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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:00]

Mayor Borowsky: I call the September 8, 2026 City Council Special Meeting to Order. City Clerk Ben Lane will you please provide us a Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

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.

Ben Lane: Barry Graham.

Councilman Graham: Here.

Ben Lane: Councilmember Adam Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Yo.

Ben Lane: 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: Here.

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

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCE NOMINATIONS

[Time: 00:00:38]

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you and for the Special Meeting today, we have the applications for board and commission openings, which will be under consideration. I feel like I'm echoing. Are we echoing here?

From the applicant pool, the Council will select nominees for further consideration and as is protocol I will turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Maryann McAllen.

Vice Mayor McAllen: There's a lot of m's in there. Thank you. 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 act 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 city appointed advisory boards is a valuable tool helping Council members in their deliberations. Appointments for these positions will be made at a Special City Council Meeting on September 22.

As we begin our process this evening, I would like to note to my colleagues that an appointment only needs to receive one nomination in order to advance to the interview before 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, and we'll get started.

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:02:27]

Our first commission is the Airport Advisory Commission, and there are two openings. The Airport Advisory Commission consists of seven members, who assist staff and advise the City Council on aviation related issues, including maintenance and operations of the airport, rules, regulations and minimum operating standards, the effects of airport operations and projects on the environment, proposed development, aviation related fees and leases. Special qualifications, none. April's term concludes in October and is eligible for reappointment but did not submit an application for consideration. Peter Meyer concludes his second term in October and is ineligible for reappointment.

There are two vacant seats and seven applicants. The applicants are James Howard, Cooper Nelson, Sean Paul Olivier, Azam Qayum, Mark Unterbach, Amanda Wigal-Schlosser and Ali Zalgout. I will now entertain nominations for the Airport Advisory Commission; each Council member can nominate up to two applicants. I will start with Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Thank you, Madam Vice Mayor. I nominate James Howard and Cooper Nelson.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Thank you. Councilwoman Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Sean Paul Olivier and Mark Unterbach.

Councilman Graham: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Cooper Nelson, Sean Paul Olivier.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Mayor Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Amanda Wigal-Schlosser.

Vice Mayor McAllen: And I have no additional.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

[Time: 00:04:43]

Vice Mayor McAllen: Next commission is the Board of Adjustment. There's one opening. The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that hears variance requests appeals of zoning administrators interpretation on decisions and decides an administrative decisions on zoning requirements. Which state unnecessary hardships in the development of property because of exceptional or extraordinary conditions. Excuse me, there is massive feedback up here. I can barely hear myself talking. There's just tons of feedback. My apologies. Okay. Thank you. It was like ringing for you guys, too.

Special qualifications, none listed. Paul Gary resigned, there is one vacancy and two applicants. They are Julian Anderson and Ed Peaser. I will now entertain nominations for the Board of Adjustment. I will begin with Councilwoman Dubauskus.

Councilmember Dubauskus: Ed Peaser.

Councilman Graham: Just a question. Mr. Peaser, I thought was serving on DRB. Is that because of the DRB dissolution?

City Clerk Ben Lane: Thank you Councilman Graham. Individuals can apply for another board or commission. If they end up getting appointed, they have to resign from their other board. That will create a vacancy in that board that will be filled at a later date.

Councilman Graham: And Councilwoman Dubauskas, who did you...it is up here. No additional, thank you.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Julianne Anderson.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Mayor Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Sorry. I thought they were the same person. Thank you.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

[Time: 00:06:30]

Development Review Board, one opening. The purpose of the Development Review Board is to review and approve architectural design and layout of proposed development plans. This includes site planning and relationship of development to the surrounding environment and community. Special qualifications, as specified in the Scottsdale City Code, Development Review Board consists of City Councilmember, a Planning Commission member and five members, three of which should be architects, environment scientists, landscape architects otherwise qualified by design background and training experience. Two of whom should be land developers, builders or contractors. David Mason's term expires in September. He is eligible for reappointment but did not submit an application for consideration.

There is one vacancy and four applicants. The applicants are Perry Becker, Joy Hunt, Porabhjoat Kasera, and Whitney Warman. With that I will now entertain nominations for the Development Review Board, and we will start with Councilman Graham.

Councilman Graham: Miss Hunt.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Mayor Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: No additional.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Whitney Warman.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: The Vice Mayor will nominate Porabhjoat Kasera okay.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:08:14]

Environmental Advisory Commission. One opening. The Environmental Advisory Commission

provides guidance on prioritization of current and future environmental activities and recommends environmental policies to City Council. Special qualifications, as specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the membership of the commission shall reflect both scientific, professional backgrounds in environmental or sustainability-related fields. And nonscientific interests' representatives from the business community and community at large. As long as both scientific and nonscientific interest are represented. The code does not indicate a precise number of members with scientific versus nonscientific backgrounds. Andrew Schenk resigned in June.

There is one vacancy and seven applicants. The applicants are Philip Allsop, Michele Caporali, Arcella Flentge, Victor Novelo, Brandon Putman, Serena Tacho, and Terence Winters. I will now entertain nominations for Environmental Advisory Board Commission. Each Councilmember may nominate one applicant. Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you. I nominate Philip Allsop.

Mayor Borowsky: No additional.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Brandon Putman.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: I will nominate Serena. Okay. I'm so sorry, Councilwoman Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Terence Winters.

Councilman Graham: None additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Thank you, Barry. My apologies.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

[Time: 00:10:11]

Human Relations Commission, there is one opening. The Human Relations Commission acts as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council and staff to make recommendations are ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding amongst people there are no special qualifications. Chass Onkst resigned in September.

There is one vacancy and eight applicants. The applicants are Suhail Agwani Arpana Ajith, Alexandra Blanski, Paul Epstein, Vincent Indovina, Katie McGinty, Rutherford Pascal, and Tyuana Turner. We will start with Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: Paul Epstein.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Let's see. Katie McGinty.

Councilman Kwasman: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Rutherford Pascal.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilman Graham.

Councilman Graham: None additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: None additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: I will nominate Arpana Ajith.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

[Time: 00:11:33]

The next commission is the development of the Industrial Development Authority; there is one opening. The Industrial Development Authority, IDA was incorporated by the state in 1984 and is legally an independent political jurisdiction of the state. Its primary purpose is to issue tax exempt bonds for certain types of private development. Primarily smaller manufacturing facilities and nonprofit facilities. For the purpose of attracting new economic activity in the community. The seven IDA board members are appointed for six-year terms and are eligible for reappointment for an additional six years.

Special qualifications, there are no formal requirements of the IDA members. Areas of technical expertise but given the nature of the work IDA conducts, it is suggested that the members be comfortable with working with detailed financial formulas, feasibility studies, financial projections. Historically, most members have been bankers, accountants, financial advisors, CFO's, attorneys, et cetera. Jeffrey Green's term expires in October. He is eligible for reappointment but has chosen not to submit an application for consideration.

There is one vacancy and four applicants. The applicants are: Michelle Gardner, Valentin Hernandez, Charles Kofron and Carter Stout. I now entertain nominations for the Industrial Development Authority. Each Council member may nominate one applicant. I will start with Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Charles Kofron.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Michelle Gardner.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilman Graham.

Councilman Graham: Mr. Stout.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Valentin Hernandez.

Vice Mayor McAllen: All members are nominated. I'll move on to the next one.

LIBRARY BOARD

[Time: 00:13:48]

The Library Board. There are two openings, the Library Board advises the City Council on general policy relating to programs, services, future and 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. Qualifications, there are no specific qualifications. Outgoing or retiring members eligible for reappointment. Frieda Hartman's second term concludes in September and ineligible for reappointment. Leslie Totten's term expires in September; he is eligible for reappointment but did not submit an application for consideration.

There are two vacancies and nine applicants. The applicants are: James Bultema, Douglas Connolly, Isabelle Dortch, Matthew Farber, Jeff Flancer, Rissel Langbecker, Emily Nalven, Vernon Noronha, and Enid Seiden. I will now entertain nominations for the Library Board. Each Councilmember may nominate up to two applicants. We will begin with Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Thank you. Matthew Farber and Jeff Flancer.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Doug Connolly, no additional.

Councilman Graham: None additional.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Emily Nalven and Vernon Noronha.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Mayor Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: Rissel Langbecker.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Enid Seiden.

Vice Mayor McAllen: No additional for myself.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:15:43]

Vice Mayor McAllen: There are two Neighborhood Advisory Commissions, there are two openings. Seven members advise and make recommendations to the City Council on policies, plans, strategies and programs for the preservation, improvement and revitalization of Scottsdale's housing and neighborhoods. Special qualifications, none listed. Craig's term expires in October. He is eligible for reemployment but did not submit an application. George Spatola's term expires in October, he has submitted an application for consideration.

There are two vacancies and six applicants. The applicants are Valerie Capone, Todd Fretto, Ryan Jensen, Chad Koskie, Teri Nickerson, and George Spatola. I will now entertain nominations for the advisory commission. For the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. Each Councilmember may nominate up to two applicants. We will start with Councilwoman Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Ryan Jensen and Teri Nickerson.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilman Graham.

Councilman Graham: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Valerie Capone and George Spatola.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Mayor Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: Todd Fretto.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Councilman Kwasman: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: I have no additional.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

[Time: 00:17:23]

Parks and Recreation Commission. There are two openings. The Parks and Recreation Commission advises City Council on the acquisition of land and facilities for the use of parks and recreation centers and on the operation, use, care and maintenance of the parks and recreational areas. Special qualifications, there are none specific. Susan McGeary's second term concludes in September, and she is ineligible for reappointment. Michael Vreeland's term expires in September, and he is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application.

There are two vacancies, eight applicants, they are: Donald Bierman, Suzette Gibson, Evan Judge, Marilyn Lagesse, David Mally, Chass Onkst, John Vekich, Michael Vreeland. I will entertain nominations for Parks and Recreation Commission, each Councilmember may nominate up to two applicants. I will start with Councilman Graham.

Councilman Graham: Miss Onkst and Miss Lagesse.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Marilyn Lagesse and Michael Vreeland.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Mayor Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: No additional.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Councilman Kwasman: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: No additional for me.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: And no additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: I'm so sorry. I keep thinking I start with you because you're on that end.

My apologies.

PLANNING COMMISSION

[Time: 00:19:14]

Planning Commission, there are three openings. They hold public meetings and makes recommendations to the City Council on all matters relating to the creation of zoning districts, the enforcement of zoning relations, amendments to all zoning ordinances and any other planning and zoning issues, qualifications none. Jorge Ertel, William Scarborough and Joe Young conclude their second term in October and are ineligible for reappointment. There are three vacancies and 14 applicants.

The applicants are: Jeffrey Brand, Timothy Burns, Doug Craig, Mason Gates, Ryan Hilbun, Chad Koelling, Kevin Lima, David Mason, Mark McCurdy, Brian Novak, Richard Sacks, Poonam Singh, Richard Tarbox, and Michael Wills. I will now entertain nominations for the Planning Commission. Each Councilmember may nominate up to three applicants. We will start to Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you. I would like to nominate Jeffrey Brand, Doug Craig and Mason Gates.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Mayor?

Mayor Borowsky: Let's see who we have here. The only additional I have is Michael Wills.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Councilman Kwasman: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Mark McCurdy, David Mason, no additional.

Councilman Graham: None additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: I would like to add Poonam Singh. No additional after that. Okay.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

[Time: 00:21:12]

Next one is the Tourism Development Commission. One Scottsdale hotelier opening is available. The Tourism Development Commission advises City Council on matters concerning the expenditure

and revenues of transaction privilege tax on transient lodging, also known as bed tax. Designated for tourism development. Special qualifications, as specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the seven members of the Tourism Development Commission shall consist of representatives of tourism industry in Scottsdale, including a minimum of four Scottsdale hoteliers, one member of Scottsdale Convention and Visitors Bureau and a balance of elements of the tourism industry. Lance Marron resigned in June. One vacancy for a Scottsdale hotelier and two applicants. They are Erin Press and Terri Worthington. We will now entertain nominations. Each Councilmember may nominate one person. We will begin with the Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: Terri Worthington.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Erin Press.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Okay. We are complete there. Thank you.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

[Time: 00:22:27]

Next, Transportation Commission. The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to the safe and official movement of vehicles, transit, pedestrians and bicycles, it provides a public forum to hear citizen complaints and requests regarding transportation matters. Special qualifications, none listed. Lee Kauftheil's term expires in September and is eligible for reappointment and has submitted a new application for consideration.

There is one vacancy and seven applicants. They are: Gerald Conover, Carrie Cox, Zehira Dadon, Allison Hill, Lee Kauftheil, Muhammad Shahbander, and Emily Wasylenko. I will now entertain nominations for the Transportation Commission; each Councilmember may nominate one applicant. Starting with Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Lee Kauftheil.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilman Kwasman.

Councilman Kwasman: Muhammad Shahbander.

Councilwoman Dubauskas: Carrie Cox.

Councilman Graham: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Gerald Conover and Lee Kauftheil.

Vice Mayor McAllen: You can only do one.

Councilwoman Littlefield: The first one then.

Vice Mayor McAllen: Mayor Borowsky.

Mayor Borowsky: No additional.

Vice Mayor McAllen: And I have no additional also.

This concludes our nomination process this evening. Individuals nominated will be contacted by city staff with additional information, I would like to thank take this opportunity to sincerely thank all what have applied to serve on a board or a commission, if you were not nominated, your application will remain on file for one year for consideration at a future date. If there are additional vacancies, I'll turn the meeting back over to the Mayor.

Mayor Borowsky: Thank you. Well done and with that, that concludes our business for the Special Meeting and I move to adjourn. All right.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:24:26]