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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:34]

Mayor Lane: It's a very, very grand entrance here, Suzanne. Well, I would like to welcome everyone here for the inauguration and, of course our meeting for tonight as well. Nevertheless, I will start with a call to order for January 8th, Special Meeting for Council inauguration.

INTRODUCTION

[Time: 00:00:40]

Mayor Lane: And I would like to introduce our two returning Councilmembers, who are going to be inaugurated today and that's Councilwoman Littlefield and Councilwoman Linda Milhaven. They are both here for their swearing in. And, of course, the newly elected Councilwoman Solange Whitehead.

OATH OF OFFICE

[Time: 00:01:13]

Mayor Lane: So we are going to administer the oath of office or I should say Carolyn Jagger, our city clerk will perform the swearing in ceremony for the incoming Councilmembers, as have just been

indicated, and it shows on my little script here that it begins with Councilwoman Kathy Littlefield.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: All three.

Mayor Lane: The ultimate sign of efficiency.

Carolyn Jagger: Raise your right hand and repeat after me. I state your name do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution and the laws of the state of Arizona, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and defend them against all enemies foreign and domestic. And that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Councilmember, according to the best of my ability, so help me God. Congratulations.

REMARKS

[Time: 00:03:08]

Mayor Lane: And with that, I would like to ask the Councilmembers to come and take their places on the dais and give us a few words. With that, I also want to express my great satisfaction with bringing on, bringing back two of our fine incumbents but also with the addition of Solange Whitehead. It's nice to have the Council in full representation again with an evolution in things as they develop. People have told me that this is the year of the woman, and I, I'm coming to grips with this. But I should say I grew up with five sisters. So this is a pretty natural environment for me.

But honestly, it's been an interesting campaign, as they all are. Everyone has expressed their views and certainly I know the constituent taxpayers and frankly, voters are looking forward to people living, or I should say the candidates, now Councilmembers performing as they have expressed in their campaigns and I think that is the ultimate of truth and ethics in how we operate as a city government, and representative form of government. So we are looking forward to a lot of new input and frankly, we'll all learn a lot from each other on this, and I want to individually certainly welcome Solange here with us, or Councilwoman, I should say, Whitehead and Councilwoman Milhaven back to us again and individually Councilwoman Littlefield. Thank you very much for a good campaign and frankly for being here with us today. And with that, I will start with, with Councilwoman Littlefield, if you would like to say a few words.

[Time: 00:04:52]

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you for your good wishes. And I would like to thank everyone in Scottsdale for your strong support and your help in my campaign. I would like to say I appreciate all the efforts everybody took for this. I especially would like to thank my husband Bob who was my campaign chairman and who helped me day in and day out, and I couldn't have done it without him. So thank you. I will continue my efforts to represent you, the citizens of Scottsdale to the very best of my ability here in Scottsdale and make our city a more beautiful and lovely and wonderful place to live. Thank you.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilwoman. And next, I would ask for Councilwoman Linda Milhaven to give us a few words.

[Time: 00:05:44]

Councilwoman Milhaven: I would like to thank my friends and family and supporters. Someone asked me if eight years ago, I would imagine I would be back here again. I think the answer is no, but I'm very, very grateful. Thank you to all of my supporters. I would like to congratulate my new colleagues, Councilwoman Whitehead and my colleague Kathy Littlefield. Although, I will miss you down here. As I reflect on the days ahead, I think we can't help but look backward a little bit and City Council races are interesting things, as probably the, one of the few places where you run against each other, and then need to come together to work together. And so certainly, I look forward to doing that. I think that, ordinarily, as I said in Council elections, we run against each other. I think this election may have been a little more interesting in that regard than others. And I know that during the course of the last year or so, I called out folks for tactics I found objectionable and I was called out for objecting to tactics and it's not lost on me that you may construe what I'm saying as objecting to people objecting to what I objected to.

But I do bring it up because I think it's important that we put all of that behind us. While there were many issues in the election and some were settled permanently as a result of the citizen vote, there are many, many, many other issues ahead of us, and I think that all too often, we make issues a yes or no question and I would like to encourage my colleagues to continue to look for points of agreement, where we can start, and I think that virtually everyone in this room could probably agree on quite a bit, which is we agree this is an amazing city. We agree we want to keep it special. We agree that the economic prosperity of our community is part of what makes it special and keeps our taxes low.

While we can work towards that end, we may disagree on how, but I think we all agree on sort of what that end is. I hope as we move forward with this new Council, with the many, many issues we have ahead of us, that we can look for places of agreement to move forward, rather than make things a yes or no question, we consider how and look for compromises to work together. So I am excited to continue to serve the citizens of Scottsdale and look forward to working together collaboratively with my Council colleagues. Thank you.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilwoman Milhaven. And now Councilwoman Whitehead.

[Time: 00:08:23]

Councilwoman Whitehead: Well, I want to thank everybody for being here. It's an amazing year last year, I guess. The running for office isn't something I ever imagined I would do, but I, this was a calling and so I did it and the support that I got from the city every, every part of the city, just amazed me and going door-to-door and meeting literally thousands of you was a humbling experience, but what I found is so much goodness in the city and so much unity around core issues that are very important to me. So it was great to find out the same issues are important to you.

And then this, this group of people that came together, that many of you I didn't know prior to last year, that came together and worked with me to try to find a path to get things done, to get me elected and to get things done and we succeeded. I couldn't have done it without all of you. Again, many of you who I didn't know until prior to this election. I want to humbly say thank you to the entire city of Scottsdale, all of you and certainly my husband and my children who played a big role in this too. And my colleagues here on Council and the staff that's already working hard to help me get started. Thank you.

[Time: 00:09:58]

Mayor Lane: Thank you so very much Councilwoman Whitehead. Let me just add, excuse me. Let me add a little bit just from the standpoint of my other colleagues here. Certainly a big welcome for our colleagues that are coming back for a new term, but also Councilwoman Whitehead, as I indicated before. I think there really does bear some mentioning that this Council does have to work together and we are all, all intent maybe with different perspectives and different points of view in moving the city forward. The best intentions are held by everyone on this Council, but we do need to work together and recognize and respect each other and I think that's what we are set to do and I think that's really another good page to be turned as far as the city of Scottsdale is concerned. So welcome them all.

We look forward to a very, very productive year ahead of us in all manner of things and to continue to have Scottsdale be one of the best places to live and one of the best cities in its structure and its governance and as well as for residents and for businesses. And so we are looking forward to a productive and positive year for going forward. So congratulations and to you, the voters, for making your decisions, and I think that it will all spell very well for us going forward in the future. Thank you for being here for that. That does conclude our inaugural service here right now.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:11:34]

Mayor Lane: And so we're glad to have you here for that and if you want to stay for the meeting, we are glad to have you here for that as well, but we are going to, at this point in time, I will accept a motion to adjourn this Special Meeting.

Councilwoman Klapp: Move to adjourn.

Mayor Lane: Several motions to adjourn, I will count one as a second and all of those in favor of adjournment, we will then take that vote, please. All those in favor, please indicate by aye. Opposed? We are adjourned on the inauguration. So thank you very much for being here for this.