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**CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:00]

Mayor Ortega: Hello. I call the March 7, 2023 city Council Special meeting to order City Clerk Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:09]

City Clerk Lane: Thank you Mayor. Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

City Clerk Lane: Vice Mayor Kathy Littlefield. Vice Mayor are you there?

City Clerk Lane: Councilmember Tammy Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

City Clerk Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Present.

City Clerk Lane: Barry Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Here.

City Clerk Lane: Betty Janik

Councilwoman Janik: Here.

City Clerk Lane: Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Here.

City Clerk Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

City Manager Jim Thompson: Here.

City Clerk Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

City Attorney Scott: Here.

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

[Time: 00:00:53]

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. For the record, we did test the communications and councilmember Littlefield is remote, we hope to reconnect. Yes, I hear you. There is also a four or five second delay in that. So, I posted item is commission and task force interviews and appointments. This afternoon, we will be pointing individuals to eight boards, commissions, and taskforces. I will now turn the meeting over to councilmember Durham to begin this process.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. The Scottsdale city Council is responsible for establishing city policies and enacting laws in support of those policies. The Council relies on volunteer citizen-based boards and commissions to research issues and make recommendations in support of the Council's mission and goals. The information and recommendations provided by Council appointed advisory boards are a valuable tool in helping councilmembers in their deliberation.

This afternoon, the city Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on various boards and commissions. I want to thank individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time. Following the set of interviews, we will vote on an appointment for the board or commission. As I call your name, please approach the podium over there and briefly cover the following points.

For the record, please state your name and address and how long you have lived in Scottsdale. Please tell us about your education, employment or volunteer experience as it relates to this board or commission. Identify what you think is the top issue facing this board or commission. Please limit your comments to two minutes or less. We have a timer to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's response, we will ask councilmembers if they have any follow-up questions for you.

The first commission is the airport advisory commission, where there is one opening. The airport advisory commission advises the city Council on policy matters relating to the operation of the airport,

proposals for development, airport area land use, fees and 50 concerns. There is one vacancy and two nominees. Kevin Maxwell has withdrawn his application for consideration. The nominees are first Sabrina Haverty, will be participating in this meeting electronically, and second is Charles McDermott. His term expired in February and he is eligible for reappointment. First, is Ms. Haverty on the line?

Sabrina Haverty: Yes, hello.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you Ms. Haverty, you can begin.

[Time: 00:04:41]

Sabrina Haverty: Thank you Council for having me. I live at 15125 N Scottsdale Road. I've been a resident of Scottsdale for one year. My interest in the airport advisory commission is personal as I enjoy aviation for five years. Along with relevant experience and that the airport runway is viewable from our unit. A top issue that I see the airport advisory commission facing his development with traffic flow procedures.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you Ms. Haverty. Charles McDermott?

Charles McDermott: Good afternoon Mayor and Council. Thank you very much for nominating me to serve on the airport advisory commission for another year. My name is Charles McDermott 19700 N 76<sup>th</sup> street. I have lived in Scottsdale for a little over 10 years and am originally from snowy upstate New York.

I was glad to see a little bit of snow here last week, it was a nice homecoming. My experience, I am currently the aviation planning manager for the available engineering in Phoenix. We provide planning engineering services to airports across Arizona and Colorado. With over 35 years of aviation planning experience, I provided aviation consulting services to over 112 airports of all sizes across the country. I believe my professional experience brings a unique perspective to the commission.

First, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve on the airport advisory commission for the last three years. I truly think it is a unique and valuable asset to the city. I currently serve as the chairman of that committee. I believe important issue facing Scottsdale is compatible development land use across the airport. As he mentioned, Scottsdale is experiencing developmental pressure and tremendous growth. It's critical that the airspace around the airport be protected.

As you know, we recently had practicum before the commission and was able to pass final action with conditions on the proposed building to lower the height of the buildings to make sure they did not penetrate part 77 surfaces per the FAA. I was pleased with the developer of the planning commission and city Council while supporting the airport advisory commissions recommendations.

I believe this is an example of working together with the airport and the developers to make sure they have a successful project and they will impact the airport airspace. Thank you for nominating me, I ask you to allow me to serve in a timely airport advisory commission. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Councilmember Durham: Does anyone have any questions for Mr. McDermott? Alright, thank you. I will now entertain a vote for the airport advisory commission. Each councilmember can vote for one

nominee, councilmember Graham?

Councilmember Graham: Mr. McDermott.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. McDermott.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mr. McDermott.

Mayor Ortega: Charles McDermott.

Councilwoman Janik: Mr. McDermott.

Councilwoman Caputi: Charles McDermott.

Councilmember Durham: Councilmember Littlefield. Are you there? Are you there, councilmember Littlefield? I assume that we have enough votes to elect Mr. McDermott, so Mr. McDermott has been appointed.

Next is the development review Board where there is one opening. The purpose of the development review Board is to review and approve, yes we have your vote of Mr. McDermott has been appointed.

The purpose of the development review Board is to review and approve architectural design and layout of proposed development plans. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is Michal Joyner. Ms. Joyner's term expired in February and she is eligible for reappointment. I will now entertain a vote for the development review Board. Let's start with councilmember Graham again.

Yes, you have the chance to speak. Yes please, I am sorry.

[Time: 00:10:48]

Michal Joyner: I was happy to just let you vote. Thank you, Mayor and Council, I live at 11216 E Dale Ln. I have been resident since 2020. I am asking for reappointment to the development review Board. My term has ended and I have enjoyed working very much on this board. I've enjoyed working for the city, the citizens and the developers and most importantly with my fellow board members.

I believe I have done a good job of balancing the needs of the city of Scottsdale. I qualifications that I had previously served for eight years on the Chama planning commission were four of those years I was the chairman and was reappointed by three different mayors and four different city councils. The challenges facing our commission is very similar to the challenges that you face as city Council members.

The citizens who moved to the city of Scottsdale had great expectations of us and they bring the expectations to our cities on how they want to live. The developers of the city of Scottsdale expect to be treated with kindness, fairness and to have their cases reviewed fairly and impartially. Our city must continuously look to the future and how we are going to pay the bills to maintain this amazing city.

It is a three ring circus, you have the same issues we face on the boards. I also feel we have a new threat

facing us in Scottsdale and that is that the state and the federal government seem to think that they can tell us how to run our cities and how to build. I personally think that the mayor, city Council, the boards and the citizens are perfectly capable of figuring out what we want to build in Scottsdale. I am asking for your vote for reappointment, thank you.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. Now we can take a vote. I will start with councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Michal Joyner.

Councilmember Durham: Michal Joyner.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Michal Joyner.

Mayor Ortega: Michal Joyner.

Councilwoman Janik: Michal Joyner.

Councilwoman Caputi: Michal Joyner.

Councilmember Durham: Councilmember Littlefield? Are you there?

Rommel Cordova: Councilmember Durham, we are trying to connect with vice Mayor Littlefield so you can proceed to the next commission and we will have her back on the line to join us.

Councilmember Durham: Alright, thank you. I believe the meantime though, we have enough votes to elect Mr. Joyner.

Rommel Cordova: That is correct.

Councilmember Durham: Ms. Joyner has been appointed.

[Time: 00:13:56]

Next is the library board where there is one opening. The library board advises the city Council on general policies relating to the programs, services and future development, the program services and future development of the Scottsdale public libraries. There is one vacancy and five nominees.

The nominees are Eric Goeld, hope I pronounce that right, George Hartz, Enid Seiden, Christine Wilson and Paige Harvey. First, can we hear from Eric Goeld? Thank you.

Eric Goeld: First time I've ever done this. My name is Eric Goeld. 10226 N 98<sup>th</sup> Place. I moved here first in 1973 to stay for a few years then. Since 1993, I have been there for 30 years. The reason why I have applied is because I heard a presentation by Leanne Witt of Scottsdale leadership.

She turned me onto the idea of volunteering in getting involved in a board. I always wanted to do some volunteering I thought that was a good way to do it. In deciding on applying to library since I retired in

2023, I have self published four books. I have enjoyed the resources at the library represents, but I just walked through the Civic Center before I got here and I was reintroduced to all the services and the large space they have here and am quite impressed, have not been there a couple of years.

I spent 33 years in a semi conductor industry, mostly with Motorola based. The last couple of jobs were Vice President, General manager of global business unit at Motorola. I'm also Vice President and global manager at Phillips electronics, Phillips based in the Netherlands. I've also been an adjunct professor of Western International University teaching strategic management.

I have been a business coach and mentor, that type of thing. I have been on various boards. I would just summarize, I talked to Luisa Aiken of the Arabian library. I talked to her about the kind of issues. She said not surprisingly the issue is budget, budget and budget. Not surprised. She had other issues as well.

Since she is up there near the elementary and middle school, she's got some specific issues after school. She has a lot of kids in the neighborhood that come there. What I would like to see the library do is to more reach out to local authors.

They have been events that participated and launched a few years ago about how local authors venting their books and interfacing with people in the library here, I would like to see that again. Again, thank you for listening.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. Do you have any questions? Thank you, you can start now. Next is George Hartz. He will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically. You can begin.

[Time: 00:13:56]

George Hartz: Hi, my name is George Hartz, 20307 North 93<sup>rd</sup> Place. I first moved to Scottsdale in 1968 and was gone for quite a while but have not been back since 1996. I spent 10 years on the board with the Scottsdale public library with two separate terms as president. Scottsdale sister cities Association including serving as president of that group. I have been a lover libraries my whole life, involving libraries throughout the 25 years I have been involved in Scottsdale. The big issues I have seen this cost to library facing is a way to continue to make the library both relevant, accessible and exciting to the residence of Scottsdale. I look forward to being appointed to that commission in helping the staff and team achieve those goals, thank you.

Councilmember Durham: Next is Paige Harvey she here electronically? It appears she is not, so could we move on to Enid Seiden? I hope I am pronouncing it correctly.

Enid Seiden: Mayor and Council thank you for giving me this opportunity. 13436 E Desert Trail. My husband and I moved here from Colorado in 1995 and our daughters joined us here a few years later. I am retired from Scottsdale unified where I was a reading specialist and a classroom teacher. I work in both South and North Scottsdale and am still volunteering in my previous school and them on a special grant from the district to help support people testing, teachers need extra added support.

I have served on the human relations commission for six years serving as board chair. And the human services commission for six years and felt it was time to return to supporting and serving my city. I am

on the Maricopa County foster care review board and acted in the be kind people project which brings programs to schools to encourage and enrich the importance.

I have a lot of experience working with others and know that I would be an asset to the library board. The primary purpose of the public library is to provide free resources in a variety of media to meet the needs of all individuals, children's and adults for education, information and personal development. As a teacher, I was a huge proponent of parents utilizing the library to support their children's growth as engaged readers. I want to be part of preserving this important resource. Please consider me for a seat in the library board, thank you.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, are there any questions for Enid Seiden? If not, their next nominee is Christine Wilson.

Christine Wilson: Good evening Mayor and Council, thank you for inviting me to be here. 10319 e Pershing Ave. I have been here since 96, so 27 years and I have no idea where those 27 years went because it is a long time but I just paid off my house, so I guess that accounts for something. Anyway, as far as the background, I am a foreign language teacher first Spanish and at others for many years.

I've always loved libraries. All through my life I have been an active patron in the library. I love to read, watch movies and do research. I'm also a writer and have published a book in working on another one. I volunteered as a volunteer throughout high school and junior high in the public, school library.

That is kind of the background as far as that goes rather than being an active patron. The top issue I see today is probably trying to attract more people to come to the library. We have a culture now where people are having to cut expenses, so I would assume that many people are now having to cut out paying for all those online entertainment movies, etc. in the library offers all this for free.

Of course our taxes pay for it but it is free for them to come in use. If we can improve on that and make it more noticeable, what services we do have, it is not just books but lots of other things that are there people to be able to enjoy, that would be very beneficial. Again, my name is Christine Wilson and I would appreciate your vote, thank you.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you Mrs. Wilson. Do any councilmembers have any questions? Thank you, you can sit down.

[Time: 00:25:18]

I will now entertain a vote for the library board. Each Council member can vote for one nominee. Let's start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Enid Seiden.

Councilmember Janik: Enid Seiden.

Mayor Ortega: Eric Goeld.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I am so impressed so everybody please scan the list as we appoint other people, but I will vote for Christine Wilson.

Councilmember Durham: I will vote for George Hartz.

Councilmember Graham: I agree with Councilwoman Whitehead.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Eric Goeld.

Councilmember Graham: Unbelievably talented applicants, we are very lucky and blessed in Scottsdale. I will miss Wilson, thank you.

Councilmember: You will go to a second round between Eric Goeld and Enid Seiden and Christine Wilson.

I will start with Councilwoman Caputi again.

Councilwoman Caputi: Enid Seiden.

Councilwoman Janik: Eric Goeld.

Mayor Ortega: Eric Goeld, I want to explain that there is a four second each way with councilmember Littlefield so it takes four seconds were to hear and reply. Again, Eric Goeld.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I will do Enid Seiden.

Councilmember Durham: Enid Seiden.

Councilmember Graham: Miss Wilson.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Eric Goeld.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. We have our runoff between Eric Goeld and Enid Seiden.

[Time: 00:27:26]

Councilwoman Caputi: Sticking with Enid Seiden, thank you.

Councilwoman Janik: Enid Seiden.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Eric Goeld.

Mayor Ortega: Eric Goeld.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Enid Seiden.



Councilmember Durham: Enid Seiden.

Councilmember Graham: Eric Goeld.

Councilmember Durham: So, Mr. Enid Seiden has been appointed on a vote of four – three, very close. Ironically skipped over human relations commission. We will turn back to the human relations commission.

The human relations commission has one opening and the commission advocates and promotes all dimensions of diversity the commission acts as an advisory board to the mayor, the city Council and staff to make recommendations on ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding amongst people, to discourage prejudice and discrimination and work towards cultural awareness and unity.

There is one vacancy and four nominees. First a lot more has withdrawn her application for consideration. The nominees are Marcie LePine, Cynthia Romagnolo, Joshua Stearns, but he cannot participate in tonight's meeting, and Marietta Strano. I will start with Marcie LePine.

[Time: 00:29:08]

Marcie LePine: I live at 27351 North 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. I moved here in the summer of 2011, so I have lived here a little over 11.5 years. I am an associate professor at Arizona State University in the WP Carey school of business in the management and entrepreneurship department. I do work in the area of human resources and organizational behavior, which includes diversity, leadership, teams and stress.

I do research and a majority of those areas and that several publications that have been cited from researchers all over the world. I believe I met 12,000 Google citations now. I'm also doing research in the area of resilience, which I think is a top priority across the board. I am working with scholars in Germany and we are working on developing individual resilience, research the focus is on that.

I am also part of the team and the WP Carey school building a center for resilience as well. He will be focusing in the resilience of the individual, team, organizational and societal level looking at everything from health and well-being all the way to supply chain resilience. In addition to that, I have one a number of teaching awards.

I was nominated and a finalist for the included teaching award last year, and have been nominated again this year. In addition, I am a member of the WP Carey diversity, equity and inclusion assembly as well. The top issue that I think is facing the human relations commission is resilience. That is resilience at all levels.

The individual, the team, the organization and the community as well. I see resilience as encompassing stress, well-being and burnout. That really being a part of this. I believe that in order to focus on resilience will be important in the foundation is focusing on diversity, equity, inclusion and belongingness. That is our foundation in working through that that we can build an even better city. If I am selected to be in the human relations commission, I look forward to looking at these issues and other issues as well. Thank you so much for your time.

Councilmember Durham: Are there any questions for Marcie LePine? No? Thank you. Next is Cynthia Romagnolo.

Cynthia Romagnolo: My address is 12710 North 102<sup>nd</sup> Street. I have lived in Scottsdale since 2005. In that time I've been a mother, all wife, advisor and minority leader. I am interested in joining the human relations committee because I truly value service.

In my work my focus a part of my advisory practice on women going the financial knowledge in order to fund their hopes and dreams for themselves and their families. I have focused on elevating women's voices growing in leading the largest chapter affability investments with more than 2300 members. My role is to create opportunities for mentorship, connections and career advancement across the global employee resource groups.

I support group at fidelity called women talk money, a community for women dedicated to closing the gender wealth gap. Women or others a diverse background tend to not talk money and the effect that leadership is not speaking for them. I met with this committee, I worked to encourage mutual respect, discourage prejudice and work towards cultural unity within a company more than 60,000 employees. I-4 the biggest challenge to engaging our members in the case of the human relations committee is to feel more unity with the neighbors.

Despite perceived differences, they have more in common than they perceive and they have a common identity as Americans. I really thank you for the time and your consideration today, are there any questions?

Councilmember Durham: It looks like there are not any questions, thank you. Our next candidate is Marietta Strano. I think you are all a tough act to follow.

Marietta Strano: My personal information is in your files. Living in Kansas and employed in Shawnee Mission school district, our team serves students identified as gifted and underachieving, twice exceptional students.

I propose at the time intervention on behalf of this unique learner. How to improve learning outcomes by researching best practices for classroom use. This could not have been successfully completed without the effort of collaboration to strengthen intervention. This experience I bring to human relations. I'm honored to be able to reintroduce myself.

[Time: 00:35:14]

I was raised in Philadelphia in an immigrant extended family. I lived and taught in Mongolia. I arrived at these destinations after years in the U.S. teaching students from other countries. I wanted to understand what is it like to live in a culture among your own? I reached out to adults that are here for months from other countries to adapt to a new culture. My experience in program development in Kansas and elsewhere benefits our community outreach. Collaboration and outreach will strengthen the outcomes.

An issue with this commission could be how and when to reach out and to make more visible what

Scottsdale offers. To promote better understanding, might I propose not to wait for people to come to us, but we go to them? How? When? I'll have all the solutions today.

A family at met from another country, I asked what do you need to feel welcomed? Their response was invited us to dinner. I'm honored to have this opportunity to discuss how to strengthen our outcome, our outreach, sorry. I'll take my leadership skills in a new direction in places I never expected it to be. I've chosen to keep my application currently fuses represents my desire to continue to serve my Scottsdale community. I would feel a special distinction to serve on our HR commission, thank you.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. Let's start with Mayor Ortega and come down in this direction.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, I will commend everyone. It's one thing to read resumes and hear the voice of the person. At this point, I would vote for Cynthia Romagnolo.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Ditto, incredible. I will vote for Cynthia Romagnolo. Thank you.

Councilmember Durham: I will vote for Marcie LePine.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, I will vote for Cynthia Romagnolo.

Councilwoman Caputi: Cynthia Romagnolo please.

Councilwoman Janik: Cynthia Romagnolo.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Marietta Strano.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. Cynthia Romagnolo has been appointed.

[Time: 00:38:28]

Next is our neighborhood advisory commission, where there is one opening. The neighborhood advisory commission advises and makes recommendations to the city Council on policies, plans, strategies and programs for the preservation, improvement and revitalization of Scottsdale's housing and neighborhoods.

There is one vacancy and three nominees. Rachel Behrendt and Laurie Coe have withdrawn their applications from consideration. The nominees are Nancy Brady, Lee Cooley and Sheri Lopez. First is Nancy Brady you can come forward.

Nancy Brady: Good afternoon. I want to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to meet with you. I want you to know that I have also purchased a home over 25 years ago in central Scottsdale. I have had the opportunity to move and travel to Scottsdale over those years and have become very familiar with Scottsdale.

I moved from Colorado two years ago and in that time, living in Colorado, I was a big supporter of local

government. I will select the two positions which is the largest county in Colorado. One of the positions was County Commissioner. I doubt with all the similar situations that you have to deal with on a daily basis, and is off former auditor, I want to make sure that the strategies in the plans and programs are implemented, the best practices and professional standards so that we could be ethical and honest about everything we did, I was very aware of the budget making sure we did everything proper and cost-effective.

When I moved to Scottsdale two years ago, I got involved with the community. I joined two women's groups, but I also volunteer with the city of Scottsdale as an ambassador for old town. Most importantly, I serve as the director my homeowners Association, serve as the treasurer. They need someone with my background to do that.

I also enrolled in the Scottsdale one-on-one government program and took my first class this morning. I think the top issue, there are many, is one of the councilmembers said, water is life. I was very happy to see that the city departments reduce the use of water, so kudos to them over this past year, by 6%. I think it's time to roll that out to the community to get their buy-in. Everyone wants green grass, but we can always do that going forward.

I think it's important in the advisory commission would be a great group to get that information out to the communities and get their buy-in. There is alternatives that we could use for them. With that, I would like to thank you for the time and I would appreciate and honor your vote, thank you.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you Ms. Brady, is there any questions from councilmembers?

Councilmember Graham: I wanted to thank Ms. Brady for enrolling in Scottsdale 101, thank you for doing that.

[Time: 00:42:51]

Councilmember Durham: Next is Lee Cooley.

Lee Cooley: Mr. Mayor, Honorable members of council, thank you for your consideration today. I came here to be closer to family and start the nonprofit phase of my career with Make-A-Wish America. In January 2019, I became the director of marketing and communication for the Scottsdale Realtors Association I had problems with several boards including the Irish cultural learning foundation and the Arizona Southwest Heritage foundation which promotes culture in history to promote the revitalization of Scottsdale neighborhoods through its grant program.

That grant program I think is the key and most important issue for the remainder of this fiscal year my number was correct based on the January 25 minutes, there's a balance of \$90,000 of the \$30,000 the Council was so kind to fund remaining.

In November 2021, they partner with operation fix-it parks and rec and public services to expand a \$10,000 grant \$21,000. I think we can do that again with these monies of partners. With your vote, I look forward to helping you achieve that goal.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you Mr. Cooley, any questions from Council? Thank you. Next is Sheri Lopez.

Sheri Lopez: Good afternoon Mayor, vice Mayor and Council members. My name is Sheri Lopez. I have been a resident since 2001. My history of a bachelors degree in business, but that did not really take my life plan. I went on to become a flight attendant for 25 years which prepared me for this position in a very unique way.

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I have had the opportunity to travel and visit this entire world. I have been able to see communities that work well and those that don't those that invite tourism and those that don't. I think with that experience, I'm able to put together something that is inviting to all the community people that come to our area. I am also business owner here in Scottsdale and founded a nonprofit which pertains to human trafficking as a survivor of human trafficking, I felt it was very important to bring that information to the community.

I also served on the governor's board of human trafficking awareness Council for two years. I am I neighborhood watch captain. I am also a court-appointed special advocate for children in foster care as well as serve on the foster care review board.

Obviously we need to embrace the growth that is coming to us. We have to look at a new future that keeps the time that we have with all of the old town areas along with embracing the beauty that comes with growth. We also have to face water issues, traffic issues, that is something that I think I somebody like to collaborate and work as a team it would be beneficial to consensus and print, present opportunities to the board to make a positive future growth for Scottsdale.

Thank you for this opportunity, I hope to get your vote. Thank you.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you Ms. Lopez, any questions? If not, let's start with councilmember Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you, Nancy Brady.

Councilwoman Caputi: Lee Cooley.

Councilmember Graham: Miss Lopez.

Councilmember Durham: Nancy Brady.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Nancy Brady.

Mayor Ortega: Nancy Brady.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Lee Cooley.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. Nancy Brady has been appointed. Next is the Parks and Recreation commission where there is one opening. The Parks and Recreation commission advises the city Council on the acquisition of lands and facilities for use of parks, recreation centers.

On the operation, use, care and maintenance of these Parks and Recreation areas. There is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are Eric Maschhaup, I hope I pronounce that correctly, Kim Ollerhead, who will be precipitating electronically, and Pam Roberts. First is Eric, Eric Maschhaup.

Eric Maschhaup: Hello, good afternoon Mayor and Council, thank you for consideration today. I moved to Scottsdale in 2004, so 20 years now. I begin a family, I am a husband and father of two preteens. After this meeting I will be going to Scottsdale - - decided to do so. I worked my whole career and software technology, business to business software, specifically analytics and data-driven - - as a part of that will transition into this role on the commission.

Also, I have been a part of a locally founded charitable organization and through that is only increased my civic pride and responsibility which I would like to transition here for Parks and Recreation. I think the top issue facing the board is the appropriate use and to continue to invest and spend wisely the available budget to both maintain and improve Scottsdale's exceptionalism around Parks and Recreation.

We really enjoyed spending time in Scottsdale and the community and simply want to be a bigger part of it. Thank you.

[Time: 00:50:31]

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mr. Eric Maschhaup. Any questions? If not, you can sit down. Kim Ollerhead will be participating electronically. Is she available?

Kim Ollerhead: Yes, can you hear me?

Councilmember: Yes.

Kim Ollerhead: I have lived in Scottsdale for about 40 years, I own my second house here. My background is all project management. I work for interior designers for 20 years and am currently a stay-at-home mom, blogger and influencer.

We have five-year-old twins and we spent all about time at the parks. I spend my time researching the best part in finding out where the kids want to play and the reason this position interested me is I get a lot of questions why Scottsdale is and count some of the things. For example, the latest inclusive items people asked me questions about that. I always wondered where, how the budget goes and who make the decisions.

That being said, the biggest challenge is a budget but keeping our parks inclusive. I think we have a lot of great potential to make some of our parks bigger and better and more available for people to play with. Thank you for considering me, there are some amazing people here today, I am proud to be a Scottsdale citizen.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. Are there any questions from the Council? No? Well, thank you for participating. Next is Pam Roberts. Is Ms. Roberts here? Or is she online? Alright, I will not entertain a vote for the Parks and Recreation commission. Each councilmember can vote for one nominee. Let us start with Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Eric Maschhaup.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Eric Maschhaup.

Councilmember Durham: Eric Maschhaup.

Councilmember Graham: Eric Maschhaup.

Councilwoman Caputi: Eric Maschhaup.

Councilwoman Janik: Eric Maschhaup.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Eric Maschhaup.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you all. Eric Maschhaup has been appointed. Our final commission for the evening is the veterans advisory commission.

Councilmember Graham: We have two more.

Councilmember Durham: The double-sided paper is doing me in. Tourism development commission, there is one opening for industry representative. The tourism development commission advises city Council on matters concerning the expenditure of revenues from the transaction privilege tax or transient lodging designated for tourism development.

There is one industry representative position vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are Ray Michaels and Anna Mineer. Mrs. Anna Mineer's term expired in February and she is eligible for reappointment. First, let's see if Mr. Michaels.

[Time: 00:55:02]

Ray Michaels: Thank you Mayor and Council members, thank you for the nomination for this committee. I've been a resident there that home for almost 5 years now. My experience in Scottsdale goes back to grade school, attending Scottsdale school district and Arcadia high school, I've always been involved in anything you could possibly imagine.

I shovel a lot of things and was involved in key club, I managed the restaurant that is no longer there, Farrell's ice cream partner restaurant, maybe you are familiar with the on Indian school Road. My adventure took me from here, being heavily involved in high school, I ended up working in the cruise industry for 35 years.

I was heavily involved in tourism as well as restaurants, hotels. I've traveled more than 100 countries around the world, I did a lot in tourism with regard to escorting tours, anywhere from Cambodia to Egypt degrees to all over the world. I came back to Arizona five years ago, I have missed too many birthdays and holidays, Christmas is in all of that.

I opened up an adult living facility here in Scottsdale, I'm a small business owner and heavily involved in community service as well as politics. I chair alleged the district which includes Scottsdale as well. I have the heart of a servant and I will love to be a part of this, I want to serve the city Council. I think my experience in about 44 years of tourism and excellence, a top issue facing Scottsdale right now is that medallion directly behind the mayor.

Scottsdale is the westernmost Western town. We need to work diligently to make sure that we can keep the motto. People come here for a specific reason because we are the westernmost Western town. Everything we do in tourism is to promote what Scottsdale can do. I would love to assist the city Council and making some of the decisions on the board. I do thank you for the nomination.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, are there any questions for Mr. Michael's? If not, we can step down. Our next candidate is Anna Mineer.

[Time: 00:57:59]

Anna Mineer: Hello Mayor and city Council. I have been a resident Scottsdale for almost 7 years. My history, first of all thank you so much for allowing me to serve the last three years, the first two years were all virtual. The last year has been exciting to have people come see us in person. I would be honored to do that again for another three years.

I am just now retiring as the exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge. I'm the youngest female to observe deposition. I will have more time to dedicate to this commission including the April study that is coming up. Really looking forward to that. During my time in the commission, have not missed a single meeting, even the virtual ones.

One of the things that is different this time is I'm actually a business analyst for the Maricopa small business development Center. I get to be in touch with everything throughout the valley for the hospitality and tourism industry. I am thinking the biggest issue we are faced on the commission is just being diligent about how we spend the funds.

How is Scottsdale benefiting from the events? How can we make them better and work on them as a team? I'm really excited to continue that. I hope you give me the opportunity to do so.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, any questions from the Council? If not, I will now entertain a vote for the tourism development commission industry representatives opening. Each councilmember can vote for one nominee.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you councilmember. Two very qualified applicants. Mr. Michael's.

Councilmember Durham: Anna Mineer.



Councilwoman Whitehead: Anna Mineer.

Mayor Ortega: Anna Mineer.

Councilwoman Janik: Anna Mineer.

Councilwoman Caputi: Anna Mineer.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Anna Mineer.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. Anna Mineer has been appointed.

[Time: 01:00:24]

Our final tonight is for the veterans advisory commission where there is one opening. The veterans advisory commission advice to the city Council on veterans programs, policies and practices and serves as a community connection point for veterans in the community where they live. There is one vacancy and for nominees.

The nominees are Roger Day, Joe DuBois, Justin Layman and Bethany Schilling. Mr. Day, are you here tonight? Alright, thank you.

Roger Day: Thank you Mr. mayor and Council members, I appreciate the nomination. I have lived there since 1993. I come to this commission because I'm a Vietnam veteran. I recently went on a flight to Washington D.C.. In talking with their fellow veterans, I did not know that because someone would come up with a resource. Where do you find it? Where do I go?

I guess I should go to the microphone. That is the reason that I really on the commission, is to help the veterans find with the information and resources are. Fortunately, I don't need a lot of resources in the city, state and things of that nature, but there are a lot of veterans out there that do need that. Naturally, we need to help supply them Emma that is why I am here. Some of you might know me, my wife is the reason I am in this. She has been a city Council or member here for a while. Any questions? Thank you very much.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mr. Day. Next is Joe DuBois.

Joe DuBois: Good afternoon Mr. Mayor members of the Council. First of all, my name is Joe DuBois. I apologize if the anglicization is offensive to the ears, I have a story that I won't go into about my first trip to Paris where I taught them how to pronounce my name, but that is a long story and I will bore you with that. First of all of Mr. day, thank you for your service.

Also, I want to thank the Council for allowing me to be a nominee for this position. I lived in Scottsdale for five years now. I live in North Scottsdale up above the construction zone which I go through every day. Why I want to be on the commission. First of all, my education, I am a West Point graduate. Upon graduation I was commissioned as a separate Second Lieutenant were after a lead man in combat as a

decorated veteran, I think I have a certain affinity for veterans ever since I left the service and became a lawyer in my second career, I have been a trial lawyer for all these many years.

I've never lost the passion that I feel for veterans. I think I've been able to relate to veterans, I served many volunteer organizations we support veterans cannot be it through the military Academy Rye also interviewed from a local congressman, applicants, wonderful men and women were trying to get into the Academy and make recommendations to the congressman. It's a very important part of what the city does, if I did not command the city for having a veteran advisory commission.

Nothing speaks part of the city of Scottsdale that we do that here. I think it's important, veterans are a tremendous asset for the city. I think sometimes, one of the points I will make about the commission is that I think need to be in our looking commission. By that I mean one that looks out to the veterans and one that brings the veterans into the city first the incredible asset of leadership, devotion to duty to making the job done.

Those are all important issues that I think the commission can work towards. One of the things as will could be an important issue for this commission, and -- by 2040 the number will be one in five. I think we often overlook the female veterans and this commission is a good place to start where we start emphasizing and looking to what we can do for the female veterans that are going to become a big part of our veteran community. The other important issue, I'm sure he watched the news you see this all the time, right now, we have between 17 and 22 veterans committing suicide each day. That is over 6000 per year.

As a loss of a tremendous asset that our country has invested in. He obtained our veterans, send them to war and now for whatever reason we are losing them at an astronomical rate it has been called the public health scourge for our country and I think that is something that we realize we won't solve the problem here in Scottsdale but I want to veteran advisory commission to be aware that and how we can connect with these people.

I think over the years with my involvement in the veterans organization I have been involved in, I have been able to connect and have the background experience to bring some talent to the commission I thank you for the opportunity to present tonight and would welcome any questions if you have any.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mr. Joe DuBois. Any questions? Next is Justin Layman.

[Time: 01:08:03]

Justin Layman: Good evening Mayor Ortega and members of Council. Scottsdale has been my home for over five years. He heard from a variety of -- briefly share with you a bit about my story and my work. It is not a story that is all that different, I joined the Army in 18 and 20 I deployed my first combat mission in Bosnia.

For the next few years between deployments and training missions, I completed college courses. I was a student at ASU when I was called up to deployed to Iraq. With the last deployment my stop loss lifted and with my military obligation complete, I finished college and earned an MBA will begin my career. I am lucky to have spent my entire career working for small businesses. Currently, I'm a business

owner working in commercial and small business finance. I am honored to serve as the chair of the investment committee and the board member of the Scottsdale chamber.

Together, we have open new businesses at a ribbon-cutting spring as you know, I'm a current class member and Scott to leadership. When we look at the current work plan and the priorities you have set, I am uniquely suited to serve. We can publish so much more together, leaning on partnerships equipping city staff to provide we have asked this commission to do.

The veteran was homeless the veteran serving with PTSD, or the veteran working tirelessly to start and build the business, that issue, whatever it is, is most important. We can sever veterans best when we bring the chamber, employers, small businesses and charities together with city staff so no matter how we meet that veteran, our message to them is look left, look right, your city and community is standing by your side. How did I do on time? Any questions? Sorry, I want you guys I would be unbelievably nervous.

Councilmember Durham: Any questions? Thank you. Our final candidate is Bethany Schilling.

[Time: 01:10:26]

Bethany Schilling: Good evening Mayor Ortega and members of the Council. I moved there in 2014, I was born and raised in Arizona but due to service I was in and out of Scottsdale. Permanently back here in 2021. I served in the Army and Army National Guard for a total of 12 years with multiple deployments, multiple countries and multiple locations.

My husband is currently serving in his 20 years in 10 days. Hopefully they will let him out in 2024. He station currently in Louisiana. When I work with the veterans resource group focusing specifically on women's veterans as well the veterans research group engaged with other organizations to provide resources and encourage community involvement amongst veterans. So get them involved in other activities. I'm also trying to work with service card organizations as the head of PTSD dog and I believe that the resources that is underutilized. So, during the last few years in the Army, I was recruiting retention noncommissioned officer.

I maintain all my contacts in hell of a lot of fireproof that are now transitioning out of the military. I feel like - - veterans demographic and Scottsdale diversified. Collaboration of programs to transition programs which we call - - exist in every branch of the military. By collaborating with them, we are able to introduce new resources that are both locally and nationally available. Many veterans moved locations - - moving to.

In close proximity and weather have vast supplement opportunities to master unique skill sets and opportunities. Scottsdale can have veterans already live in the community and make yourself a top transfer veterans with the right partnership in place. Thank you.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, are there any questions for Miss Bethany Schilling? You can sit down. Once again, we have an embarrassment of riches for this commission. I thank all of you for being here and all of you for your service. I will now entertain a vote for the veteran's advisory commission. Each Council member can vote for one nominee. Let's start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Justin Layman although I am a little nervous that he was more nervous speaking at a Council meeting then serving in the military.

Councilwoman Janik: Justin Layman, I just want to say to all of you thank you for your service and keep your application on file. You are a wonderful group of people, thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Justin Layman.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Justin Layman, ditto to what everyone said.

Councilmember Durham: Bethany Schilling.

Councilmember Graham: Brian Cranston, I mean Joe DuBois. [Laughter].

Councilwoman Littlefield: Bethany Schilling.

Councilmember Durham: Justin Layman has been appointed.

[Time: 01:14:03]

This concludes our appointment process for today. I hope I not miss anybody, have I? Thank you. I would like to thank all of our nominees for the interest in serving on a city board or commission. We are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applicants for the positions on our boards and commissions.

Even if you are not appointed today, your application will remain on file for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies. City staff will contact individuals appointed this evening and provide them with information on next steps regarding your appointment.

The city of Scottsdale is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing and ready to serve our city thank you Mayor, that concludes the appointment process.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, I moved to adjourn the city Council special meeting, do I have a second?

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Please record your vote. Unanimous. For those still in attendance, we will convene our regular meeting at 5:30.