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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:06]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon everyone. Very nice to have you here for our Special Meeting. It is October 15, 2019, and it's approximately 3:30. I would like to call this meeting to order.

#### **ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:17]

Mayor Lane: I'll start with a roll call please.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Kathy Littlefield.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Virginia Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Linda Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Guy Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: And Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

Sherry Scott: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

Jeff Nichols: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

[Time: 00:00:40]

## **1. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND TASK FORCES INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS**

[Time: 00:00:42]

Mayor Lane: I will turn it over to our newly appointed Vice Mayor, Kathy Littlefield.

[Time: 00:00:52]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor. The Scottsdale City Council is responsible for establishing City policies and enacting laws in support of those policies. The Council relies on volunteer, citizen-based boards, and commissions to research issues and make recommendations in support of the Council's mission and goals. The information and recommendations provided by Council-appointed advisory boards is a valuable tool in helping Councilmembers in their deliberations. This afternoon, the City

Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on citizen advisory boards and commissions. I want to thank these individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service of this community. Following each set of interviews, we'll vote on the appointments for that board or commission. I'd like to remind our nominees that an orientation session will be held immediately following this meeting for those individuals that are appointed today. At the conclusion of this meeting, please gather by the City Clerk's office and a staff member will escort you to the orientation session.

As I call your name, please approach the podium and briefly cover the following: For the record, please state your name and address and how long you have lived in Scottsdale. Please tell us how your education, employment, or volunteer experience relates to this board or commission. What is the top issue facing this board or commission? Please limit your comments to two minutes or less. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's response, I'll ask Councilmembers if they have any questions.

#### AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:03:04]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Our first commission that we are going to be appointing tonight is the Airport Advisory Commission. It has three openings. 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. There are three vacancies and five nominees: John Berry, Rob Higby, Cory Little, Kevin Maxwell, and Sharon Urias. John Berry's term expired in September and is eligible for reappointment. Mr. Berry is unable to join us this afternoon but would still very much like to be reappointed to the commission. Next is Rob Higby. Mr. Higby, are you here tonight? He does not seem to be here. Next on the list is Cory Little. Mr. Little's term expired in September and he is eligible for reappointment.

[Time: 00:04:35]

Cory Little: Good afternoon Mayor and Councilmembers. I reside in Scottsdale and have been a Scottsdale resident since 2002. I'm here today seeking your support to serve a second term on the Airport Advisory Commission. For the past three years, I have served as a member, as a Vice Chairman and I'm currently the Chair of the Airport Advisory Commission for the remainder of 2019. In addition to my service, I have also served as a board member on the Thunderbird II's Veteran's Memorial Organization. This organization was instrumental in bringing recognition to the role of the airport as an important pilot training base during World War II. The memorial also serves as a tribute to all veterans and their contributions to our country. My involvement in aviation extends beyond the commission. My career in the business, the aviation field is with one of the largest aerospace companies headquartered in Phoenix. My job allows me to keep current on many of the same issues that impact the Scottsdale airport, and provide insights that positively impact the commission's role to advise the City Council on policy matters related to the operation of the airport, proposals for development, airport area land use and safety concerns.

With regard to the most important issues impacting the Airport Advisory Commission, I believe there are two that are interrelated. Number one is the recognition that Scottsdale Airport is one of the premier

business and general aviation airports in the world. It's great for this airport and the surrounding area, community because it continues to attract increased numbers of visitors, both individual and corporate, that provide positive economic to Scottsdale and the surrounding community. Number two, the continued development and increased population density in the area surrounding the airport. While development certainly provides positive economic impact to the Scottsdale Airport and the Phoenix area, the rising population and population density surrounding the airport and the increased number of landings and takeoffs at the airport will continue to be the primary cause of airport-related issues.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Your time is up. Thank you very much. Are there any questions? Hearing none, we'll move on to the next candidate. Mr. Kevin Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell's term expired in September and he is eligible for reappointment.

[Time: 00:07:27]

Kevin Maxwell: Thank you. I can't believe it has been three years since I stood before you and was given the honor to serve on the Airport Advisory Commission. It's been a wonderful experience for myself. I think that I have timed this perfectly because I came on board as we were building the airport business center. I think that's one of the crown jewels of Scottsdale. It has been my honor to bring the community out to the airport to see our new features. A couple of occasions I've hosted some events out there, brought some community groups out there to see the new business center and what it is all about. It has been a lot of fun to do that. It has been an honor to work with director Mascaro and his staff. They are topnotch, as you know, I don't need to tell you about how good of a staff they are. They are wonderful to work with and very well prepared and I think that the airport runs very smoothly. It has always been my honor to work with Chair Little and the other staff, the other commission members. Again, always well-prepared and I think they advise us very well.

The top issue for the airport always has been and will be in my concern is noise. The impact that noise has on our community is very important and it's a tricky issue and too complicated to talk about now. But I always make sure that our citizens who come down who are impacted by noise and make sure their voices are heard. Even though we always can't have the resolution they like to have to mitigate their noise concerns, it is important that we acknowledge their presence and voices and make sure that we listen to them and if there is something that we can do, we take action on that. I think that it is important that we continue to do that. As Chair Little has mentioned, density will continue to be an important issue that issue will go on. Briefly in my remaining time that I've had the opportunity to work with a couple of organizations that have been brought to my attention because of my service on the commission, Sky Kids is an organization and we are having our event in two weeks at the airport. I've been involved with that group, serving underprivileged kids giving airplane rides and I've also had the opportunity to work with Veterans Flyers, giving them adaptive equipment so that we can give veterans the opportunity to be pilots and fly. I look forward to serving if I'm given the honor. Thank you so much.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much. Are there any questions for this nominee? Moving on, our last nominee is Sharon Urias. Is Sharon here today? Okay, that concludes the nominees for this commission. There are three openings. Each Councilmember can vote for three nominees and we will start with Councilmember Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Thank you. I choose John Berry, Cory Little, and Kevin Maxwell.

Mayor Lane: My vote is for John Berry, Cory Little and Kevin Maxwell.

Councilwoman Klapp: John Berry, Cory Little, Kevin Maxwell.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Berry, Mr. Little and Mr. Maxwell.

Councilwoman Whitehead: John Berry, Cory Little and Kevin Maxwell.

Councilman Phillips: John Berry, Cory Little and Kevin Maxwell.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: I vote for the same and no additional. John Berry, Cory Little and John Maxwell have all been appointed. Thank you.

#### **BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD OF APPEALS**

[Time: 00:11:02]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: The next board is the Building Advisory Board of Appeals. There is one opening on this board. 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. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is Julian Anderson. Mr. Anderson is unavailable to join us this afternoon, however, he would still very much like to be considered for the position on the board. We have one vacancy and one nominee. Each Councilmember can vote once. We can begin with Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane: I will vote for Julian Anderson.

Councilwoman Klapp: Julian Anderson.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Julian Anderson.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Julian Anderson.

Councilman Phillips: Julian Anderson.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Julian Anderson.

Councilmember Korte: Julian Anderson.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: He has been appointed. Thank you.

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:12:12]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Next, we have the Transportation Commission. There is one opening for this commission. The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on matters related to Transportation. The commission considers transportation issues in the context of existing city ordinances and regulations, the policies and goals established in the city's General Plan, as well as State and Federal laws. There is one vacancy and two nominees. David Dubner withdrew his application from consideration. The nominees are Mary Ann Miller and Michael Penn. We can begin with Mary Ann Miller if she is here tonight.

[Time: 00:13:04]

Mary Ann Miller: Mayor Lane and members of the Council. I'm Mary Ann Miller. I have been involved in transportation since 1995 when I joined the Tempe Chamber, working with Tempe as they researched and passed a dedicated transit tax. During my 21 years there, 17 as CEO, I worked on finding regional transportation solutions primarily in the East Valley. I've been involved in freeway and airport issues, I have advocated for equitable federal transportation and infrastructure funding. I have chaired the Legislative Committee of Arizona Chamber Executives and I am the new chair of the Legislative Committee of WTS, Women's Transportation Seminar. I have been a member of numerous boards, commissions, city task force, and other committees. And I want to be involved in the City in which I live.

I currently work for HDR and Strategic Communications in their transportation business group. I think that the top issue facing the Transportation Commission is how to prioritize and adapt Scottsdale's transportation system for the changes in the community. Every day I drive down McDowell Road from Hayden to Galvin Parkway. It's a great road for going into and getting out of Phoenix, going into and out of Scottsdale. It worked really well when the car dealerships were there, but I wonder how happy the residents in the condos and the apartments are now living on the 7-lane Road and what the impact will be to them will be coming down. It's relatively easy to move goods and people. All you need to do is pave wider and wider roads, but that doesn't get to the issue of having and creating a livable community. As Scottsdale changes, we need to adapt the transportation system to change as well. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Any questions for this candidate?

Mayor Lane: Yes, just one Ms. Miller. Since you are currently employed with HDR, and they are the provider of light rail for our valley, do you see any inconsistency of potential conflicts of interest even in making recommendations to the Council?

Mary Ann Miller: I'm working on the Tempe streetcar project and helping businesses survive construction. Each community is different, and you certainly need to involve stakeholders and determine what is best for that community. I have supported mass transit since we started working on it in '95. So, that is what I bring. Having said that, I'm not going to fall on my sword for that in a city that does not want that. There are other ways to adapt the transportation system to move people without enlarging roads. Smart streets, creating different methods of getting people, whether it is bus rapid transit or the trolley system that we have in the neighborhoods, but it doesn't necessarily have to be light rail, although, personally, I would love that.

Mayor Lane: Thank you for that.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Any other questions? Next, we have Michael Penn.

[Time: 00:16:46]

Michael Penn: Thank you. Pretty tough act to follow. Geez, she has a long list. My name is Mike Penn and I have been here since 2012. My experience is nothing compared to that. What I have is real life experience having lived in Chicago for 25 years prior to moving back here to Scottsdale. I saw firsthand the effects that the transportation has on the society, neighborhoods, and economy throughout the City of Chicago, as well as here now. As I have seen this in action now. Transportation is taken for granted. When it works, it's great. When it doesn't work, they let you know about it. So, I wanted to put my name in there and see if I can help my city right now.

The biggest pressing issue that I see is growth. Not just growth of people moving here, but sustainable, achievable growth. Growth which takes into consideration the safety of its citizens, the health factors that come along with numerous more people driving on our roads. These are big issues and I don't have quite the experience that Mary Ann does, but I bring common sense and a fresh face and maybe a fresh perspective. This is my home as well. My kids are in the SUSD system, my place of work is off the 101 and Via de Ventura, and I kind of live in my little bubble here and I want to help out as well as I can too.

[Time: 00:18:31]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Any other questions? Hearing none. I do have one question here. I had a Carl Stine listed. Is he not a candidate? Thank you very much. That concludes our list of applicants for these positions and we will start the voting by the Council with Councilwoman Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Mary Ann Miller.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mary Ann Miller.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mary Ann Miller.

Councilman Phillips: What's the other one? Michael Penn.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Michael Penn.

Councilmember Korte: Mary Ann Miller.

Mayor Lane: Michael Penn.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Mary Ann Miller has been appointed. Thank you very much.

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:19:32]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Because I got the order of the commissions incorrectly, we will go back to our Human Relations Board. It is because I couldn't read my own notes and I apologize for that. 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. There are two vacancies and four nominees. The nominees are Muhammad Babur, Marty Day, Conay Huizar, and Jeffrie Story. We will begin with Muhammad Babur. Excuse me, I can't read my own writing.

[Time: 00:20:49]

Muhammad Babur: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to be here. I work at Mayo Clinic and I have been involved in diversity and cultural issue for the last 20 years. When I left my home, I was quite young. I lived in three continents and five countries. I strongly believe that diversity and cultural awareness is very important. I have been working at Mayo Clinic and part of the diversity committee. I have worked on many of the educational material that we clear for our patients that come from different countries and different religious and ethnic backgrounds to make sure they find it welcoming when they come to our hospital in the United States. Also, before I joined the Mayo Clinic, I was at NYU and part of the diversity communication plan. I used to write in the newspaper to bring more awareness to diversity and local ethnic issues.

I now live in Scottsdale and I have three kids that go to the Scottsdale school system. I think that we are living in a challenging time and I think that it is our job to learn how to communicate better and use diversity as strength. One thing that I have been working on is Artificial Intelligence and how can we use the technology to enhance our diversity in this community? My professor in New York used to tell me that if any city wants to progress, they need 3 T's. You need to have tolerance in the community. The tolerance will bring talent, once you have talent you will have the technology and you will prosper. I think that it is very important for our economic growth to make sure that we have a greater pool of talent in Scottsdale and grow economically. One of the challenges is to attract talent and we are competing globally and nationally with a lot of other cities. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much. Are there any questions? Seeing none. Thank you, sir. Next is Marty Day.

[Time: 00:23:28]

Marty Day: Good afternoon. My name is Martha, Marty Day. I have lived here for 24 years. How does my experience relate to this? I have been involved in the Council for International Visitors and Global Ties Arizona for 23 years. I believe my experience with these groups has given me an appreciation of diversity and understanding of all people. My family has entertained visitors from all over the world for 22 years. We have experienced the gift of having dinner with everyone, regardless of culture, religion, or country. And if you have ever had that experience, it is a gift.

What do I think is the top issue? I think that the top issue is how to communicate the importance of diversity and inclusion of all. We need to encourage a positive message to include and not divide.



Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much. Are there any questions? Seeing none, thank you very much. Next, we have Conay Huizar.

[Time: 00:24:59]

Conay Huizar: It is Conay Huizar. I have resided in Scottsdale for about 11 years. For the last 15 years I have volunteered in every capacity you can think of in schools. I've been Booster Club president. I have been the president of Schools at Basis Scottsdale, for Cheyenne Elementary and Anasazi, yes we have a lot of school choice here. I believe it was always my civic duty to make sure that I was involved with my community. With the kids at school, you bring people together in all capacities. After I retired my volunteering career, I created my own business and I have a consulting business and I work for the Phoenix Boys' Choir. The Phoenix Boys' Choir is one of the best advocates that we have for diversity. We travel to countries all over the world. For the last three years, I have had the privilege of traveling with them. We have visited China and twice to Europe and I've taken families alongside of me. I have done such a good job teaching people how to connect, my son has spent his fall break in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan and he just wanted to go there to learn about those cultures.

I think that the biggest challenge that we have, the word diversity means bringing many things to the table. Our biggest challenge is the temptation to stifle the voices. We are living in a climate where we want to allow the masses to disrupt the individual voice and because of their experiences and the things they have been through in life. So, we want to make sure that we give them that opportunity to speak up. So we want to protect the individual voice because that's how we learn about each other and how we grow. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Any questions? Thank you very much. And last, we have Ms. Jeffrie Story.

[Time: 00:27:11]

Jeffrie Story: My name is Jeffrie Story. I have lived in Scottsdale for 22 years. I'm especially glad to be a candidate for this commission because I'm passionate about diversity and I seek diversity in my life and in my work. While I don't have public service experience per se, I believe that my corporate experience in my career has given me the tools to do a good job. I was director of sales in a large corporation and I had up to 10 to 500 people reporting to me. It was a time for diversity and people were just waking up. So, I received a lot of diversity training, implemented that within my organization, as well as did conflict resolution and worked towards having more of a diverse organization. Another skill that I learned was how to lead, follow, and collaborate. And I had several cross functional teams that I was in charge of to accomplish a strategy. Glad to say that we got out of there without any casualties and everybody bonded, and we met our goals.

Another area is in being strategic as well as being tactical and analytical. So, whenever we did a strategy or tried to accomplish something, we were the ones to most likely succeed through the analytical and tactical at the same time. As far as the issues, I'm really impressed with what the Human Relations Commission has done so far. Where we have the most to grow that's the base of everything is more people to understand each other and realize, yes, we have differences, and we also have a lot of similarities. Once we have more of that base, I think that the other areas can follow whether it is in

hiring or working together. Oops. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much. Any questions? Thank you. We do have four candidates and two openings on this commission. I will start with Councilwoman Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Marty Day and Jeffrie Story.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Jeffrie Story and Conay Huizar.

Councilman Phillips: Marty Day and Conay Huizar.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: For myself, Marty Day and Conay Huizar.

Councilmember Korte: Marty Day and Jeffrie Story.

Mayor Lane: Marty Day and Conay Huizar.

Councilwoman Klapp: Marty Day and Conay Huizar.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Okay, Marty Day and Conay Huizar has been selected. Am I reading right? Yeah, has been appointed to this commission. So, thank you very much. Again, I apologize for getting the order wrong. If I could read my notes, I would do better.

#### VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

[Time: 00:31:01]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Okay, we have a brand-new commission that has just been opened for us. The Veterans Advisory Commission. This is new and will advise the City Council on veteran programs, policies and practices. I'd like to thank Councilman Phillips for initiating the discussion and creation of what will certainly be an important commission for our city. There are seven vacancies and 15 nominees. Jack Chase is unable to join us tonight but would very much like to be appointed to the commission and considered. Our first nominee is Vernon Bagley. Is he here tonight? Okay. Next is Ronald Cacini.

[Time: 00:32:29]

Ronald Cacini: Good afternoon. My name is Ron Cacini. I use the Italian pronunciation. My wife and I have been residents of Scottsdale for 22 years now. My professional background spans from various corporate positions to operating a small business owner. I'm currently a Realtor licensed in the State of Arizona and I have held that position for 17 years. I'm a Vietnam War veteran and served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970. My undergrad degree is in accounting, I have a post-graduate degree in finance. Most of my volunteer time has been with the Knights of Columbus. I've held numerous positions, to include State of Arizona Council chairmanship.

Any time we as a community can do something to make a veteran's life better, we should do it.

Depending on the mission established for this commission, and the scope of the overall goals, we as Scottsdale residents and leaders must make steps to ensure that no veteran lives or sleeps on the streets. We can act as a liaison with other veteran groups, business owners and the general public to assist in a number of different ways. Additionally, the achievements of the commission will serve our city well in that, we can define ourselves as a veteran sensitive community willing to pay these patriotic heroes back for their sacrifices. I look forward to serving the City of Scottsdale and as importantly, serving my fellow veterans.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much. Do we have any questions for this gentleman? Thank you. Next is William Chamberlain.

[Time: 00:35:04]

William Chamberlain: I'm better known as Bill. I have lived in Scottsdale for 52 years. My educational background if I follow this correctly is a 2-year degree from Los Angeles City College. However, prior to being drafted, I went to Professor Bentley's School of Accounting and Finance in Boston Massachusetts. Everyone that went to Bentley's wound up getting a CPA degree within their first attempt at all three parts of it. My interest in being with this group is that I am vice commander of the only Korean veterans' group in the City of Scottsdale. They call me the kid. I'm 87. The average age is over 90. We have been active throughout my membership within this group serving a number of veterans in a number of ways. Mostly financial. We have been able to go to various community activities and be looking for funds. We have actually received anywhere from \$3,000 to \$7,000 a year that we have passed out to various veteran's groups within the entire valley.

Part of my background is being one of the founders of the Arizona Medicaid program. Another part of my background has been serving this city. I have been a volunteer in at least a dozen activities from Mayor Drinkwater to Mayor Jenkins. And I sincerely trust as you look at my background as I have sent you the application that I would appreciate putting my volunteer pin on again. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Comments, questions? Thank you very much, sir. John Doering.

[Time: 00:37:41]

John Doering: Good afternoon Mayor and City Council. First and foremost, all the veterans here applying for this, thank you for your service. My name is John Doering. I'm a husband, a father, with a daughter in school in Scottsdale, and two additional sons who live in Scottsdale. I live in Wingate Ranch with my wife Kimberly and my daughter Carly. Professionally, I'm a Realtor with my home group in Scottsdale. I'm the founder of Scottsdale Living, a social media community group. I'm an ambassador for Mission 22, which is a suicide prevention group for veterans. I'm also a member of the American Legion, and an army veteran. I'm a former Rotarian and I spent 20 years as a board member of the YMCA. I want to talk about a few numbers that represent the issues that are facing this commission. 22 is the number of veterans that take their lives on a daily basis. 62,000 is the number of homeless veterans. 59% is the number of veterans that say they don't understand their veteran benefits. Sixteen thousand, seven hundred is the number of veterans living in Scottsdale. Two is the recent ranking by Wallet Hub as Scottsdale is the Number Two place for veterans to live.

My goal would be to work with other members of the commission, as well as the city staff, to develop a clear and concise program to better educate, serve our veteran community and present those options to City Council for consideration. There are literally thousands of organizations, groups, non-profits etc. support veterans throughout the U.S. and Arizona, and I see our goal as being a facilitator to bring those programs together for the veterans of Scottsdale. Through public events, word of mouth, social media, incorporating our vision into other city efforts, I think that we can immediately begin to serve and build on the mission and goals as directed by the Council. As an additional objective, I believe that you can continually develop and enhance the image of Scottsdale as a place for veterans to live. Veterans bring a great sense of community, loyalty and skills to any community they live in and I think the addition of more veterans would be fantastic for our city. Thank you for your time and have a great day.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Questions? Okay. Next is Don Ford.

[Time: 00:40:12]

Don Ford: Good afternoon Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council. My name is Don Ford and I have lived in Scottsdale for the past 20 years in two different locations with my wife and our precious 2 and 4-legged little girls and I reside in northeast Scottsdale in the Troon North area for the past 15 years. I'm confident that my upbringing and education, including higher education and my life experiences have endowed me with humane qualities such as compassion and empathy, which are essential for coping with many of the exigence of life. I credit my leadership qualities in large part to my years in the military active duty service in the United States Navy and the Marine Corp as well as employment in civilian life. My education and hands-on job training in the professional sense and my experience has allowed me to work firsthand with active duty military members while serving in active duty stationed at Balboa hospital in San Diego.

I also worked exclusively with veterans while serving as director of cardiovascular services at the Veteran's Hospital in La Jolla, California. Currently I volunteer my services with Farmer's Market, a program dedicated for veterans only. Also known as Diana Gregory's Fresh Market or Veggies for Vets. I do this 3 or 4 times a year. The next time is prior to Veteran's Day, November 6th at the VA hospital. Issues that I think are priority are Mental Health, homelessness, substance abuse and drug addiction. As a member of the VAC, I would along with other members seek out professionals that could assist us and guide us towards workable programs for Scottsdale vets, meet with the VA mental health experts and help us to resolve the epidemic of chronic homelessness for our veterans. I see many of the VA and other experts locally that would be willing to have a dialogue about substance abuse and drug addiction to our veterans. Finally, I say thank you and thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much, sir. Any questions? Thank you. Next is Michael Gannon.

[Time: 00:43:16]

Michael Gannon: Good evening Ms. Vice Mayor and members of Council. I have been a resident for approximately over 53 years. I have started my employment in the paramilitary type organization, the Scottsdale police department, where I eventually retired after 23½ years and went on for another ten odd years in other law enforcement agencies. I'm from a veteran family. Rumored my grandfather, although, he was not of this nation military. I'm an American Legion member and I'm currently the

finance officer for the sons.

I would like to return the favor to the City for the last 53½ years and I think that I can do that. I would like to help prioritize what this commission would have to do. Establish what the issues that are the Council and/or staff maybe aware of already. I think that I can bring a sort of calm perspective to that. Thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Are there any questions? Thank you very much, sir. Next, we have Blake Lindgren.

[Time: 00:45:09]

Blake Lindgren: Hello. My name is Blake Lindgren. I have lived in Scottsdale since 2019. I am a former active duty military member. Captain of the United States Air Force, but really facilitated by the two people who join me today. One is my sister, who is a combat veteran from Afghanistan. And then, my brother who is a special beret in the special group. I volunteer with organizations helping to transition military members to be able to apply for and get accepted to the colleges of their choice. I'm also very active as a member of my firm recruiting and bringing on military talent as they look to establish their second career in life.

I believe there are a few issues that are facing us as a community. Firstly, what Abraham Lincoln described, we have the opportunity to integrate local solutions to national policy. Things like establishing policies for homelessness and opioid addiction, etc. I think that we bring unique skill sets to bear. I want to be a part of a community that brings those people on. How do we attract the talent? And their services which are incredibly valuable to our community? How do we make this as what Wallet Hub described as number two city for veterans. Thank you for your participation.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Questions?

Councilmember Korte: Thank you. I have a question. I note that your current employment is head quartered in Pennsylvania?

Blake Lindgren: That is correct. It is the headquarters.

Councilmember Korte: Are you here?

Blake Lindgren: That's a remote environment for me. It has been incredibly conducive and allowed me to finally move back here. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Next is Marie Monroe.

[Time: 00:48:14]

Marie Monroe: Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to speak to you today. And I want to thank all of the veterans that have applied. It would be a joy to serve with you. I have lived in Scottsdale for 22 years. I grew up in a military family. My father fought in World War II and served 20

years in the United States Air Force. We have raised two boys here who have grown up to be fine young men. Our youngest son is a 5-time combat veteran who served 10-year in the United States Army. I have always held our veterans in high regard that have given back so much. With my own grassroots organization called Operation Hugs from Home, that sent care packages to deployed troops and worked with active duty service members, as well as veterans. I have served as a blue star mom and I have also volunteered with the American Legion Auxiliary. I have worked at ASU in the past as a success coach for active duty military and veteran online students and I have a degree from Grand Canyon University.

How can we best serve our veteran community? I believe that we need a military to civilian bridge program. I would suggest establishing a program, maybe calling it Scottsdale's Veterans In Transition Advocacy Liaison or VITAL. Let's face it, the military loves a good acronym. There are many issues facing our veterans. Suicide, depression, alienation, unemployment, under employment, drug abuse. But how do you pick just one? We need to face the root of it, which is the first 18 months transitioning back and involve corporations in the community as being vital partners with us. Thank you. I believe that Scottsdale can set the bar of honoring those that serve. And most importantly, think of all of the good that we could do for those that served. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Any questions? Thank you. Next, we have Peter Palmer.

[Time: 00:51:12]

Peter Palmer: Mayor Lane and Councilmembers, thanks for having me. I have been a resident here for over 10 years. My experience is I'm a United States military graduate. I have 32 years of military service, both enlisted and officer, including peace keeping and combat deployments. I'm experienced in commanding and managing large communities, both in the U.S. and overseas. I am 80% disabled, so I have experience with the VA care system. I have worked with the army on post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury and many of the issues brought up here. I have worked with ASU on veteran issues and other universities across the nation. I currently volunteer for three veteran-related non-profit boards and many organizations. I'm actively mentoring and transitioning vets with both formal and informal networking.

I know that we have addressed a lot of the issues that veterans can have. What I'm not sure on is what are the veteran issues in Scottsdale? Do we expand and get a better understanding of Scottsdale? I would also say that we need to be looking at the opportunities that the veterans provide to the community. I think there is opportunities, not just issues to solve. and thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Questions? Next is Gerald Palozie.

[Time: 00:53:29]

Gerald Palozie: Mr. Mayor and Mayor's workers. How are you? Thank you very much for having me here today. My name is Jerry Palozie. I have been here nearly 50 years. I want to thank the vets because I am one too. I was in Vietnam for two years. I am disabled. But anyway, I love this city and I want to make it better. I served on a committee and studied our water resources. I served for Mayor Drinkwater. I now want to serve Scottsdale and my fellow veterans.

I think that we can all agree that the main issue facing the nation is appalling, suicide rate. Yeah, it is bad. We must train our responders and others to better recognize at-risk veterans and direct them to the help they may need. As a combat veteran of Vietnam, I came home to just about all of the problems that came with return to a normal existence, including attempted suicide. I believe I'm uniquely qualified to relate to troubled veterans and I have a passion to save them. You guys are all, yeah. I grew daisies on 68<sup>th</sup> Street, the daisies are coming up again. I just want to let you know.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Thank you, sir. Any questions? Thank you. Next is Denise Pulk.

[Time: 00:56:05]

Denise Pulk: Good afternoon Mayor Lane and Councilmembers. I have happily lived in Scottsdale for close to 23 years. I'm a Navy veteran having only served on board submarine tenders. One ship ported in Italy and one home ported in Virginia. My family's military history is long and deep on my father's side going back to the Civil War. I volunteer with the Veteran's Heritage Project. My work with the Scottsdale Charros funds and impacts various local veterans' groups.

As shared in my application, there needs to be a greater recognition that today's veterans are varied in so many different ways. Age, military experiences, gender, race. I would like to see this commission act as a clearing house and a resource for veterans to get the best information and referrals on where to specifically go for guidance and help. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much. Any questions? Thank you very much. Next is Michael Ragole.

[Time: 00:47:57]

Michael Ragole: Thank you very much, Mayor, Councilmembers. My name is Mike Ragole, like bagel. It is the easiest way to remember that. I get it my whole life. I met Mayor Lane at one of the celebrations over at the Indian railroad activity and our buddy, Bob Parsons giving his tales, which were enjoyable. Again, I have been here four years. I have almost 21 years in the Navy. Eight as a naval aviator and the other years as a reserve. After that, I did 27 years working for various forms of Lockheed Martin and helping our veterans with aircraft, launch vehicles, and satellite systems. Education wise, I have a bachelor's in applied mathematics and an MBA in finance and marketing.

One of the things as an advocate that I have done before moving down were two activities in Colorado. One as a systems review engineer for the VA hospital that finally opened up there and testifying before the Colorado legislature to do a tax relief activity for active duty members and which did get passed and our active duty folks up there are not getting state income tax applied to them. And since I've been here, I have been elected as a Senior Vice Commander at Post 44, the largest post here in Scottsdale. My wife and I jointly work at the homeless activities at St. Vincent Paul at Sunnyslope, serving bi-monthly. The biggest issue, we've talked about, everyone, the one I see that hasn't been asked, what do we do to decipher what's the right way to go? We do that at in the American Legion. We look at the ideas, the issues or the points we're going to put time, money and talent, really help a veteran or their family, if they don't, we don't get into it. If they do, then it's the right thing to go do. Thank you for this commission. I think it is great.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you, sir. Questions? Okay. Next is Joel Stempil.

[Time: 01:00:50]

Joel Stempil: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Joel Stempil. I have lived here about 15 years this time. I have a BA in political science from the University of Richmond. I'm originally from Virginia. I have taken MBA courses at the University of Chicago. I was an officer in the army from 1963 to '69. I was in ROTC. I served in Germany from 1964 to 1966. I was responsible for over 200 troops. I was on the state board for vets here and we allocated for the Governor, I guess, about a million dollars to different veterans' groups. We had to review a lot of requests. I was a financial advisor for 40 years and a branch manager, which is the second hardest job outside of President of the United States.

I'm currently the commander of the Korean War veterans chapter here in Scottsdale. Bill is my vice commander. I believe that my experience has allowed me to be helpful to members. Based on my experience, many veterans that I have met are not fully aware of the benefits available to them, as well as not having great financial knowledge to help them to succeed and prepare for retirement. I think that it is incumbent for the board to aid the veterans in time of need. I believe that I can help the veterans of Scottsdale, Arizona. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you very much. Seeing no questions, we are going on to Steve Ziomek.

[Time: 01:03:21]

Steve Ziomek: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Steve Ziomek. I have been a resident of Scottsdale since 1982. I'm currently the Chair of the Veteran's Memorial. Something this body is familiar with. I did bring a picture if you can show that up there. TB2, as we call it and as you know, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the history of Scottsdale Airport and honoring all vets and providing an educational experience for our community. We did a lot of research on veteran organizations throughout the valley. What we have found is there are many, many veterans organizations, but as you know, it is a fragmented community.

There is not a single place that all of these veterans and veteran's organizations can go to for services and data and contact. In fact, most of these organizations don't even know about each other. It can be the focal point of all veteran services in the community. I'm not an unknown entity. This body appointed me to two terms of the Airport Advisory Commission and two of those six years, I was a Chair of that commission. You have also seen my drive with the development of the TBird II Veteran's Memorial and my commitment to the city. If you appoint me to this commission, you are going to see the drive, commitment and passion to all of the veterans. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Any questions? Thank you. That concludes the discussion and the talks. I don't know about the rest of you, but I marked 15 people that would be great on this commission. The initial terms for the commissioners, on this commission will be staggered terms; four 3-year terms, and three 2-year terms. The term length for each appointed commission member will be primarily determined by the number of votes received from City Councilmembers. In the event of a tie or ties in the number of votes, terms will be determined next by the alphabetical order of the appointed commission member's



last name.

I personally would like to thank each and every one of you for coming tonight and offering your service to us. Now I have a favor of the Council to ask, due to the high number of nominees and to accurately account for all of the votes. I ask that Councilmembers please state your choices clearly and slowly for the record. Each Councilmember can vote for seven nominees. Councilmember Whitehead, I'm going to pass you in order to let Guy Phillips start. Thank you.

Councilman Phillips: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I don't know if you know, I broke my foot and have been out of commission. I told my wife, I don't care, you are carrying me there tonight. Having a veteran's commission in Scottsdale is going to be historic. They are all good. You don't want to say no to anybody. We hope that you all come back. I'm very excited about this. I guess I will kick it off. First is William Chamberlain, Marie Monroe, Peter Palmer, Michael Ragole, Joel Stempil, and Steve Ziomek.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Is that six?

Councilman Phillips: So, you need one more. I will do Blake Lindgren.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Who?

Councilman Phillips: Blake Lindgren.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Thank you. Thank you. I would have John Doering, Don Ford, Marie Monroe, Peter Palmer, Denise Pulk, Michael Ragole and Joel Stempil.

[Time: 01:09:46]

Councilmember Korte: Heartfelt thank you for all of you taking your time to be a part of this inaugural commission. It means a lot to Scottsdale. Thank you. Michael Gannon, Blake Lindgren, Marie Monroe, you with me? Okay. Peter Palmer, Denise Pulk, Joel Stempil, Steve Ziomek.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Mayor?

Mayor Lane: My vote is for John Doering, Don Ford, Marie Monroe, Denise Pulk, John Ragole, Joel Stempil, and Steve Ziomek.

Councilwoman Klapp: My choices are William Chamberlain, Don Ford, Blake Lindgren, Marie Monroe, Peter Palmer, Denise Pulk, and Steve Ziomek.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ready? OK. William Chamberlain, Don Ford, Michael Gannon, Blake Lindgren, Marie Monroe, Peter Palmer, Denise Pulk.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Okay. I am going to vote for John Doering, Don Ford, Marie Monroe, Peter Palmer, Denise Pulk, Michael Ragole, and Joel Stempil.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: One moment for the tabulation. Also, just so all of you are aware, this is the last

appointment process this afternoon. I want to thank everyone again. I appreciate and I note that we are very, very fortunate in Scottsdale to receive such qualified applicants for the boards and commissions. This particular commission was the hardest one that I have ever had to do. I could have quite easily nominated each and every one of you. Please remember, even if you were not appointed tonight, your application will remain on file for one year for consideration at a future date, if there are additional vacancies. The City of Scottsdale is very lucky to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing and ready to serve for our City and for that, thank you to you all.

[Time: 01:13:39]

Management Assistant Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor, Councilmembers. Marie Monroe received seven votes. So, she is on the commission. Peter Palmer with six and Denise Pulk with six, Don Ford with five. We are going to have to a revote for those individuals that got four votes.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Who are they?

Rommel Cordova: John Doering, Blake Lindgren, Joel Stempil, and Steve Ziomek.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: And we have three remaining openings, correct?

Councilwoman Milhaven: I had Michael Ragole.

Rommel Cordova: Yes, and Mr. Ragole.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Can you repeat that one more time? How many votes?

Rommel Cordova: Yes, sorry. The individuals that need to, that were tied with four votes. Mr. Doering, Mr. Lindgren, Mr. Ragole, Mr. Stempil, and Mr. Ziomek. And you have three spots remaining.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Three openings?

Rommel Cordova: Correct.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Okay. Councilmember Korte, if you will begin.

Councilmember Korte: Mr. Lindgren, Mr. Stempil, and Mr. Ziomek.

Mayor Lane: Mr. Ragole, Joel Stempil, and Steve Ziomek.

Councilwoman Klapp: Blake Lindgren, Michael Ragole, and Steve Ziomek.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Blake Lindgren, Michael Ragole, and Joel Stempil.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mr. Doering, Mr. Ragole, and Mr. Stempil. Sorry.

Councilman Phillips: Okay, I have Mr. Doering, Steve Ziomek, and Michael Ragole.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Mr. Doering, Mr. Lindgren, and Mr. Ziomek.

Rommel Cordova: So, there is one spot left and we are going to have to vote again. That will be between Mr. Lindgren and Mr. Stempil.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Okay. Mayor Lane, would you like to start?

Mayor Lane: There's just two?

Councilwoman Klapp: Vote for one.

Mayor Lane: Okay. Joel Stempil.

Councilwoman Klapp: Blake Lindgren.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Blake Lindgren.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Joel Stempil.

Councilman Phillips: Umm, Joel Stempil.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Joel Stempil.

Councilmember Korte: Blake Lindgren.

[Time: 01:18:04]

Vice Mayor Littlefield: Okay. Joel Stempil has the last position. Thank you all. Again, thank you very much. Your names will remain on active record for this position for the next year. So, be aware that is there. And with that, I believe that our business is concluded for this meeting and I turn the meeting back to the Mayor. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Nicely done. And certainly, from all of us, really, we just want to thank everyone who applied. It was a fantastic field to have to select from. We appreciate everyone's enthusiasm for this subject. We all believe here at the Council this is an important subject and we are really thrilled it was embraced the way it was. Thank you all very much for your service and being here and serve again and the prospect. Thank you.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

[Time: 01:19:11]

Mayor Lane: That's bringing it back to our Special Meeting and that concludes our business for this Special Meeting. I would ask for a motion to adjourn.

Vice Mayor Littlefield: So moved.

Mayor Lane: Moved and seconded. All those in favor of adjourning indicate by "aye." Thank you so much. We will be back in ten minutes for our Regular Meeting.