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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:05]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to welcome everyone here for our 4:00 meeting on January, 17th, and I would like to start -- I would like to call to order this meeting and we'll start with a roll call, please.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Kathy Littlefield.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Present.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Virginia Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Linda Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Guy Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: David Smith.

Councilman Smith: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Mayor Lane: Do we get a here or a present out of that?

City Manager Jim Thompson: I am here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

City Treasurer Jeff Nichols: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Auditor Sharron Walker.

City Auditor Sharron Walker: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

[Time: 00:01:05]

Mayor Lane: Thank you very much, it's my pleasure to invite everyone here for this inaugural swearing in for the newly elected or newly reelected members of the council for their new term. With that I would like to start off with an invocation from Dennis Robbins. Most people recognize Dennis as a former councilman here. He's a man of many, many talents and he's a volunteer for the city in a number of different areas and he's certainly now the executive director for the Charros, a great organization here as well.

Welcome back to the chambers and thank you very much for being here with us tonight.

INVOCATION

[Time: 00:01:46]

Dennis Robbins: Thank you, Mayor and good to see you Council and citizens. Let's pray.

Good afternoon, God. Thank you for this day. Thank you for allowing us to be here in this place, a place where we gather to govern ourselves in the most civil, peaceful way we can. Please bestow us your strength and peace as we elect the leadership elected. Bless our Mayor and Council with wisdom, understanding and discernment to make thoughtful sound and honest decisions you're your citizens. Please allow your peace and love to touch their lives and the lives of those who live and work here.

Today we remember a prayer by Mother Teresa. People are often unreasonable and self-centered, forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous, be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best that you have and it may never be enough. But give your best anyway. For you see, in the end it's between you and God. It has never been between you and them anyway. Amen.

Mayor Lane: Amen.

Dennis Robbins: So a big day today, as the Mayor said. Now Carolyn Jagger, your city clerk will perform the swearing in ceremony and after that, Mayor Lane and each of the newly elected councilmembers will have an opportunity to address their supporters and the citizens of Scottsdale and thank you all very much for your service. We are blessed to have all of you there and go another four years. Thank you.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Mr. Robbins.

OATHS OF OFFICE

[Time: 00:03:45]

Mayor Lane: Let me try and just follow along. I should have had some practice in this. It's been years to year. But nevertheless.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: You, Jim Lane do solemnly swear.

Mayor Lane: I Jim Lane do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution and the laws of the state of Arizona and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same. And defend them against all enemies, foreign and domestic. And I will faithfully and

impartially discharge the duties of the office of mayor according to the best of my ability so help me God.

Mayor Lane: Thank you very much.

[Time: 00:05:12]

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger, Councilwoman Suzanne Klapp, Councilmember Virginia Korte, and Councilman Guy Phillips: I, (state your name) do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution and the laws of the state of Arizona, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and defend them against all enemies foreign and domestic, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of council member according to the best of my ability, so help me God.

[Time: 00:06:56]

Mayor Lane: Well, that does it. No, we will -- I will lead off and we'll each have an opportunity to the newly elected members of the council will be -- we'll say a few words, as was mentioned before. You know, first and foremost, I want to thank the voters of Scottsdale for their continued show of confidence and trust in me. With over 80% voter participation in the election, the overwhelming confirmed that with their votes for me, that they are -- that we are on the right path to continue to be the best city in America. I also want to thank the hundreds of people who endorsed, volunteered for, and supported my campaign. Thank you all.

I owe a great deal of gratitude to the members of my campaign committee, starting with one of the most prominent citizens I believe here in the city of Scottsdale, Paul Messinger and of course his wonderful wife Cora Messinger. Paul has been the chair of my campaign committees for each of the four campaigns I have run for municipal elections and I can't thank you Paul, and Cora both, for the wisdom and for what you have been able to teach me. I was a hard learn, but nevertheless, I very much appreciate your support and all the work you have done on my behalf through those years. These are a couple of the rocks of our community and really to be appreciated by everyone, but they have done a wonderful job for me.

Mike and Cami Manson have been with the campaign also for each of the four campaigns for municipal office that I have run. True and great friends. I want to thank you very much for what you have done, dedicated and enthusiastic in every way in the tradition of our committee. They are loved by everybody. It's almost an envious position to be in, particularly for Cami.

And then Ken Harder. Ken Harder is a businessman here in Scottsdale and has been here for a number of years, but he came to the campaign with some great insights and great input and I want to thank him as well for the work he's done.

And then Bill and Debbie Crawford. Bill was -- at one time was a candidate for this office in this race. And he decided to move away from that effort and to support me in that. I think it was a wonderful

commitment on his part. He was certainly a viable candidate unto himself, but he chose to, as I say, withdraw and then to support me. And I have to say, Bill and Debbie both, their support was priceless for the campaign.

And then there's the paid consultants. Jason Rose and his team of Rose, Moser and Allyn performed in a very, very professional way. I thank them for all of that, but they had an enthusiasm and a passion that was personally felt by me and very much appreciated. On the overall, they certainly went to an overall good result for me and the campaign.

But most of all, I want to and need to thank my wonderful wife Joanne. She's been with me throughout each of the four elections as well. She's also my most loyal and ardent supporter for 38 years which goes outside of the campaign years, and I want to thank you, honey, and I love you very much. Thank you for that support.

The campaign was a defining one for me and for the city of Scottsdale, I believe. Campaigns are by definition, meant to be a forum to communicate and argue different principles, philosophies and positions for the city. And it is confined between those differences between the candidates. In this race, our political system work well in establishing through the vote of -- through the vote a clear preference for my message of reform, sufficiency, sustainable growth and inclusiveness and the direction it has taken our great city. Councilmembers too received a clear message as to their representative performance from their election vote outcomes. Now, however, we set again to govern based on those campaign promises, communicating logic and principle with the best effort we can muster for our entire city.

Scottsdale is a wonderful city for us. And it's important for the council to understand the importance of listening and considering all voices when discussing and deliberating on issues. Compromised to mitigate concerns general produces a better result for all. Our open meetings should be a place where we deliberate the issues for positive and/or negatives, a no or a yes vote in absolute without an open mind or public council are -- or public council meeting, deliberations generally does not meet our responsibility to you, the citizens of Scottsdale. But the property owners, the resident taxpayers or business owners or citizens of any order.

I have lived here in Scottsdale for 44 years now. Joanne and I have raised our three children and a better portion of our grandchildren are also here in the area as well, and I want nothing more than the best for Scottsdale and, frankly, for their future as well as others. We must, however, heal any residual animosity from the campaign and work together to balance the issues and continue to have a world-class city. Whether you were born here, relocated here for work or retired here, I understand that quality of life is paramount and I will constantly have that in mind as I lead for the next four years.

So, again, I want to thank you for your confidence and your vote for me in this third and final term for me as your mayor. God bless Scottsdale.

Now, I would like to have each of the reelected councilmembers speak and I think we can -- we'll start with Councilwoman Suzanne Klapp.

[Time: 00:14:25]

Councilwoman Klapp: Well, good afternoon, everyone. I'm very grateful to be here. Very grateful to the voters of Scottsdale, to my friends, to my supporters and all the help that was given to me so I had a successful campaign.

I would like to thank my husband who is here with me, Tim. Who has put up with me not being around, and that's tough for a spouse to have to constantly be waiting for the spouse to come home. I'm sure Joanne can say the same thing.

I also would like to thank my campaign group. We have here tonight Chris Shipley and Kylie Gutting and my campaign manager couldn't be here tonight. He had to be out of town. We had a fun time with this campaign and, of course, it was nice that we had a great result. So I appreciate all the work that they put into this.

I would like to emphasize that council is actually the perfect job for me. So I thank you for putting me here. I enjoy the discussion of public policy and making decisions about issues that affect this adopted community for me. I have lived here for about 20 years. I enjoy providing leadership and public service at the same time for this community and I look forward to be doing this for another four years. I have been here for eight, and I have another four more to go, and then I'm termed out. I will work as hard these next four years as I have the last eight years on behalf of the Scottsdale and the citizens and you encourage you to contact me any time because I do want to hear and talk with people about things that are important to you. So thank you so much for letting me do this for another four years. I will be eternally grateful. Thank you.

[Time: 00:16:31]

Mayor Lane: Next, if I could ask Councilwoman Korte to say a few words.

Councilmember Korte: Thank you, Mayor. I will be brief. I am honored and humbled to serve the citizens of Scottsdale for the next four years. It really is an honor and you so appreciate the thousands of votes of confidence to put me back in this seat for another four years. I look forward to working with my fellow councilmembers and our residents to come to consensus on the many issues that we face here in Scottsdale.

And my one promise to our citizens -- or two promises is to continue to work hard, but continue to use the moral compass of putting Scottsdale first in any decision I make moving forward. So with sincere gratitude, thank you.

[Time: 00:17:34]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Virginia. Councilman Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Thank you, Mayor. Well, obviously I too am humbled. I mean for people to vote you into an office is -- is a very humbling and very proud moment, and I will try to the best of my ability to be able to do this office, be able to represent the citizens to the best of my ability, and I will strive and work hard for that.

One thing about this past election, is that if you notice one thing, is that this city has grown up. We are not that small town anymore. Ten years ago, you could win with 10,000 votes. Now you need 55,000 votes. The amount of money for people to run campaigns has quadrupled. So that makes it harder for the average citizen to run, in my opinion. But that's the way it is. You know, Scottsdale had 50,000 people and now we have almost 250,000 people and it's not stopping.

So we're a big city now. We have to look at big city problems. We have big city decisions and we'll have big city solutions. And I believe that this council will work together and we will get those solutions to our city, especially with our new city manager. I think we are all looking forward to working with him and we are very glad that we took the time to find the best person for that office, and I believe that we did do that.

I would like to thank C.O.G.S. for helping me with my campaign. I would like to thank the LD23 and especially Lynn Brier, she was kind of a quasi manager for me. She did a great job and I really appreciate it.

To my opponents, I would say, unfortunately, I had an unfair advantage that unfair advantage is my wife. I couldn't have done it without her. She is so amazing, excuse me. She is so amazing -- I'm just blessed to have her as a wife and thank you so much, honey, for being at my side, helping me out, going door-to-door. I mean, I couldn't have paid somebody to do everything that she did for me. And so thank you so much.

Thank you, everybody, that voted for me. I really appreciate it and we're looking for a good four years for Scottsdale. Thank you.

[Time: 00:20:00]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilman and congratulations to all of my fellow councilmembers who have been reelected and thank you very much. And with that we have concluded what we are here to do here on the inaugural meeting. We will now take a little bit of time to mingle and talk. I think we have some refreshments somewhere hereabouts that -- and we will then adjourn our -- I should say we will convene our 5:00 meeting, our regular meeting at 5:00. So we will have that interim period of time. We have got a little bit of time here.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lane: So I will ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember: Move to adjourn.

Councilmembers: Second.

Mayor Lane: We are all in favor in adjournment, please indicate by aye. We are adjourned.
Thanks very much.