same time, since that's the ultimate amount of time with the city also recognized.

Just recently this week we had Scott Stenson who served 36 years in our fire department just retired and then we had Travis Williams, who worked in our Parks and Recreation Department, followed his mom's leadership for a long time, and she was my boss. I've known him since he was a little kid, he just graduated, graduated, isn't that funny? Retired after 37 years with the city. So, congratulations to both Travis and Scott.

Mayor Borowsky: And one final celebratory announcement, it's our key number one volunteer in the Mayor's Office, Jeff Barnes birthday today. So, lots of excitement going on. So, we should have had a cake for everybody. Moving right along to business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

As is the case in every meeting, tonight, during the meeting, the Council may make a motion to recess into Executive Session in the event we need legal advice on any applicable item on the agenda. If so authorized by the Council, the Executive Session would be held immediately and will not be open to the public.

Let's see, as a reminder, neither Councilmembers, this is all new, nor members of the public are permitted to engage in electioneering during tonight's meeting.

MINUTES

So, moving on to the meeting minute approvals, I will entertain a motion, unless there's any revisions or requests to discuss, entertain a motion to approve, Special Meeting Number One Minutes of June 9, 2026.

Vice Mayor McAllen: So moved.

Mayor Borowsky: All right, please indicate your vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

[Time: 00:16:14]

On this evening's Consent Agenda, we have items 1 through 20. Do members of the Council have any questions on the Consent Agenda or wish to move any of the items to the consent agenda? I know we have a conflict. Councilwoman Dubauskas, would you like to expand on that?

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Yes, I have, out of an abundance of caution, I have a conflict I will declare with consent item number 10.

Mayor Borowsky: So, if there's no other comments or questions, we will go ahead and take a vote on items 1 through 9, and 11 through 20.

City Clerk Ben Lane: Mayor, I apologize. We have some public comment.

Mayor Borowsky: We do. First, we will start with Patty, Patricia Badenoch and that's on item number 12.

[Time: 00:17:02]

Patricia Badenoch: Good evening, Patty Badenoch, 50-year resident of Scottsdale. I know the garage is a done deal, however, notable speakers in favor, don't care about the town's historical value with this garage. I question the selection process of Chasse. The argument, stating of its efficiency factor should not have been a selling point, if preservation of the west's most western town is honored and it still is, among many of our citizens and not to mention the tourists. So much for the citizens, who are neglected and ignored by thousands of signatures selected by Steve Sutton for a current review on the parking needs, I believe the Mayor also requested this.

Independently, I visited most of the shops to get their feedback and collected names, phone numbers and emails who did not want the garage built. So, what are we getting? A nice looking garage, which is a precast cookie cutter off-site render to crane in and slab into place. Yes, efficient, but efficiency should not be a deciding factor of the selection process if preservation of the historic nature is still of greater interest. So, what do we have again? A garage completely out of place for probably setting the tone for further redevelopment.

Since I have some time, I have about 50 of the shops that they never heard of the garage being done or didn't want it. And talking mostly about the merchants but not the property owners. The property owners don't want to have the historic value be of a legal matter because they are interested in

redevelopment. So, I think we need to have that level of understanding. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Patty. Next, we have French Thompson and Janie White and then Jude Nau.

[Time: 00:19:40]

French Thompson: Good evening, Madam Mayor and City Council and all the guests here. I also signed up for 10 but apparently we went to 11 or 12 right away. So, one of the things I would tell you, as a retailer, we need that kind of parking in Old Town Scottsdale. They put a lot of time and energy in designing it so it fits with the historic area. Honestly, I don't know how anybody could think that it could hurt that area by having it there, but I know that there's a lot of people that are saying that it's gonna be terrible. Well, when it's built, go take a look at it again because they have spent a lot of time and money to make it fit in with the historical area. It's gonna look great!

But retailers understand that they need to have more parking for walk-in businesses. Basically, Old Town has now a huge baseball stadium with \$65 million spent to enlarge it and make it for more people. No more parking added. They did \$40 million on the Civic Center plaza out here, no more parking added. So, they're bringing the the city is bringing more and more people to this area and yet have never added any more parking. So, this is basically just playing catchup. This isn't going ahead and putting in a fifth lane on the freeway that nobody will use. People are gonna use it.

When I started working in Old Town Scottsdale in 1974, I literally was parking my car on that piece of dirt that the city owned. That's been a parking lot as long as I've lived in Arizona. Doing that, building it will help Old Town. It's not sacrilege to a Catholic Church. Catholic churches own parking garages for people to come when they go to church. They own 'em. You know, the Catholic Church is the largest individual property owner in America, commercial property. They own all of that property. It's not gonna hurt that church. In fact, that church doesn't even hold services except for maybe three times a year and maybe a wedding here and there. It's gonna bring more people, more tourists to it by having places to park.

So, I just want to say, I'm sorry this parking gate ever started. It's just it's mind boggling that anybody who wasn't a retailer, didn't have a business in this, come in and start saying they don't want it, when they have no vested interest in it. They don't know they have people who come down there and say we don't have any place to park, we went to Fashion Square instead, because Fashion Square has parking. I urge all of you to vote for this tonight. It's the right thing to do. And Scottsdale will appreciate it when it's done. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Janie White.

[Time: 00:22:42]

Janie White: Excuse me, hello, Mayor and Council, I do have a question, though. This is on the consent

agenda, is it consented? Because I know number 10 was a question. But nobody said number 12, isn't this number 12 our parking garage?

Mayor Borowsky: Just to clarify, it can be on consent agenda item, and you can still speak on it as public comment.

Janie White: Okay. All right. So, Mayor and Council, my name is Janie White. My family has owned retail property in historic Old Town for more than 70 years. As a long-time property owner, with multiple retail tenants, I can tell you firsthand that historic Old Town needs more parking. The Council has already approved \$6 million for the design and preconstruction work necessary to add two levels to the corral garage, yet there continues to be a persistent effort to stop the project. It raises an obvious question, why. Why selling the property for redevelopment was contemplated.

Without repeating arguments you have already heard, here are several reasons the additional parking was needed. The Civic Center was transformed into a venue that could host up to 3,000 attendees and no corresponding parking was added. And so there's an interesting thing we found out in the task force. The Civic Center parking lot is too short for cars to get in. I used to be able to drive in there and I can't now. The car hits the top. Someone mentioned maybe they added pavement, to make it a little shorter. So, people with trucks, cars, things with roof racks can't get in. And then the giant public parking lots up on Fifth Avenue, those are 8'2" inches and so there's something else, people that would want to park this, probably a lot of them can't that have bigger cars and stuff, but we just figured that out.

The community recently lost access to the is hundred space HonorHealth parking lot, new restaurants and businesses continue to open in Civic Center and historic Old Town without any significant increase. Another thing we found out on the task force is that Cold Beers and Cheeseburgers, Sombrero's, all of those restaurants up there is typically packed. I thought why is that? I was riding my bike the other day, looking for homeless people, which I found and I noticed there's a gigantic parking lot right behind those people, those restaurants. So, it's so easy. Someone can just say, wow, look at all of this parking, I will just eat at Beers and Cheeseburgers so, that's another deal.

Calls for another parking study or merely a delay tactic, the same individuals demanding a study for the corral garage didn't insist on a north east garage. If it was truly about gathering more data, the standard would be applied consistently. The voters approved it and businesses need it, please move forward and build the garage. The garage is amazing, we love it. And to Patty's signatures that she's gathered. I talked to some of the business owners. They were freaked out. They were told stuff that wasn't true. They didn't understand what was going on. So, you know, you can't pretty much count any of that. So, thank you very much.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. Jude Nau.

[Time: 00:26:01]

Jude Nau: Good evening, Mayor and Council. Forgive me. I'm gonna have to read from my phone. My

name is Jude Nau. I'm the general manager, owner and voting member of the Best Western Plus Sun Dial at 7320 East Camelback Road. I also live in Old Town Scottsdale at 7307 East Minnezona Avenue. And I have the pleasure and honor to serve on the Mayor's Downtown Task Force. I support moving forward with this project, number 12 on the agenda, the Old Town parking corral. The question of whether Scottsdale should build this parking structure has already been studied through the years with public outreach, planning and multiple Council approvals.

At some point, government has to honor the process it established. Businesses, residents and taxpayers depend on the city following through on decisions after they have been thoroughly vetted. Regarding that process with another parking study at this stage doesn't provide certainty. It simply delays the project that Council has already approved. As someone who knows, works and lives in Old Town every day, I know that reliable public parking is essential infrastructure. It supports businesses, visitors, employees and the continued economic success of downtown. I respectfully ask that Council to honor its previous decisions and move this project forward. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. And that's the last speaker on item number 12 and on Consent Agenda, I'm not sure why these are backward, but I'm going to go ahead and pull item number 12 because I want to vote against it, but I will wait on that.

Ben Lane: I apologize, we have one more speaker, not 12. Oh, that's right. Bob Pejman just signed up. That's right.

[Time: 00:28:18]

Bob Pejman: Good evening, Mayor and Council. That was my question, is anybody pulling it and you just said you're going to pull it. So, I don't want to relitigate this, many people have spoken. I can tell you that by this point about almost \$6 million has been spent between the design services and the preconstruction services. And what's before you today is \$12 million to finish it. But I would like to point out the following, Tom Frankel provided a letter from, I think 45, 47 parcel owners that were in the area. They are the real stakeholders by the way, not the people who go to the farmers market, and they said it's needed.

The Civic Center has been repurposed to have events that can have up to 3,000 people in the amphitheater alone without adding one single parking spot and we lost the HonorHealth parking lot, 100 spaces and the Civic Center has been repurposed for growth. It means for businesses and more restaurants. I know there is one more restaurant coming there. Pinyon is a great restaurant. It needs parking. Buca di Beppo is being remodeled to become Drake's Hollywood. It's going to be a fantastic place and they are going to need a lot of parking. There's another major restaurant coming to the Civic Center and there's another major restaurant right by that parking location not to be named within a block. The area is going to draw a lot more people.

I mean, the fact that the Old Town Tavern is on the agenda which needs parking and they are going to be charged money for fake spaces and the argument is made you don't need parking is just laughable.

It's laughable. The fact that it's on the same on the same night. And they need parking. They don't need parking. They say, oh, we have plenty of parking.

There's fake outrage by certain people, not to be named. You know who they are. Oh, we need to we can't spend all this money without doing a parking study. These same people didn't complain about the northeast quadrant, which by the way is on your agenda tonight. Nobody pulled it. All right? Nobody pulled it. Nobody complains about that. Nobody says, hey, how are we spending \$15 million of general fund money without doing a parking study. It's fake outrage. I fully support the northeast quadrant parking. I support that. I support ours. It's fake outrage. It's selective outrage and we know why all of this is being done. You know, to harm Barry Graham politically. So, let's call it election season outrage. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: So, we're not supposed to be electioneering from the speaker or the dais, however, I'm gonna wait to, I really don't need to pull this. I want to comment on it. So, before we vote, I will do that, but let's move to consent agenda item number 11, which is French Thompson.

[Time: 00:31:33]

French Thompson: Good evening Mayor, members of Council. I love you guys, I'm glad you are here. I to support the garage in the northeast quadrant. Those people up there need parking too. But it's a real interesting thing if you want to compare the two garages, one of them has got parking gate all over it and the other one has nothing on it. It's a very interesting thing that only seven citizens of Scottsdale were allowed to vote to build a parking garage in the northeast quadrant, but over 55,000 people were able to vote on the Bond project. So, 55,000 people voted to have the parking garage at the corral. But only seven people who are citizens of Scottsdale were allowed to vote to build that garage. Those seven people that got to vote are City Councilmembers. Those are the only citizens who voted for that garage. I know they need it. This whole group of citizens of Scottsdale were able to vote for it and yet these little tiny bit of people get to have another one that's going to be just as expensive, I don't know why there's another more outrage. Or did they really want someone to build an apartment where the garage is and get fee parking. This was a meeting talking about buying that property after it was approved to be built there's just a lot of questions that I think you guys that are against it should really look in the background. Why was it really against it? It isn't for the beautification for the historical area. It really wasn't because it's going to be sacrilegious to a church. It's because somebody wanted to buy it and turn it into an apartment. The city of Scottsdale doesn't need another downtown apartment.

So, I just want to tell you, leave this 11 on the Consent Agenda, I think it's a great idea. Just note it on the Consent Agenda. Get that garage built. The more parking in downtown, the more people can visit and the more people can park and more businesses are doing better. So, thank you very much.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay. Thank you. Consent Agenda number 20 French Thompson, you're up again if you would like to speak again.

[Time: 00:34:26]

French Thompson: Address still on file. Let's do this marketing plan. Let's have the city doing it. I think it's a great idea. I think the city is doing a really good job so far and I just love knowing that the city is actually investing time and money and energy into paying attention to Old Town Scottsdale again. You walk through it and there's so much diversity and small businesses down there. In just two blocks, there's almost 100 different small businesses in just two blocks. It encompasses a whole huge area, Old Town Scottsdale, much larger than what used to be downtown, but putting it in the city's hands very capable hands. I have seen what they wanted to do. I have listened to what they are talking about doing. I think it's a heck of a good thing for Scottsdale and I really hope that nobody votes against it. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you so much. And we have Janie White.

[Time: 00:35:29]

Janie White: Hello, Mayor and Council. I'm Janie White. My family has owned and operated retail properties in historic downtown for 70 years. The proposed Old Town marketing plan is strong in many respects, but it needs one essential addition, district-specific strategies that both promote each district on its own merits and intentionally connect them into a single integrated Old Town experience unique to Scottsdale. We can and should do both. Advertise the arts, Fifth Avenue, entertainment and historic districts independently to their ideal audiences, while also marketing curated event-driven itineraries that move guests across districts in a single visit.

Right now, we're seeing more visitors but fewer of them are the qualified higher spending guests that sustain retailers' galleries and sit-down residents. Many visitors are driven by night life and party tourism. They boost counts but too often they don't convert to meaningful sales for the businesses that define our downtown. We need to campaign that buy, collectors, art buyers, culinary tourists and high-end hotel guests.

Concretely I ask the city to, number one, define base line district demographics and spending profiles today. And publish measurable the KPIs, the spending power, the repeat visits and the overnight stay conversion. Fund district, number two, fund district, tailor creative, luxury and Lector messaging for art for the arts district, curated shopping itineraries for Fifth Avenue, family friending daytime programming for the historic district and an elevated Old Town after dark pathway that routes night life guests into dining and cultural experience rather than only bar-centered activities. Use hotels and resources with concierge toolkits and geofenced message that bring resort messaging for afternoon gallery, design show rooms and dinner reservations. Measure success by economic conversion, merchant sales, average spend per visit and hotel to district conversion rate. Not just visitor counts or impressions.

Historic Old Town is one of the Scottsdale's most valuable assets because it's authentic, walkable and rooted in local business. As the city increases marking investment, those dollars should produce measurable benefits for the merchants and cultural institutions that have defined Scottsdale for

generations. By combining independent district promotion with integrated event-driven itineraries, we can amplify what makes Old Town special and ensure marketing dollars convert into substantial or sustainable economic value. Thank you for your time and for considering district-specific strategies. Should I finish the sentence...

Mayor Borowsky: We always give someone a few more seconds.

Janie White: Oh, okay. Strategies that will strengthen Old Town for visitors and longstanding local businesses alike.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. Thank you for being conscientious. One additional speaker on number 20, we have Bob Pejman.

[Time: 00:38:58]

Bob Pejman: Thank you, Mayor and Council and I don't want to repeat myself. I'm part of the Mayor's Downtown Task Force and one of the benefits of being part of that task force is that I get to meet a lot of other people from different districts that I would normally not meet or talk to. And the amazing thing is that what has come through from all the discussions and all of the, you know, walkabouts and the different districts, a lot of people say the same thing, that visitation is down and particularly qualified visitation is down. Now, I know I have talked about that before, but it kind of gets trivialized that it's own one person, it's anecdotal, but I encourage the city to run a poll, do a survey, you know, to find because I know that there was comment, hey, we have winners and losers, some have a great year, some don't have a great year and so it's mixed. What I saw is not mixed. Downtown is in bad shape.

And the most interesting about my experience, was we did the entertainment district walkabout, they are also complaining about the daytime traffic being down. I won't put this chart up again, but it shows the daytime traffic plummeting, it's plummeting for them too. We thought they're eating their lunch. They're not eating their lunch. This is no lunch. So, they're both everybody is suffering from the daytime being down. I mean it's just down and you don't believe me, do a survey. Like every merchant and see what they tell you.

The one thing that is interesting is since I know about the law and how the bed tax is structured, I told a lot of these people that are on the task force, that as I say, why doesn't Experience Scottsdale do something. Well, the 5% has been taken away from Experience Scottsdale now it's in the city manager's hands and not only that he increased it to a record \$2.5 million and that's a record number. That's a lot of money. \$1.6 will be used on advertising. So now the key is Experience Scottsdale brings the visitors to the luxury resorts. How do we bring them from the luxury hotels into the Old Town? That becomes the whole mission of that \$1.6 million dollars. I used to advocate for north Scottsdale, P.V. and Arcadia. I think the people who are missing in downtown Scottsdale are in those resorts. Just get them from those resorts and the problem is fixed. As simple as that. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. That concludes our speakers before. We vote on 1 through 9 and 11

through 20. I want to make a few comments. I haven't been in this position before, Ben, do you want me to pull it if I'm gonna vote against it on the Consent Agenda items?

Ben Lane: Yeah, Mayor, it would need to get pulled.

Mayor Borowsky: I don't want to spend a lot of time on it honestly. I guess I will pull it. And before we move on to vote on number 20, I want to thank Bob Pejman and Janie White for their hard work and Jude Nau for being on the Mayor's task force and I think a lot of illuminating ideas are coming out of this. I think the idea that Bob talked about, on the walk last Friday in 116 degrees. I heard some other creative ideas from the group, including a passport type thing not a passport but a I don't know. A scavenger hunt, and some other things and cross-marketing to other districts and I'm very excited about that. And without any further ado, oh, Councilman Graham.

Councilman Graham: I was going to speak on the Old Town garage if you are going to pull it.

Mayor Borowsky: I have to. Unfortunately, I have to. Do I have to? I guess I do because we're voting in a block. So, yes, I'm going to.

Councilman Graham: So, then I will wait because we will vote on consent.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay. With that, do you have a comment?

[Time: 00:43:21]

Councilwoman Whitehead: I was going to make a motion, move to adopt items 1 through 9 and 12 through 20.

Mayor Borowsky: 11 you're right. 12 through, you are right.

Councilwoman Whitehead: So that's my motion.

Vice Mayor McAllen: I second your motion.

Ben Lane: Mayor, I want to make sure, item 11 was included in that motion?

Mayor Borowsky: Yeah, it was was it item number no 12.

Ben Lane: So the conflict was on item 10 and then you wanted to pull item 12?

Mayor Borowsky: Correct, so it's 11, and 13 through 20.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Okay, 11 so 1 let's see, 1 through 20 with the exception of 11 and 10 which one is yours, with the exception of 10 and 12. Thank you.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay. Please register your vote. All right. So, I will comment briefly on item number 12, and I know there's been a lot of heated conversation about his...

Ben Lane: Mayor, I apologize, can we do 10 first to keep items in order?

ITEM 10

Mayor Borowsky: Oh, yes, but Councilwoman Dubauskas has to excuse herself. All right. I will make a motion to approve item number 10 on the Consent Agenda item.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: All those in favor? It's not working. Are we good?

ITEM 12

[Time: 00:45:22]

So, item number 12, I know there's a bunch of heated discussion on this. Thank you for all the hard work that people have done to either oppose it or encourage it. I know everyone feels very strongly about it. I do want to point out that it's not fake. I don't think it's fair to say that anyone is being fake about any of this. As a lifelong Scottsdale resident and a resident Optima Camelview for eight years, I have spent a lot of time in that area. I remain committed to the opinion that that is a bad location for the garage, that is 100 paces away, my paces, 100 and I don't walk that big of steps from a 700-space garage at the Civic Center. I remain very committed to opposition of this.

A couple of things that have come up all the time, the Bond 2019, the voters did not appear approve this specific location. They approved two garages in Old Town. That's a falsehood. At least that's not my interpretation of it. I think it's a terrible location. It's gonna bring huge disruption to the historic district, and to the businesses in that area and the farmer's market, which people have grown and loved and spent a big part of your lives there. I don't think that's the best use of that. The farmer's market absolutely brings activity and activates that area and therefore business to the area, however, I'm glad they found an alternate location if we could get a change on this parking garage. Bringing for people to this parking garage, traffic in the historic district is not the best plan. We are all entitled to our opinions. I don't think I don't think it's fair to say one opinion is wrong and one is right. It's, you know I know we are all passionate about it.

I can tell you anecdotally before we walked on Friday last week, we were meeting at 5:00 over at Jude Nau's Sun Dial Resort, right, hotel. I went over to drive through Old Town and was headed towards the Mission area. I took a video I should have showed it tonight, but it's not really important, I guess at this

point in time. At 4:30 in the afternoon, there were so many parking spaces right in front of Mission, right in front of the the all the businesses down there, the parking garage was completely empty, I mean if you saw that video, it's tough to say that we need parking right there on a Friday afternoon at 4:30. Not only businesses are open and happy hour is going on, would you think there's a lot of activity. With that, I will vote against that that contract, that's subject to item number 12, and I will turn it over to Councilman Graham, who also has some comments.

[Time: 00:48:49]

Councilman Graham: Thank you, Mayor. This is you know, I, this vote is incredibly important and incredibly simple. I think anybody who votes against this project, votes against 37,000 voters who voted for it. I think that those voters told us they wanted more Old Town parking. In the packet it said not to relitigate, this was one of the options. All the people, all the opponents' detractors from the anti-parking group, they have had a year and a half longer many years give us an alternate location. They refuse to do that because there aren't any.

We just, on a consent we just approved a massive parking garage in the bar district in the northeast quadrant, like French Thompson said, that was voted on by 7 people, not 37,000, right, French? The outrage is pure selective. They want a study for the Old Town parking garage, but nary a word for the northeast parking garage. They don't have anything to say about that. They are upset about the cost per stall in the southeast quadrant. Not a single word. The head goes right into the sand when you talk about the northeast quadrant parking. They are upset about what may happen with this and that, not a single thing. The outrage is pure selective and pure performative and we know, because Mr. Mr. Caton told us about what we found out, a behind-the-scenes effort to use a zoning loophole to sell this this parcel to sell this parcel to a private developer, to replace it and we would lose your parking.

The Mayor talked about recently anecdotally, the spots were wide open. She said right before that, it was 116 in June. You don't build parking for all the time you, build parking for when you need it. We've been eliminating the parking for years. We got rid of hundreds of spots from the Scottsdale Stadium and chipping away parking. There's an anti-car, anti-parking effort, just because of the value of the space in the whole area. And for the first time in decades this Council is finally adding parking. We want you people to come to Old Town and feel comfortable they can find a spot to park. We just supercharged and supersized the Civic Center, voters told us to do that in the Bond election spend \$30 million doing that. A lot more capacity. A lot more events. Higher demand. This is gonna serve that.

So, and I also heard, yeah they never proposed an alternate location. And then the Mayor mentioned, you know, the horror of more traffic, that means more traffic for our businesses and so I'm going to stand with the 37,000 voters. I will stand with the landowners that come and tell us they want more parking and one other argument is that we moved we expanded the farmer's market steps away from a hot parking lot, to a bigger space at the Civic Center at the at the City Hall parking lot, that has more space, more shade, places for people to actually sit on grass, in shade and enjoy themselves.

And you know the vote anybody that talks about the farmer's market, that was 7-0 vote to relocate the

farmers market, to expand it. That needs to be pointed out. With that, I will call the question and that we approve Resolution number 13730. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: I'm going to respond to a couple of your statements there, before we do that and it's important to note that...

Councilman Graham: Point of order. I called the question.

Mayor Borowsky: I need to respond to what you just said because you stated a lot of false statements. So, I will be brief.

Councilman Graham: Is there a second to my call the question?

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Second.

Councilman Graham: Point of order, you are out of order Madam Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: You will talk to Luis about this, calling the question, we didn't have full debate, Councilwoman Whitehead has been on the board and she has not had the opportunity to speak. And why wouldn't you want to hear what we have to say, Councilman Graham?

[Time: 00:54:01]

City Attorney Luis Santaella: So, Mayor, members of the Council, technically calling the question, means end debate you have to vote. And so, you can appeal and I'm sorry. So, calling the question does end debate and the Council would need to vote. The Council can to decide against Councilman Graham's motion or as it chooses...

Councilman Graham: You know, I will withdrawal my call the question, but I will put the motion on to accept the resolution.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second. I will second it.

Mayor Borowsky: And I don't know if Councilwoman Whitehead has any questions or comments. I think it's important without being overly vitriolic to point out that two is really important things well, three really important things. First, it's been said by a speaker and Councilman Graham that there was a developer interested in putting high-density housing or apartments there. That is a flat out lie and I'm certain because Greg Caton our city manager was in those meetings, as was Councilman Kwasman, that that the city manager did not say that, because it was, in fact, absolutely not true. There was a beautiful proposal for a boutique hotel to come to the area, which would have been really a great use with commercial on the first level of that parking garage, keeping parking allocating parking to the community. Public parking with six luxury condos on top. So, I want to clear up that that misunderstanding.

In terms of why I didn't oppose the northeast quadrant parking, that's a great location. I don't generally oppose parking, I don't oppose it just because I want to oppose it. That's a great location. There's no real parking over there, parking garage. So, I think that's a fabulous location. So, I fully support it. And ultimately, I think all of this dialogue and diatribe boils down to the fact that we really should update a parking study. I think that would cost us very little. We wouldn't have to find ourselves in this conversation again, and you're shaking your heads no, but I don't understand why. I think it's just helpful to all of the people that, you know, see it differently.

So nonetheless, I still maintain that it's a good use of time and funds, minimal funds to find out where we really stand. That's all I have to say on that, and did you want to speak?

Councilwoman Whitehead: Yes, I would like to speak to any second. Listen, we've had passionate debates for a year and a half. Me, I have been debating this much longer, since I have wanted the parking study since 2021. I was on this when we approved the Bond parking. They approved parking in Old Town and they didn't approve the specific location and our job is to find the best location for parking. Regardless, the other job we have is to accept the majority vote. And the majority vote has repeatedly moved this garage forward. It's time to move on. I'm supporting it and I'm sure it you know, so both sides were passionate, both sides were right. And so villainizing one side or another is just unacceptable. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. And with that, let's go ahead and take a vote on item number 12. Thank you very much.

REGULAR AGENDA – ITEM 21

[Time: 00:57:55]

Moving on to the Regular Agenda, which is item 21, it's Old Town Tavern Bar use and live entertainment use permits and liquor license request and we will go through the numbers. It was the one there was a conflict on. So, I'm going to let you go ahead. Thank you. Casey Steinke, am I saying that right?

Senior Planner Casey Steinke: Steinke.

Mayor Borowsky: Casey Steinke, Senior Planner.

Casey Steinke: Thank you, Mayor Borowsky, Councilmembers. Casey Steinke, Scottsdale Planning Department, here for Old Town Tavern. Two conditional use permits, a bar, live entertainment, in lieu parking and then a recommendation of a liquor license to the state.

Here's a look at the site. It is just east of Brown Avenue in Old Town where Main Street intersects with the Civic Center mall and the zoning on this site is commercial C-2 with the downtown overlay. For many of you that are familiar with the Old Town Tavern at the old location, the applicants are looking to move their operation to the building next door, that is highlighted in blue. They are currently operating a

restaurant out of the western suite in this one. And they are looking to add a bar with live entertainment on the east and we'll get into the details of those momentarily.

So, the action requested by the applicant is to adopt Resolutions for a bar use permit, a live entertainment use permit, in lieu parking credits and then to also forward that recommendation for a series six liquor license to the state on this roughly 6,000 square foot site.

Here's a look at the floor plan. You can see the numbers on the left. Importantly, that line down the middle, that red line is an existing wall that separates these two suites. They were always two suites and the one on the west has been operating as a restaurant. The owner would like to apply a live entertainment conditional use permit across the entirety of this, but a bar conditional use permit only on the eastern half.

Just briefly on the live entertainment, a couple of stipulations. They would not be able to have speakers on the exterior that are they could not mitigate noise that impacts the community. And just for reference, there's no residentially zoned uses in the area.

Here's an exhaustive look at the parking requirements, the short version is the restaurant portion would require six parking spaces, the bar portion would require 34, and that totals 40 required parking spaces. This differs from the previous proposal which required 58 parking spaces which was a bar over the entirety of this site.

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How are they getting there? 22 credits would be through an old program called the urban renewal program, and the short version of that is in the '70s we sold some parcels, and some of the owners that bought those chipped in to pay for a parking garage and so we credit them the spaces and that they purchased at the time for what the required parking was at that time. In the previous iteration that was 15. We have seen new research and documents that have shown that, in fact, that number is 22. So, there's an update there. The bike parking credits are the same last time at two and they are requesting 16 in lieu credits down from the 41 they were requesting previously. That's how they are hitting the park of 40 provided parking spaces.

Here's a look at some of the stipulations I mentioned, live entertainment ones with the speakers and the doors. They also, in their narrative mentioned that live entertainment goes until 11 p.m. and a new potential stipulation for discussion, they have agreed to the idea of a timing stipulation. So, the CUP, which typically runs with the land and typically runs in perpetuity would exist only for three years unless it is otherwise amended or renewed by city Council before it expires.

This time item in its first form did go to Planning Commission and was recommended unanimously for approval back in January, and then this Council continued that case a month later and here we are with a revised proposal.

And that is the synopsis of the staff report. We also have the applicants here to answer questions if necessary.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you very much, Casey. Vice Mayor McAllen.

[Time: 01:02:50]

Vice Mayor McAllen: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Casey for your presentation. And with that I am just gonna say that I am in full support of Old Town Tavern. I'm a frequent visitor over the years. I have watched the entertainment that's taken place there. I think that it is a valued business in Old Town, and I would also like to say that I think that in the future, after approving this, that we need to look at our the way we structure parking for restaurants. To drag them through this has been a little outrageous in my opinion.

With that, I will move that we approve Resolution number 13592 for a bar conditional use permit. Do I need to read the whole thing, Luis, or can I just do the resolution?

City Attorney Luis Santaella: It would be better if you read the whole thing. My apologizes.

Vice Mayor McAllen: That's okay. Bar conditional use permit on a 3,140 square foot portion of the 6,000 square foot site, zoned central business downtown overlay. Adopt Resolution number 13593 for a live entertainment conditional use permit for both bar and restaurant of the 6,000 square foot site, zoned central business downtown overlay, C-2-DO. Adopt Resolution number 13600, approving a request to participate in-lieu of parking program for the 16 parking credits to be paid monthly for a new bar with live entertainment on a 3,140 square foot portion of the 6,000 square foot site, zoned central business downtown overlay, C-2-DO.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay. Before anyone moves further, I will take the two public comments. Okay?

Vice Mayor McAllen: I motioned it, and waiting for a second.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I will second it, but I'll wait for the speakers.

Mayor Borowsky: Before we debate it or take a vote, let's hear from Dan Ishac and oh, No. No. William Chick first. Sorry, he was first. I don't know if it matters. Is there a William Chick here? Go right ahead, Dan.

[Time: 01:05:00]

Dan Ishac: Dan Ishac, address on record. In my 40 plus years of voting, I have always been a conservative, despite the fact that three members of the Council keep sending emails claiming that I'm a Democrat, not that there's anything wrong with that, but I've always been a conservative. And as a conservative, I believe that government needs to support businesses. They need to get out of the way

and let legal, respectable businesses exist. Now, there are certainly some bad actors and the city, should through its ordinance, and code enforcement, make sure that bad actors are dealt with. Old Town Tavern is not a bad actor. It's a long-term successful business, loved by thousands of residents and visitors. The fact that this Council has made them jump through hoops for five months is disgusting. It is a violation of any conservative value.

Now, let's talk about parking. I'm glad Councilmember McAllen mentioned needing to review parking because the parking rules were put into place a long time ago. Life has changed. We have apps for people to get places. We have ride share. We have a lot more people living in walking distance within Old Town. They don't need to drive. So, it's time that the city review parking requirements. And although Bob and French talk about how many parking spots have been removed, they don't take into account the development that has occurred where most of the developers have actually added more parking than the minimum required in order to get it past the Council.

And by the way, the reason that this was no parking study needed for the northeast quadrant, because the last parking study clearly stated that this was a need there and no, Barry, they did not vote on that location for the southeast quadrant and it was not in the pamphlet, regardless of what you say. Regardless of the parking for future permitting, we should review the whole concept of a CUP. A business should not be held hostage for a change of Council or whim that every, one, two or three years depending on their CUP. A CUP should be evergreen with automatic approval, unless there's repeated violation of the conditions. That would be supportive of small businesses.

Last year, we saw Adam and Barry laugh as they threatened a business owner, we're watching you and we're only giving you one year on your CUP. That's not friendly for business. We need to change what we're doing so that we don't force more businesses out of Scottsdale. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. All right. Councilwoman Whitehead. All right. Let's keep our clapping to a minimum please.

[Time: 01:08:29]

Councilwoman Whitehead: I'm enthusiastically seconding this, keeping Old Town tavern here on the Civic Center mall. And I also agree, it's government's job is to enable a business to succeed, not to get in their way, but also we we have to be flexible when we have these in-fill type projects and this is exactly that, and I I do think we've successfully done that here with this, and I think we had flexibility on the Old Town Tavern ownership side and among our Council. So, I'm happy to see this go through. Congratulations, I hope.

Mayor Borowsky: All right. I don't see any other comments. With that, let's take a vote.

All right. Moving right along. All right. Let's keep that down, please. Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

That so moving on to public comment, which is non-agendized item which is Scottsdale business owners and our residents to comment on non-agendized items that are within the Council's jurisdiction. No official Council action can be taken on these items. If you wish to speak on non-agendized topic, and have you not already registered, please do so. So, I only have two non-agendized public speakers. The first one is Dan Ishac and the second one is Patty Badenoch.

[Time: 01:10:11]

Dan Ishac: Dan Ishac, address still on record. I want to go back to some of the actions that this Council made a year and a half ago when they eliminated DEI, even though the city never had E, because I, as a conservative is opposed to E which is any preferential hiring, quotas or preferential promotion. But this Council removed anything that the city could do that could be conceived or construed to be diversity related. Because of that, the City Manager sat down with I believe Adam, but I could be wrong and went through various funding and removed them. One of them was Juneteenth because even though that's a national holiday, apparently, it's too black and therefore we can't spend money on it. And we certainly can't put a pride flag up in June because that's money because we know Adam and Jan hate gays.

So, here's a question. How on earth we have hundreds of religious places of worship in Scottsdale, we have dozens on major roads, yet one is being singled out for a crosswalk, specifically because the observant Orthodox cannot drive, and as I said at a prior meeting, I respect observant religious people. I believe it is important to the social fabric of the United States. And I would never do anything that and I rarely use that absolutes, take away somebody's right to worship. But it seems to me that if we are making an exception for a crosswalk, based on a small religious group, we are violating our anti-DEI because there's been no discussion about whether that money should be spent at other religious institutions. There's been no discussion whether that money should be spent where there's higher number of pedestrians. There is no doubt that this would make it safer for the observant Jews. But that is a violation of our anti-DEI rules.

Because it is making a decision on spending \$600,000 for a small group based on their religious practices. And so, I think the Council needs to direct our city attorney and city manager to review whether this is a violation because if we can't spend \$19,000 on a Juneteenth celebration, because it's too black, how can we spend \$600,000 for a small group based on religious observances. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. Next, I have oh. Do you want to wait until go ahead. Councilman Kwasman.

[Time: 01:13:32]

Councilman Kwasman: Thank you, I will respond to that. The words of the last speaker are beneath contempt. I can speak for everybody up on this dais that our fellow man, black, white, our fellow man, who is straight, gay, our fellow man who is Christian, no religion, Jewish, they are all God's, made in God's image. They are somebody would everybody deserves respect, everybody deserves to be loved and there is absolutely no place for any type of hate in that heart. I am so unbelievably proud to have gotten rid of D.E.I. because there is one thing I do hate and that's socialism. And I will continue to fight

against that every step of the way. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: All right. Thank you. And lastly, we have Patty Badenoch.

[Time: 01:14:38]

Patricia Badenoch: Good evening, Mayor and Council, 50-year resident of Scottsdale. What do I wish to speak about? Process, intent, integrity. The 2019 Bond, where there were 58 projects cloaked into three questions that passed, 63, which was the garage was not a select to select a site. There were no written specifics about where the garage should go. This Bond passed seven years ago. This Council majority rendered no allowance for a current review, where else parking garage could be built. And you have to consume the poison pill for which you don't want in order to get what you do want.

To set further need for more parking, here's what the city has done pretty much in the past, and not this specific current Council, but this is what happened. The city sold city-owned public spaces to the Giants for a practice field. That was about 500 parking spaces we lost right there. Sold additional parking to HonorHealth, went back and forth, and next to the Brown garage. And sold further parking spaces located at the Pepperwood site, obviously the intent of the city has been to incrementally disvalue the historic site.

After participating on the four district walking tours subject matter relative to marketing, there was noted agreements of the city's neglect, not noted but should have been, they moved the George-Ann Tognoni Lane which was a focal point of our western heritage to provide an entrance to the Civic Center mall. It was noted that the plaza's purpose, besides entertainment events, would further compromise the brick and mortar shops to provide more tent venues, selling and competing similar things during the highest tourist season. I would like to see all of that evaluated and let's bring in a higher interest to keep the west's most western town or move it, but let's not just mess around with this. Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Patty. Okay, we don't have any citizen petitions.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL – ITEM 23

[Time: 01:17:23]

Moving on to Mayor and Council items. These are oh, now I close public comment. But let's see. I'm gonna start with item 23. I brought all of these forward. I think all three of them are mine. So, when I attended the U.S. Mayor's Conference in Long Beach a couple of I guess a month or so ago, really occurred to me that we should be looking at a couple of things. One is a large water user ordinance. We all had a lot of discussion about Axon, where the water, you know, was potentially an issue. I personally received legal advice from our city attorney that we could not require them to bring their own water. If we did, we would potentially be subject to being sued.

So, I know the city of Phoenix, there's plenty of other municipalities that do this. They have a large water

user ordinance, and that is to include to include requirements to either the source this is an unknown. So I will be asking the city manager and the city attorney to work on this, hopefully with the support of the Council, to bring forward a work study discussion or an agenda item, if it doesn't warrant a work study, that even might be better, but to discuss requiring requiring large water users to the tune of 250,000-acre feet or more not acre feet, I'm sorry, gallons per year or more forward to discuss having conservation plan, sourcing potentially and purchasing their own water, having, you know, some sort of a circulatory system, for example, in the event a data center comes forward where it would be fully insulated in addition to sourcing and burning their own water.

So, I guess I will take these separate, but they're very similar in terms of the other data center coordinates, potential idea for an ordinance. So, I will take 'em separate.

I will make a motion on number 1, to agendize a work study discussion or an agenda item on the on a general Council meeting to bring forward opinions and recommendations from our charter officers to deal with large water users.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: And then Councilwoman Dubauskas has a comment.

[Time: 01:20:26]

Councilwoman Dubauskas: So, are you doing number one?

Mayor Borowsky: Number one, yeah.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: I would just, I'm happy to support that and I would just request that that be part of our discussion when we have our water workshop to come. So, I think all of those are a nice dovetail topic. And that would apply I assume we will do the same thing with the data centers.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay. With one caveat, on the next regularly scheduled agenda, or for a work study or agenda and that would be sometime in August, one of those two meetings. So, I would really like to bring that forward without further delay. Both this and the water discussion, I think that's a great idea.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: I as far as timing I don't know. We'd have to look at the agenda but...

Mayor Borowsky: Yeah, the next available regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: That would be tomorrow.

Mayor Borowsky: No, because it's too soon. I would say the next one that is not fully stocked. The next practical, available agenda item, which I think is going to be in August, but is that okay with you? That we include the work study? And put it on the next regularly scheduled available agenda?

Okay. We have a first and a second. Does anybody else have questions? Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: I'm okay with August, that's fine, the next available. If the, if the feds are gonna make a ruling and it happens to be, like, did, it will come out like I really don't want to do a meeting and then have the fed ruling. Can we have the fed ruling and then wait until what is happening because we will have to have another meeting after the fed ruling.

Mayor Borowsky: So that could become a much...

Councilman Kwasman: How about this one if the feds are gonna delay, delay, delay, we have to have it in the late summer. I think we should have a meeting in August at some point, but if it's looking like the feds aren't gonna make a ruling in August, or before before that, let's go ahead you know, I'm 100% support of that. If we know a fed ruling is coming out on August 10th and we have a meeting the first week of August, can we just delay it, the extra would you be okay with delaying it the extra week.

Mayor Borowsky: We don't have to muddy the waters. I would like to see them combined. This is in a vacuum that doesn't involve the rest of the water conversation, having a large water user ordinance that has additional requirements for a large water user. So, we can do that individually and we can combine it with the water work study, if it's good timing.

Councilman Kwasman: Right.

Mayor Borowsky: Are we all in agreement on this? Oh, city attorney.

City Attorney Luis Santaella: Mayor, members of the Council, our next scheduled meetings for August are the 23rd and the 24th. The 24th and 25th, excuse me.

Mayor Borowsky: That would be great. So Councilman Graham.

[Time: 01:23:39]

Councilman Graham: I just want to sort of express that this I don't know when the water work study we were going to do was scheduled. Can I ask maybe the city manager, when was that? What was the timing on that?

City Manager Greg Caton: Mayor, members of Council. Actually the city clerk and I met today to look at some fall scheduling. When Council takes its break, it's not uncommon when your first meetings come up with my words procedural items and it could be long agendas. We had tentatively identified September as a good opportunity because we will have the information that Councilman Kwasman was referencing in his comments and then it's past that surge. If you are open for a long meeting, we would be available in August, but it's likely very full agendas when you come back.

Councilman Graham: Why don't we just say August or September, that way we give staff that flexibility.

And then I would support it.

Mayor Borowsky: Listen, if you have our meetings fully set, we don't want to be here for 10 hours, which I don't think you do, so the next available, practicable meeting, which is sometime in August or September. Okay. We are good? So, with that, we will take a vote. Thank you.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL - ITEM 24

Moving on to item 24, this is a zoning ordinance applying to data centers. We could see one coming which could explore creating more specific requirements for a data center in particular significant noise abatement and water conservation having a circulatory system, I forget the term that they use for it, where it's fully insulated system that brings their own water and and maintains their own water, recycles it and uses it for cooling devices. So, it's it's definitely something that is possible and I think we should get that on the books as soon as possible. I wouldn't want to see that coming forward when an application was coming forward at the same time.

So, with that, I will make a motion to agendaize I don't know that we need a work study. I will leave it up to staff, if there's just a an agenda an agenda item, that can include a discussion and action item, I think that's probably more expeditious. So, I will make a motion for that and leave it discretion of staff as well.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay. Anyone have any comments on this one? With that, we will take a vote.

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And then lastly, I would like to see us work on our process for charter officer evaluations and in particular salary discussions. Pardon me when I was on the Council 2008-2010, we did a lot of actual debate on these charter officer reviews, probably more directed at the salary discussions and I think in furtherance of transparency, and full disclosure to the general public, I do think it's important to have meaningful discussions when it comes to salaries in the open session.

I wouldn't be opposed to keeping the evaluations because I know there's an HR aspect to it, or employment contract aspect to it, but for sure, we've done this in the past, where we have meaningful discussions about salaries. After our recent charter evaluations and salary decisions, I had a lot of inquiries as to, you know, why did that happen? What did it mean? I just think in the interest of transparency is and public information, I think that's a better way to go.

So, I would like to see us I'm happy you know, I know city attorney, you circulated a memo. I think that it's worthy of getting an independent legal opinion on this since it does affect a charter officer, you, the city attorney. I would really appreciate seeing that happen and to see if, you know, what the limitations

would be. I know what I think. I read your memo. I just think this is important.

So, I'm going to make a motion to bring forward some options as to how we go about shedding transparency and light on this discussion and allowing really the public to provide input too and feedback. And bring that forward as an agenda item or a work study. Anybody have a second? No one is gonna second? Oh, Councilwoman Littlefield?

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor. I would not be supportive of this. Something like this is never done in business. When you are evaluating your officers in a business situation, and that is basically what this is, is a large, public business. I do not I do not think it's for the well-being of the city, nor of the charter officers nor, frankly of the Council it would be way too easy for this to be turned around into an attack dog-type situation, and receivers you know we need to improve government, yes, we need to improve what we do. We need to make sure our decisions are wise and in alliance and in conformity with our laws and our charter. But those are the things that our charter officers help us do. And their salaries are comparative to other cities and other officers, and I think that it's a private thing. I think it's something that we discuss in our Executive Sessions and that we discuss one-on-one with our charter officers. We don't even discuss them together. And I think it's inappropriate to do this in a public arena. Thank you. For one thing, we will lose our charter officers.

Mayor Borowsky: Vice Mayor McAllen.

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Vice Mayor McAllen: Thank you, Mayor. I would just like to say that I I kind of agree with both of you. I think that this needs to be a little more transparency from the citizen side. I do think citizens should be able to say how they feel their interactions with our charter officers are. Maybe we could look at an opportunity to have citizens give input, not in the evaluation, but just, like we do on any type of service or process, that a month prior, they could just have comments if they choose, that way we could take that into consideration, because we don't deal with the charter officers in the same way that the public does.

And so I see a little bit of need for transparency for the public, for that aspect, but to evaluate charter officers in the public arena, I also could see what Councilwoman Littlefield said, that would be a great horrific way for people who have a vendetta to bring it against those people. And you don't do that in the business realm, like she said, however, I do see the need for a little more transparency. Just wanted to make that comment.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. And before I call on Councilman Kwasman, just to be clear, I think the evaluations should be kept in executive session and I think the salary discussion and the debate about not debate but the discussion should be in the open. Go ahead, Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Thank you, Madam Mayor, I'm not going to be supporting this, I I I understand where you're coming from, Madam Mayor. I don't think this is coming from a bad place. I think this is

going to be very political and it will only create more tensions in a world where 90%, no offense to our wonderful charter officers 90% of Scottsdale residents have no idea who you are. Same with us, by the way. I know. I know. It's a good thing and I think this will only be used as say saber politically, and I'm not gonna mention I just saw certain heads nodding, but I think that that this is just not it's I would support alongside Vice Mayor McAllen if people wanted to submit, you know, a comment session, if we want to have a single comment session, but we technically can do that, right? We come out and when we have our final vote on the salaries, people can come and speak to, it but let's just be honest when we do these charter special meetings, nobody is this anyway, because it is not interesting to 90% of the people, because unless it's used politically, and it's always going to make one newspaper article about something and that's it. And so, I'm this is to me, this is a miss.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay. Well, it dies for lack of a second. City attorney.

Luis Santaella: Mayor, members of the Council, I consulted with my colleague, Mr. Lane, and currently, members of the public can submit written comments already during the charter officer evaluations. While it is uncommon, it has happened in the past. So, there is already a system in place more or less for what the vice Mayor and the Councilman were talking about.

Mayor Borowsky: Okay. Thank you very much.

WORK STUDY SESSION

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So, moving on let's turn to the Work Study Session which provides oh, Councilman Graham, I'm sorry.

Councilman Graham: I was just going to add that happened this year, we got a comment, somebody submitted a letter and I think I think at those meetings can there be public comment when we do the...

Luis Santaella: Currently, they are not agendaized for public comment, they are just agendaized for written comments.

Councilman Graham: Maybe we could look at that or something. There's no action being taken on this from what I hear. So, thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Died for lack of a second. So, Work Study Session, moving right along. This is the less formal setting for Mayor and Council to discuss specific topics in this case the state legislative update and provide each other and city staff with discussion and potential direction. So, I will turn it over to Sara Sparman Government Relations Manager and Dr. Marc Osborn with Kutak Rock to present. Thank you.

Government Relations Manager Sara Sparman: Thank you, good evening, Mayor and Council my name is Sara Sparman, the Government Relations Manager for the city of Scottsdale. Here tonight, I have Marc

Osborn, who will give you a brief, very brief overview of the legislative session. Please, I invite you to ask questions if you have it, he will keep it brief. I know U.S.A. is playing right now and it's elimination. It was a great season, well, the legislature sign died the early morning of June 13th and so all told, I think we came out fairly unscathed this year, which is helpful. But I will let Marc kind of walk you through some of those highlighted topics.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you.

Kutak Rock Senior Director Government Affairs Dr. Marc Osborn: Thank you, Mayor and Council, for the record, Marc Osborn, with Kutak Rock. I can walk you through the presentation, so I understand you want an abbreviated I see the heads nodding with the abbreviated part. I will touch on seven key things. And given that the World Cup is going on, this is the legislative session was kind of like a draw. We didn't score a whole lot, but we didn't lose either. And that's kind of the theme. The key things we worked on this session, the biggest one is we spent a lot of time defending your ability to create or protect your community through zoning, design standards, there were very aggressive efforts to try to strip cities of that. We were able to defeat those in conjunction with other cities.

I think as I have spoken to you before, the interest of doing radical zoning and design review reform is starting to wane. Three years ago, it was at its peak. Each year it seems to dissipate and local control seems to be eking back, but it's still a battle. Still a battle.

Second thing is we protected local control over law enforcement tools. There's a lot of interest as technology is coming on, whether it's flock, whether it's other technologies, there is one part of the legislature that says it puts some reasonable guidelines on these technologies to make sure privacy and civil liberties are protected and then you have a more radical aggressive, let's these technologies are so dangerous that we don't want to use 'em, and so we have been dealing with that issue. And just in the soccer analogy, at the end of the game, was a draw. No up with scored. Neither kind of approach passed, which still provides local governments with that flexibility to use those law enforcement tools.

Airbnb reform, we made a little progress. We are not quite there yet. I always look at some of these issues, they are multiyear issues. We have pushed the ball forward quite a bit, and I'm optimistic next year we will have some breakthroughs as well, because I think some of the key legislators that were stoppers for us may well, they will not be in the same positions. So, I think we'll have more opportunities. And as I said, momentum is growing on the Airbnb. I do think one of the things I would recommend is we're going to try to get some legislators out to tour your community and actually show them what concentrated Airbnbs look like for local communities.

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Another big win for us is making sure that we were still, as a community, eligible for the infrastructure reimbursement program. One of the things the legislature did was extend that program, but they put in a whole series of new requirements that we would not have met but we were able to make sure that we were grandfathered in under the old program and there will be enough resources and we worked with

city staff to make sure they got their application in in a timely manner to do that.

On the budget front, kind of status quo. No cuts. No no new money. But given where the state was, fiscally, they did enact near full conformity on HR-1, so they had to make some cuts to fund those tax cuts. Usually, they try to take a little piece out of cities. They didn't do that this time, and that's good news and we feel comfortable.

I think another good positive coming out of this session is we continue to build relationships with our local delegation and expand those. There were times when they were on the floor that members would be texting Sara and I, hey, I'm not familiar with this Bill. Where are you guys at? I think that's a nice step from where you kind of the issues we had the session before.

And then lastly, we spent a lot of time protecting kind of the on the criminal justice side, making sure we still had strong and fair laws that didn't weaken our ability to keep the safe the public safe and so that Luis and I got to know each other quite well over the session, as we plugged along on those issues.

If there's specific questions about specific bills, happy to answer. All of you should have received an end of session report. That report will detail every bill that has been enacted. Some narratives on the budget. Always open to answer any Councilmember's questions and be happy to answer any questions from there.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you very much. We do have Councilwoman Dubauskas.

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Councilwoman Dubauskas: Thank you, Madam Mayor. Thank you, Marc for coming tonight. I really like your idea of bringing some of the members to meet with the neighborhoods of the short-term rentals. We have a task force I don't know if that's the right word, but we have a group that looks through and we can find some folks that would be really good for that kind of a conversation. We did the Barrett-Jackson tour, and you and I had talked about perhaps doing a hike in the preserve, maybe in the fall, is that something that's still in the works and...

Marc Osborn: Mayor, Councilwoman Dubauskas, yes, outreach ideas. The one that we're also focused on too is maybe creating kind of a rodeo caucus, to kind of highlight WestWorld. So, here's the kind of concept is we have this amazing asset, the Barrett-Jackson thing was a big hit. I think we will do that again.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Good.

Marc Osborn: We're also looking to build that kind of idea on the rodeo side, so people and the horse events, the fall rodeo seems like the best event. So if we get some budget surpluses or if there's some windows of opportunity, all of a sudden we can grab resources to do that because people are familiar with the needs, and we have some other strategies working and then we can figure out other kind of

opportunities to get people to touch and feel our community and, you know, we have also talked a little bit about a tourism tour, like here are all the assets of tourism for the state and those types of things. So, I think my my recommendation, as much as you are willing to help guide some of these and different people with different folks, we'd be happy to kind of help find willing legislators to come out and visit and go from there.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Great. Thank you, city manager.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, and Vice Mayor McAllen.

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Vice Mayor McAllen: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you for the presentation, Marc. Abbreviated. I would like to just continue to encourage you to chip away at the short-term rentals that is probably the most emails I receive is about our lack or the ability for us to enforce a little bit more. I know we just recently changed our short-term rental definition of an event center and that will give us a little more teeth. Anything we can do to bring back local control, just anything you need from us, let us help you. And if that means us going down to the legislature to talk, let's do it. We just need to have control back of our own city. Thank you.

Marc Osborn: Mayor and Council, I agree. I think having them feel and touch and see what that looks like, you know, I think if people went up to Sedona and drove Sedona and you can say, oh, these blocks are all same with our community. These blocks and here's where that school is gonna close because there's all the secondary impacts.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Absolutely.

Marc Osborn: We need some balance here. And so that pendulum is changing. I think the other thing that people are opening their eyes to is the fact that some of the apartments now have Airbnbs in them and so when you are talking for some of those coalition people who are like, no local zoning, because we want affordable housing, well, then on the other hand, if all of these apartments are becoming de facto mini hotels, that kind of works against that second concept and so and so there's opportunities. It will be different messages for different people, but we just need to grind away, grind away and then when an opportunity opens up. And one the things I would like to do is get a lot of you introduced to Representative Bliss because she's champion and represents Sedona. She's really good about...

Vice Mayor McAllen: I'm happy to help in any way I can. I love the idea of a tour.

Mayor Borowsky: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: I agree with what you are doing. I think it's great. One of the thoughts I just had after listening to you, can we ask them what they would like to see if Scottsdale? Do they often have any kind of viewpoints or interests that perhaps would make it easier to get, have them come out here

and see what they want to see?

Marc Osborn: Absolutely. Absolutely. The idea is that we want to build a relationship with these delegates. And then bring in other people who may have an impact, why would Representative Bliss who lives up in the Prescott area come down here? She wants to see because we have an issue in common. Same thing with I will give you another great example, Senator Sundareshan, one of the big leaders in water policy. Come see what we are doing in our community. Everybody may have different interests and in some cases we will partner with other regional communities so you get kind of a regional look as well.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you, Councilwoman Whitehead.

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Councilwoman Whitehead: I have to say Representative Bliss is amazing. So, the time to start on next session is now. And I know you know that. So, I might be reaching out too, because we started too late. You know, that the time to start is now. And interesting you mentioned Tucson, regional and water. Things that Scottsdale has done very, very well are different from what Tucson has done very well. And Tucson has been really good at capturing runoff and and they have a whole green infrastructure. So that would be an interesting tour for people up here to go see that as well. But anyway, yeah, I would say, let's get started for our top priorities early. Thanks.

Marc Osborn: Yeah, lobbying is a full-time business. Everyone thinks we work four months out of the year. That's what I thought when I got into the business, but I was wrong. Yes. It starts now and the good news is we started late because of the transition, but Sara and I have a full well, not a full year, but six months to build that and we're working on that aggressively.

Mayor Borowsky: Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Thank you, Madam Mayor. Marc, you threw on your goalie jersey this year and I just want to thank you for everything you did. The outcome is palpable, especially compared to last year. It really is. We see the difference and I think we really found our lobbyist for the long run, and our government affairs person and I just want to leave, end with cautioning the members about if we want to make sure that we're speaking with legislators through through Marc, because honestly, I'm as a former legislator, we don't city Councilmembers do not do well on you know, on Washington Street. I just want to make sure that it's extremely precision when we speak to people and not and not flock them for flock cameras, right? And it's just they don't want to see us.

Marc Osborn: To that point, I think Sara and I's job is to curate you guys so that we match you with the right legislators. Mr. Kwasman, I've known you for a long time. There's certain legislators I would not put you in front of. And vice versa. It's just a matter of I always remember we were having a dinner with the

Queen Creek people and there was one of the more progressive Councilmembers in Queen Creek, just happened to sit next to one of the most conservative legislators at the dinner which was not by design. And we just sat there going, please, please go well.

Councilman Kwasman: I just want to remind Dr. Osborn that my roommate, when I was at the legislator was Andrew Sherwood.

Mayor Borowsky: All right. I don't see any more questions. You heard me talk about the large water users idea. I don't know if that that probably will need to involve the state at some point depending on how we how extreme we go. So, look forward to having discussions about that. With that, if there's no other questions, thank you for joining us tonight.

Marc Osborn: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Borowsky: All right. And we're moving on to Councilmembers' updates. So, anyone have anything to Vice Mayor McAllen?

Vice Mayor McAllen: Thank you, Mayor. Just a reminder that this July 4th at WestWorld, super huge special event and barbecue. I welcome all the citizens to attend.

Mayor Borowsky: All right. With that we are adjourned. I don't see anyone else. Thank you so much.

ADJOURNMENT

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