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**CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:09]

Mayor Ortega: I call the June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 City Council Special meeting and possible Executive Session to order. City clerk, Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:21]

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

Mayor Ortega: Present.

City Clerk Lane: Vice Mayor Kathy Littlefield.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Present. Clerk Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

City Clerk Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

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 Thompson: Here.

City Clerk Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

City Attorney Scott: Here.

City Clerk Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

City Treasurer Andrews: Here.

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

[Time: 00:00:43]

Mayor Ortega: First item is boards, commissions task forces, interviews and appointments. I now turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Littlefield for the boards, commissions, and task forces.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: 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 is a valuable tool in helping Councilmembers in their deliberations. This afternoon, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on various boards and commissions. I want to thank the individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service to this community.

Following the set of interviews, we'll vote on an appointment for each of boards or commissions. As I call your name, please approach the podium, and briefly cover the following: For the record, please state your name and address and how long you have lived in Scottsdale. Please tell us how your education, employment, or volunteer experience relates to this particular board or commission. What is the top issue facing this board or commission? Please limit your comments to two minutes or less. We do have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time.

Following each nominee's response, I will ask Councilmembers if they have any follow-up questions for you. Our first committee, citizens' bond oversight committee will be first on our list. It has one opening. The citizens' bond oversight committee receives reports on the City's progress in implementing the Bond Program, reviews any proposed project changes to the program and provides comments to the City Council with respect to the bond program as the Committee deems appropriate.

There is one vacancy and five nominees. The nominees are: Brian Coughlan, Joe DuBois, Austin Fairbanks, Rudy Fischer, and Robert Rogers. We will start with Brian Coughlan.

[Time: 00:03:49]

Brian Coughlin: Thank you for your time, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Littlefield and councilmembers. My name is Brian Coughlan. I live on 9758 East Celtic Drive. I've lived in Scottsdale for about 13 years now. I thought from a background perspective of why I thought I could lend a hand on the bond oversight committee. One of the toughest areas for this area is keeping on budget. Budget is very key. Cash is a scarce resource.

With inflation that we've experienced over the last several years many budgets have just faced difficult times. I think it's involved most inflation has come down. We are seeing some issues with wage inflation. When it comes to keeping projects on budget is the cost of capital. We have seen rates increase by almost twice as much off of 200-year lows. My background from a budgetary standpoint. I volunteer for the Redfield School District. I was the vice president of finance there, controlling all the budgeting.

I also am the lead on budgeting for my company here in Scottsdale Arizona, which is beacon point advisors. We employ about 30 employees here. I run all the budgeting for the local office. I have my graduate fry degree from Arizona State University, master of business administration. I worked in finance for over 20 years.

I actually worked in the bond side -- the bond underwriting for first interstate bank back in the day for those of you who have been in Arizona for a while, where we underwrote issues for city of Scottsdale, city of Phoenix. So deep experience within the municipal bond financing and also deep level of experience with budgeting for corporations and for organizations. If there's any questions, I would be more than happy to answer them.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Anyone have a question? Thank you very much, sir. Appreciate it. Next we have Joe DuBois.

Joe DuBois: Mr. Mayor, members of the city council, my name is Joe DuBois, and I have been a resident of Scottsdale since 2018. I live in the Troon Villages area of north Scottsdale in the east Chalmers road which entitles me to navigate the gauntlet known as the intersection of Pima road and Happy Valley road at least twice a day except on those rare occasions this evening where I experienced an additional pass through.

In any event, I appear before you today as an applicant for your considered appointment to membership on the citizens' bond oversight review committee. I want to express my gratitude to the council for your time and consideration. Application.

I do believe that my life and professional experiences offer significant qualifications for successful service on the committee. Upon graduation from the military academy, I received a commission and the grade of second lieutenant, and I consequently completed Army ranger school and joined Army rangers.

[Time: 00:07:19]

Military service took me to foreign and domestic as a small unit leader. I was awarded the commendation medal and two awards of the bronze star among others. Leading soldiers has remained an honored highlight of my life. While in completion of military service, I left the Army as a captain and returned to my home in Southern California where I completed law school and successfully completed the bar exam on my initial setting. I began my journey in the law.

I began my career with the petite law firm which afforded me the opportunity on civil litigation matters and rushed me to the courtroom right away. I had a foray in criminal defense matters and as a result, I think I have gained a variety of legal experiences. I've had the practice has afforded me valuable and extensive counseling of various businesses and I successfully represented clients in diverse contracts and licensing matters, including matters involving public works projects.

I've long been an advocate of public service for citizens and I believe that this is the model bequeathed to us by our founders to which they adhered. That was true in the other great area of the service out of the military, thus was born the concept of citizen soldier and citizen politician. And I want to follow that example by seeking appointment to this particular committee.

As you recall from attending our graduation on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, I recently completed the Scottsdale government 101 citizens academy, that course was extremely well conducted and more to the point whet my appetite for citizen involvement and service to Scottsdale.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Sir, your time is up. Could you wrap up, please.

Joe DuBois: Yes. As most trial lawyers, I tend to be prolix and talk too much. I think I have committed my resume containing my public service as well as leading various organizations from chambers of commerce to organizations setting forth many events in the public sector. So thank you very much for your consideration. I apologize for running over.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Are there any questions? Okay. Next, we have Mr. Austin Fairbanks.

[Time: 00:09:48]

Austin Fairbanks: Honorable mayor and councilmembers, good evening, my name is Austin Fairbanks. I live at 2938 North 61<sup>st</sup> Place Scottsdale, Arizona, 85251. I have been a Scottsdale resident on and off for 20 years, most of my life. I'm applying to serve my home city as a member of the citizens' bond oversight committee. I'm interested in this position for a couple of reasons the first is the desire. I graduated from desert mountain high school, attended A.S.U. and third generation Scottsdale resident and recent homebuyer in Scottsdale and I have a vested interest in the continued well-being of this.

I want to put my professional and academic experience, it aligns with my abilities and interests. I have a master's degree in economics where I concentrate on state and local public policy, as well as public finance. Currently work as a nonpartisan research at the Arizona House of Representatives on the committee on appropriations and I'm in this role and the lead nonpartisan analyst. And I help to amend state public as soon asking laws including bonding. And logistical support in the passage of over 18 billion state budget.

As for the biggest issues facing the citizens' bond oversight committee, I believe it's the \$100 million plus gap that is caused by inflation and the shortfall in the bond 2009ish nuances. While council has widely supplemented that, inflation is causing a session between what voters voted for and what the economic realities allow. As a result the citizens' bond oversight committee will have a time ahead of itself to make tough recommendations to you the elected city leaders.

My issue is to balance a return on investment on projects and the needs of our community and the public safety needs, the third bond question. One quick example of how I would do that, at the last committee meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> this was a question about reallocating some of that question through money. It was an IT project that had savings and allocated it to IT. But they eliminated all types of public safety items. I would consider that option. I thank you for the opportunity.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you so much. Are there any questions for this gentleman? Thank

you so much, sir. Next we have Rudy Fischer.

Rudy Fischer: Mr. Mayor, city councilmembers thank you for having us tonight. I'm Rudy Fischer, I live at 10260 East Whitefeather Lane up in Troon North area. Very close to the Troon North golf course off of Dynamite.

I have only lived in Scottsdale for a little over two years, in that time I have completed the Scottsdale 101 program earlier this year, where I came to see you guys. I finished the Scottsdale water academy last year. I've gone through several cap university sessions and I will do another one July 11<sup>th</sup> when they have a class. And I have done a couple of other things with the city here. You have also seen me at some of your meetings and certainly I was here at the new members swearing in which was a nice event.

[Time: 00:13:14]

I served on boards and commissions in several cities in the past, as well as eight years on the city council in California, five years on a water board. And I have worked a lot with bond financing, bank loans, state revolving fund loans and grants, which are always nice to get. In watching the committee's meetings, I'm impressed with Dan Worth and the work that they do I think they do a good job of managing the funds that they have from the city's 2019 bond.

I think the biggest challenge for the committee and the council is coordinating the bond funds along with the general fund revenue or general fund money and donations, such as for the -- I think it was from one of the theaters that they had recently. One of the problems -- or two of the problems, actually are higher inflation and we have higher interest rates now than when the bond was approved.

So I calculated that earlier today, and inflation has taken about a 20% cut in the last four years. Now, Dan recent meeting actually had a higher number, but he was using the producer price index, which is probably more appropriate for something like this. But in either case, we have to watch the money carefully to make sure that we get the biggest bang for our buck. I think the board needs to work very closely with Dan and with the city to make sure that that happens. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Are there any questions? Okay. Thank you. And we also have Robert Rogers.

Robert Rogers: Mayor, members of the council, thank you. My name is Bob Rogers. I live at 8426 East La Senda Drive. I have been a permanent resident of Scottsdale for 18 years. Been coming here all my life. I feel like a lifelong resident. I'm a retired attorney. I worked as a state deputy attorney general, as a writer and I spent the bulk of my career in Washington, D.C., representing telecommunications and information technology companies.

I first got involved in Scottsdale matters 12 years ago, when I took the city government 101 course. Subsequently I took the citizens police academy program. Very good program. And I served on the council's neighborhood advisory commission and I was chair of the neighborhood advisory commission. I also served as a member of the citizens 2019 bond steering committee.

I think the media challenge facing -- that's like a pitch clock. I don't know where I am with that. Two minutes. Oh, here it is. Right here. I think the immediate challenge for this committee is to monitor and shepherd along, prod along as effectively and efficiently as it can fulfillment of the 58 or as many of those 58 promises that were made in the bond issue.

And I think longer term, the challenge before the commission is going to have to be to pave the way for citizen support of future bond initiatives and other funding initiatives there are all of these opponents in these matters and undoubtedly, they will probably point to the 2019 bond program and they're not likely to be confused by the facts of inflation and other economic uncertainties.

But I think that the committee can pave the way through the development of messaging and communication strategies to -- to pave the way for the kind of citizen support that future initiatives need. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you, sir. Are there any questions for this gentleman? No, seeing none, I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

I will now entertain a vote for the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and each councilmember can vote for one nominee. We will start with Mayor Ortega.

[Time: 00:17:31]

Mayor Ortega: Joe DuBois.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Joe DuBois.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. DuBois.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Fairbanks.

Councilwoman Caputi: Robert Rogers.

Councilwoman Janik: Mr. Fairbanks.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Joe DuBois. Thank you very much for your interest in this committee.

Councilmember Graham: Vice Mayor Littlefield, if I can just remark on the quality of candidates.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Graham: Across the board, thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Very high. Thank you so much. Okay. Joe DuBois it is.

[Time: 00:18:26]

Our next commission is the Historic Preservation Commission. We have one opening. The Historic Preservation Commission oversees the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic preservation Program. There are special qualifications for this position, as outlined in the Scottsdale city code, each member shall have demonstrated special interest, knowledge, or experience in at least one of the following: Building construction, history, architectural history, real estate, historic preservation law or other historic preservation related field. There is one vacancy and two nominees.

The nominees are: Michael Bucek. Jay Panzer. I believe Mr. Bucek will be participating this afternoon telephonically. Is that still correct? Yes. Okay. We will begin with Mr. Bucek. Thank you.

Michael Bucek: Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega and Vice Mayor Littlefield and councilmembers. I apologize for not being able to be there in person today, but I certainly appreciate the opportunity to interview. My name is Michael Bucek. My address is 24708 North 109th Street in Troon, near Alma School and Happy Valley.

I kept a home in Scottsdale since 2004 but initially moved here in 1983. My experience, I have 30 years in marketing, which would allow me to make contributions to the growing awareness of Scottsdale's heritage.

I also worked for the Milwaukee Brewers for part of my career as the vice president of ballpark development for the brewers and there was a great deal of experience working closely with our design team, our architects as we designed a new ballpark, while it's represented Milwaukee, it's a source of civic pride while reminding the city's heritage in baseball.

I also was able to work very closely with our public entity, the Wisconsin state district board throughout the design and the construction of that great facility. But earlier in my career, I also worked for -- I served on the park village in Illinois. I think the top issue -- for the committee is balancing the global Scottsdale and recognizing its past and preserving its history and certainly educating the residents on the history and help generate more civic pride through the commission.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much. Are there any questions? No? Thank you so much,



sir. Our next candidate is Jay Panzer.

Jay Panzer: Mr. Mayor, madam Vice Mayor, my name is Jay Panzer. I lived in Scottsdale for two years. While a relative newcomer to the city of Scottsdale, I'm hardly a newcomer to building design and construction, historic preservation or the function of a city commission. I spent my career consulting on the design, construction and restoration of both contemporary and historic structures.

As director of facility development for the Columbus association for the performing arts, I directed the restoration and modernization of the Ohio theater, a 1928 motion picture palace, and the restoration of the southern theater in 1896 opera house. Along with improvements to all of Kappa's building in Columbus, Chicago and New Haven, Connecticut.

During almost three decades in Columbus, I lived in the German village historic district, one of the oldest such districts on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2004, I was appointed to the German village commission, a quasi judicial body of the city of Columbus. Similar to the commission to which I'm applying today, the German village commission is responsible for review and approval of all modifications, additions, and new construction in the historic district.

I sat as a commissioner for over 16 years, nine of them as chair of that commission. Throughout the history of any city, managing change presents significant challenges. Scottsdale is no different. Throughout my professional and volunteer work, I recognized that the juxtaposition of the historic with the contemporary is incredibly challenging whether it is the addition of solar panels to a resident's roof or a major addition to an historic building.

Our community must look at its historic fabric and determine what is intrinsic to its nature and how to preserve structures and integrate them into the ever-changing landscape. While I'm not a believer in old is good and therefore everything old must be treasure and preserved, I'm a believer in maintaining the essential character of a community's built environment which is the sum of its parts, both old and new. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much, sir. Are there any questions? Thank you. Okay. I will now entertain a vote for the Historic Preservation Commission. Each councilmember can vote for one nominee and we will begin with Councilwoman Whitehead.

[Time: 00:24:19]

Councilwoman Whitehead: Jay Panzer.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Panzer.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Panzer.

Rommel Cordova: Councilman, if I could have you pause for one moment. We are having some technical issues here. We have to note it by hand. If we could start it all over. I'm sorry. Councilmember Graham, your vote was for Mr. Panzer?

Councilmember Graham: Yes, please.

Rommel Cordova: And Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Panzer.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mr. Panzer. Thank you.

Rommel Cordova: Thank you.

Councilwoman Caputi: Michael Bucek.

Councilwoman Janik: Mr. Panzer.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Mr. Panzer.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Panzer.

[Time: 00:25:08]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: I believe Mr. Panzer has been appointed. Thank you so much, both of you, for your interest in this particular commission. It's a very fascinating area. Okay. Next, we have the Library Board.

Councilwoman Caputi: Can we ask folks to bring the microphone to their mouth, it's hard to hear. If everyone could pull the microphone over while they speak. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: It's easier to get voice that way. That would be helpful. Okay. We now have our library board nominations and appointments for tonight. There's one opening. The Library Board advises the City Council on general policy relating to the programs, services and future development of the Scottsdale Public Libraries.

There is one vacancy and four nominees. Eric Goeld has withdrawn his application from consideration. The nominees are: Jan Dubauskas George Hartz Leslie Totten Christine Wilson. We will begin with Jan Dubauskas. Thank you.

Jan Dubauskas: Mr. Mayor, councilmembers, my name is Jan Dubauskas. I thank you so much for having me here today. I live at 9228 East Mohawk Lane in Scottsdale. I lived there for about 10 years now. I would like to give you a little bit of history about myself.

I'm a lawyer, a wife, a mom, and in my professional career, I have served as a corporate secretary on a board, and you can imagine as a lawyer, I have spent a lot of time in the library. So I have a lot of professional experience within the library and most recently have become a certified substitute teacher and I'm teaching in the Phoenix union school district with underprivileged children.

In the volunteer realm, I recently completed the citizens 101 academy, which was a wonderful experience. I'm a member of the Scottsdale unified wellness committee for Scottsdale unified school district, and personally, my children who are in first and second grade love the library. We love to go there for the wellness days with the therapy pets, as well as for the story hours. It's a wonderful system that we have here and my children are very much involved in it.

What I see is facing the issue for the library is relevancy. We are facing a time of digital use. We are facing a time where seniors who are the majority of our population aren't going out as much anymore. So how do we get the library into their hands more? Part of it is bringing the children in, and when we bring the children, in we bring the parents in as well.

I would love to see more partnerships with Scottsdale unified. But I think the programs that the library offers are wonderful. There's music and all kinds of interesting program. I would love to see us market that and get that out into the hands of library users so we can really take full scope of it for now and into the future. Now, we know from our city that we have a very long and interesting city because of the length of it.

So we do have some challenges, book drops, things like that, that could get things into people's hands will be fine as well. I ask for your vote for the library board. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much. Are there any questions? No? Thank you. Next, we have George Hartz. George Hartz? Are you here? We'll move on to Leslie Totten.

[Time: 00:29:20]

Leslie Totten: Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega and councilmembers. My name is Leslie Totten, like rotten.

[ Laughter ]

I live at 10665 East Saguaro Drive and I have been a Scottsdale resident for 40 years. I have participated in the library over the past 40 years myself, my husband, my family, and a number of different areas. My current position is the chief people officer at first things first, which is the Arizona early childhood and development board.

I hold a master's degree in early childhood education with an emphasis in early literacy. So

literacy is an important aspect of all the work that I do across the state of Arizona and especially in my community Scottsdale. I have acted as a volunteer at the Arabian library book shop when it was at the desert mountain campus.

My children have participated in all of the summer reading programs, my husband and I participate in all the activities, speakers events across all four locations of Scottsdale library. I feel like the city of Scottsdale has done an outstanding job promoting library services across the community, and I hope to continue to support awareness and engagement of community residents, but also for visitors and guests, because I feel like the library can be an anchor for tourism, because not only do visitors come to find resources, but they look for the culture.

So the library is an excellent place to promote culture and to promote the heritage of our city. I also think that there's an opportunity to partner with other library systems from a statewide perspective, to consider leveraging resources from federal and state resources. So I thank, you for the nomination and I look forward to hearing who you select for the library board. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Are there any questions for this lady? No? Thank you. Next we have Christine Wilson.

[Time: 00:31:38]

Christine Wilson: Hello, mayor and council, am I close enough? This is my second time to try this. So let's see how it goes this time. My name is Christine Wilson 10319 East Pershing Avenue in Scottsdale and I lived here since 1996, so 27 years. She had me beat at 40.

Anyway, I love libraries and I have always spent a lot of time in libraries and I'm very, very interested in helping to make them better in any way I can. And I volunteered as -- well, I volunteered all through high school and junior high and the libraries were the start, but I always read a lot. And so it's something that's been a part of me for a long time.

As for community service, I have served as a board member for welcome wagon club in Kansas City, as well as the president of that for a term and I also organized and led a lot of mission trips for my church. So I have done a number of volunteer activities through all of that. The degrees, I have a bachelor's and a master's. I used to be a teacher.

My bachelor is teaching with languages and a master's in French literature. I like to read, what can I say? I think what they suggested is very good. Me, in addition to what they said, I would like to see more -- reaching out more to the residents to invite them to come for different activities.

I think a lot of people don't really realize what all the library provides for services, and so somehow making it easier for them to realize, there's a resource here that they have never

taken advantage of and we would love to see them come and take part of it. So it's more than just books, okay? So a lot of people don't realize that because they never go inside a library.

Anyway, thank you for the nomination. That's it. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you so much. Are there any questions for this applicant? No? Okay. I will wait just a minute. Okay. We will start with Mr. Durham.

[Time: 00:34:00]

Councilmember Durham: Ms. Totten.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Caputi: George Hartz.

Councilwoman Janik: Christine Wilson.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Jan Dubauskas.

Mayor Ortega: George Hartz.

Councilwoman Whitehead: George Hartz.

Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor Littlefield, can I get your vote again, please?

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Jan Dubauskas.

Rommel Cordova: Okay. We will have to vote a second round here. Just give me a moment.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Yes, I think we need a second round, if you will clear the board. Thank you very much. Okay. We will begin with Mr. Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Dubauskas.

Councilwoman Caputi: George Hartz.

Councilwoman Janik: George Hartz.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Jan Dubauskas.

Mayor Ortega: George Hartz.

Councilwoman Whitehead: George Hartz.

Councilmember Durham: George Hartz.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: George Hartz has been appointed. Thank you very much. Thank you all. Okay.

Our final opening is for the Tourism Development Commission. There is one opening tonight. The Tourism Development Commission advises the City Council on matters concerning the expenditure of revenues from the Transaction Privilege Tax on transient lodging, bed tax, designated for tourism development.

Special qualifications are: As specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the Tourism Development Commission shall consist of representatives of the tourism industry in Scottsdale, including a minimum of four Scottsdale hoteliers, one member of the Scottsdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, and a balance from elements of the tourism industry.

There is one Scottsdale Hotelier representative position vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is: Jesse Thompson.

[Time: 00:36:40]

Jesse Thompson: Mayor, council, thank you for having me. My name is Jesse Thompson. I live at 7018 North 79<sup>th</sup> Street in McCormick Ranch. I've lived in the Phoenix Scottsdale area since 1976. So I have everybody beat.

I have worked in the hospitality industry since 1990, I worked at a property in north Scottsdale called the boulders. It was run by the Lyon family and Bill Nacecus. That's where I got a taste for hospitality and I moved to the point resorts and managed the Hilton transaction. I'm coming into those properties.

Went open to work for Merv Griffin who owns the Hilton Scottsdale, the Beverly Hills Hilton and DeVauchy spa. I did area sales for him and then in 2001, I made the move to open a property in Paradise Valley called sanctuary on Camelback Mountain. I worked for that group for a little over 21 years and I opened hotel valley ho and been the director of marketing since 2005 and I opened mountain shadows resort where I'm director of sales and marketing.

I have been promoted to the regional vice president of operations and sales for the benchmark pyramid collection overseeing the wigwam and other properties here in Arizona and throughout the mountain region.

I think the number one issue facing the tourism -- the tourism and development commission is taking our existing events, putting some fresh eyes on them, looking for ways to broaden the

scope of those events and then looking for new events through the bed tax fund to make sure that our tourism dollars are spent wisely, that we are bringing more tourism into the -- market and making sure that they come back in the future. So they need to be compelling events. So that's my pitch.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you so much, sir. Are there any questions? Okay. Then I now entertain a vote for the tourism development commission and each councilmember can vote for one nominee. We'll begin with commissioner Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Even though we don't have many choices, I enthusiastically support Jesse Thompson.

Councilwoman Janik: Jesse Thompson.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Jesse Thompson.

Mayor Ortega: Jesse Thompson.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Jesse Thompson.

Councilmember Graham: Jesse Thompson.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Sir, you are unanimously appointed. Thank you so much.

Okay. This concludes our appointment process for today. I would like to thank all our nominees for their 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 were not appointed today, your application will remain on file for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies. City staff will contact the individuals appointed this evening and provide them with information on next steps regarding their appointment.

[Time: 00:39:58]

The City of Scottsdale is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing to serve our city. Mayor, I now turn this meeting back over to you. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Excellent. So we are going to part two of our special meeting. Part two is a request for executive session. May I have a motion to adjourn into executive session for two posted items.

The first item is to discuss and consult with the city's attorneys for legal advice and discuss and

consult with the city's designated representatives to consider its position and to instruct its representatives regarding ongoing litigation in the matter of Andres Dominguez vs. the city of Scottsdale currently pending in the United States district court, District of Arizona.

The second item as posted is to discuss and consult with city's attorneys for legal advice, discuss and consult with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and to instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property and discuss and consult with the city's attorneys to consider the city's position and instruct its attorneys regarding contracts that are subject to negotiations.

[Time: 00:41:18]

These matters all pertain to real property located near the following locations in Scottsdale, Arizona, Miller Road and McKellips Road, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85257. Another property, Miller Road and Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251, Miller Road and Main Street, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85251, and 64<sup>th</sup> Street and Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85251. Do I have a motion.

Councilwoman Whitehead: So moved.

Councilwoman Janik: So moved.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: We have a motion and a second. Please register your vote. So thank you. We are adjourned into Executive Session. And our regular -- our regular meeting will begin at 5:00.