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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:01]

Mayor Ortega: Hello. Good evening. I call the September 19th, 2023 City Council Regular meeting to order. City Clerk, Ben Lane please conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:14]

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

Mayor Ortega: Present.

City Clerk Lane: Vice Mayor Kathy Littlefield.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Present.

City Clerk Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Barry Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

City Manager Thompson: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

City Attorney Scott: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

City Treasurer Andrews: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff.

Acting City Auditor Cluff: Here.

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

[Time: 00:00:37]

Mayor Ortega: For this evening, we also have a bilingual interpreter available. Mario Aspuro, would you please come forward and introduce yourself. And, again, should anybody need any translation.

[Speaking Spanish]

Mayor Ortega: Excellent. We have two police officers, Sergeant Sean Ryan, as well as detective

Dustin Patrick, and a firefighter showing Kevin Webber, should anyone need assistance. We have a full house. For your information, the men's and women's restrooms are at that upper level through the rectangular opening to my left. Let's start with the Pledge of Allegiance. I will call on Vice Mayor Littlefield.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

[Time: 00:02:14]

Mayor Ortega: Well, 19 months ago, the country of Ukraine was invaded. Tens of thousands of homes were destroyed. 220 hospitals and clinics were destroyed, the schools and libraries as well. I will ask that we pause in silence, remembering their effort and supporting their effort and their fight for freedom and democracy. So I will ask us to pause in silence.

[Moment of silence]

Thank you. Well, let us also recognize a tragedy, the earthquake in Morocco struck Marrakesh. Marrakesh is a sister city of Scottsdale. It hit the ancient UNESCO sites. Some thousand-year-old city got devastated and the Jewish corridor, in particular, is no more. So let's pause and in remembrance of the 2900 people who were killed and 2500 injured.

[Moment of silence]

Thank you. I do want to recognize that Councilwoman Littlefield is serving as Vice Mayor. It's an eight-month rotation, and so this her last meeting, as Vice Mayor and accordingly, Councilwoman Solange Whitehead will begin as Vice Mayor on October 1st.

We have an important commemoration, that is this is Hispanic Heritage Month. I do have a proclamation and we have a very strong affinity group, a strong cadre of employees, 2600 employees of many different heritage, and all contributing to the well-being of our city. So I do have a proclamation I will read. And then ask some of the members to please come forward.

This proclamation -- whereas the United Mexican States celebrate Independence Day on September 16th, and September 15th is the official Independence Day of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, which also gained independence from Spain in 1821. and whereas, each year Scottsdale observes national Hispanic heritage month, understanding this region was originally Colonial Spain and a part of Mexico from 1821 to 1848. Those 27 years.

Whereas our station and the state of Arizona were enriched by Hispanic-American attributes such as resilient traditions, deep faith, family values, patriotism, strong work ethic and love for the arts and sports, and whereas the city of Scottsdale celebrates the culture and history of

Hispanic Americans and Latino culture which contributed -- which contributes significantly to the allure of Scottsdale, therefore, I, David D. Ortega the 12th Mayor of Scottsdale do proclaim October -- excuse me, September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month in Scottsdale.

And I encourage everyone to recognize the National Historic Heritage Month and celebrate the history, culture and individuals of Hispanic heritage. I would like to call forward several representatives, Scottsdale employees. We have Helen Gandera, Jessica Hernandez, Monica Staats, Rosa Pineiro, and Antonio Garcia, and others let me join you there.

[Off microphone comments]

PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION UPDATES

[Time: 00:08:36]

Mayor Ortega: These are yours, isn't it? I took Councilwoman's glasses. We have a presentation, actually at the request of Councilwoman Whitehead, a presentation on weatherization and there's funding and to present to us our housing weatherization program is Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager and Katie Martin, Foundation for Senior Living, Administrator of Home improvements and Community Service.

Mary Witkofski: Good evening Mayor, members of the Council. I would like to introduce you to Katie Martin who is with Foundation for Senior Living. They are the organization that holds the contract with the Arizona Department of Housing to implement the weatherization program throughout Maricopa County. So she came today to provide some information and how individuals can apply for this additional funding.

Katie Martin: Thank you, Mary. Can you guys hear me? Hi, I'm Katie Martin, I'm the administrator at FSL. And I'm here to talk to you a little bit about weatherization and FSL if you don't know who we are. FSL was founded in 1974. We are a local nonprofit, and we provide a variety of services such as behavioral health, assisted housing, assisted group living, caregiver services, nutrition programs, and, of course, home improvements. We are the largest weatherization provider in the state. We have contracts with the Arizona department of housing to serve the community of Tucson, as well as we have a location in Phoenix over by the airport and we have a multitude of contracts throughout the date to serve the area for weatherization and various programs.

How do you access weatherization services through FSL? We have a new phone number that is a dedicated line for people to call in. We have an email address that is dedicated to a staff person and possibly another staff person, depending how busy we good, that you can apply for services we want to meet the community where they are at. So we will do written applications. We can do email. We can do phone.

We want to make sure that anybody who needs services doesn't have any kind of barrier in obtaining those services. We are working on our outreach materials right now and we will have an inquiry form online that people can go directly to [fsl.org](https://www.fsl.org) and do a prescreening for weatherization and then get in the queue so that we can start the application process for them.

Who is eligible? We do serve residents of Scottsdale under you're Maricopa County weatherization program, and we serve single family residents under this contract, and the income level is 200% poverty level. I do have that here with me. I would be happy to share it with you. It goes by household size.

[Time: 00:11:54]

Again, that's the 200% poverty level to be eligible for the weatherization program. I want to talk a little bit about what weatherization is. What we do, is we go out to a home. We do a series of tests onsite and then we can determine what work needs to be done in the home to make that home energy efficient. The repairs we will do are going to be cost effective, but they will also help the homeowner reduce their energy burden and they will see -- they will see a reduction in their utility bill. Amazing program.

Most of the repairs for each house, they vary depending on what that house -- what stage that house is in. But insulation in the attic, duct sealing, sunscreens, HVAC, which is heating, venting, and air conditioning. And some appliances if they are older, we can replace them as well.

We rely on a variety of fund sources. There's a lot of utility being LIHEAP assistance and energy assistance and so there's rules along with using those funds. The energy auditors go out to the home and create the scope of work. We hire contractors. The contractors perform the work and then we come out after all the work is done, to make sure it was done correctly and then we got the result that we wanted to get, when we built that scope of work.

I also wanted to tell you about a grant that we got with the Department of Energy, that will marry up with weatherization. So some of the Scottsdale residents will also be eligible for this program. If they have a chronic condition and they're a mercy care member, we can add an additional up to around \$15,000 on top of the weatherization to them with other repairs.

We are looking at ways to marry funds with weatherization. Weatherization is so very important, but then also trying to find funds for safety as well. Weatherization funds will look at the energy efficiency. If we can pair it up with other funds that do health and safety, that is a win/win for us. But we were awarded \$2 million and we are going to serve 100 households with that.

And FSL serves about 1100 households a year and we're going -- of that 1100, 200 are going to be under this Maricopa County weatherization program. And it's typical to get additional funds throughout the year. So we could -- that number could go up. So we encourage Scottsdale

residents to apply and our email address, fslmcwap@fsl.org, that's where you can apply or call the number there or visit our website. I hope I didn't go too fast. Do you have any questions?

Mayor Ortega: No, thank you very much. Excuse me, Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Thank you so much for being here. Sometimes the most boring things are the most effective. I read like an eight-page American -- Scientific American article on the changes that are being made to air conditioning to make the air conditioning more efficient, save you dollars and produce less urban heat. You know, the whole article at the end, it said, but, really at then of the day, I'm paraphrasing, we need people to weatherize their homes. The impact of weatherizing homes is just huge. And utility bills for lower income people is are a much larger burden than for other folks. Want to mention and you can confirm this, whether our resident lives in a rental or they own their home, this is available.

So if somebody is a rental and their home is leaky, they can just get the program -- the program will allow the owner to consent to having their home improved, hmm, and then the program they have access to; is that correct?

[Time: 00:15:54]

Katie Martin: That is correct. The majority of folks that we serve are homeowners but we do have the option to help renters. We just can't do all the measures that we could if they owned the home. You are correct, we do have to get approval from the landlord or owner.

Councilwoman Whitehead: And it's nice because we don't have to hire city staff, but we do have to use our communication channels to let our residents know this is a program. Thank you.

Katie Martin: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Next we'll move on to an announcement. During tonight's meeting, the Council may make a motion to recess into executive session to obtain legal advice on any applicable item on the agenda. If authorized by the Council, the executive session will be held immediately and will not be open to the public. The public meeting would resume following the executive session.

Next is our standard rule. Per our Council rule of procedures, citizens attending city Council meets shall observe the same rules of order and d core um applicable to members of the Council, and city staff. Unauthorized remarks or demonstrations from the audience such as applause, stamping of feet, whistles, boos, yells and/or other demonstrations shall not be permitted. Violation of these rules could result in removal from the meeting by security staff. That's my standard admonition. And it also helps the flow of the meeting to be more efficient. Next, we are moving on to the public comment.

Public comment is a posted item which allows Scottsdale citizens, Scottsdale business owners and/or property owners to comment on non-agendized items that are been the Council's jurisdiction. Advocacy for or defense a candidate or ballot measure during a Council meeting is not allowed pursuant to state law and is therefore not deem to be within the Council's jurisdiction. No official Council action can be taken on public comment. And the speakers are limited to three minutes to address the Council. If you wish to speak on a non-agendized item, or an agendized item, you can check with the clerk.

I'm showing -- I'm advised there are three speakers requesting to speak during the public comment. I would ask you to come forward, Tate your place of residence and your name and place of residence. The first two would be Edward Scott Kerns and Veronica Cochrane. The podium is there for you, sir.

[Time: 00:19:09]

Edward Scott Kerns: Well, about all I have to say is that one of the city employees blackballed me from the airport. He set me up. One of the guys that drives that one, two, three truck they got out there. Anyway, I think we're about to get it straightened out. You know what I mean? I had an airplane damaged out there after they tore the hanger down. Do you know what I mean?

Mayor Ortega: Yeah.

Edward Scott Kerns: And the city pretty well knows about it. I've been here once before and it looks like we are about to get things together on it, and get it straightened out where I can be blackballed from the airport. I thought that was a dirty trick. I'm a 24 and a half year veteran and I have been on that airport there for over 50 years. But he told me to set down there, and he'd take care of me. And I sat down and waited and he came back with the police department and the police department served a restraining order on me, that I couldn't get near the airport. Now, I thought that was a disgrace to my reputation. I have been operating out of that airport for over 50 years. And I didn't appreciate. But what could I do about it, except come to city Council and y'all have been working on it. And I think we have it all worked out.

Mayor Ortega: Yes, Mr. Kerns, I do recall your last meeting here and appreciate that we were able to contact and hopefully bring that to a good conclusion. There's so much happening at the airport. We really love that museum over there, and everything that you have contributed to keeping us safe there. So thank you very much, sir, and you have the contact people with director Mascaro, right?

Edward Scott Kerns: Yeah, well, one thing that slowed me, up, I had three deaths in the family, during the coronavirus, you know, my grandson died back east and then my wife passed away and her number two son passed away. And all that happened in '20 and '22 and here it is '23. And I was getting through that, was one of the reasons things got slowed down on the airplane deal. Okay.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, sir and our sympathies, really. I know that you were rebuilding your plane and doing all the maintenance and lots of other things -- if I remember right and I'm not --

Edward Scott Kerns: Yeah, that's right.

Mayor Ortega: I'm didn't know you will all the stuff.

Edward Scott Kerns: Well, I had the prop and I had to get that fixed and the wing tip, it broke one end off and I got it repaired and put it back on now. And the Cowling, it messed that up but it wasn't tied down and, you know, a light airplane, you've got to tie those things down, especially in a storm.

Mayor Ortega: Yeah. Thank you, sir, very much. Have a good evening.

Edward Scott Kerns: All righty, thank you, sir.

Councilmember Graham: Mayor?

Mayor Ortega: Next, we have Veronica Corcoran and then Mike Peterson.

[Time: 00:22:55]

Veronica Corcoran: Thank you, thank you, Councilman. Excuse me.

Mayor Ortega: Hello.

Veronica Corcoran: Hello, good evening. I would like to address as a new American citizen the core issue as an artist as a former architect, as a special planner, what is the core issue of our society? And do we as humanity have humility and understanding what is at stake when it comes to our spatial planning. There's a lot of agenda regarding road diets. I'm very disappointed. We were told, oh, just a street. And you keep adding and adding now road diets. I won't go into details because this is a different topic, but can we agree would is the ultimate planner and designer of this place we call home? Our earth, our country, state, our town? We are at a crossroads and that can take us into the road of no end so, please, I -- let me explain why I'm concerned about that.

I will show you a little script from the bug, in a school, in a primary school in Hawaii that I visited last month -- last year, sorry. Okay? This is what they talk about evolution, revolution, we all agree that we are designed in God's image. We are fearfully and carefully made. And, you know, the idea of Darwinism and everything that we have here, let me show you, it's not of God. And let me show you for audience to see it's a nice theory but the Ruth is human being brains work 15% right now. Our development is in our spirit and wisdom and this is what they teach

our children in school. This is the next step and I want to show this to people because it concerns me.

Mayor Ortega: Madam, those issues are not in our forum. So –

Veronica Corcoran: I am general publicly speaking

Mayor Ortega: And I'm just trying to remind you of that. I realize it's not on the agenda but we are into the going --

Veronica Corcoran: I remind you, sir.

Mayor Ortega: I am listening to you but I'm trying to keep it centered.

Veronica Corcoran: I am reminding you, sir. That we need to look at humanity to save humankind. That's my concern. If you have children, you should be concerned. And I ask you, please, everybody go to a video that heroic Arizona woman put a video out and expelled -- exposed the current situation in Arizona. We are working for globalists not for the people.

[Time: 00:26:19]

You as a Councilman, please serve the people, not some unelected globalists who are putting a plan, an idea of some of kind of a city that is not kind to humankind and it will destroy us. I, as a mother, I'm deeply concerned.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next we have Mike Peterson and before you leave, could you leave your -- I know your name is Veronica Corcoran. What is your place of residence?

Veronica Corcoran: Scottsdale, Arizona.

Mike Peterson: Say when.

Mayor Ortega: Name and place of residence.

Mike Peterson: Mike Peterson, and it is on my form. People of Scottsdale, I love you guys and you guys, not so much. I like Betty and I like Barry. Let's face the core issue of the road diets, the homeless relocation and all of those other –

Mayor Ortega: Sir, those items -- those items are on the agenda. This is for non-agendized items.

Mike Peterson: And I will get to that. I will get to that the non-agendized item is what you are looking at is this wonderful thing called pork barrel spending. All of these agenda items, they're leaving this item off because all of these items are being financed by developers who using city

funds, using state funds, using government aid get their programs funded. You are taking away your streets and destroying the market value of your businesses and what do they get out of it, easy? Their campaign funds, their campaign war chest for next cycle. Mysterious tax-free donations. And no, this is not an agenda item but it is public comment as you said, and this is the agenda item that should be on the agenda, because let's face it, none of your campaigns are broke. You all have humongous campaign war chests and can live like kings for the rest of your life because you are selling these people out.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, the decisions of political speech here is not --

Mike Peterson: And it's open public comment as you stated and this is a non-agenda item and this non-agenda item is these people have the ability, when the primary happens with the city municipal elections to say wait, who voted for road diets? Wait, who voted to relocate the homeless people from Phoenix? Who voted to devalue all of these local businesses and then they're going to look at their bottom line and their cash and their job security and even if they are working minimum at wage, at say, a Denny's on rural, they're going to look at the situation and their lack of tips because they're overrun with squatters and panhandlers outside. They are going to look at, well, who brought all of these panhandlers and squatters here, well, you guys are looking at them.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, I think you are done now. Thank you very much. And, again, I will repeat, if you are a Scottsdale resident, a Scottsdale citizen, a Scottsdale business owner or property owner, this is the way we express that, you have three minutes. State your place of residence and name. I don't think we got completion on that. However, that does conclude the -- those listed for public comment.

MINUTES

[Time: 00:30:12]

Next, we have the consideration of the minutes. First, I would request a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of August 21, 2023, executive session minutes of August 21st, 2023. And regular meeting and work study session minutes of August 21st, 2023, regular meeting minutes of August 22nd, 2023. Do I have a motion and a second?

Councilwoman Janik: So moved.

Councilwoman Whitehead: So moved.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Councilmember Graham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: I have a Solange Whitehead and Vice Mayor. Please register your vote. Okay. We

are unanimous. Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

[Time: 00:31:01]

Mayor Ortega: Next, we have consent agenda items. Consent agenda items are duly posted. Items 1 through 22, and all are filed with complete reports by the staff. We have an opportunity for the public to speak on any consent agenda items. I have a request by two members of the public, one to speak on item number 5, and one to speak on number 12. So at this point, I would ask Al Payne to come forward speaking on item number five.

Are you going to pass? Okay. And the second person is Paul Roe. He had wished to speak on item number 12, do you have a comment there, sir?

City Clerk Lane: Mayor, I apologize we have two speakers on item number 9.

Mayor Ortega: I'm trying to recognize the public speakers and then we will see if there's something that needs to be pulled. Is that okay? Oh, good. So at this point, it appears there are two speakers on number nine and is there any other question or consent agenda items any Councilmember wants to move to regular?

Councilmember Graham: This be the appropriate time to pull things from consent. Vice Mayor Littlefield, I will defer to you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: I would like to pull number 9.

Councilmember Graham: Mayor, 17, please.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. So what this means is there will be a full presentation by staff for items 9 and 17. And we would hear from public comment, item number 9 as I see it. Accordingly, at this point, we do have consent agenda items 1 through 22, excluding consent agenda item 9, and consent agenda item number 17, do I have a motion.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Yes, I motion to approve those items with the exception of 9 and 17.

Councilwoman Janik: Second.

Councilmember Durham: I second.

City Clerk Lane: Mayor, there's one person who wants to speak on item 12, which is still on consent.

Mayor Ortega: And we call to the public, item number 12, a citizen wishes to comment on item number 12. So if you could please come forward, Paul Roe. Okay. Item number 12. Go ahead.

Paul Roe: That was quick. Mr. Mayor, members. Council thank you for the opportunity to speak before you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Your name and place of residence.

[Time: 00:34:34]

Paul Roe: Paul Roe, resident of Villa Monterey in Scottsdale for longer than I would like to think. Reducing the lanes of track in the area is counterproductive at best and misuse of federal funds at worst. Bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways are already abundantly available, and one rarely can -- can rarely see people using the current areas set aside on the streets for these purposes, especially during the summer.

Any consideration also of light rail must recognize extremely high cost of building such a system which has to be environmentally subsidized. It's used by the homeless and people to neighborhoods for the illegal activity. The city could purchase hundreds if not buses to transport people, and unlike light rail, us about routes can be altered depending on changing passenger demand. One the light rail track is installed, you are stuck with it. I will just add on a personal note, I live -- pardon?

Mayor Ortega: I didn't say anything. There's miscellaneous sound there. But do you want the overhead or are you okay?

Paul Roe: No, I'm fine. On a personal note, I lived in New York City for a number of years and used the subway system extensively and the bus system and it works there, but even in a city of 8 million where a couple million people a day use the transit system, it has to be subsidized there at -- to a strong degree and that's even with a fare of \$3 per ride now. So taking into account that right rail simply on a cost benefit analysis does not pay off.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, sir. I have a request to speak from Councilwoman Whitehead and then Vice Mayor Littlefield.

[Time: 00:36:59]

Councilwoman Whitehead: I want to thank you for your comments and for the rest of you to understand that what this item does is actually support what you said, which is buses. This item, updates an existing intergovernmental agreement between the city and the regional public transportation authority. There is no cost to the city for the changes included in this I.G.A. agreement, and I also want to point out that this city Council pulled light rail out of the general

plan, which is a long-term document. So there's no danger of the light rail coming to Scottsdale. Thank you.

Paul Roe: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, sir. We're done. I appreciate your comment and we have a motion on the table. And –

Paul Roe May I respond?

Mayor Ortega: I think you did comment already -- she just was making her own comment on not to you specifically.

Paul Roe: I was going to say although the funds are not costing the city, the money is not picked off a tree if it's coming off a federal government or whomever, it could be used for better uses, including transportation. Thank you, sir.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next we have a motion on the table to approve consent agenda items. 1 through 22, excluding number 9 and 17. Please register your vote. Thank you. That's unanimous.

ITEM 27 – SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF THE WEST EXPANSION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENTS

[Time: 00:38:40]

Mayor Ortega: Next, I would -- by my prerogative, move to -- we are moving to regular agenda and I will call forward item number 27 and somewhat go in reverse order as well, as include the two consent agenda items that were just pulled.

So I would like the presentation for item number 27, regarding the contract with the Museum of the West expansion.

Brent Stockwell: Honorable Mayor Ortega, I'm Brent Stockwell, I'm one of your assistant managers and tonight's item is a request to approve two agreements to allow for the privately funded expansion to Western Spirit, Scottsdale's Museum of the West. Western Spirit opened in January of 2015.

The museum is managed through an agreement between the city and Scottsdale Museum of the West L.L.C. -- I'm sorry, incorporated. A Scottsdale-based nonprofit formed for the sole purpose of operating the museum in the city's facility. The original building was financed by the city, using tourism development funds, taxes paid by visitors to the city who stay in Scottsdale's hotels. The museum is a Smithsonian affiliate, is highly rated on Trip Advisor and currently rated

the top western museum by "True West" magazine.

Here are the key details in the museum's expansion proposal. They have proposed an 11,360 square feet expansion which would extend the existing two floors by adding two new galleries. This would be privately funded using a \$12 million private donation from Louis "Buzz" Sands IV. They have hired the same designer and contractor that built the museum for the city. They would like to start building as soon as the permits later this fall and construction complete if two years. Expansion has been in discussion for more than five years. For example, the expansion was considered in the museum square development plan. The museum had been looking for a donor -- a donor to privately fund the expansion and found that with the generosity of Mr. Sands.

So for context, here's the current museum site. It is city property. It is located just west of the intersection of Marshall Way and first street. The art galleries along main street are to the north. The gateway at main street plaza condominium association is to the west, the city owns the Stage Press Theater site to the southwest and the Museum Square hotel site is directly to the south.

[Time: 00:41:42]

The Museum Square apartment building is to the southeast and the Hilton Canopy hotel is directly to the east. When the museum was originally built, the site included the former transit station located immediately to the south, but that property was sold as part of the museum square development, in October 2019.

This graphic shows the current museum -- the location of the proposed expansion in blue as an addition to the southwest corner of the existing museum. The expansion will be built entirely on city property and you can also see the location of the museum square hotel in relation to this expansion. The museum offices are now located in privately owned space in the main street plaza building to the west, across the pedestrian walkway which is built over the underground parking garage that serves the museum.

This gives you a sense of what the expansion will look like. This is a view from the south looking towards the north. The expansion will be designed in a similar style to the existing building. The current cactus garden will be salvaged and located back on sight following construction. During construction, the stage brush theater lot to the west of the museum site will be used for parking, staging and as a nursery for all the salvaged plants.

And as mentioned, there are two agreements that you are being asked to approve tonight. The first deals with the details of the construction expansion. The two points in the agreement and the associated sections are included. The terms included in the agreement are there to protect the city and to ensure that the expansion is built as proposed. As noted this expansion will be 100% privately funded.

The expansion is designed and constructed by the private museum operator at their sole cost and expense. In addition to -- to count for the additional parking spaces for the museum expansion, the museum has leased 7 additional spaces in the planned apartment building to be constructed east of the museum. The museum management agreement needs to be amended to reflect this expansion.

There's additional terms to protect the city from cost increases over time as well. The fees by the city are capped at the current level and the city maintenance costs are expected to increase by about 40,000 a year to cover the additional square footage of the expansion.

The agreement does designate the museum expansion as the Louis Sands IV Center. And any future naming as a result of additional donors or collections will be brought forward for Council salvaged -- approval at a later day. I would like to express my thanks to the team to bring this work and project forward, as well as the city staff team from the city attorney's office, planning and economic development and tourism offices, and public works department for all of their efforts on these agreements.

So we are asking you tonight to adopt both resolutions 12918, and 12919, authorizing the construction agreement and the amended management agreement. Thank you.

[Time: 00:45:12]

Mayor Ortega: I see Councilwoman may have a question. We can hear from the board as well if.

Councilwoman Janik: If the board would like to speak first, that's fine.

Mayor Ortega: Would you like a presentation? Essentially you have agreed to the terms and signed off on them. I'm confirming that. So go ahead.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you, Mayor. First of all, just like Brent said, we want to thank all the people that were involved. A tremendous amount of work on the part of staff and the people of the museum. And the vision that Jim Bruner had when he had the dream to the build the Museum of the West. It's a wonderful institution. I encourage all of you to visit it and bring your family and friends to visit it as well. And a big thanks to Buzz Sands for his generous, very generous \$12 million donation.

And with that in mind, I would like to adopt resolution number 12918 to authorize a museum expansion construction agreement, number 2023-133-COS with the Museum of the West incorporated for expansion of the Museum of the West, by the city manager or designee to execute any such documents and take any other such action as necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution and agreement.

Number two, adopt resolution number 12919, authorizing an amended museum management agreement number 2021-088-COS-a1 with the Scottsdale Museum of the West for management services.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second enthusiastically.

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Mayor Ortega: Thank you. We have a motion and a second it was called to my attention that we have one public comment. Alex McLaren, would you like to -- you're fine. Thumbs up. That's good. Okay. Next we have Councilmember Durham and Graham.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. I wanted to add while this is a great addition to Scottsdale, we have also been very careful in the legal agreements to make sure that we are protecting the citizens and taxpayers of Scottsdale from any losses in connection with the museum. So we're getting a great asset but we're also protecting our citizens and taxpayers from any issues or problems that might arise. So it's a great deal all around. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Present, good mention. You talked about this a little bit. In the event there are cost overruns for the expansion, construction, how does that work contingency-wise.

Brent Stockwell: So Mayor, members of Council, Councilmember Graham. The way the agreement is set up, those are paid by the museum. It's not paid by the city at all. That's the way that agreement is written.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. Very good. There was also -- I know this increased of size of the footprint and it requires more parking. I think that was resolved during the process, right?

Brent Stockwell: Yes, that's correct. The planning calculation is that a net receive spaces is necessary. The museum went out and has a lease with the property owner to the east for those seven spaces. Those seven spaces are in excess of the required parking for that building and so one the things that you will Dobb through the approval of the construction agreement, acknowledging that you are aware of that and okay about that.

Councilmember Graham: How do you feel about construction mitigation and where equipment is parked and making sure that traffic isn't disrupted or dislocated?

Brent Stockwell: So the plan for that is to have that all handled on the adjacent site. So we have the sagebrush theater site, and they had brought out to the sagebrush theater management to make sure this was okay with them. Including parking and staging and also the salvage, the salvage nursery that need to be relocated offsite and then back.

Councilmember Graham: I appreciate you, counted 49 Saguaro.

Brent Stockwell: Yes, 49.

Councilmember Graham: And I know it's brick by brick. Are there any donor restrictions on the donation to the city?

Brent Stockwell: No, there's no limit to the donor to the city.

Councilmember Graham: So it's an unseasonal donation?

Brent Stockwell: Let me think? I wasn't expecting that question. As the building is built brick by brick, it becomes owned by the city and so that's all subject to the agreement between the museum and the city that you are also approving tonight. So if anything would happen, we would look to that agreement to govern that. But there's no restrictions on that gift that the donor is placing on the city or anything like that.

Councilmember Graham: What was the thing you said right before that. I didn't quite catch that. What was your comment? Your penultimate comment.

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Brent Stockwell: So you are approving the construction agreement, you are approving the museum management agreement. So the city would still have to follow all the terms of the museum management agreement after there's the expansion. So what I was trying to contemplate in there, there's all sorts of terms for operations and how they operate. They will still have to comply with that.

Councilmember Graham: That makes sense. It's generally what I expected. This is an asset that I hope continues to prosper and see more of it, adds to our arts and culture. And I see the board here. I want to thank them for all the work they have done and the hours -- unseen and seen. So appreciate that, Brent. Thank you for talking to us tonight.

Brent Stockwell: You're welcome.

Councilmember Graham: Good luck.

Mayor Ortega: So a special thanks extended to the Sands family. And building upon the legacy and the western heritage that we love here in Scottsdale. It's an essential must-see for guests in our Old Town and we look forward to really completion. Groundbreaking we plan to be there, I'm sure and the opening of the other section. Meanwhile, they are open and available for a group and social events as well.

We have a motion and a second. Please record your vote. So we are unanimous. Thank you. Congratulations.

I had to clap. We know that. Okay.

ITEM 9 – SCOTTSDALE STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN GRANT AGREEMENT

[Time: 00:52:40]

Mayor Ortega: Next, we have I wanted to call your attention, I have changed the order of the agenda. We will be calling on item number 9, as it was pulled -- we'll do that one next and then we have, I believe, item number 17, and then we will be going to item number 26. Which is bridge housing. And then item 23, 24, and 25 related to the Paiute neighborhood center will be presented as a group. They will be voted on separately.

So because two items were moved from consent agenda to regular agenda we will proceed with 7 -- I'm sorry, 9, item 9 and 17. Excuse me. And we will have speakers for a couple of these items. He would have our engineering specialist, Mr. Melnychenko.

Mark Melnychenko: Thank you, Mayor Ortega. My name is mark Melnychenko, the director over our transportation and streets department. Tonight, I would like to provide information on this valuable federal grant funding opportunity to help develop a roadway safety action plan for our city. Next, please.

The bipartisan construction bill, or B.I.L. appropriated \$2 billion. \$1 billion to be awarded by the Department of Transportation for the safety streets for all grant program. The grants are award on a competitive basis to implement operational initiatives. It provides funding for two types of grants. First there's the action plan grant and secondly, there's the implementation grant. Communities with the eligible action plan can apply for implementation grants to implement the strategies or projects that are consistent with the action plan. Next, please.

The city of Scottsdale applied for an action plan grant on September 14th, 2022. On February 1st, 2023, the U.S. D.O.T. announced \$800 million in grant awards for 511 communities, through the first round of funding for the grant program. These awards included 474 action grants, 37 implementation grants and in Arizona, the following received action plan grants. Scottsdale, Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Tolleson, the Flagstaff metropolitan planning organization, Pima County and the town of Prescott Valley. So it's pretty wide spread. Our state was very successful. Next slide, please. A selected consultant the help the city to update policies and strategies and implement and build off the city's success thus far. Next, please.

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Shown on this slide, is a series of potential features that are tailored to the city's needs that demonstrate a continuing commitment to safety. As we know, this is a planning process and we have not gone through this yet, but these are some potential items to consider and think about in the process. Next, please.

The Dangerous by Design 2022 Study by Smart Growth America ranked Arizona as the fourth most dangerous state for pedestrians. From 2016 to 2020, the Phoenix metro area ranked 22nd most dangerous for people walking in the same study. Scottsdale is safer than a lot in the region. Maricopa Association of Governments has ranked the top 100 intersections by crash risk. Scottsdale has only one intersection and they are in the top 100. We have one at 70 and that's Hayden and Indian School Road. Next please.

Scottsdale has made signature efforts to improve safety and maintain the operation of roadways, intersections and traffic signals. The city's studies, plans and policies evaluate and improve traffic safety through the transportation action plan 2022, the biennial traffic volume and collision report manual.

The 2020 bicycle collision safety property and road safety audits and device reviews. Scottsdale's strategic transportation safety plan will expand on these key efforts that will help to deliver data-driven solutions. Next, please. The 20% local archdiocese of 72,000 is budgeted in the streets and transportation operations budget. As you can see the difference between our federal grant and our local match of \$72,000. Next, please.

The plan will take approximately 18 to 24 months to develop. It will include input from the public, other departments, transportation, and city Council in the development of the plan and approval. As a for instance, we were working very closely right now with police, on a number of messaging efforts, including slowdown Scottsdale, and bicycle and pedestrian safety. We would build off of that and our cooperative effort with the police department. Next, please.

This is the action requested for the approval of the grant. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Well, thank you. At this point, we can direct any questions to the presenter. Councilmember Durham and then we will go to public comment. I show three speakers requesting to speak on item number 9. Councilmember Durham.

[Time: 01:00:07]

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. Over the last few days I received numerous emails, probably somewhere between 50 and 100 claiming that Scottsdale was planning to adopt vision zero. I was confused by these emails. You have been here before and said that Scottsdale is not adopting vision zero, but then I got an email saying that this consent item number 9 is a subterfuge for adopting vision zero. So I want to ask you straight out is any of this money being used to adopt vision zero.

Mark Melynchenko: Scottsdale will not move forward with vision zero. After we received approval of the grant from the federal government, we talked to the Federal Highway Administration officials in D.C., as well as local representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, and when we said we don't want to be part of the vision zero program and they said that is okay. You can move ahead with this grant and not be part of that program.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you for clarifying that.

Mayor Ortega: So we will move on with public comment. Item number nine, we have three speakers requesting. One is Greg Blare. The second speaker is Angela Jacobson. Again, please come forward. You have three minutes and state your name and place of residence. Greg Blare. Angela Jacobson.

Greg Blare: Mr. Mayor and Council people, thanks for taking comment. Councilman Durham, you addressed my issue and my question. So I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Angela Jacobson and then Beth Weiss. Angela Jacobson, welcome.

Angela Jacobson: Good evening, Mayor and city Councilmembers. I'm Angela Jacobson. It's been a long time since I've been up here. My concern is about the safety, you know, with narrowing those streets where a lot of people used to fuse. They don't know how to fuse in or what to do. I must commend you on having a lot to say for people to cross when there's like a large part from the lights. I commend you for doing that.

But there's a lot of people that I notice, they don't -- they can -- they cannot walk to the corner, which is, like, maybe 10 feet away and they cross without the light. I mean, you can't do anything about stew bid -- stupidity. We don't need any road diets and that circle around Osborn is horrific! And it's a nightmare. And people do not know how to do that either. One day I'm expecting to hear a really horrific crash because of that. And it's dangerous for a lot of people. How could the people walk if they need to get to the other side of the road? And thank you for listening to me.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next we have Beth Weiss.

Beth Weiss: Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. So I was coming up to speak against the road diet, but how does this connect with the blue zone?

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Mayor Ortega: Well, thank you for that question. The importance of living long not dying in a car accident -- and not dying in a car accident or being hit in a crosswalk, I think would all contribute to a longer life. But did you have more comments to say? Blueness is the wellness and longevity

effort. However, the subject would be, on, you know, this acceptance of the study money for safety reasons.

Beth Weiss: From my understanding, the science behind climate change is not scientific and a lot of scientists are against it, and yeah, and I'm concerned about a surveillance state that goes along with some of these projects. So blue zone is only for health and wellness.

Mayor Ortega: That's another topic. We will be glad to follow up with you on that subject. You seem very healthy and well and that's what we care about in Scottsdale. Thank you so much. With that, I will close public testimony for this item.

You know, I will mention one thing. You know, Council gets a police report. Yesterday a gentleman was killed on a bicycle on accordingly pus and Scottsdale Road. And these -- Cactus and Scottsdale Road. The person who was driving the car was 35 years old. We hope whatever safety measures, lighting, signage, any blindsides, whatever and even human error as they said, it's hard to measure that. But these are -- this is a real tragedy that just happened yesterday. And it is related to making our streets safer. Councilmember Whitehead, Councilmember Graham and Vice Mayor.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Thank you, Mayor, and everybody for being here on this subject. Yes, I think there's a lot of confusion that this is part of the road diet. That's a separate issue and we have shown again and again that we are very restrictive on when we even consider any kind of lane clangs and that's a pretty involved community process. Interestingly, one of the people opposed to the 68th Street which is like the third road diet in 20 years. It was a lane reduction for reuse has questioned about biking it. Sometimes there's more than one -- you can be opposed to it. I was coming home from the 82, and I couldn't get home because of this 82-year-old's death. There have been senior citizens who have been trying to cross the road in a wheelchair. And we had a number of deaths. Anybody who lives on a safe road, never comes to us and asks for a higher speed limit.

In fact, we are getting barraged and time trying to respond to it and they are correct, we are -- a barrage of emails of people who live on dynamite because the speeds up there or just unacceptable and I hope that we can change it. These are people who are living and trying to get out and return right or turn left, forget turning left.

Even turning right is dangerous. So I'm really enthusiastic about making our roads safer and doing it in a way that we always do, with a lot of community input. We don't threaten one user by making another user safer. And also the data shows reducing pedestrian deaths makes everybody safer, and the safer your streets are, the more walkable your community, is the higher your property values are and certainly it's a big component of our tourism industry. So we are doing what we always do.

And we are finding the right balance and that's probably why we are the safest city in the valley

and certainly state on a number of fronts, including this one. Thanks.

Oh, with that, I'm going to motion to approve contract number 2023-131-COS, a funding agreement totaling \$288,000 with U.S. Federal Highway Administration, for the acceptance of the grant agreement award and a budget transfer of hundred to \$188,000 from fiscal 2023/24 future grants budget and/or grant contingency to the newest created cost center within the grant funds related to the strategic transportation safety plan.

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Councilmember Durham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Thanks. We have a motion and a second. We will have further discussion. City Attorney is waving to me. Did you have a particular point?

City Attorney Scott: Yes, thank you, Mayor. Just to clarify that the motion includes adopting resolution number 12916?

Councilwoman Whitehead: Sorry, did I miss that?

City Attorney Scott: I may have missed you saying it, but I wanted to clarify that on the record.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Thank you. Thank you so much.

Mayor Ortega: We are continuing with discussion and call on Councilmember Graham, Vice Mayor Littlefield and Councilwoman Janik.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Mayor. Mark, just a few questions. What Councilmember Durham asked about it, but what is -- I think it's net zero, what is -- how would you describe that? Or vision zero, excuse me.

Mark Melynchenko: Mayor and Councilmembers, Councilman Graham, it's a national movement called vision zero, which the ultimate goal is to eliminate all pedestrian -- all fatal crashes and severe injuries. That's the goal of the program.

Councilmember Graham: And what kind of -- as part of that agenda, what kinds of things are cities adopting to get there that you are seeing? Because I'm sure you go to conferences and you study, you know, other municipalities and your counterparts.

Mark Melynchenko: It's a whole array of things, right? In the valley here, Tempe and Phoenix have vision zero, but to be honest with you, I have enough to deal with here at the city and I really don't follow what the other cities are doing.

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Councilmember Graham: But you follow them to learn from them, to get good ideas, right?

Mark Melynchenko: We do, there are a number of ideas that -- the box will be opened for us to see it. We have a strong track record and we want to build off of our successes but whether we hire a consultant to help us look, we're hoping to our eyes opened to other things to help with the speeding problem, et cetera.

Councilmember Graham: The -- are -- do you think any of the outputs from this grant -- because we have a lot of emails and resident feedback that I want to be responsive and allay concerns. Are there any outputs that envision that could be consistent with moving towards a vision zero from this grant?

Mark Melynchenko: Well, as we -- as I showed in the presentation, there will be input from public, from all the stakeholders, from the commission, which we work very closely on our transportation action plan, counsel, and our other departments. So there will be a lot of input on what goes into this plan. So right now, I cannot specify what would be in it.

Councilmember Graham: Is this where someone would say, it it's moving in that direction.

Mark Melynchenko: We have neighborhood traffic mitigation plan. These types of things. These are standard procedures. So I would -- I would say those types of things, we would strengthen. We would --

Councilmember Graham: Okay.

Mark Melynchenko: Improve our locations for hawks and those types of things, but moving it in a certain direction, I cannot -- I can't specify. This is a planning document.

Councilmember Graham: So we are making tweaks for, you know, fixes crosswalks and sidewalks but we're not -- nothing is anti-car or anti-personal mobility to your knowledge?

Mark Melynchenko: Not that I'm aware of. We're a very car-centric city, but we want to also make sure that all users are accommodated.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. Very good. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Mark.

Mark Melynchenko: You're welcome.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Vice Mayor Littlefield and then Councilwoman Janik.

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Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor. And thank you, Mark.

Mark Melynchenko: You're welcome.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: I just want to make sure, we did receive a lot of emails from citizens who were very concerned about this. They do not want to see road diets. They want to have their roads where it's safe for the cars to go through. I don't think they care to have more bicycle lanes, that's fine too but not at the expense of the car lanes. I think that's really what we are concerned about, what citizens are concerned about, and so I just want to make sure for the record, that this is not just a back doorway of the federal government getting in here to reduce car lanes and keep Scottsdale from growing our transportation system in that area as we grow our population, more and more people come here. They have more cars. We need to go the other way. I would like your opinion on that.

Mark Melynchenko: Well, Mayor and Councilmembers, our goal is to prepare a planning document that's tailored for the needs of Scottsdale. So I think in general, that is what we are moving towards, it includes all modes of transportation and an efficient system, but as I said, we will get input from all on the preparation of this document.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you, Mayor, thank you, Mark. I want to make a general comment. I think it's great that we are getting money to make our city and our streets safer, but we all need to look at ourselves. The major problem with the fatalities, the accidents is that we speed. Dynamite, I have gotten dozens of emails. Speed limit is 50, 55. People are going 60, 65, 70. Our local streets, people are speeding. We all need to be mindful that for the safety of all of us, we need to be mindful that we should not speed and I hope and I believe based on what you said, mark, a good portion of this will go towards making our streets safer and encouraging everybody not to speed. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Well, thank you. I do support the motion. And I will add Scottsdale is very unique. We are long and narrow, but we also have multiuse pathways, which also cross paved streets. And we have some systems in our trail -- our preserve as well that need to recognize perhaps better signage, eliminate blind spots or maybe needs for lighting in particular instances and some of the wear and tear can be prioritized and we are not drawing any conclusions. We want it to be as thorough as possible.

With that, please -- I see no other hands, please record your vote. Okay. Excuse me. Okay we have six yes votes and Vice Mayor Littlefield dissenting.

ITEM 17 – INFRASTRUCTURE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

[Time: 01:17:47]

Mayor Ortega: Next, we will move on to item number 17. 17 had been formerly on the consent agenda. And we will have a complete presentation as requested. It pertains to be a request of -- well, take it away Mr. Biesemeyer.

Brian Biesemeyer: Thank you, Mayor and Council. Brian Biesemeyer, Executive Director Water Resource. We have an agreement with McDowell Mountain Village otherwise known as Optima. The reason for this agreement. It allows for the construction of a sewer that's serving an area north. C.A.P. canal, between Pima and Scottsdale Road. It allowed for an accelerated schedule.

We had several infrastructure planned projects. Those are projects funded by development fees for that area. But our schedule but these several years out. This development agreement allows for their construction at an accelerated rate, faster than we had planned. It also allows for minimizing community impacts because it puts together a number of these projects together in one construction event and then therefore gets that constructed and those sewers will not be constructed at later dates five years from now or seven years from now. And it opens up the area for current and future development.

The funding, Optima will fund the project up to the infrastructure improvement plan budgets. And then the sewer development fees are used, like I said, sewer development fee -- sewer development fees are used as the funding for that and we attach payback for future development in the area so anything above that budget.

So in the construction actually is an increase over what we have in the budget, if it actually costs more, that delta, the city will pay for that delta, and then we will get paybacks from the other developments as they come in. So in the end when the sewer is constructed the development in the area pays for those sewers. I think there was -- I will do one more slide and then staff recommendation, but I also have a graphic here to talk about where those sewers are going.

Can I get the overhead? Well, maybe not. Perhaps not. Well, my apologies for the warmup. And I think we need a little bit of focus if we can. There we go. So you can see it starts, and these are available developer project one, two, three, four, and then the city projects. So the city is actually going to construct the city project five and six to complete this connection of sewers ultimately to get to our north pump back where then that sewage is then pumped up to our water campus.

So there's four development projects and two city projects shown on this graphic, just to kind of show how the entire sewer network connects. And with that, pending your questions.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. We have Councilmember Graham. Also, I will point out on this particular item, there was no requests to speak by the public. So I will close public comment. And Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Mayor, I will ask some questions about that map. What is the total cost of the project, though? I just couldn't really find that easily in the packet.

Brian Biesemeyer: The I.I.P. that we budgeted is about \$16.5 million. Those two I.I.P.s. That else the -- that's the budgeted amount that we have. It's I.I.P. four and I.I.P.5, and, again, total cost, total budget amount is over \$16 million.

Councilmember Graham: People might look at this and say we are told that development pays for itself, it fills the coffers and now it seems like we are spending a lot of money on development. What is the portion of reimbursement from optima did you say?

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Brian Biesemeyer: Well, Optima will be reimbursed for the cost of this I.I.P., normally. City would construct these projects and construction them and charge them, the development fee fund collected from development feed. Instead, optima will do that, meeting city standards, city inspection, and city review, and so that -- the funding will come from that I.I.P. amount and optima will get refunded for the total I.I.P. numbers. If it exceeds that, then optima will share in some of the cost shares as well.

Councilmember Graham: What is the cost share breakdown.

Brian Biesemeyer: The cost share breakdown, there's less costs for Optima as the flows get larger. I have a little file on that. My apologies. So it's by leg and I will put that on here. And so the first one is really just a connection.

Councilmember Graham: Just for the audience, can you define leg and --

Brian Biesemeyer: Sure. The legs are the different -- so if I can get this together. So project one would be this A.A. My apologies for the way I put this together. And that really is just a connection from another sewer. That allows the city to divert some flows. If those costs go over, the city has 75% and that's a representation of city flows are exactly -- are already going down that sewer. And then so project two, you can see that optima would pay 22% for the overruns.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. So they cover a decent chunk. I guess one question is isn't drainage and sewer already servicing this area? Why are we building all new stuff.

Brian Biesemeyer: Well, drainage is a little different. Sewer, this is all vacant land. So we don't build sewers ahead. There is too much infrastructure to build a sewer and not have them flowing. We don't want to waste the money on an asset that's not used. Usually sewers who don't have flowage, they smell.

Councilmember Graham: And does this get up to the sewage treatment facility.

Brian Biesemeyer: It does. It's gets up north to the water campus.

Councilmember Graham: So I'm just -- for people that don't understand this, it makes less sense. There's not a shorter route? It seems closer to go --

Brian Biesemeyer: It's the most efficient route for several reasons. It drains in that direction, but we already have the infrastructure invested in the north pump back station.

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Councilmember Graham: Right there at the 101 and canal?

Brian Biesemeyer: Yes, instead of constructing a new lift station, they are expensive and use a lot of power and we can do it at one that's designed to do so.

Councilmember Graham: Can you map out what the service area will be for the sewer.

Brian Biesemeyer: It's basically this entire area south of the 101 -- bounded on the south side by the 101 and Scottsdale Road.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. So whatever development goes in, you know, really anywhere between Scottsdale and -- this is going to serve anything between Scottsdale and Hayden on the south side of the freeway?

Brian Biesemeyer: That's correct.

Councilmember Graham: And do you think the payback will eventually cover the costs. Do you think we can recoup the government.

Brian Biesemeyer: We recoup our governments to the largest amount as allowed by state law.

Councilmember Graham: That's a very good on the record response. So I appreciate you indulging my questions. Thank you, Brian for being here. So thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Purpose is not to build piecemeal. We appreciate the questions accordingly. I move to adopt resolution number 12939 to approve the contract number 2023-145-COS, infrastructure reimbursement with McDowell Mountain Village, declarant L.L.C., Optima. Between Scottsdale Road and T.P.C. Golf Course.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: We have a motion and a second. I also see -- I also see Tammy. I made the motion. So he seconded it. Go ahead Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: I wanted to say this is a perfect textbook example, actually. So thank you for pulling this out Mr. Graham. This is a perfect example of how infrastructure grows as we do and how private development is actually how we fund it. So, again, I can't think of a pore perfect example to show how this is how we fund the growth of our city and we expect that private development actually allows us to do this. So great example and I'm supportive as well. So with our vote thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Please record your vote. Unanimous. Yes. Thank you. It's going to be a busy man, Brian.

ITEM 26 – BRIDGE HOUSING PROGRAM AGREEMENT

[Time: 01:29:39]

Mayor Ortega: Okay, next I do want to remind everyone that I am going in reverse order, item 26. So item, 23, 24, and 25 are related to Paiute. They will be a bundle and heard after item number 26. We'll have the presenters coming forward for item number 26 regarding an agreement with Pengol Hospitality LLC and City Services contract.

And we also have several speakers or public speakers, public comment. So I will be announcing them after this presentation. We have Greg Bestgen, Director of the Human Services component of the city.

Greg Bestgen: Good evening, Mayor, members of the Council. Thank you for having me this evening. So I present to you the contract for continuing the bridge housing program services at Pengol Hospitality I LLC, that is agreement number 20 -- oh, I think I need to be doing this, right? That's agreement number 2023-129-COS, with Pengol Hospitality I LLC to provide 10 hotel rooms for 12 months. The cost is \$499,933. And the term of the agreement is 10/1 of 23 and to 9/30 of the '24.

So on June 27th, 2023, the city Council approved a contract number 2023-123-COS, it's a funding agreement totaling \$940,000 with the Arizona department of housing. To use the -- for the use of homeless shelter and service funds. \$499,933 will be with Pengol. And the remainder of the grant is being used for supportive services such as nutrition. So they are providing a safe stable place for seniors, families with minor children who have been displaced from their homes. So we're asking to move forward.

Bridge houses assists families and senior by providing housing and case management with the goal of returning the clients to the most independent living situation possible within 120 days. Most clients have been able to find housing within 60 days. The program assists seniors and families with minor children who have been displaced from their homes in Scottsdale. People

who are experiencing chronic homelessness are not eligible for bridge housing. Chronic homelessness is someone who has been without homes in a year. Participants in the bridge housing program will be provided with case management services to assist with obtaining documents, navigating throughout our homeless programs and services and others in the region, searching for employment, applying for housing vouchers and searching and applying for affordable rental units.

So the action requested is to adopt Resolution 1219 to authorize number one contract 2023-129-COS with Pengol Hospitality 1 LLC, for \$499,933. Number two, the Mayor to execute on behalf of the city, contract, the other documents to carry out the intent of the resolution. Thank you.

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Mayor Ortega: Thank you. I see Councilmember Durham may have a question or direct some comments.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. There was a hearing on this project conducted by Representative Gress last Wednesday night and to put it mildly, there was a lot of confusion resulting from that hearing. And there a lot of statements made about our programs which I believe were inaccurate. I would like to give you a chance to correct some of those if I can. How long have we been in the area providing this type of bridge housing?

Greg Bestgen: So we started a program in 2020 for six months. It was a pilot program. And that was at the Rodeway Inn. We had another program which was kind of similar, it was St. Joseph the worker, workforce villages program. And we did operate that for a period of one year and these were with AZCares funds that we were obtained through the state and then through the city. The current program we have been operating for a period of one year, and the proposal is to have services continue for one more year.

Councilmember Durham: Has anyone from the zone been allowed into this program?

Greg Bestgen: No, they have not.

Councilmember Durham: Okay. Any foreign nationals allowed into this program?

Greg Bestgen: No, they have not been.

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Councilmember Durham: What's the -- what has been the crime records the association with crime that's taking place in any of these projects you are talking about, if you would elaborate on that.

Greg Bestgen: You bet. So we just did a pretty deep dive on the data, and looked at all of the folks that have been in the program by name and by date of birth. And we only had one incident that didn't involve the hotel and it didn't involve our staff. It was actually a situation where a tenant had not actually returned a rental car and so that's the only incident that was recorded. And, again, it didn't involve any kind of illicit use of drugs or anything else in the program. To it just was an unfortunate situation for that person.

Councilmember Durham: In the news in the last two weeks or so, there was a person, I believe from Mesa, who went on a sort of slow-motion pursuit and this person drove into the hotel where we're providing these services. I have received a number of emails claiming that that person was a participant in our program, can you clarify that?

Greg Bestgen: Yes, that individual had no affiliation with our program. No affiliation with the hotel. It was strictly just a random incident, and that's been confirmed by our police department.

Councilmember Durham: And at the hearing that took place last year week, there were some complaints that we were not providing services to the people in our hotel that, we were operating on what's called a housing first process. Can you comment on whether we follow housing first and whether we provide services to the people in our program?

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Greg Bestgen: This program is a bridge program, it's a transitional program, and so it provides a very temporary-type setting to then get folks into a more permanent and stable-type situation for affordable rents and possibly affordable mortgages. So, we rely heavily on bridge -- that bridge housing is predicated on a very highly case managed system, and that's really the key to this success of the program. We know that case management works in all stages when it involves getting people into safe and stable housing.

Councilmember Durham: And there were some comments at that hearing last week, that we were following the path of San Francisco. So I did a little bit of looking and San Francisco has 80 hotels which are basically just warehousing people. They're not providing any services. There are 80 hotels which house thousands of people and we have a hotel with ten rooms we can monitor that, and so the comments from the hearing last week that we are following down the road of San Francisco, frankly, they are ridiculous. So we have a great success record, because we're doing it the right way. With services and monitoring and that's why we are successful and that's why San Francisco is a failure. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Thank you, Greg, the program will continue at the same motion it's

already been occurring at.

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Greg Bestgen: Yes, that's correct.

Councilwoman Caputi: I'm under the understanding that it's recently been purchased and the new owners will be putting in tens of millions of dollars into making new property. And so the new owners are perfectly acceptable of accepting the contract that will switch over to the much nicer property, is that how it will work?

Greg Bestgen: Yes, that's correct.

Councilwoman Caputi: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Well, I do have a few comments. In terms of the continuation of a successful program, two years ago, I spoke with some participants who were at that Rodeway location, which was during the COVID. They were musicians and had been laid off. And I spoke to them at Einstein's nearby. And they expressed a lot of gratitude for the ability to have a safe place to rest their head. Subsequently this program has been successful, and I would say that we were relying on that success. A

And I did invite a Representative Gress on five occasions to come and speak with me here, to understand better what our programming is and even to observe the occasion or talk to any participants. People, we have to respect confidentiality. And he told me directly, he refused to come here and learn about our system. So that speaks to unfortunately the reach that he took in bringing people from 800 miles away and San Francisco or mischaracterizing the participants, including 52 children who have had a place safe location until though could be finding a better situation.

You know, I do want to kind of respect time. There are several speakers, public comment. I would like to bring them forward. I see Councilmember Graham has a comment, Councilwoman Janik. I would prefer to go into public comment at this point and then return to the discussion. I have Charles Feeley, Patrick Cunningham and Mary Ellen Cunningham. You know, one of the admonitions I gave at the beginning we don't need clapping and cheering and hissing. That's to keep the meeting going smoothly. I will call forward Charlie Feeley. Please state your place of residence and you will see the clock and then Patrick Cunningham.

Charles Feeley: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Councilmembers. My name is Charlie Feeley and I'm the manager of the Independence 47 Hotel. Thank you for allowing me to say a few words. There's been a lot said and a lot of negativity directed about our hotel and staff about the block of rooms we had with the city over the past year.

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Recently it has come into focus and everyone has been choosing to argue about the main problems regarding why people are homeless. Some even stating that all homeless people are drug addicts. I'm here to say that that is not the case for everyone.

For the program we are talking about tonight, these clients are Scottsdale residents who are seniors or family there with children they are not drug addicts, but human beings that look similar to you here tonight. The main thing is they are going through tough times and reached out for help. They have been priced out of their places. Most of them work at local businesses near my hotel and agreed to the many rules and guidelines of the city program and my hotel. I can say for a fact we have not had any issues with anyone in this program and I haven't had to call the police on any of their client they have all on been great guests who keep to themselves in a particular wing and they have no visitors and using some. Hotel amenities.

This contract has been good for the hotel, especially with our renovations being delayed so long but we have been given the go-ahead to start this coming spring. It has allowed us to keep the rates higher to keep those less desirable guests away from the hotel. I don't want any problem people staying in or near my hotel. We will be doing our renovation project in segments which will allow us to be able no house the clients in this program in the unrenovated rooms until the end of the contract next September, which will be during the most extensive part of the remodel.

We hope that our neighbors are not frightened by what has been said recently, and that you can see what a good program this is for our community. We have had the pleasure of giving Mayor Ortega a tour of the property and he was able to see himself that the hotel is still a very safe and quiet property and it has been successful. This is an extension of the program that we and the same qualifications to be a client. Thank you.

Patrick Cunningham: Mr. Mayor, Patrick Cunningham, 8700 Heatherbrae, I have only been there since 1986. It's difficult to do anything better than what the general manager did say. But I will try. When your program attracted a bunch of attention downtown, it seemed to us on Heatherbrae that we ought to come and actually talk with you and say how much we support this program so that you might hear just from a common citizen.

And I do say I learn something every time there's open public comment. And I learned some things tonight about project zero. But what I'm here to say is you are doing the right thing. And this is a great program. For people who are in south Scottsdale, whatever south Scottsdale is these days, we reflect on Scottsdale having been a leader for the last 100 years. We lead on tourism and certainly our resorts are world-class. We lead on sports events. And it's not just the cactus league or the greatest show on grass but it's all of those common golfers. We lead on water and thank you for your work on Rio Verde. And we, by the way, have two superfund programs that are cleaning up our water in north and south Scottsdale. We have been a leader

for 100 years and now it's time for you to lead on homelessness and you are. I would recount these good things and if my comments line up with Councilman Durham, I can assure you, I did not show him my papers.

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Number one, we appreciate the conservative approach that you are taking. We're kind of conservative in Scottsdale and you are using a private sector approach to use our best-in-class resorts and hotels to help solve this problem. We also like the fact that there's a strong statement by the hotel manager, especially addressing Councilwoman Caputi's issue about how are you going to do this while they are expanding and doing better? And I was going to read to you what he said in the "Capital Times", but he spoke tonight and there's no better support, no better statement of the depth of support, than when your private sector partner comes in to say, you are doing the right thing.

I understand the program has come under attack. And when we read those comments in the press, we said we ought to come down and make sure we make our point clear. You are helping Scottsdale residents who are experiencing homelessness. That's your job and you are doing it in a conservative way that seems to work perfectly. The bridge program is not housing people alone. It is not cash assistance. It is bridge housing with wrap around services and that includes navigating all the homeless programs, searching for employment, applying for housing vouchers, trying to work through affordable housing units and you can only stay there for 120 days. It's hard to think of better guardrails on a program! To protect your public money.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, sir.

Patrick Cunningham: Can I just say one more thing.

Mayor Ortega: Yes.

Patrick Cunningham: You have a 70% success record social programs in this country would kill to get a 70% success record. Thank you. We ask you to vote yes.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. Now I also see Mary Ellen Cunningham. So I'm going to cut you by four seconds because Patrick –

Mary Ellen Cunningham: That's happened to me more times than I would like to say. Mayor, Council thank you for letting us speak. I'm speaking for myself. I'm the liberal side of the house. Mary Ellen Cunningham, 8700 block of East Heatherbrae as well. Been there since 1986, raised my babies there. Raising -- seeing grandbabies being raised around now too.

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I have -- I'm in absolute support of item 26 and honestly, I'm in support of 23, 24, 25, I know that's not now. My support is about homelessness. I would like to start by thanking the Mayor, the Council and staff for such a thoughtful and well-developed plan. The Mayor and Council and their leadership and staff and the staff have a professional way, you saw it and were awarded grant fund and you were able to braid funding streams.

I'm a retired nurse and I retired from the Arizona Department of Health Services where I was the bureau chief for the bureau of women and children health, there are factors apart from medical care that can shape health in powerful ways. My professional career helps me to understand that helping provide this temporary or bridge shelter supports health. In fact, we know the social determinants of health, one the words we like to do, of the conditions of environment where they work play, worship and age that affect a wide range of health and quality of outcome life and risks. We also understand that being unsheltered is an adverse childhood experience. Something -- this is why I don't talk because I get verklempt. A person needs a safety place to live.

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Folks need to live in bridge housing not under a bridge. You have found real world solutions for a number of our neighbors and to offer support services to help find long-term solutions is the best way to secure this. A secure place to live strengthens families and this starts off the next generation of secure children who will be tomorrow's leaders.

Mayor Ortega: That's right.

Mary Ellen Cunningham: You used your general plan as a guide. I can't even say your general plan. Read it. Look it up. Google it. You are to be congratulated for this comprehensive approach to providing city services to meet the needs the community. Through your presentation of the date, you have evidence both the need and the success of the program currently including moving people from homelessness to stable housing. There is a woman I follow on the Internet who talks about she's giving support to new mothers and when she tells a new mother what a hard job it is and what a good job she's doing she finishes with saying, now get yourself a treat. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next we have Neal Shearer and Victor Assad and then Mary Harden. Neal Shearer.

Neal Shearer: Good evening, Mayor Ortega and members of the Council. First of all, thank you for your service. I have been in this Kiva many times and many times I've witnessed the City Council deal with complex, difficult, thorny no-win issues. The bridge housing contract is not one of those issues. In fact, it's really quite simple.

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Continue an already successful program to help our seniors and families -- to help our seniors and families experiencing homelessness find secure housing and a better future for themselves or let them fend for themselves with outcomes that are much more onerous and more likely dangerous. I urge you simply to do the right thing, the simple thing, and help our unsheltered residents improve their lives through a program that we heard this evening that has caused no issues either within the hotel property itself or in the adjacent neighborhood but it has done a whole lot of good. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Victor Assad, state your place of residence and Mary Harden after Mr. Assad.

Victor Assad: Good evening, I'm Victor Assad. I live on Manzanita Court. I'm very happy to be here, very happy to live very close to Old Town. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers for the opportunity to speak. I want to thank Councilman Durham for raising some of the questions that have been in the press, some of the concerns that have been expressed and also for others would have addressed it, particularly the general manager of the hotel. The city of Scottsdale is very blessed, and it's a wonderful thing that you are doing to support the members of our community who have fallen into homelessness, due to higher rents, inflation, parents with minor children, and the elderly. I stand in support of what you are doing. This is wonderful. This blesses us as a community.

As has been already articulated better than me this is a wonderful program providing temporary housing, the type the support that these people need. It's not been a den of crime or anything else in our community. It's a shining star. Of what Scottsdale is. I want to thank you for your support and I urge you all to vote yes.

Mayor Ortega: Next, Mary Harden and Andrew Shipp.

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Mary Harden: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, you had one crying nurse. I hope you don't get the another one this evening. I'm here today to support this agenda item to provide bridge housing temporarily to those who are at greatest need in our community. Seniors over the age of 62 and families with minor children would have been displaced from their Scottsdale home, not their Phoenix home, not their Tempe home, not their Chandler home, but their Scottsdale home. These are our neighbors. These are our fellow citizens. These are children -- children who through no fault of their own have found themselves on the short end of the stick. This program has been in place for a year with tremendous results that you should all be proud of. There are certain criteria that must be met in order for an individual or family to secure temporary housing. This is not a handout. This is a hand up.

When you, Mr. Mayor or any of the sitting Councilmembers or myself stay in a hotel room, I am

not privy to know who is in the room next to me or down the hall. To think a hotel guest has the right to invade the privacy of another individual wreaks of dangerous interference and not our democratic way of life. I have an Airbnb across, and I have VRBO next to me. I have no idea who is coming or going and frankly and honestly, it's not my business. As long as they are not breaking the law or causing some kind of problem, and if and when that happens, I call 911 and have Scottsdale's finest become and resolve the issue for me.

When did we become so cynical or uncaring. Why do some feel it's okay to stigmatize those who suddenly find themselves without a roof over their head, a bed to lay upon to sleep or a microwave to heat up a cup of soup.

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We are our brother's keepers. We cannot survive as a society. If we allow those who are the most vulnerable among us to have no hope. Doing the right thing is not always the easy thing because it's always the right thing. I pray that all seven of you find it in your heart to do the right thing. Thank you, and I didn't cry.

Mayor Ortega: Next Andrew Scheck and then Lorna Henry.

Andrew Scheck: Hello, Andrew Scheck, Coalition of Greater Scottsdale. I actually jumped into at the last minute to do this. I didn't know that there were going to be more positive thoughts before we. So that makes it more relaxing. But what I really want to talk about, I want to applaud all of you for supporting this and the people who spoke.

When I read the comments. When I saw last week, I wrote an article myself on it, when it came to this situation. I hear all the time and I'm here for people, homelessness, if you are homeless, you are a criminal, you are on drugs. You have emotional issues. As mentioned, it's just not that anymore. We have inflation. We have jobs that don't pay enough. We have rent increases that just make life unaffordable, trust me, I know personally at this point.

We have to show a caring a human nature and a compassion for people. I think this program does it. I think it's successful. There's good people. I personally don't mind if we took people from the zone or anywhere in this state if they need help because they deserve it. It is -- these people deserve to be back on their feet because we may know somebody, and the way things are going, in Maricopa County, with more evictions, people being thrown out of their apartments because we can't afford to live.

What have we done for the last 20 years to the middle-class and affordable living. I applaud the general manager of the hotel if he's still here for what he's done. I applaud the program. I applaud city Council for having to probably take the amount of emails and what was said about you guys last week is absolutely incredibly disgusting, the comments that were coming out and it shows the worst in this humanity. This program shows best in humanity. I support the

decisions that will be positive made for this. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next, we have Lorna Henry, and Leticia Taylor.

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Lorna Henry: Good evening, Mayor, city Council, good evening. Good folks, good evening.

Mayor Ortega: Pull the microphone to yourself.

Lorna Henry: Thank you. My name is Lorna Henry, I have been living here in Scottsdale for 26 years. I have five children. My daughter, she came when she was 12 and everybody else came -- I have 11 grandchildren. The city of Scottsdale has been very good to my family.

In 1999, I became a single parent with five children and thank God for Paiute. I was able to get music lessons, swimming, parks and rec, you know what that always -- I really never been homeless, I managed to no matter what the situation is, save myself. But in February, a four and a half bedroom house that I lived in, the plumbing underneath the concrete busted and the whole house flooded. I had to get out and there were eight people in my house, my daughter, she has five children. Regina. And my three sons. The only reason I knew to go to Paiute is because I have been here for 26 years as a single parent and I've got a lot of services for the city. I'm a hero to my children because I went over to Paiute and I go, this is the situation. Can you help me? It was Super Bowl.

I'm only talking about the month of February, \$200 or \$600 a night. I don't have that kind of money. They were able to help me. I got a counselor, social worker. She pulled out numbers and buildings from everywhere. I had to have landlord say, you can live in my housing, before I could get too bridge housing. I got two rooms, one with my daughter and her four children and one with me and my two sons. We all had jobs. I worked Albertson's 19 years. I retired from Verizon in 1995. I'm an entrepreneur. I could not afford hotel housing. We were looking at sleeping in our cars. We had five jobs in that house. Toyota, Lexus, Circle K, Albertson's and CVS. Two of my children worked from home. Now what were they going to do? I'm telling you.

The most livable city in the world was missing a tiny little fraction as single parents with working with jobs. Bridge housing takes care of these people, the capstone is on. Everybody is included. No one left behind. This is most livable city in the world and it's even more so now with the bridge housing.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you very much.

Lorna Henry: My 30 days, everything was calm. The dog didn't even bark. It was beautiful. We are all back to our normal life. Thank you, thank you, Mayor, city Council. We really, really appreciated it.

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Mayor Ortega: Thank you. And was Leticia Taylor your -- she's next. And then we have Mike Peterson would is still here.

Leticia Taylor: Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Leticia, I'm the founder of Healing Hearts Foundation Incorporated and you can see us on the website. That is HealingHeartsFoundationInc.com. What we do is we go to the streets. We call it boots to the streets and we are out every Saturday in the zone, all over Phoenix area and all the parks. We're helping them to get the help that they need. We personally bring them things because many did not die on the streets in 2020, which we went every day to help. There are many senior citizens there. There are 500 people that live in their cars. So they are being disbursed from Phoenix and they are branching out all over. I am a resident of Scottsdale, and they are slowly branching out this way.

So we have a solution to alleviate the problem and we want to present that solution to abbreviate -- alleviate the problem from them coming to be encamped in the Scottsdale area and other areas. There's a solution to the problem. We presented the first half of the project to Phoenix to make a difference with what is happening.

And, again, they are not all on drugs or alcohol was portrayed in the last meeting. Many of them are senior citizens, many of them are children who aged out of foster care and many of them work every day. We bring them hygiene and clothes so that they can continue to go to work as think live in their cars M. have been experiencing 119-degree heat. There are senior citizens from 65 to 82 years old that are living in their cars. So something does need to be done and I appreciate everything that was said. Humanity, caring about another human being, definitely needs to be the case. And that is what we do every single week. We talk to them personally. We cry with them. We hug them, we pray with them and do what we can to outsource them to help them. What you are doing here, we would like to be able to do so they don't come to your neighborhood. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I appreciate it.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. And what was your address, please?

Leticia Taylor: The website address is Healing Hearts Foundation, Inc. My place where I reside, I reside in Scottsdale near Tempe.

Mayor Ortega: That's close enough. Thank you. Next, we have Mike Peterson, again, please state your place of residence, and three minutes, sir.

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Mike Peterson: My residence is on your form. You already have it, but for the record, it is 1590

South Drinkwater, three blocks that way. Okay. So I'm looking at the homeless situation here in Mesa -- just kidding, Scottsdale. And what I realized is I can listen to you guys congratulate yourselves on failure or I can step out to the library and ask the homeless situation, the homeless guys over there that are bathing in the fountains outside of your wonderful library, cracked a king cobra with them a few minutes ago.

I wanted to know their thoughts on your proposals. It's not exactly like they don't have a horse in this race. Of course, you don't really care about them because they are not getting Title 42 money. So -- but back to the point. They felt this they were being bullied and persecuted and targeted by other homeless individuals and what's pretty much a wild west chaz camp. And they are genuinely scared for their lives in Phoenix and here you are wanting to truck in a few thousand homeless people from Phoenix. They got it pretty good to what they have in Phoenix. And, of course, being homeless, they are better experts on the homeless topic than anybody in here.

And they feel betrayed. They feel scared for their lives. They are genuinely terrorized. But once again you don't really care about them. They are already homeless. They are already in Scottsdale. But you know when liberals talk about homelessness, they call it in housing transition so he this don't really have to deal with the topic at hand.

And so I figured why not change clothes and run through the sprinklers and crack a king cobra with them. If you just track a few thousand more people in Phoenix, you are spreading it around all CCP style with the forced location. You control a population by relocating them where they want, and they're a population that will vote how you tell them to vote out of fear of being relocated again. Let's face it, caz is a hell hole.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, we will not get into other properties.

Mike Peterson: But, no, this guy over here in the gray shirt in the back who --

Mayor Ortega: I'm just trying --

Mike Peterson: This guy is making \$10 million and I don't know how much he will kick back to you.

Mayor Ortega: Sir, that is uncalled for and you are done.

Mike Peterson: But it's the truth. Thank you good night.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, sir. And we don't need insults. Okay. With that I see no other people wishing to speak. I will note that several of the speakers tonight did submit cards to speak at the hearing last Wednesday. And they are not afforded the opportunity to talk -- to speak apparently the time ran out. At that hearing. However, their cards should be on file at the state

legislature, which took those cards for public comment. At this point, I will move to Councilwoman Janik.

[Time: 02:11:28]

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you, Mayor. I too attended the meeting with Tom last week. I was so very upset, so offended at the comments that were made, and the whole thing was mischaracterized. I know our society is upset about what's going on throughout our whole country but that's not what that meeting was about.

I want to acknowledge the concerns of the citizens. But that was not the appropriate venue. I served on the human services committee of the Maricopa association of governors for over two and a half years in my role as a Councilperson in Scottsdale. The single best thing we can do is to prevent evictions. Once a person is on the street, it's very difficult to get them off the street and it's very expensive.

Our program does exactly that. It takes the people that are at risk of losing their homes. It gives them bridge housing. It allows them to live with dignity over 30, 40 days until they get settled in their permanent housing. I wanted to bring up a couple of facts. Tom did a great job of bringing up the falsehoods that were spoken. I want to go on and cover more. Who does the screening?

Human service professionals and who are the applicants, Scottsdale residents with children who come to our visitor centers, Paiute, and other places. Police screen them for sex crimes and I know there were people that brought that up. So we've got that covered. And none of them have warrants out for their arrest. There were about 122 people involved in the in-take. We have a 70% success rate.

Now, I hope that we can catch up to Mesa. They've had the program for three years with the 74% success rate. Okay? I like to go to 100%. Here are the people that were part of that success rate. Seniors, 15. Single parents, 14. Parents with children, 6, children 45 children were kept off the streets. How significant is it from sparing them that trauma not to have a roof over their head? Don't underestimate that.

And then five other individuals. Average length of stay, 50 days, not a year or two years, 50 days so they could find housing. And then most of the others have already been mentioned. Only one response from the police and it was because the person never returned their rental car. And lastly, I have a copy of the agreement. All of the adults sign before they are admitted to the program. And I'm hoping it's either posted on the city website or that it will be posted.

It's very extensive. It's two sides. It has a lot of signatures. And I really appreciate all the support the speakers have given to us tonight because if you would have based it on what we heard last week, you would think that everybody in our community was against it. So, thank you for that. And last but not least, for me, and I hope for you, it is our commitment to humanity. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. Next, I have Councilwoman Whitehead and myself.

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Councilwoman Whitehead: I appreciate all of my colleagues' comments and I appreciate all the comments from all of you and it's true. We can either not do anything and have a homeless problem, or we can, you know, have the success rate and, you know, do good for our community. So I'm really proud of our small but mighty staff.

I want to give one example. Last summer an apartment that had tenants for 10 to 20 years and provided low-income housing was sold and people were scrambling. They were given 30 days. People who lived there ten years and had very few resources were given 30 days to get out. And everybody was scrambling and trying to take care of themselves and somehow I got a call saying this one family has nowhere to go for three weeks. And they were just on the sidewalk because they asked the new owner just for three more weeks and the owner said no. And our staff swooped in. I contacted our human services director, Greg Bestgen, who you heard from. And they just needed three weeks and he got them housed. I'm really proud of our staff. I'm proud of this Council and I'm proud of our community. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Well, I would move to approve contract number 2023-129-COS with Pengol Hospitality I LLC for 10 hotel rooms for 12 months in the amount of 499,933, and that the Mayor execute on behalf of the city, contract number 2020-129-COS and any other documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Councilmember Graham: Mayor, comment?

Mayor Ortega: You may speak to the motion. Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Oh, I had questions before you started your motion.

Mayor Ortega: You can ask any question. I made a motion and it's on the table.

Councilmember Graham: Very good.

Mayor Ortega: You just chimed in. Go ahead.

Councilmember Graham: Very good. Greg, a couple of questions for you, if I may and thank you again for your presentation and for participating in the hearing last week. Does the -- yesterday, the city issued a press release that the program won't take foreign nationals like Title 42 referrals. Is that correct?

[Time: 02:17:57]

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, Councilman Graham, yes, that's correct.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. Does the contract with the hotel that we're -- because we're -- so the last vote that we had, that was to accept the grant from the state of Arizona, correct?

Councilmember Graham: That's correct.

Councilmember Graham: And then this vote is to contract with the hotel and we will pay them \$499,000 for the hotel reservations for a year; is that correct.

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham, yes.

Councilmember Graham: Does the contract specify that there's no Title 42. It's a long contract. Does it specify that we will not place Title 42 or foreign nationals.

Greg Bestgen: It states that the participants that we will accept into the program. We're clear about it's seniors over the age of 62. It's also persons with disabilities, and single parent families with children:

Councilmember Graham: But does it expressly say that we won't do that is my question?

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega and Councilman Graham, I can look very closely at the contract. I can get back to you on that.

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Councilmember Graham: You are not sure as we sit here right now.

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham, no, I don't believe it contains that language.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. Does the contract specify that Scottsdale won't place non-Scottsdale residents as participants in the program? Because people were concerned about zone evictees and you said we haven't taken those referrals, right, to date?

Greg Bestgen: That's correct.

Councilmember Graham: I think the concern was going forward and the expansion of the program. So does the program contemplate language about that?

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham, not specifically.

Councilmember Graham: I heard from residents expressing concerns that the contract doesn't mention anything about verified sobriety when participants enter the program, and they're at the facility. Do you -- just can I ask, does -- do we conduct verified sobriety?

[Time: 02:20:15]

Greg Bestgen: No, we do not. And I can tell you that Scottsdale runs its own program, and our program has been very successful. We first have folks vetted through our various human services centers. So those are professional staff, and then Sue Oh is our homeless programs and services coordinator and then it's also run through her professional filler and, again, we have not had any issues with persons that were coming to us and so, again, we have not felt any kind of need to do that with our residents or with the folks that are in the program.

Councilmember Graham: What would -- have you contemplated what members do if they happened upon a participant who appeared not -- to be --

Greg Bestgen: We do encounter those individuals at all of our centers. And services we know we can refer folks to. We are very astute and very aware of folks that do -- during the intake.

Councilmember Graham: Does the -- contract contemplate specifying that the hotel notify -- or other guests, some you have our Scottsdale guests from out of town that the hotel is participating in the program?

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, Councilman Graham being I'm not sure I understand your question.

Councilmember Graham: Did they have to put a notice up or inform other guests at the hotel that they are participating in the bridge program?

Greg Bestgen: No, we did not.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. I mean, is that something that you might consider or does that seem like something that might be possible.

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham, when we worked closely, we had a relationship already for a year, so as we come to you with this contract, that's absolutely not been something that the hotel has required us to do.

[Time: 02:22:55]

Councilmember Graham: Okay. Well, Mr. Mayor, if I may make an alternate motion here, if you

would allow me to make an alternate motion so have staff amend the contract and this is in order to put residents and hotel guests just unsettled heart at ease specifying that we won't be placing foreign nationals like Title 42 and non-Scottsdale residents like zone evictees at the hotel so we can contain it to there. That would be my alternate motion, Mr. Mayor. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: I do not hear a second for that alternate motion.

Councilmember Graham: Vice Mayor, did you have a question?

Vice Mayor Littlefield: What would you like to do?

Councilmember Graham: My alternate is to accept the contract but have staff add language to the contract specifically that -- with the hotel operator that we won't place -- that the city will not place foreign nationals including those from Title 42 program or zone evictees or other non-Scottsdale residents as participants in the hotel.

Does that make sense, Kathy.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: I will second it. We are not doing it anyway. Okay.

Mayor Ortega: I heard something about posting or asking -- posting in your alternate motion. I heard a second. For that motion that was different. So we will have discussion on -- Councilwoman Whitehead and --

Councilwoman Whitehead: Yeah, I have some questions about this, Councilman Graham's request to change a contract with the hotel. The program is run by the city with the grant so I wonder if -- so it is up to the city to decide who participants and we have strict demographics that we seek and we have a high success rate. I also want to point out that previous to this program, we were at 84%. So we've seen even higher success rates, but my point is that it is not the hotel's job to decide in -- who is in the hotel. It is the city's job. So I think it's inappropriate to -- the contract with the hotel is for the ten rooms. They are not policing us. They are not dictating who is in, and they are simply providing the rooms.

Who is in the hotel is determined by the city and the Council already approved that last month. So -- or earlier this month.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: I see you second. Next will come Councilmember Durham and then Councilmember Graham and myself. We may have questions or clarifications. So Councilmember Durham.

[Time: 02:25:29]

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. I agree wholeheartedly with Councilmember

Whitehead. We've heard about your thorough processes to are reviewing people who come into the hotel. The need in Scottsdale so great that it has been occupied fully by Scottsdale citizens. No foreign nationals. No one from the zone. And this problem -- this program has been a success because of our city's processing and review of the situation. You know, last Wednesday night, somebody called me a liberal because I was supporting the program. And I meant to tell her, you have no idea. And I was thinking of suing her for slander, actually. But I believe in things that work. This works.

And that's the ultimate conclusion here. This works. Helps people get off the street when they are in temporary situation. And I agree with Councilmember Whitehead, it's not the -- it's not the hotel's decision about who goes in here. It's the city's decision. And we're doing an excellent job of it. So I'm solidly against the alternate motion.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: And for some reason, again, I'm looking at the queue and I see Vice Mayor Littlefield and then yourself.

Councilmember Graham: Oh, thank you.

Mayor Ortega: I'm going by the queue that other people wish to speak. Vice Mayor Littlefield.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor. I didn't realize. The reason I did agree to this, the city is dealing with this. Not the hoteliers, not check-in clerks or anybody regarding the personnel from the city. This would all be from the city itself, we would be responsible. And what I think it would just have is a line on the contract they sign saying that this is how it is.

Since it is how it is already, I really don't see that it would make any difference other than to just define a little bit more clearly that this is what we want. This is how we want it to be and this is what you agree to when you come and stay with us. I don't see that that's a problem, frankly, I don't see that it adds an issue or a problem to it, because if they are not willing to assign a contract, saying they are not going to be on drugs or doing all of these other things, then that's not who you are going to accept anyway. So it changes nothing. It just verifies what it is for everybody, as to what we are looking for and what we want. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. Councilmember Graham. And then myself.

[Time: 02:28:39]

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Mayor, this is about allaying concerns and putting nearby residents and businesses, local businesses at ease. The city has said -- the city has been clear that they haven't taken any participants that I just categorized and so this would even be an assurance to the hotel -- the hotelier, that there is the comfort the contract language that the

clients or participants that they receive at their facility, could expressly exclude non-Scottsdale residents and that would include zone and Title 42 and foreign nationals. We want to make sure we put those reasonable safeguards in there just to put people and participants and stakeholders at ease. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. I do have one question for Greg. And I will clarify this. There are 10,000 hotel rooms in Scottsdale, Arizona. There are ten rooms -- ten rooms which are bought as a block. If the city did not have those ten rooms during the Super Bowl, when rooms are going for 700 -- I think the average was close to \$700 a night, we would have had no place for those Scottsdale residents. That's a fact.

The other part of this equation is I view this as continuation of a successful program, not an expansion into zone characters or trying to relate it to the border wall and whatever Title 42 is. As I've said I have no interest in that. Some people down at the capitol decided to create that issue as though it was your piggyback issue. It's not my piggyback issue. It's never been a part of our successful program. So Mr. Gress, Representative Gress, and the other parties that decided to transplant those grievances and go as far as bringing people 800 miles to talk about that, or to condemn veterans who may be living in the zone because it's closer to the V.A. hospital, I don't know, but that's part of the implication that some people are making that these are somehow unworthy outcasts, I'm again not referring and not piggybacking anything to subtract from our program because that just takes away from the meaning.

What is the -- essentially the waiting list of Scottsdale -- our touch point is Vista del Camino two senior centers and frankly my office. I get some calls too from distressed people that are -- what is generally our waiting list and how does that vary during the year Mr. Bestgen.

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega and members of the Council, and I will be sharing with you some numbers about wait list numbers as we move into the next presentation, but it's hundreds. We have lots of folks in all of the different demographic categories and outside of our programs, there's other senior-type housing programs in Scottsdale that have several hundred folks on their wait list, and that's three years for senior houses. The numbers are great, and so this is just a -- a good effort to try and address some of those numbers.

Mayor Ortega: So essentially we have two or three years of Scottsdale residents that need this bridge program, and we have expressed that's would we have been serving. It's only one part of our entire program and that is budgeted in our Scottsdale budget. I see Councilwoman Janik and Councilwoman -- well, let's judge -- let's vote on the amendment that would somehow exclude a group that has never been part of our program, I will call for a vote on that.

[Time: 02:33:20]

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Mayor. It's not an amendment. It's an alternate motion. To settle the issue.

Mayor Ortega: No, the alternate motion -- the main motion is a resolution. The main motion that I made and it was seconded.

Councilmember Graham: Correct.

Mayor Ortega: Your second motion doesn't have the amendment on it. We have one base motion and you have suggested a text change which is not an alternate motion.

Councilmember Graham: My intention was to make an alternate motion.

Mayor Ortega: It's an amendment just so you know. If you want an alternate --

Councilmember Graham: Should we invoke the parliamentarian just for clarity.

Mayor Ortega: It appears you want to amend one bit of what the base motion is.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. I suppose that -- I see --

Mayor Ortega: We can't vote on the main motion until we clear your alternate.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: I have asked for a vote on that and we can have a discussion --

Councilmember Graham: No, Mr. Mayor. Point of order, Mr. Mayor. I would like to invoke the parliamentarian, just to have a little clarity on the subject. Would you indulge us in that?

[Time: 02:34:50]

Mayor Ortega: Well, I will ask the City Attorney, but, again, we can we have a motion -- I would consider yours an amendment to add verbiage, not an alternate motion. An alternate motion would be a related, somehow posted in that manner.

Councilmember Graham: Correct.

Mayor Ortega: And it was never posted that way. The own thing that is posted --

Councilmember Graham: We make changes like that all the time.

Mayor Ortega: They are amendments not alternate motions.

Councilmember Graham: Please, thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Either way, we are voting on that. Yes, go ahead.

City Attorney Scott: Mayor, Councilmember Graham, I appreciate the added debate which allowed me to consult the rules. The definition in the Council rules to an alternate motion provides that an alternate motion is a motion to amend, however, the language or essence of the alternate motion if it's so significantly different from the main motion, that it's offered as an alternate motion under debate. So in many ways, they're –

Councilmember Graham: Don't say you are both right.

City Attorney Scott: You are both right.

Mayor Ortega: All I'm doing --

City Attorney Scott: It's confusing, but I do believe that Councilmember Graham intended to make alternate motion that could be considered an amendment. You had a second. I think it's likely a legitimate request to go ahead and vote on the amended motion and for clarity sake, it would be the original motion to approve the resolution, with an amendment to the contract in some fashion which sets forth that the program guidelines as Mr. Bestgen has detailed them.

Mayor Ortega: Well, you are asking for an alternate motion which would require voting against the base motion if it were attached. It is a separate amendment so for instance, Graham was not asking to void the resolution that's presented. He was just asking for an exclusion or additional text to that.

Councilmember Graham: Can we do that? Can we do that?

Mayor Ortega: It's still an amendment. I call an amendment and I'm asking for a vote on the amendment, not the base motion. So that means that.

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Councilmember Graham: So that means we vote yes or no and then it reverts back to the original motion.

City Attorney Scott: Yes, I believe that's what the Mayor –

Councilmember Graham: Are you okay with that.

City Attorney Scott: Yes, I am.

Mayor Ortega: So we're voting on the amendment as proposed by Councilman Graham.

Councilmember Graham: And is the amendment crystal clear what the amendment was because you mentioned Mayor, something about notification and that had --

Mayor Ortega: I heard that in the conversation and then it was changed because it's in like a --

Councilmember Graham: So the amendment -- is the amendment clear? Sherry?

City Attorney Scott: Can I just clarify it, Mayor because it is a bit confusing. So as I understand the motion as interpreted and accepted by the presiding officer and the second, is simply to amend the contract to include the guidelines as explained by Greg Bestgen, and then there will be -- if that is accepted, then there's a vote on the original motion to pass the resolution and the contract as amended.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: However, if the amendment is denied, then that's why we are voting on the amendment first. It's not.

City Attorney Scott: Absolutely, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: I have called for the vote on the amendment which was proposed that -- and if you wish to repeat it or if you wish the attorney to repeat it, as I understand it --

Councilmember Graham: Well, the motion as I made it was to expressly prohibit -- with the contract, with the hotel, any foreign nationals, including Title 42 participants and non-Scottsdale residents as verified by our professionals through proper identification. So that participants are restricted to Scottsdale residents.

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Mayor Ortega: And that was the amendment, and we will now take a vote on that. Please record your vote. Okay. That is -- it is defeated by a vote of 2-5. We have one base motion on the table, which is to -- oh, and I see Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I want to speak to my opposition. I don't disagree with Councilman Graham's desires or priorities here. But a contract is a legal document and we don't just willy-nilly put things in a document to make residents feel safe. This is something we can do administratively and we can do in other ways but we don't place a burden on a private business to somehow be responsible whether we put Title 42, when our city manager in the city press release state that we are not going to house Title 42 migrants. I'm not disagreeing with your concerns. I'm just saying we can't just put something inappropriate in a contract with a private business that all we're doing is paying for rooms. And so I think that's the issue and Council

Littlefield, she says nothing will change except we have a legal contract with some random language. I do think that homelessness, by definition, people don't have a home.

That's the problem and so what is important -- that's the problem. And so what's important. We have seen people flowing from Tempe. And it what is important about our program is we have a target demographic group. We know that we can help, and we have a success rate to prove it. And that -- we don't change that and we really don't have experience with legal migrants. I'm glad the staff didn't include that.

Mayor Ortega: Okay, Councilwoman Caputi.

[Time: 02:42:00]

Councilwoman Caputi: Just a couple more quick words. I think this is a solution looking for a problem. I want people to remember again. We have 10,000 hotel rooms in the city and we're talking about 10 rooms for folks who are in desperate need that we are vetting to the nth degree and it -- you heard our police have weighed in as well to explain that there have been no issues at this location. I think I even underscored the point that there's -- the owners of this building are putting tens of millions of dollars upgrades in and they are perfectly comfortable accepting people into this program. 10,000 hotel rooms and we don't know who. We don't know the people in the 900 -- whatever, every other hotel room in our city, are getting drunk or using drugs or what their income levels are or what they do for a living. We are a golden rule city. We don't discriminate based on those types of things. I feel very comfortable that, again, 10 rooms. Extremely vetted program, and I -- I think that we're doing a great job and, of course, the safety of our residents is of utmost concern.

We are all residents up here as well as I like to remind people. So again, I think worrying so much about this language is really just a solution looking for a problem. Thank you very much.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. Councilmember Graham still?

Councilmember Graham: Oh. That's still there.

Mayor Ortega: That was still on.

Councilmember Graham: Mayor --

Mayor Ortega: We will call for --

Councilmember Graham: I did I have comment.

Mayor Ortega: It just came off.

Councilmember Graham: You must have relieved it. I was just going to reply to Councilmember Whitehead, you know, trust in the this is a lot of machinery and a lot of moving parts. I think what residents and I were looking for, contract level assurances that we wouldn't be participating in the essence of my motion. Thank you. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. Please record your vote on the main motion. Okay. The motion carries with Councilmember Graham dissenting.

**ITEM 23, 24, AND 25 – PAIUTE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER CONSTRUCTION BUDGET
APPROPRIATION AND CASH TRANSFER, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
FUNDING IGA, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND BRIDGE HOUSING IGA**

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Mayor Ortega: Next, we will be moving to a bundle of three items that is as posted, items number 23, 24 and 25. So we are -- we will have a presentation regarding items related to the Paiute neighborhood center, and several presenters. We are asking that the comments be made by public comments for all three and that people, you know, still only have three minutes to speak. So all of them will be presented at one point.

We will call for public comment and all three items, because they're separate resolutions will require separate voting actions by the Council. So just to clarify that. Here we have presenting Ms. Doyle and the --

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Mayor, point of privilege. Is it possible to take a short break, a short recess?

Mayor Ortega: I'm -- I'm okay. Well, I think we will and we will reconvene at 7:55.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: It gives us eight minutes. Thank you. Good suggestion.

[Break]

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Mayor Ortega: Thank you very much. Our charters are in position. We will proceed with items, 23, 24, and 25. Ms. Doyle is making the presentation.

Judy Doyle: Good evening. As the Mayor states, items, 23, 24, and 25 on your agenda are related to the Paiute neighborhood center and we will present those items together this evening. Tonight, we will be talking about two separate capital projects that would be built together. Combining the design and the construction of the two projects will create efficiencies

and savings to the city.

First project is an existing bond 2019 project which is project 25, replace aging buildings that comprise Paiute community center. This was approved and funded as part of the bond 2019 program and it will replace aging structures where staff serves the community with a new 22,700 square foot building.

The second project would be funded separately and have 28 affordable housing units. We have multiple speakers presenting this evening. Alison Tymkiw, our city engineer will speak on agenda item 23, which is related to the bond project and Greg Bestgen our human services director and Mary Witkofski, they will speak on the 26 to construct the affordable housing units. I will then be back to conclude the presentation where we are in the process, and the community outreach that we have done thus far. So with that, I will turn it over to Alison Tymkiw to talk about the bond project.

Alison Tymkiw: Thank you, Judy. As Judy mentioned portion is about the bond 2019 project. The project is project 25, and it is to replace aging buildings that comprise the Paiute community center. This project is an approved project that was voted on during the bond 2019 election. The project is currently scheduled in future years. However, we are requesting to move it forward with the housing presentation.

So the budget for this -- sorry, I didn't advance this. The budget for this is \$16.4 million and of that \$11.1 million is the 2019 bond funding. And plus we are requesting an additional 5.3 from the general fund. And as you recall, the general fund accounts for inflation and escalation for the Bon project since it was originally estimated in 2018. We have seen unprecedented inflation in the construction industry and this is the amount that we have calculated for the escalation factor.

So the project description as written in the Bond Election is build a new 22,700 square foot facility to replace the existing buildings that can compromise Paiute neighborhood center, existing buildings have fallen into a state of disrepair. This shows existing Paiute neighborhood center and if you look at the lower left-hand of this map, it shows billing, 9, building 7, and building 8. That is a potential location for the new building. There is an opportunity as well to possibly locate the building along the eastern edge or the right-hand portion of this map.

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That will be determined when we have April architect on board and we are able to analyze exactly where we can put this new building. Next I have a series of photos and it shows how the roof blew off the building. And then these are just a few other examples throughout the site of the maintenance challenges that we have leaky gutters, holes in the roof, misaligned sidewalks. And some termite damage.

So the project needs. They are aging and if they don't allow the city to meet the best needs the community. They will replace the aging structures with a new 22,700 square foot building. The goal of this project is to consolidate the human services offices which are currently located in multiple facilities the city and this will locate them into a single building on this site.

And then the new facility is part of the community services master plan, and can be constructed in such a manner to support all current agreement with partner agencies and ensure the long-term viability of these agreements and then public outreach, we had some public outreach prior to this meeting here tonight, but then as we progressed with the design of the project, we will conduct public outreach as we normally do on capital projects. It's part of the design process and we will go through the municipal use master site plan and the public hearing process. With that, I will turn it over to Greg Bestgen, who will turn talk about the second project, the housing portion.

Greg Bestgen: Thank you, Alison. And Mayor Ortega, members of the Council, let's take a look at the next phase, the residents at Paiute. Items 24 and 25 relate to the city Council discussing and taking possible action to accept funding from Maricopa County to be used to a second story addition to housing and including supportive housing including tenant-based rental assistance.

So when we explore what the need and is I mentioned in the earlier previous presentation, when you ask what are we looking at, our housing choice voucher program has 124 seniors currently on the wait list. We have 456 persons with disabilities and we have 760 unhoused persons on the city's HCV, housing choice voucher program.

Three senior affordable housing properties have a total of 438 seniors on their wait list and that wait list is about three years. The Human Services department has assisted 546 seniors with rent and eviction prevention the last year. 229 students qualify for the McKinney Vento and that's a 25% increase over last year. So the numbers and currently six are leased. So I wanted to highlight the story of Pamela and Philip. And Pamela, if you are here, you are welcome to come up and stand beside me and if not, I understand as well.

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But Pamela and her husband moved here in 2003, and they were here for 20 years. They received a notice that their landlord would not renew their lease. On June 30 of this year, they vacated their apartment without place to go to. A religious group provided housing for three weeks and then we provided housing with our hotel here in Scottsdale. The couple has worked with a case worker from the Scottsdale senior center and they were fortunate to connect with the Arizona chapter of Vietnam veterans. Philip is a veteran.

We have offered affordable -- Philip is a veteran. We have offered affordable housing. It's a long commute Philip to come to work in Scottsdale, because they're in Phoenix. And her mother is 102. And this is a worry for her and going back and forth to Phoenix. They hope to move back to

Scottsdale and it will be difficult, obviously, for them to find housing here in Scottsdale. So the displacement, of seniors in Scottsdale is becoming epidemic. She does state that homelessness can happen to anyone, as it did to them.

The second story, I will put forward is Leslie. And she's here. She's in our emergency -- she's on our housing choice voucher program and is a participant and she's waited for several years on the wait list. She's a retiree that due to unfortunate circumstances with health that led her to needing assistance. She's thankful for the subsidy that the housing does, in addition to the rent she pays to the landlord. Individuals like herself are not scary and should not be stigmatized and they are ordinary people.

I'm proud and happy to participate in the Scottsdale housing system. It's a lifesaver for someone like me and retired and dealing with difficult health issues. The program is so important and necessary, particularly with the cost of living increases outpacing raises and Social Security as well. So when we look at the housing programs we have been able to provide over the last couple of years and the first one was at the Rodeway Inn, not too far from this building and that was with AZCares funds we were able to serve 45 individuals with 41 of those being able to get into successful housing. I want to say that that program served people who experienced homelessness for longer than a year.

So the distinction is to note that in our bridge housing program, when you can see the numbers here and you have seen these before. I brought them before you in other venues at other times. We've had 122 people that have gone through program and 85 have currently -- are currently successfully housed the difference is those are seniors over the age of 62, including veterans and single parents with children.

So, again, that is a very different program from what the initial program was when we had the roadway in program. The other one is the St. Joseph, the workforce villages program and, again, we had 17 people that participated. They had jobs. They were able to save money and bank that to be able to get into an apartment. So 11 of those were successfully housed.

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So, again, I brought to you before but that's a snapshot for our audience as well as to what we have been doing over the past couple of years with various housing options and programs.

So let's talk about the project description. It's residents at Paiute. It's 28 livable units with various studios and two bedroom units. The plans are yet to be decided and we will go out to the public with that. The participants will include folks from the housing choice voucher program. They work with the city housing specialists through Mary's staff at the community assistance office. And then also, we'll be looking with seniors and persons with disabilities that are coming to our various of other communities, and there are a small modicum of other bridge housing, four to six maximum. I will introduce Mary Witkofski, she will talk about the budget

pieces for this program. Thank you, Mary.

Mary Witkofski: Good evening, Mayor, members of the Council. He wants to talk to you a little bit about where our funding is going to be coming from as outlined in the Council report, our first set of funds is from Maricopa County, through ARPA, American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$6.57 million.

The second amount of funding is through the HOME consortium. So they are part of the Maricopa County home consortium and we receive funding through the consortium partnership and we actually received \$1.8 million as outlined in the staff report. Approximately \$1.2 million of that funding is set aside for the construction, approximately \$600,000 is set aside for the supportive services that Greg mentioned in terms of tenant-based rental assistance and some administrative functions and our final project budgets and to request \$7.9 million.

In the '23/24, there's a special line item for general plan initiatives and we are seeking support from city Council to request \$7.9 million from that designated line item to construct the livable units at Paiute. So how are we going to project revenues. We are going to rent units. The projected revenue is based off of 22 housing units assuming that six of the units out of the 28 are going to go towards bridge housing. We are using the current fair market payment statements that we use at the Scottsdale community housing office to pay rent using the studio and the two-bedroom rates which include utilities and rental tax as well.

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So looking at 22 units we are assuming there are 20 studios and eight two-bedrooms. We are looking at a revenue of roughly \$416,000. In the Council report, and in the future budget years, specifically -- more specifically fiscal year '25/26, through the budget planning process several years out we will make an additional request for a housing specialist as we continue to grow and add special programs at the community assistance office, our staffing levels are not able to keep up with the pace and we would have to add additional staff to meet the capacity.

We are looking at subtracting out some of our operating and maintenance costs. We will assume that we will go out for bid for property management company, as well as our maintenance, ongoing maintenance repairs and utility costs assuming \$126,000. So our net program income after operating expenses is approximately \$225,000. As we are entering into a contract Maricopa County or considering, that there's a portion of that contract, approximately 25 that we have to pay back to Maricopa County that will go forward towards more affordable housing projects.

That fund could land back in the city of Scottsdale, but it becomes part of Maricopa County and we would have to pay them on an annual basis, about \$56,000. Leaving us a potential project revenue towards the city at \$169,000, and we are going to be working with our accounting office to consider paying and working up a plan to pay back those general plan initiatives funds

that we're requesting from you this evening.

Then we move on to within the contracts is the tenant based rental assistance. May 2, 2023, I came before you before the planning process and that's Resolution 12764 where I asked tenant based rental assistance and now the contract is coming before you to have the actual funding to roll out that program sometime this fall. So this funding is in the amount of \$366,000. It's part of that \$1.8 that I talked about on the project budget slide. It will serve our seniors, tenant based rental assistance referred directly from the Scottsdale senior centers, serving seniors aged 62 and over which is the H.U.D. definition of elderly, who are 30% or below the area median income and 50% or more cost burdened by housing costs.

We are estimated to serve approximately 10 to 15 seniors for up to one year possibly two if the pilot project goes well and it's also a newly adopted preference points on our HCV waiting list. So they get 20 points automatically on the wait list for being a tenant based rental assistance. I will turn it back over to Greg to finish the presentation. Actually, this is Judy. I take that back.

Judy Doyle: All right. So where are we in the process? Starting with those gold boxes in 2018, we had identified a need to replace buildings at Paiute, and it was at this time a cost estimate was done to replace the aging buildings. Funding for the project was approved in the 2019 bond election, and then moving into the green boxes, the housing inventory study was presented to city Council in November of '22, and this year, in 2023, we have estimated the cost of a separate project to construct up to 28 affordable housing units.

We applied for and were awarded grants from Maricopa County for the affordable housing units project. And then moving into the blue boxes, tonight, we bring forward three separate actions to accept the grant funds. If approved, in the spring and summer of '24, we will hold public meetings and do stakeholder outreach, where we will share the initial site plans to the community for feedback.

Then in the fall of '24, we will begin the municipal use site plan and public hearing process. There will be review by the Human Services Commission, the Design Review Board, the Planning Commission, and City Council, all offering opportunities for public comment. We plan to enter the final design in the winter of '24 when we will bring the construction contract to City Council and then construction will take place in 2025 through December of '26, which is when that Grant funding must be spent by.

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We wanted to share the community outreach that we have done thus far. We began the outreach by creating a project web page on the city's website. It includes information about the two projects and provides an avenue for citizens to provide public comment. Additionally, individual meetings were held with our partners that have a presence and provide services on the Paiute campus.

We sent out over 1500 postcards to the surrounding community, informing them about that project web page, and an opportunity to learn with the two projects at two informational meetings that were held on September 6: We also notified citizens via next door, and Scottsdale update about the projects and about that September 6th informational meetings. This here is an aerial map of the Paiute campus which is kind of in the middle there. The green shading represents where those postcards were mailed. I mentioned they were two informational meetings held on September 6th.

A 9 a.m. meeting Paiute Neighborhood Center and 5:30 meeting at the Civic Center library. We have received 23 comments and two letters related to the community outreach, all of which are included in your Council packet this evening. So that concludes this evening's presentation and as the Mayor mentions as there are different resolution and/or agreements associated with each of the agenda items, staff is requesting that we vote on each agenda item individually. The first is Resolution 12928, which is item 23 on your agenda. Resolution is related to the bond project.

As Alison mentioned the total cost is \$16.4 million, \$11.1 million of bond 2019 funding, plus an additional \$5.3 million from the general fund to cover inflation escalation. So tonight's request is to adopt resolution 12928 to authorize a fiscal year '23/24 general fund operating transfer in the amount of \$5.3 million from the general plan initiatives in the general fund balance to bond 2019 project 25 replace aging buildings that comprise Paiute community center. And I will turn it back over to you, Mayor on item 23.

Mayor Ortega: At this point, I would like to take a public comment and therefore, we could look at this action item so we will call forward -- I think I have 12 people wishing to speak and generally, they will be speaking for all three items, 23, 24, and 25. Darlene Newsome, Denise Resnik and Pastor Jackie Parks.

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Darlene Newsome: My name is Darlene Newsome, I'm a resident of Phoenix, but I work all over Maricopa County. I'm the retired CEO from UMOM new Day Center. As you can see, I haven't really retired. I'm working with vitalist health foundation on several initiatives. One is building attainable housing for school teachers and support staff. I'm also working with churches and -- and I'm also working on co-development projects. And I'm really -- and the one other thing is I was part of the Scottsdale bloom Harvard leadership team a couple of years ago. I was honored to be a part of that team with staff and other private citizens and we came up with a plan to address homelessness and affordable housing. This project and the bridge project fits into the plan that we worked on in New York for a week in Scottsdale.

I want to talk about co-development because this intrigues me about this project. Nationwide, many of the cities are looking at co-development projects, because they can't find land. Land is

not affordable. When you pencil it out to try to build affordable housing, it doesn't pencil out. So they are looking at different ways for land use and one of that is schools, churches, but also co-development with cities. And many of the cities have built affordable housing over fire stations, police stations, libraries, and it was very successful. I was happy to see this come forward at Paiute of mixing city services, neighborhood services, and affordable housing. And what a great idea to have all the staff on site that can support those residents who are in the housing. And, you know, housing, building affordable housing is not new to me.

When I was at UMOM we build thousands of projects. One of the last projects we built was south seventh village, which was on 7th street and southern, it was 90 units of affordable housing for seniors and I have to say after the first week, we filled all the units, but unfortunately we had another 400 who wanted to move in. So the need is so great for all populations but especially our seniors. Thank you very much.

Mayor Ortega: Next, we have Denise Resnik, and Jackie Parks. Then Patrick Cunningham.

Denise Resnik: I believe I have some slides, if you could call those up. Denise Resnik, proud to be a native Arizonan and proud to be a Scottsdale resident. I am the mother of a 32-year-old son with autism. I represent this evening our organization called home matters to Arizona which is a nonprofit, and part of a collaborative that is helping more organizations, including Councils like yourself and citizens understand what we are talking about home that is affordable.

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And this represents a cross collaboration, as we heard the importance of that, of trisector leaders, from the multi-housing association, and organizations like the one I lead like first place AZ which is a housing for people with autism and intellectual development disabilities and philanthropists and so many others who are recognizing the need for all of us to be working together for Arizonan where every Arizonan has a place to call home.

We have been working on this campaign, if you would, this movement, this momentum, for almost two years. To consider ways that we can talk about affordable housing, without creating the kind of reaction that we have seen in communities throughout our state. Because what does housing mean?

We believe everyone deserves a home, and that's what we're experiencing. We believe that we need to put home within the reach of every Arizonan and every Council, every jurisdiction needs to do their part. We believe as we heard from Greg this evening, that everyone deserves to have an affordable rent and mortgage. Perhaps that's how we need to lead in terms of how people can live in affordable ways. We believe every Arizonan should be at home here. And it's worth noting that this campaign is called home is where it all starts. And we have developed this collaborative which is recognizing that homes have been put out of reach for many, many Arizonans. And what you are doing tonight by passing this -- these motions and also the bridge

housing, I've never been more proud to be a Scottsdale resident. What we are aiming to achieve is having you join us in using this new framing and creating fewer barriers to housing options because we need them all from bridge housing to workforce housing. This is very intentional.

We are working with stakeholders throughout the state. We've created a toolkit so more people can have access to what home means. And this is very personal to me. Because the biggest concern that I had as a mom of a kid with autism is who is going to care about him when we are no longer able to do so. Putting a face on this. Home is where relationships develop. Home is where self-reliance puts down roots and this young man went through our program at first place. He's now a proud employee of the city of Scottsdale.

Home is where job skills grow up where lives and purpose are born. We have had a very -- very many lenses on Arizona and greater Phoenix for the work that we're doing in this space. Where different abilities are always welcomed. So thank you very much for being in favor of all Arizonans and we do appreciate that it always seems impossible until it's done. Thanks for doing your part.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next, we have Jackie Parks, and Patrick Cunningham, and Mary Ellen Cunningham.

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Jackie Parks: Hey, everyone, Mayor Ortega, city Councilmembers, and guests here. Thank you to your service to our incredible city and the opportunity to share my thoughts with you all this evening. My name is Jackie Parks. I'm a Scottsdale citizen in south Scottsdale. I'm a local pastor with an aging population in my congregation, and I'm a mother to three children who attend SUSD schools.

I spend my days just driving up and down Hayden. Just hours and miles on my car on Hayden Road. For the past five years, I've had the privilege of having a front row seat to the growing nature of displacement and homelessness in south Scottsdale in particular. And also a front row seat to the creative solutions that the city has employed in order to create a community of flourishing for all of its Scottsdale residents. I have personally been a part of initiatives to build a community of belonging, among our friends experiencing homelessness, that book ends their time on the street with an invitation to relationships and connection and to life-saving resources on the front end and then also community support and encouragement along their journey to get off the streets and then continued community support once they are housed or in long-term programs.

Homelessness as we all recognize is a multifaceted issue that demands a multifaceted response from all of us because when we are talking about homelessness, we are not talking about abstract theories or concepts, we're talking about flesh and blood humans. We're talking about our neighbors and our family members and our friends, with stories and emotions, connected to

this reality. We're talking about someone's son and daughter and brother and sister and mom and dad, and there are layers and layers of situations and stories that would lead someone to lose their housing. And be displaced. And these Paiute initiatives would be one piece of a larger puzzle to continue to lead the valley with compassion and creativity for the most vulnerable in our community.

In a study done by Phoenix rescue mission in 2022, they found that there was a 610% increase in calls for shelter services in Scottsdale between 2021 and 2022. 610% increase. This statistical poses one of the gap in accessible service for those on the margins. Now, to address these gaps I watched city servants work hard to do whatever it takes to find a multitude of solutions to address complex problems. They've worked on these creative initiatives in multiple directions to holistically address this growing issue in our community and we all recognize that there is not just one initiative that peace going be to a silver bullet that solves all housing problems in Scottsdale.

I would encourage the Council to enthusiastically move forward with these projects and to continue to prioritize funds to develop a diversity of solutions so no one in our community falls through the cracks. Thank you so much.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next, we have Patrick and Mary Ellen Cunningham.

Patrick Cunningham: Mr. Mayor, I have a long, prepared speech. I join in everything, what all of those speakers just said. Please vote for all three. It seems to be a package deal. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next we have Mary Ellen. And then Alex McLaren and Lisa Haskel.

Mary Ellen Cunningham: Mr. Mayor and Council, again, I support all three. Remembering some of the -- some of the work that happens in Paiute, including all the early childhood development programs. Take yourself a favor. Some day pick up the book "From Neurons to Neighborhood," learning how early childhood develops the citizen down the road. We have to put our money there and this is one of those places that's doing that. Thank you. I urge you to support all three.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Alex McLaren and Lisa Haskel and then Neal Shearer.

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Alex McClaren: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, Alex McLaren, 7624 East Osborn. I concur with one of the previous speakers. Go with the ladies who were so eloquent, they were beautiful, wonderful and please support all three actions. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next, we have Lisa Haskel. I saw her earlier. And she did stick out a long stay here, but we will move on to Neal Shearer and then Becca Linnig.

Neal Shearer: Hello again, Mayor and City Council. I'm Neal Shearer, long-time Scottsdale homeowner and oh, my gosh, this is going to date me, but almost 30 years ago, I was Scottsdale's human services director when the city made the decision to purchase a 1950s elementary school campus and create the Paiute neighborhood center. It was groundbreaking, bold work at that time.

I can't imagine where we would be if our city Council at that time had pursued a different course of action. And so I have watched with great pride over the last several years how the pie utility neighborhood center -- Paiute neighborhood center has evolved to be a positive catalyst in so many lives and to truly be a beacon of light and hope in that neighborhood. When I was driving here this evening, I was thinking far more times than not, the city gets it right. Especially when we are pursuing bold initiatives that are intended to enhance our quality of life. I was thinking about the Indian Bend Wash and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, the project outside of our front door and so many amenities and services that we provide and the improvements at the Paiute neighborhood center that you are addressing this evening may not be at the same scale of impact as the Preserve or the Indian Bend Wash.

But, make no mistake about it, you are at a watershed moment if you approve these projects because they are also bold. And incredibly important for this time in Scottsdale right now. I strongly urge you to move forward. Through the intensive public outreach project that was up here on the screen. We know this was the first domino to fall and it is an important one. It is a bold move.

From a public -- I'm sorry, a very personal comment. Quite honestly, I wasn't sure that I would see a project or projects of this nature come forward in Scottsdale in my lifetime. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to the residents of our city who voted to approve the general plan with the housing element that speaks to this project and also to our staff who have worked to diligently to get this to this point and especially to you, Mayor and city Council for your courage and bold vision to move this project forward. Thank you very much.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next we have Becca Linnig and Victor Assad and then Lee Cooley. So Becca?

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Becca Linnig: Thank you very much, Mayor and Councilmembers. I'm Becca Linnig, I'm a resident of Village Grove. I serve on the chair as the Scottsdale Realtor Affairs Research Committee. And I'm here to talk about the construction of the Paiute, which Scottsdale Realtors fully endorsed as one of the many 2019 Bond projects and we continue to support today. Its exciting to see the project come before the Council today, for approval of funding and another step closer to the completion. The benefits that the Paiute center brings to the community and the services for Scottsdale families who find themselves in need are immeasurable.

The Scottsdale Realtors have long advocated for support, housing opportunity and choice and in these times, when affordable housing options are so limited, it's great to see our cities step up by identifying opportunities such as expanding the Paiute Center Project. We applaud you for this affordable housing initiative, and creating these residents at Paiute. Thank you in advance for voting to move forward with the Paiute neighborhood center, and thank you for your time, Mayor and Councilmembers. This concludes my comments.

Mayor Ortega: Victor Assad. So Victor Assad testified earlier for the -- in favor of the item number 26. Next we have Lee Cooley. Welcome.

Lee Cooley: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, honorable members of Council. My name is Lee Cooley. I'm a 17-year resident, almost said veteran. 17-year resident of Scottsdale. I just wanted to thank each and every one of you that appeared at the September 6th public information meeting. It was much appreciated. I was at both and as a matter of fact, it felt like I was at another one here tonight and I will go to three more if I have to I totally support these three projects, collocation, of affordable housing on city-owned property is brilliant. I would kiss the feet of whoever did it, whoever came up with that. Greg, was it you? Leave your shoes on. Anyway, I do appreciate it and I would do anything I could to support it. Please, please, vote for these three projects I think they are well worthwhile, and I would appreciate that. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Next, we show Alfredo Izmajtovich. Thank you for your patience. And then Paul Roe and Raoul Zubia.

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Alfredo Izmajtovich: Thank you, honorable Mayor and Council. I'm Alfredo with the Cesar Chavez Association. We are based in Los Angeles, but we also have offices in Phoenix and in Austin, Texas. And I'm here to lend support for this great idea. I heard all of these wonderful things from everyone talking about all the wonderful benefits that this type of housing creates in communities.

I want to say as a person who has been involved with these creative solutions where public and private work together, I really encourage you to visit many examples of this happening throughout the southwest. We did a project? Downtown Los Angeles, that was on a parking lot that was for juror parking, and we converted that into 355 units, 20% affordable and replaced the parking for the jurors. So everything was accomplished and at no cost to LA County.

And I think this is another opportunity where you take a precious resource of land, and you are able to leverage it with other resources to create much needed affordable housing. I implore you. I think all the other speakers have hit the main points. This will be a great benefit for the City of Scottsdale. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Paul Roe and Raoul Zubia and then the last speaker, Niko Black.

Paul Roe? I do not see Paul Roe. So we will move on to -- excuse me, I see you there. There you are. Excuse me. From Villa Monterey. And thank you for your patience.

Paul Roe: My pleasure. Paul Roe, long-time resident on 78th place in Villa Monterey. While we're throwing out numbers I have lived in the area since 1958.

[Laughter]

When I moved here with my family from Los Angeles. Excuse me if I'm a little incoherent I have adjusted my comments given the previous comments by others regarding what these projects entail. I would say that related to the hotel with the 10 families that if the strictures are maintained that are regarding residency, sobriety and not accepting foreign nationals, I -- and I would support it, although I would agree with Councilman Graham that if these are already part of the it, that codifying them in the contract.

To quote Ronald Reagan, I trust but verify. Moving on, while I support the renovation of the Paiute center, which I used to live near, and the goal -- so that I go along with. The \$15.6 million for the 28 housing units by my math comes out to \$557,000 per unit, which is more than my townhome is currently worth. This is admirable, but I don't know if something more cost feasible could be entertained.

Basically, we were addressing an issue that was prevalent in society today and I would just add that, again, the goals are admirable here, the devil is also in the details in terms of cost, requirements and accountability. And I would just add that Mr. Bestgen mentioned -- he said that the displacement is epidemic. This being the case, I think the cost, if these programs are to be increased is going to become stratospheric of these programs are dealing with the symptoms rather than the causes of the housing problem, which go much deeper. Societally and economically.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you sir. Next we have Raoul Zubia and then Niko Black.

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Raoul Zubia: Good evening, everyone, thank you. Mr. Mayor, members of Council Raoul Zubia. I stand before you today on behalf of the Partners for Paiute board of directors to express our unwavering support for a proposal that holds the potential to transform our community for the better. Partners for Paiute has worked alongside city programs and partner agencies at the Paiute neighborhood center for three decades. Our dedication to enhancing the quality of life for Scottsdale residents has been resolute and today, we find ourselves standing at a pivotal moment in our community's history. We wholeheartedly endorse the bonds project which aims to construct a new community service building.

The Paiute buildings are over 60 years old and plagued by ongoing maintenance issues. A new

community service building will undoubtedly lead to increased efficiency and effectiveness in delivering vital services to our residents. Partners for Paiute has been assumed to the evolving needs of our community, especially when it comes to housing assistance. For years we have been providing financial support to residents, and social service staff, due to one-time financial setbacks from helping with overdue rent to covering application fees for more affordable apartments from building wheelchair repairs to providing essential eyeglasses our mission has been to bridge the gap when those on fixed incomes struggle to meet their basic needs. However, our efforts alone are not enough to combat the pressing issue of affordable housing in our city.

We recognize the importance of affordable housing in building stable communities, and affording individuals the opportunity to regain stability and self-sufficiency. That is why we wholeheartedly endorse the proposed project to construct 28 affordable housing units for Scottsdale residents.

These initiatives are not merely necessary. They are vital to our community. We commend the Councilmembers and the city staff for commitment to assisting our city residents particularly our beloved seniors who long called Scottsdale their home. The rising rents that have become all too common in our city have placed an undo burden and on our residents. So we kindly request your support for both projects, which align perfectly with our shared vision of compassion, of -- of a compassionate and inclusive society. To go we can create a Scottsdale that cares for all of its residents. Thank you for your attention and as always your commitment to our city. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Next we have Niko Black.

Nico Black: I thank you for your time. This is my first time giving a public speech. So I'm sorry.

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Mayor Ortega: A little closer there but thank you for your patience too.

Nico Black: I think this is a great project that you are trying to help people and help them with housing choice voucher program also. But where do we go from here? You are also only housing seniors and people with children, but not everybody fits that criteria. So if you have somebody who is 61 years old and disabled -- so the other thing is that I want to know where we're going from here, like, as in proven solutions, like, housing choice voucher program is only available to elderly and people with children.

So -- and even the ones who do qualify, 1 in 4 don't get the help they need because lack of funding and lack. Affordable housing units. So those two things have to go hand in hand. More people need to get vouchers so that needs to be expanded and also we need to have more affordable housing. So if you can comment on that, what is your plan to get more housing

choice vouchers?

Mayor Ortega: Well, sir, I appreciate your -- your question, and your courage and not many people speak publicly, but I would say that city of Scottsdale relies on people like you and those who will look for positions on our commissions and our boards and with suggestions that are valuable.

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To be successful, I'm agreeing with you. We have a broad spectrum, and perhaps intergenerational will help, but how about the working families that are priced out? So I would welcome you to, you know, get involved and continue to bring forth some ideas. Please contact my office, and many of us will agree that we are stepping forward.

Upon taking office, four of us new members and the other Councilmembers placed affordable housing funding in the budget for the first time, and this is -- you know, will result in some positive outcomes. At this point, we will follow up with you and greatly appreciate your comments today. Okay? There's that gap there, and, you know this is why we had a lot of discussion, because of the overwhelming effect of, you know, inflation and other factors. So --

Nico Black: Can I say really quickly --

Mayor Ortega: With that, I would -- I hope that the resources are also available to you and that we will make sure that you are in communication with Greg. So I would ask you to follow up during and after this meeting. Thank you very much, Niko.

Nico Black: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. At this point, that concludes the public comment and -- oh, my -- I'm queued up. So I would make a motion to move forward with these three projects and I say that because there are four important factors for success. The first one is where the location has accessible transportation.

There's a trolley loop there. And that is a very important factor. The second, are there opportunities for education? That's where young people and intergenerational education. I know there's an interest by Scottsdale community college because they were there in the past. So Neal knows about that. The third potential for success is jobs nearby. And that is a big request from our downtown merchants and others saying if you can they want to employ people, in many cases they are just short a certificate or something to get there. And then finally, will wellness factor, that is how well these additional services, that of gators and just the fact -- I would say it would be the most supervised opportunity with housing, as well as consolidating our human services so they can work better to go.

The -- as the design outcome happens, I believe it's very likely that the human service building could be two stories. And that it very likely that the apartments could be, you know, two or three stories because that's the way they are built, but yet building at the same time, and, you know, with the same intention for it will be a very good answer.

So with that, I would move for approval of item number 23 specifically adopt resolution number 12928, authorizing FY2023/24 General Fund Operating transfer up to \$5,316,186, initial designation to the General Operating Fund Balance to the Bond 2019 Capital Project Title Number 25. To replace aging buildings that compromise Paiute Community Center. That's my motion.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Ortega: We have a motion and a second. I see Councilmember Durham wants to speak.

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Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. I have one quick question probably for Greg. In the presentation I think you said that the elderly housing would be for one or two years. Would they be expected to leave at the end of the one or two years? I would think that people in that position are going to be hard pressed to find another spot.

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, Councilman Durham, the intention is that they would be able to transition into what is our classic, I will call it housing choice voucher program.

Councilmember Durham: Okay. All right. Thank you.

Greg Bestgen: You're welcome.

Mayor Ortega: Councilmember Graham and then Vice Mayor Littlefield.

Councilmember Graham: Just a procedural question. Since the presentation was provided simultaneous for all three topics is in the time when we are having that discussion for all three and then we can just vote on all three? That's what you do?

Mayor Ortega: No, we have to have separate --

Councilmember Graham: I understand.

Mayor Ortega: Yes, general discussion for the next item number 24 or 25.

Councilmember Graham: It's crystal year that we are having a separate vote. Would the discussion happen at once, the public comment happen at once and then at the end of that, we

would have bam, bam, bam?

Mayor Ortega: Well, at this point, we have had discussion of item 23; that correct? So it is proper for this motion and at this time, we can proceed with that.

Councilmember Graham: So we can proceed with discussion?

Mayor Ortega: Sure. Sure. If you have -- do we have a motion and a second and after you, we'll have Vice Mayor Littlefield.

Councilmember Graham: Allow me to yield to the Vice Mayor and you can come back to me. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Yes.

Councilmember Graham: I have some comments.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. Go ahead, Vice Mayor Littlefield.

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Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor, this is one of the most difficult things I have done in all the years I have been up here and fortunately, I can't support this and I have certain reasons why which I will explain to you and hopefully we can work through them and make it better, okay?

I am the only remaining member of the Council who was on the Bond Committee when we put together the bond package and put it out to vote for the citizens of Scottsdale. Putting a second floor on the Paiute Center for the housing of the homeless was never part of that bond question, nor was it ever discussed on a subcommittee or at any meeting when promoting the bonds to the residents. It was not part of the discussion or the question. To use the money for the bond now for this purpose without going back for citizen approval would be to my mind inappropriate and possible illegal. Citizens voted to rebuild the center so that could safely continue to be used as a community center, and a school for the autistic children. Housing for the homeless was not discussed or considered. Therefore money from the upon should not be a part of this and should be separated from a future funding for this project, no the unless it goes back to the citizens for their approval on a separate vote. To do this that is what we would need to do. That's my first concern and question with this.

To my mind, number two, this project puts the city in a private enterprise business. We want to rent rooms from a hotel for this purpose, that's what we are doing now that's fine. That's a legitimate thing. That is legal, and we have been doing it, by renting the rooms from the hotel for assistance for folks who need this help. Put the city should not be in competition with

private enterprise. We do not own hotels, nor should we. That puts us in direct competition. It is extremely expensive for our citizens to do this.

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This is millions upon millions upon millions of dollars and it sets a very poor precedent for our future, for us to commingle those funds like that. Also, I have a concern for the concept in general. The Paiute Center has many different activities and many different people coming and going within its walls, every day, all the time. Not least of which is the school that we host for autistic children. I submit to you for your consideration although I understand everyone would be vetted very carefully, it only takes one error of judgment, one misstep for a severe disaster to occur. Unlikely as that may be, that should be considered with this proposition.

Next, renting rooms from a public hotel whose business it is to rent rooms is one thing, that's perfectly legitimate, it's what we have been doing. It's fine. Setting up what would be a room rental service in a city-owned structure is quite another. It puts us in competition with private enterprise.

After some very careful consideration, I regret that I cannot approve this project as it currently stands. If you wish to continue with room rental service, room rents as we have been doing from the current Scottsdale hotels that are willing to do this and have the experience and the expertise to run it competently, I would agree with that wholeheartedly. That would be much less expensive because this project that we are looking at is tremendously expensive, millions upon millions upon millions of dollars for our citizens. It would be less expensive to rent the hotel rooms like we are doing. Much more in line with the bond question, which citizens approved and it would keep the city out of the private sector where we do not belong as a municipal government. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Councilmember Durham and then Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you, Mayor. I wonder whether bond funds will be used for the housing piece. As I understood it, the financing for the housing piece that we are discussing is totally separate from the bond funds which would be used to renovate the existing buildings and totally separate project, with totally separate fundings. If I could get some clarification on that.

Greg Bestgen: Yes, Mayor Ortega, Councilman Durham. Yes, that's correct. They are two very distinct funding sources, very distinct projects and I don't know that there's anything additional to add, but that's what we presented a little bit earlier, but that is correct.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. That was my understanding.

Mayor Ortega: Councilmember Graham and then Whitehead.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Mayor. I have two categories of questions. The first one is financial I want to talk about. The second one is more programmatic. I will start with the financial and the first thing I'm actually -- it almost -- I almost get emotional when I see the disrepair that the Paiute, you showed photos of the center and the disrepair that it's fallen into. I want to ask you, has the city's maintenance met its own standards with that facility?

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Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, members of the Council, Councilman Graham, yes, I believe we have. It's been expensive. It's somewhere to the tune of about \$150,000 a year in just ongoing maintenance costs. We have supplemented some of the projects in the past that have enhanced the facility with CDBG funds. We have been able to do bathrooms and retrofit some of the A.C. and HVAC for the Hersch academy buildings and building four and give. We have leveraged as many resources as we can but it is a very aged infrastructure and –

Councilmember Graham: Well, I know it's old, but that doesn't happen at other facilities across the city and so I just -- I'm disappointed and it's hurtful because you think about the students and the people, the participants using those facilities to fall into disrepair, makes me feel like it's not as high of a priority for our city.

2019 Bonds, we promised voters if they authorized \$11.2 million that we would replace old buildings at the Paiute Center, and that's what we promised. Since that time, inflation and other factors have -- now we are agreeing on \$5.3 million. So we're looking at \$16 million so my question would be we are doing this whole project.

We're doing the Bond Project and the housing project simultaneously; is that correct? And some of these questions I should preface may be for Alison, the city engineer. These are going to be more financial.

Alison Tymkiw: Mayor, Councilmember Graham, yes, we are planning on designing and constructing the two projects together.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. So we're looking at \$16 million and \$16 million is strictly for replaced housing -- replace the old buildings at Paiute Center. Is that correct.

Alison Tymkiw: That's correct.

Councilmember Graham: What assurance that they not be commingled and the housing is not augmented by the dollars we promised to voters.

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Alison Tymkiw: Councilmember Graham, we can do that through -- for example, when we award the contract, the construction contract, we have the contractor give us a schedule of values and we can be very specific on the schedule of values what each line item is for and what funds are paying for it.

Councilmember Graham: The project is not even designed; is that correct.

Alison Tymkiw: That's correct.

Councilmember Graham: Why do we call it second level for the housing project, second floor.

Alison Tymkiw: I think the initial concept was adding the second floor. When we have an architect on board, we will be looking at all alternatives.

Councilmember Graham: When I look at the \$16 million, I see we will replace those buildings but retrofit it with elevators and stairwells, and structure and support beams. So that seems to me almost unavoidable that there would be commingling. Has the second floor housing project abandoned.

Alison Tymkiw: No, we would need to investigate that when we have a designer on board.

Councilmember Graham: Do you understand my concern about retrofitting the bottom level for a second floor because you don't just throw it on top.

Alison Tymkiw: I do understand. It would actually -- it will take a lot of work to separate those funds but we're capable of doing that.

Councilmember Graham: How much do we charge for rent for the units? For the tenants. I think there will be 22 ongoing and then six for bridge?

Mary Witkofski: Mayor Ortega or Councilmember Graham, we have to follow the rent standards set for by H.U.D. They are set out on an annual basis. Currently the rental rates for units such as this, let me pull up the number for you. This is 2023. And this doesn't will you the rental tax or utilities.

Councilmember Graham: Rental tax is going away.

Mary Witkofski: The rentals vary so efficiency or studio would vary anywhere between -- this is according to H.U.D., the fair market rent is \$1,344 right now but we're looking at serving individuals between 50 and 60% of the area median income and the rental limits are at \$818 and \$1,044 for a studio and \$1,052 and \$1,346 based on the area median income for a second bedroom.

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Councilmember Graham: So you are offering a studio for \$500 below market and then we're talking about the need for it. I mean isn't it pretty obvious that if we offer something at lower than mark, then there's going to be people that desire it?

Mary Witkofski: Mayor Ortega and Councilmember Graham, I don't know what your question is.

Councilmember Graham: It creates demand when it's below mark value. So I will -- how long -- it was asked by Councilman Durham who just chuckled to himself. How long do you expect tenants to stay?

Mary Witkofski: As long as they pay their rents.

Councilmember Graham: That kind of contradicts what Mr. Bestgen just said.

Mary Witkofski: I believe the two years was the tenant-based rental assistance program and not necessarily those tenants will be placed into that because that program is going to roll out next month. So those are going to go in communities that are currently somewhere in Scottsdale and then they will be placed under the housing choice voucher wait list and could lease up into these communities on a permanent basis but it doesn't necessarily mean these are the units in which they will be based. Tenant based rental assistance is completely separate.

Councilmember Graham: Are we providing medical care or nutrition with other --

Mary Witkofski: In terms the tenant based there's a -- not medical care.

Councilmember Graham: Can you put that in plain English.

Mary Witkofski: On a quarterly basis, they are required an individual or a senior who is receiving tenant based rental assistance is required to meet with a case worker on a quarterly basis, in person.

Councilmember Graham: And then they would be potentially awarded like a housing -- or a food voucher or food assistance is that what you are saying?

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Mary Witkofski: Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham, they receive similar to the housing choice voucher program they receive a H.A.P. or housing assistance payment. We would be paying the city of Scottsdale or another landlord that housing portion and then the senior would then be required to pay up to 30% of their income towards their rental portion.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. Would all of those services -- were all of those services part of your ongoing costs put forward earlier.

Mary Witkofski: The tenant based rental assistance program is operate from the project set forth this evening. It's included in the \$1.8 million we are receiving but it is not a component of the second story program.

Councilmember Graham: What happens if tenants need assisted living type of situations.

Mary Witkofski: We would refer them to the social services senior center and have them coordinate care and services through them.

Councilmember Graham: I want to ask the grants and then I will wrap up these financial questions. What -- what kind of strings attached -- what kind of strings are attached -- we are accepting two grants tonight. What kind of strings are attached as far as performance obligation on the city's part.

Mary Witkofski: Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham, we have to submit quarterly reports through the Maricopa home consortium and then we can submit on a monthly basis expenses for reimbursement back to the city.

Councilmember Graham: Do you have to accommodate concern groups like people with sobriety issues or anything like that. Are we required to focus on special groups like that.

Mary Witkofski: That is not a specific H.U.D. regulation.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. And then I wanted to -- are you familiar with the 1999 Faircloth amendment?

Mary Witkofski: Mayor, Councilmember Graham, could you repeat that?

Councilmember Graham: The Faircloth amendment. Does that sound a bell.

Greg Bestgen: It does not.

Councilmember Graham: It prohibits no net new public housing if using federal tax dollars. I wondered if you knew about that and considered that.

Mary Witkofski: Mayor Ortega Councilmember Graham, no.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. Is the Paiute zoned for residential. What is the current zoning of it and that may be for somebody else. Do we have to change anything for --

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Mary Witkofski: Mayor Ortega, Council member Graham, Tim Curtis here is and can answer that.

Councilmember Graham: Very good. Thank you, Tim.

Tim Curtis: Good evening, Mayor and Councilman Graham, Tim Curtis here with the Planning Department. So the property is currently zoned garden industrial. As indicated in the presentation it's anticipated that it would be the extension of the municipal use, the housing would be and we would be look at a municipal use master site plan amendment.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. So what we want to do with it, it complies with the current zoning?

Tim Curtis: Yes, Mayor and Councilman with a future amendment to the master use plan.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, Tim. That's all my questions for now, the first round. Thank you for allowing me.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. I did attend the community meeting at the Civic Center Library and I want to clarify something in terms of the presentation and those that were speaking, those were all of record. One of the -- as an architect, I heard something that is being repeated here about stacking. First floor and second floor.

Now, the social workers, I can't do social work and but I can do architecture. Stacking residential above commercial doesn't work. When I started and made the motion. I mentioned that it's highly likely that the office component would be two stories. I said that and therefore there's a partition that can be a separation between -- and I mentioned that the residential units because they tack bathrooms and kitchens and so forth, they would be two or three-story apartments. That's the efficient way to build something.

Although heard at the community meeting that there would be a second floor of some sort, that's not architecturally possible. It's not wise as they could be side by side. They could share a courtyard and there could be community rooms attached and part of the social service two-story building. That's how I visualize it and I'm jumping ahead. I see it that I what. When I heard a very competent professional social worker say, oh, it will be two floors, I into you that was not feasible.

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It does also mean that two projects can be costed separately. They won't share the salvaged I am plumbing stack as the offices would. So the bond and my motion was regarding the building

of the -- the bond 2019 project. Well, we will be voting on the housing and it's good that we are discussing these things but actually the way the motion is written, is we're looking to fulfill the will of the voters with the office component which consolidate the social services.

We are not voting on mixing them both but it was discussed that way. That now there's an opportunity because the county has close to \$6 million, dedicated for housing in our -- in our to be determined by us. So I think that needs to be clarified. We are consistent with the voters' request for an office complex that would consolidate social services. There are 22 social workers that would be there and then the appointments could all be held at the ground floor with clients. That's how they meet with clients further out in the feel. The separation is that they could be 10 feet, it could be 20 feet or whatever. They could be actually right next to each other with a solid wall, could be where the communities are. That's a -- that's item 25 that we will be voting on. So it ended up being a mixed discussion. And I want to be real clear that architecturally, they would be separated and we wouldn't have people taking tubs and flushing toilets above somebody's office because there were apartments above that.

So I think we can -- I can assure you as the design proceeds that one is of certain construction type and one is another one. And we can fulfill with the voters' direction to consolidate and invest here in Paiute. So in terms of clarifying that we'll be able to discuss -- and it's fine that we are discussing all the subjects but it is.

That's the way this would go through discussion. This is a strategic location that was voter approved and the motion and the second is for the office component. That's what we're voting on with this motion. And I want to clarify that there would be, let's say a firewall or there's a direct separation. There's electrical and other things they will play the prorated share. So that's important to clarify.

Councilmember Graham: Point the order. The questions I'm asking relate to all three topics. If we vote on one is that closed off?

Mayor Ortega: No, we are --

Councilmember Graham: It's already been voted on.

Mayor Ortega: Well, we have one motion regarding the bond 2019, and we will as we stated vote on other motions when they are presented. It's okay to discuss them all as people have maybe emphasized residential or other uses. But they're not on top of each other. And who knows, you know, have a separate stairwells and so forth. So that's the efficiency of construction that gives the people a good value to our Human Services.

Councilwoman Whitehead, Councilwoman Caputi and Graham.

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Councilwoman Whitehead: I wanted to also address Councilwoman Littlefield's concerns. So I also was a part of the City Council that got these bonds approved. And so this question -- I wanted to clarify that this has to do with the bond and you can vote no against the other two. This is a bond question.

I wanted to address your concern about us competing with hotels and Greg, can -- can confirm this we don't have a plethora of hotels that want to engage this program. In fact, in the only one that we approved tonight, thank you, Councilwoman Littlefield would discuss the program with us. And we are not expecting that to continue after the renovation; is that correct.

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, Councilwoman Whitehead, yes, that's correct.

Councilwoman Whitehead: So we are not renting rooms. We are providing rooms for free. We are paying the hotel because they won't provide the hotels for free. I don't believe in any way we are competing with a business and certainly these businesses don't want us anyway. And the other thing I wanted to mention is your concern that we are getting into an area that we are not supposed to be in, and yet we do currently operate a low-income facility, low-it can apartments on Bellevue, which we have done for quite some time.

So this is -- there's three questions, the first question is to honor the voters and then one could vote against the other two questions but the other point is that -- the other two questions of providing the service for our residents is consistent with what we have done in the past, it's expanding it and not competing with any commercial business. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Councilwoman Caputi and then Graham and Littlefield.

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Councilwoman Caputi: I'm having a hard time segregating my comments, you know. Because I'm getting a little bit confused because of how we are doing this in terms of separating the bond question versus the next level. I want to make a couple of general comments just because things people have said have triggered thoughts.

I think someone in the comments brought it up as well, in our general plan, we have a very thick and extensive housing element where we talked at length about providing affordable housing as part of a housing continuum that we provide to our residents and this goes right along with everything that we have said we wanted to do as a city and I think our Mayor pointed out this Council set aside, you know, a decent chunk of money that we could use as a priority towards the things that were important to us and we specified that we wanted to use it for affordable housing. And to help this homelessness/affordable housing and this is very in line with our priorities a Council. It's not outside of any box whatsoever. We said exactly this is what we want to do with that money and here's a wonderful opportunity to do it, fits along those lines. A

comment was made about how would we segregate the funds.

That actually -- you know, I'm in the construction business. I'm not an architect but I'm in the construction business. This is a perfect opportunity to combine costs. I can't think of a better way in which you would have an efficiency of costs in terms of being able to, you know, put them together, you would save in so many different ways I can't I bag inn why you would want to incur the cost of separating everything out. It just wouldn't make any sense. We would be saving the voters a fortune. Aggregating these projects.

Public/private partnership, we do these all the time. It doesn't compete against the private sector. I mean, I could think of 100 examples of where we have done public/private partnerships and they are wonderful things generally. We started out the Council meeting, actually, talking about the Museum of the West, which is a beautiful -- a beautiful example of a public/private partnership that works nicely. We are not worried about competing against other museums that. Seems weird to me.

The other thing I wanted to mention was Mayor, you just threw me for a loop because I did think the project -- I agree we don't have final plans but my impression that was -- that was we were using as a means of building this more efficiently that we would actually add a layer and I can think of a thousand examples where we residents over office or retail. Kierland, Scottsdale Quarter. We put residents over commercial. I'm not married to any particular design because we don't have it yet but it was my understanding that they were actually using that economy of scale and just layering it.

But anyway, and in closing, I think it's a fantastic use of resources and we said we wanted to do it and so we have matching funds and I'm in approval.

Mayor Ortega: Councilmember Graham.

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Councilmember Graham: I want to move to the programmatic. In a succinct way, what is the problem that this will address, Greg.

Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham, this actually gets to the lack of housing in the region, it's not just a Scottsdale issue. We know that affordable rents and mortgages for all is something that many, many people struggle with at all different even income levels and so I think it's addressing one piece and it's just a small piece, but it's addressing that low-income, you know, again a stable, safe, purposeful place for people to live out their lives.

Councilmember Graham: So is it to keep people from becoming unhoused? Is that the mission?

Greg Bestgen: Yes, that's part of the mission, of course.

Councilmember Graham: Now, who can apply for the program? You talk about seniors? Is it restricted to seniors.

Greg Bestgen: Anyone can apply for the program, however, this is a low-income affordable housing project. So it's really folks that fall under the 50% area median income. That's really what this is looking at. And this is mainly as I stated earlier, mainly for our seniors in the community, really are struggling. They are using their housing, because of increasing rents and single parent families with children that struggle. It's assisting those particular folks in our community.

Councilmember Graham: So anyone can apply for it? It's not restricted or withheld for seniors? Or an age restriction?

Greg Bestgen: Yeah, it is -- yeah, yeah, it is limited really to the folks on our housing choice voucher program.

Councilmember Graham: Okay.

Greg Bestgen: Which, again, I outlined the multitude of numbers that we have on the wait list in all the various categories that I just discussed.

Councilmember Graham: So it's not for senior housing.

Greg Bestgen: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Graham: But anybody on the housing wait list can apply and that's not age restricted, right?

Greg Bestgen: That is correct. That is correct.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. So there's no -- okay. So there's no restriction on age. Can non-Scottsdale residents apply.

Greg Bestgen: They could, potentially if they wanted to -- if they came from another area of the city, if they wanted to port into our program, in they want to port into the housing choice voucher program, we can look at that and that's for Mary's housing staff to evaluate, but that does occur and we also have folks that port outside of Scottsdale. Because they find an affordable place outside of Scottsdale.

Councilmember Graham: How many people do you -- do you expect to apply for how many applicants do you expect for the 22 units?

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Greg Bestgen: So we have -- again, I ran through the numbers of the folks that are on our wait list, but it's significant. Let me see if I can find it here. No, I don't have it on this one. Anyway, again, we have 146 superiors that I'm trying to pull from my memory. We have 760 folks on the wait list that, again, we have large numbers.

Councilmember Graham: Because the city -- one of my concerns is the city becoming a landlord. The city already the landlord, the Bellevue property, is that right?

Greg Bestgen: I'm not sure I understand your --

Councilmember Graham: The city is a landlord with the Bellevue property.

Greg Bestgen: We have the Bellevue property, yes, the eight units down on Bellevue, that's correct.

Councilmember Graham: Okay, how have you measured that has helped the problem?

Greg Bestgen: Yes, I will invite Mary to come up and address some of these questions. Thanks, Mary.

Mary Witkofski: Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham. There is eight units. Six one bedrooms and two, two bedrooms and it's been in operation since 2013.

Councilmember Graham: Would you say it helped reduce homelessness or housing insecurity.

Mary Witkofski: Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham, it's provided a decent, safe affordable place for people to live in the past ten years in terms of measuring outcomes, it's not a program that measures those types of outcomes. It's a living space that is affordable.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. That's what I'm getting to is how do we measure success? Measuring outcomes, I think that's for every program that we do. You have to kind of define success have utility put a definition to success?

Mary Witkofski: The housing choice voucher program is measured through the Section 8 management assessment program that is done on an annual basis.

Councilmember Graham: If you get more than -- I assume you are going to get more than 22 applicants for the housing or it seems like you are suggesting that you expect that. How do you sort or filter through them and choose which ones? How do you look at this application and say no, and this one and say yes. Does it work that way?

Mary Witkofski: We would work closely with the property manager as we do with the Bellevue property and this is outlined within their agreement on how they choose it based on income limits.

Councilmember Graham: I'm sorry for the new facility.

Mary Witkofski: Income limits and we would designate certain units to be high limits and certain units to be low limits but they are in the design phase and they are unable to be answered this evening.

Councilmember Graham: So that's still being developed, right? The -- is there and I want to talk about the bridge program. How many people that -- there's going to be six rooms for the bridge program on this facility; is that right, Greg?

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Greg Bestgen: Mayor Ortega, yes, Councilmember Graham, that's correct are and could be as low as four.

Councilmember Graham: How much turnover do you expect for that type of program, if it's people staying anywhere from 10 to 30 days or 40 days.

Greg Bestgen: Yes, Mayor Ortega, Councilmember Graham, that's a program that's designed to be very short term in nature. As I outlined earlier, about a 50-day turnover with the folks that come through current program that we have. So the idea is that is not a permanent type arrangement. The idea is just -- again, it's a bridge. It's to give them a help -- a helping hand to get to another affordable rent and mortgage that is more in line with what they can afford.

Councilmember Graham: Now, I want to go back, I think the Paiute, the existing services that the Paiute Center offers. Are there, like -- what kinds of programs do they offer right now? And I have been there and seen them, but so people have a feel for that.

Greg Bestgen: Yes, Mayor Ortega and members of the Council and Councilmember Graham. We provide as you heard earlier we provide social services since really the city purchased the facility in 1990 -- I'm going to say 1995 is when we at least opened for services but we have HeadStart, Early HeadStart on the campus. Southwest Autism Resource and Research Center and that's for children that are on the autism spectrum. They are blended with neurotypical learners. That's a wonderful program and then we have Hersch Academy, K-6, a charter school. We have a Family Resource Center. We get \$200,000 to \$250,000 for the next four years to run a family resource center. That's programming for early childhood learning, 0 to 5, and we have already operated that program for five years. So we got another grant for another four years.

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Councilmember Graham: That's great.

Greg Bestgen: And then Mary's office, of course is over and all of our housing specialists and housing staff that Mary has on the campus. So that is in addition. And so that's just -- you know, it's a lot of great educational institutions. We've done other programming in the past after-school programs and other things historically but really it's the brokerage agency model that the city envisioned it would when it purchased this in 1995. I think Paiute has lived up to that definition.

Councilmember Graham: We have so many children and learning programs. Are you concerned about sort of the tenement and the people in the program? Have you gotten any feedback from parents about that?

Greg Bestgen: We know there are programs across the country that this is a great model when blend the generations and this can be a very, very healthy, model for folks in their older years that maybe don't have family that are real close and that kind of thing and they really benefit. I don't know about you but I love being on the campus and I love hearing kids run around screaming and playing and that kind of thing. I just find that that is what the Paiute Center Neighborhood has been.

Councilmember Graham: Is there any screening like if the tenants have guests that come over, is there some sort of, you know, security or -- are you concerned about that?

Greg Bestgen: No, that is actually part of our programming. We did through CDBG funding about \$230,000 when we did have pay shutdown on the campus and we needed to up the security, we added new cam over the year but more than that, we added a fence and we have gates that are monitored and the staff monitors the gate closures throughout the day. I mean we have monitors that let us know when those gates are opened. We make every effort to make sure that safety is ensured for our staff and for the participants utilizing the campus.

Councilmember Graham: And then this is a general question, but we talk about -- we are sort of going after, trying to solve housing insecurity. Do you think that this will help to put a sent in housing insecurity?

Greg Bestgen: Yes, I do.

Councilmember Graham: Okay. That wraps my questions Mayor and I appreciate that. In conclusion, I would say, you know, I have some reservation with the program, not the bond project. You know, the most common argument we hear about the bridge houses is how it's temporary and it's a hand up and short term, but this is the opposite. This is, you know, trying to make it permanent. This is intended to be long term. Is this the largest you might -- shelter for the unhoused that Scottsdale has ever built?

Greg Bestgen: I'm not sure I understand your question.

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Councilmember Graham: Is this the largest housing project that the city of Scottsdale has ever built?

Greg Bestgen: Councilman Graham, I believe that is correct. Yes.

Councilmember Graham: Well, I guess my concerns are several with this project. We see with our own eyes, how some of these government housing programs in bigger cities think not only don't work but they can have a wider effect on the community. You know, other cities show us pretty clearly that when you put more and more money at the problem, it actually makes this grow. And, you know, I just don't think we can outbuild ourselves out of this problem. I was -- I'm under the understanding that Phoenix has built enough supporting housing units to support everyone on the streets at the time they have built them and they have seen their homelessness rise 50%. We are small fortune, millions, upon millions for these units.

It's an open-ended financial commitment with the specter that it will grow. So I think the Paiute center's mission as it exists is children focused, family focused and it raises concern about moving all types of -- others going through the facilities. Including higher turnover bridge program and I think it has the chance to endanger the character and the mission and be it a little less inviting and my last point comes down to the bonds because I know we talk about -- and, you know, one of my colleagues said we should mingle the funds and get economies of scale and we promises the voters solely on the bond ballot that this would replace Paiute community center buildings. At this point I'm not convinced that somehow those dollars won't be augmented towards this project. And that could diminish trust. Thank you for taking my questions, Greg and city staff.

Mayor Ortega: Councilwoman Janik, you are next.

[Time: 04:41:45]

Councilwoman Janik: I will be short and sweet and I would ask my fellow members please be short. It is 20 to 10:00. We have more items. I'm probably the oldest person up here and frankly, I am really tired. So please, could we limit it so is our audience. Many of these questions are answered in the paperwork. I have copies of it here. It doesn't need to be addressed at the city Council level, I would hope.

One comment. This is an efficient and innovative use of city property and limited funding that meets the needs of the city. Done.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, and, again, just to clarify, there will be an opportunity to vote on the next motion about housing or otherwise. The motion that's on the table is to proceed with the bond 2019 essentially the item that was promised to consolidate and make those programs possible. In a very efficient manner. I will -- I will emphasize again, we are not Kierland. We don't have huge retail at the bottom paying mega bucks at the ground floor. We are voting on moving forward with the office component. I'm highly recommending it will be on one floor -- excuse me, two floors. That's the way it's built.

Then it's contained and efficient that way. The concept of building other communities or residential can be right next to it. You can count the excavation, the footings, the rebar, however you want to look at it, separate from the rebar, excavation, number of doors and so forth in the office buildings very simple that way. And we'll have the opportunity with other motions to vote on the housing components.

It's great that we are talking about all of them, I understand that. But the stacking, I'm telling you does not work for the price that we intend to get. So we can I want to remind us that we are looking at moving forward with the will of the voter to get this more efficient community service building where it needs to be, where there's allied services in the community.

And for that reason, I see one more -- Councilmember Durham, we will get to item number 24 and 25, which, again, can be a separate building. They can be a separate building. When you look at efficiency it's because you have one job trailer for two projects. That's okay. It's better if they can be built nearly the same time, there's one job trailer and that's a good thing. So there's -- that's how there's saving by getting projects built if he same time but they don't have to be stacked over each other in the context you are alluding to.

Councilmember Durham. We are going around in circles. We have one motion at a time. Go ahead.

[Time: 04:45:06]

Councilmember Durham: I'm in favor of the just getting all of these done as soon as we can. I will agree with Councilmember Janik. I'm also old and it's getting late. And I don't remember exactly what Mr. Shearer said, but I mean he had it right. We do these things right we don't just lollygag and throw some stuff together. We have a great staff who does these things right and that's what Mr. Sharer said. We do these bold projects and with do 'em right you know, accountants can distinguish between the bond funds and the homeless funds that's what accountants do. That's what they are for. So the notion that we will be mixing this money together, you know, it's just crazy. This is right up our alley. It's a great project and I want to get voted open all three and go home.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Vice Mayor Littlefield and then please, let's go for the vote on item 23 regarding the office component.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor. I would just like to reiterate that this issue is not, you know, a cut and dry put a knife right through it and cut it like butter. It's going to mismatch. There's going to be money spent from the bonds on this project. You know that, I know it, everybody up here knows it and it's going to be right. I think you are not longing at the long-term effects of this when people go back and we ask them for another bond.

I think there will be repercussions and I think that has to be something that we look at, because some of those things on another bond is going to be for human relations and human buildings and things like that. So I think that it has to be looked at as a whole, and I don't think that it can be totally cut off. Citizens were not asked about this. They were not asked if they wanted to spend money on this. They were not asked they wanted the city to borrow millions of dollars for this or use funds from other departments to use it. I think that's wrong when we have a project of this size and this expense that he with don't ask their permission.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I want to address that. Absolutely not, Councilwoman Littlefield. Our city staff does not commit fraud. So I just need to point out that this city certainly has the ability and certainly has spent the entire history of the city getting the projects right and being very cautious to use money as appropriated by the tax payers and by the voters. So I understand your opposition to the second and third part of this project, that's fine, but please don't suggest that if these projects pass our city staff it going to commit fraud. Because that's just not true but I will say and I want to also add that there are you can always point to projects, you know, the projected in Chicago that doesn't work. But we have had speakers today and we have a history of success in this city.

So to just generally grab projects that failed from other cities without being specific to how those compare to this particular project is not sincere. So what we are asking to do, a we have a long history of doing it at Bellevue and a short history of doing it at the hotel. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: I will call for the vote. If there's discussion about the next component, the motion pertains to the proceeding with the office component of this project. Councilmember Graham, again, you will have an opportunity as –

Councilmember Graham: Was the motion for the bond project seconded?

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Mayor Ortega: Yes. Yes, it was.

Councilmember Graham: Okay.

Mayor Ortega: That's the whole point, we're proceeding with something that's been voted on by the people, we're showing the fund transfer from general fund and that was the motion.

Councilmember Graham: Mayor, I was just asking for a point of clarity.

Mayor Ortega: I know but you are asking -- let's take a vote at this time. Obviously it was seconded. And we'll move on to item number 24 and 25 next. Please record your vote. So we have six votes in favor and Vice Mayor Littlefield opposing the Bond 2019 Project for -- as -- item number 25.

Next, we will go to the -- the next point has to do with receipt of money related to both and that is item number 24. I see Councilmember Janik. You still have your button on.

Councilmember Graham: Oh, forgive me.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you, Mayor, I would like to make a motion to adopt Resolution number 12847 to authorize one agreement number 2022-026-COS-A1, the first amendment to the agreement with Maricopa County for the funds of Home Investment Partnership Program, American Rescue Plan Act and HOME in the amount of \$1,008,773 for construction of affordable housing and the bridge housing and administration of the tenant-based rental assistance program.

Number two, the City Manager or designee to execute any documents or take other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution and agreement, and number three, a fiscal year '23/24 operating grant budget appropriation transfer in the amount of \$1,192,098 from the 2022/23 HOME around A.R.P., to newly created capital improvements plan project titled "Construct the Residence at Paiute" to be funded by the Maricopa County HOME consortium.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

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Mayor Ortega: A motion and a second. Do we need any other clarification. Okay. Please record your vote. Motion passed 5-2 with Councilmember Graham and Littlefield dissenting. And number 25, which is a project and resolution.

Councilmember Graham: The resolution number.

Mayor Ortega: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: It's my understanding that we can read the resolution number.

City Attorney Scott: Mayor and Councilwoman Janik. Absolutely. That's correct.

Councilwoman Janik: I make a motion to adopt resolution number 12913.

Councilmember Durham: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Seeing no other hands. Please record your vote. Passes 5-2, with dissenting Graham and Littlefield. And the Council will be involved at every step of the process as a whole body will -- as we move forward.

Mayor Ortega: Next public comment, the second opportunity for the public to come forward on non-agendized items. There have been none. So that item is closed.

Mayor Ortega: The next item has to do with whether there is a petition. We have not received any petitions. So that is not in consideration.

ITEM 28A – FOOD WASTE DIVERSION DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AT FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING

[Time: 04:53:34]

Mayor Ortega: The next would be for our discussion concerning Mayor and Council items and we know 28 and 29. As food waste diversion and action at a possible future meeting. I will yield to Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: We're all tired. Food waste is gold when it's collected and used for compost. It helped reduce water used in large compost. It's a terror against the landfill. All great cities do it. The San Francisco Giants would never play in San Francisco if that stadium didn't compost food waste. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. And Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: By discussing this and possible actions what we can accomplish is alleviating pressure on the landfill gas emissions and improve recycle materials. There's economic opportunities as Councilwoman Whitehead mentions with bioenergy and compost and social opportunities to use food that has -- recover food that can be donated to those in need.

Mayor Ortega: You are proposing this. I would ask for item one which is direct the City Manager to agendize the item for a future meeting. That may result in a work study or otherwise. So that's the --

Councilwoman Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Ortega: And I have a second. Please record your vote. We are unanimous. Thank you very much.

Mayor Ortega: And next, we will be moving to item number 29, which is Boards and Commissions. And we have nominations I will turn the meeting over to the Vice Mayor who will be chairing this portion of the meeting.

ITEM 29 – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND TASK FORCE NOMINATIONS

[Time: 04:55:51]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor. This evening, the City Council will be nominating Scottsdale residents interested in serving on citizen advisory boards, commissions, and committees. The Scottsdale City Council is responsible for establishing City policies and 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.

Appointments for these positions will be made at Special City Council Meetings on October 10 and October 24, 2023. As we begin our process this evening, I'd like to remind my colleagues that an applicant only needs to receive one nomination in order to advance to interview before the Council. When I call on you, if your chosen applicant or applicants have already been nominated by a Councilmember, please state "no additional" and we'll move on in the process. Now, let's get started.

First one is the Airport Advisory Board. It has two openings this evening. 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 safety concerns. Larry Bernosky's term expires in October and is ineligible for reappointment. Peter Mier's term expires in October. He is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application for consideration. There are two vacancies and nine applicants.

The applicants are: And excuse me if I mispronounce your names. I apologize. Martin Arant, Fred Ataria, April Beauboeuf, Sabrina Haverty, Christian Lambert, Peter Mier, Dominic Sarnataro, and Ken Weingarten. I will now entertain nominations for the Airport Advisory Commission. Each Councilmember can nominate two applicants. We will begin with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: April Beauboeuf and Peter Mier.

Councilwoman Janik: Ken Weingarten.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Christian Lambert.

Mayor Ortega: Dominick Sarnataro.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Councilmember Durham: Fred Atarian.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Haverty.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Fred Atarian, April Beauboeuf, Sabrina Haverty, Hoffer and -- is that correct?

Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor, we have April Beauboeuf, Christian Lambert, Peter Mier and Ken Weingarten.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Next the Building Advisory Board of Appeals. There's one opening. The Building Advisory Board of Appeals has the jurisdiction to recommend that minor variances in the electrical, plumbing and mechanical application of the Building Code be granted and that alternative construction methods or materials be allowed. Randall Lukas' term expires in October. He is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application for consideration. There is one vacancy and four applicants. The applicants are: Doug Arvanites, Zachary Goldsworthy, Randall Lukas, and Christopher Tapas. We will begin with Councilmember Graham.

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Councilmember Graham: Mr. Lukas.

Councilmember Durham: No additional.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Doug Arvanites.

Mayor Ortega: No additional.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: No additional.

Councilwoman Janik: No additional.

Councilwoman Caputi: No additional.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Doug Arvanites and Randall Lukas have been nominated. Okay. Moving on to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, there are three openings. 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.

Terms for Andrew Armstrong, Ben Hur, and Brion Neeley expire in October. Andrew Armstrong and Brion Neeley are ineligible for reappointment. Ben Hur is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application for Consideration. There are three vacancies and ten applicants. The applicants are: Frank Bertone, Brian Coughlan, Austin Fairbanks, Rudy Fischer, Ben Hur, Darryl Komesu, Robert Rogers, Robert Simmons, Tami Smith, Carl Stein. We will begin with Councilman Durham.

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Councilmember Durham: Thank you. I would nominate Ben Hur, Brian Coughlan and Austin Fairbanks. Sorry, I was a little fast there.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Okay. So Rudy Fischer, Ben Hur, Darryl Komesu.

Mayor Ortega: No additional.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: No additional.

Councilwoman Janik: Tami Smith.

Councilwoman Caputi: Robert Rogers.

Councilmember Graham: No additional.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Okay. Brian Coughlan, Austin Fairbanks, Rudy Fischer, Ben Hur, Darryl Komesu Robert Rogers and Tami Smith, they have been nominated. Thank you.

Our next commission is the Human Relations Commission. There are two openings. The Human Relations Commission advocates and promotes all dimensions of diversity. The Commission acts as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council and staff to make recommendations on ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding among people, to discourage prejudice and discrimination, and to work towards cultural awareness and unity.

Stuart Rhoden resigned from the commission in August. Janice Shimokubo's term expires in October and is ineligible for reappointment. There are two vacancies and ten applicants. The applicants are: Ashley Adams, Veronica Aguilar, Kris Cano, DeMarco Cason, Jeannie McKenna, Albert Monillas, Robin Reed, Shiry Sapir, Joshua Stearns, Sarah Yaron. I will now entertain nominations for the Human Relations Commission and each Councilmember can nominate two applicants. We will begin with Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Ashley Adams, Robert Reed.

Mayor Ortega: Kris Cano.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Any additional?

Mayor Ortega: No, just one.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: I nominate Kris Cano and Shiry Sapir.

Councilwoman Janik: No additional.

Councilwoman Caputi: No additional.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Monillas.

Councilmember Durham: Veronica Aguilar.

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Vice Mayor Littlefield: Okay. We have Ashley Adams, Veronica Aguilar, Kris Cano, and Shiry Sapir and I'm missing two.

Rommel Cordova: Albert Monillas, and Robin Reed.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you.

Councilmember Graham: Is there a deficiency of Judicial Board?

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Yes.

Councilmember Graham: Calling all applicants.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: There are two citizen rep openings but we have no applicants for this board.

Councilmember Graham: We want you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: We want you, yes. Okay the Library Board has 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. Sam Campana's term expires in October. She is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application for consideration. There is one vacancy and 33 applicants. Do you really want me to read them all?

Mayor Ortega: We can read them.

Councilmember Graham: Do we have to read them? We don't have to read them. Sherry says.

Mayor Ortega: Sam Campana.

Councilwoman Janik: No additional.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Sam Campana.

Councilwoman Caputi: No additional.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Cox.

Councilmember Durham: No additional.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Ms. Dubauskas. Oh okay. We have Sam Campana, Ms. Cox, and Ms. Dubauskas.

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And the next is the Loss Trust Fund, there's one opening. The Loss Trust Fund Board is responsible for recommendations to the City Council regarding the administration of the Loss Trust Fund. Special qualifications: As specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the City Council shall appoint five joint trustees, of whom no more than one shall be a member of the City Council and no more than one trustee may be a City employee.

Brandon Perlow's term expires in October and is ineligible for reappointment. There is one vacancy and one applicant. The applicant is: Brian Pittluck. I will now entertain a nomination for the Loss Trust Fund Board.

Councilwoman Janik: Brian Pittluck.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Brian Pittluck has been nominated. Next the Neighborhood Advisory Commission has two openings. 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.

Jonathan Budwig's term expires in October. He is eligible for reappointment, however, he did not submit an application for consideration. William James' term expires in October and is ineligible for reappointment. There are two vacancies and twelve applicants. The applicants are: Lee Cooley, Michael Crooker, Bob Dahms, Sandra Dunn, Anna Fowler, Diane Frei, Craig Handzlik, Doreen Hollowell, Sheri Lopez, Kristine Rodriguez, Michele Rusinko, George Spatola.

I will now entertain nominations for the Neighborhood Advisory Commission, and each

Councilmember can nominate two applicants. We will begin with Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Bob Dahms and Craig Hanzlik.

Councilwoman Caputi: Lee Cooley and Michele Rusinko.

Councilmember Graham: Oh, pardon me. Ms. Lopez and Ms. Rodriguez.

Councilmember Durham: No additional.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Mayor Ortega: No additional.

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Vice Mayor Littlefield: George Spatola. We have Lee Cooley, Bob Dahms, Craig Hanzlik, Christine Rodriguez, Michele Rusinko and George Spatola and Sheri Lopez. Thank you very much.

We have now the Paths and Trails Subcommittee. There's one citizen rep open. The Paths & Trails Subcommittee advises the Transportation Commission and provides a public forum for issues surrounding paths and trails. Special qualifications: The subcommittee shall consist of five members: two Transportation Commissioners, one Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and two non-commission members.

Non-commission members are appointed by the City Council for terms of three years with a maximum of two terms. William Levie's term expires in October and is ineligible for reappointment. There is one vacancy and one applicant. The applicant is: Bradley Adame. I will now entertain nominations for the path and trails subcommittee. And we will begin with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Well, I'm gonna nominate Bradley Adame. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Okay, Bradley Adame has been nominated. Again, because there's only one applicant, we can move forward.

The Planning Commission has three openings. The Planning Commission holds public meetings and makes recommendations to the City Council on all matters relating to the creation of zoning districts, the enforcement of zoning regulations, amendments to all zoning ordinances and any other planning and zoning issue. Terms for George Ertel, William Scarbrough, and Joe Young expire in October. They are eligible for reappointment and have submitted applications for consideration. There are three vacancies and ten applicants. The applicants are: Doug Craig, George Ertel, Jon Griffin, Pamela Iacovo, Michal Ann Joyner, Cindy Pearson, David Pierce, Jay

Rawson, William Scarbrough, Joe Young.

We will begin with Councilman Graham.

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Councilmember Graham: Oh, sorry. Ms. Joyner and Mr. Griffin. Just two?

Vice Mayor Littlefield: There's three openings.

Rommel Cordova: What was your second choice.

Councilmember Graham: Griffin. Sorry, Rommel.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Councilman Durham.

Councilmember Durham: I would nominate George Ertel, William Scarborough, and Joe Young.

Councilwoman Whitehead: No additional.

Mayor Ortega: David Pierce and Pamela Iacovo.

Councilmember Graham: Iacovo. It's not easy.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: No additional.

Councilwoman Janik: Doug Craig.

Councilwoman Caputi: No additional.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: We have Doug Craig, George Ertel, Pam Iacovo, Michal Joyner and William Scarborough and David Pierce and Joe Young.

Rommel Cordova: And John Griffin.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: I'm sorry

Rommel Cordova: And Jon Griffin.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: And Jon Griffin. Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. Okay. Very good.

We now have the Transportation Commission. There's one opening. The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient movement of

vehicles, transit, pedestrians and bicycles. The commission provides a public forum to hear citizen complaints and requests regarding transportation matters. Karen Kowal's term expires in October. She is eligible for reappointment, however, she did not submit an application for consideration. There is one vacancy and four applicants. The applicants are: Denise Doctor, Kevin Konczal, Robert Marmon, Mailen Pankiewicz. Can you say that?

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And we will begin with Councilman Durham.

Councilmember Durham: I would nominate Denise Doctor.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mailen Pankiewicz.

Mayor Ortega: Okay, I have got --

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Transportation.

Mayor Ortega: Bob Marmon.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: No additional.

Councilwoman Janik: No additional.

Councilwoman Caputi: No additional.

Councilmember Graham: No one additional.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: We have Denise Doctor, Robert Marmon and Mailen Pankiewicz. Okay.

This concludes our nomination process this evening. Individuals nominated will be contacted by city staff with additional information. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all who applied to serve on a citizen advisory board or commission.

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Even if you were not nominated, your application will remain on file for one year for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies. Thank you all very much. Mayor, I turn meeting back over to you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I move we adjourn. We have a second. Please record your vote. Yes. Boom. Thank you. We are unanimous and adjourned.