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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:05]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to call to order the November 12th, 2014 City Council meeting and this is a Special Council Meeting and we will start with the roll call, please.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:12]

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Guy Phillips.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Virginia Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Bob Littlefield.

Councilman Littlefield: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Linda Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Dennis Robbins. Absent.

Carolyn Jagger: City Manager Fritz Behring. Absent. City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

Bruce Washburn: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

Jeff Nichols: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

ITEM 1 – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCES INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Lane: Thank you. The one and only item on our agenda for this Special Meeting is the Board, Commissions Interview and Appointment Process. I will turn it over to the Vice Mayor.

[Time: 00:00:52]

Vice Mayor Phillips: We are interviewing people interested on serving of the six advisory boards. We want to thank people for their willingness to serve and service to the community. Your time is very much appreciated. We will vote on the appointments for that commission. As I call your name come to the podium. Please share your name, your address, how long you have lived in Scottsdale, why you want to serve on the board or commission and how do your experiences, whether they be educational, professional, volunteer, qualify you to serve on that commission and what do you think is the top issue facing your commission. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's response, I will ask Councilmembers if they have any questions.

Board of Adjustment

[Time: 00:01:48]

Vice Mayor Phillips: So the first one we have is the Board of Adjustment, Mr. Alper Adli. I'm not sure he's here. So I think we'll hold that to last and see from there how that goes.

Environmental Quality Advisory Board

[Time: 00:02:02]

Vice Mayor Phillips: So the next one is the Environmental Quality Advisory Board. There's two openings, Environmental Quality Advisory Board provides guidance on the prioritization of future environmental activities and recommends environmental policies to the City Council. There are two vacancies but one nominee. The nominee is Michel Hulst. Is he here? Come to the podium.

[Time: 00:02:32]

Michael Hulst: Okay. My name is Michel Hulst, I have been nominated by Floyd Marsh. My address is 14184 North 90th Place, Scottsdale. I have been a resident of Scottsdale since 1992/93, when I briefly went crazy and left Scottsdale for about a year but then quickly came back. Why do I want to serve on this board or this commission? I have been in the environmental, water quality industry for over 20 years, and I have lived in Scottsdale most of my professional career. I have always wanted to give back, and I saw that this is an opportunity to be able to give back. I serve on other boards and I serve in other capacities in my industry. I'm the president of the Arizona Hydrological Society, where we do a lot of outreach and water education. I'm also environmental consultant. So I do a lot of work with U.S.T. commission. I do a lot of work on soil, groundwater, air quality-type issues. So I'm routinely involved in that on a day in, day out basis. You know, just some more of my experience, I put together different outreach programs for the general folks explaining water issues. We have done program outreach for schools where we have done the sand tank model where you have a sand tank and pump contaminants in one end and see how it affects your water quality.

We have had a real good program where we have done an annual symposium, where we have invited everyone from the state, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the Arizona Department of Water Resources, and municipalities and general folks as with to participate. The top issues that I think that are facing the board, although I have not been intimately involved with the goings on of the board, but briefly looking at some of the topics here recently, you have got certainly some water quality issues. You know, there's the salinity issue. There's also subsidence issues relative to water quality around the canals. And then you also have the development and the ability to provide safe, clean drinking water for the citizens of Scottsdale. I think that's about all I have to say.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you. Does the Council have any questions? Okay. I guess we will start with the, we'll start with Mr. Robbins. He's not here. We will start with Councilmember Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Hulst.

Councilwoman Klapp: Michael Hulst.

Mayor Lane: Michael Hulst.

Councilman Littlefield: Hulst.

Councilmember Korte: Mr. Hulst.

Vice Mayor Phillips: And Mr. Hulst. So congratulations, Mr. Hulst, it's unanimous for the board.

Board of Adjustment

[Time: 00:06:10]

Management Assistant to the Mayor Rachel Smetana: Vice Mayor, members of Council, sorry to interrupt. We do have our Board of Adjustment candidate here.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Okay. We can go back to that. So Mr. Alper Adli.

[Time: 00:06:31]

M. Alper Adli: Good afternoon, Alper Adli, I live in north Scottsdale. I would like to serve on the board because I believe my education and my experience make me a good qualified candidate and serve my community. My experience, I have been working for a real estate development firms for a while. My current employer is out in the City of Goodyear. My main field is in finance, but I get involved in different areas of business, land sales, homeowners association board. I serve as president. I also worked on our entitlement efforts in a project that we have in Denver, Douglas County. I worked on gaining residential zoning on commercial property. So I have those experiences. In terms of top issues, I, first, my philosophy is being prepared and knowledgeable and I have the information necessary to make the best decisions possible. So that's how I approach any issues or matters in front of me. I would be happy to answer your questions.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Okay. Does the Council have any questions? Mr. Adli, can you please share your address and how long you have been in Scottsdale?

M. Alper Adli: Just over three years. Address is 14364 East Geronimo Road, Scottsdale.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you very much. So we'll start with Councilmember Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Alper Adli.

Mayor Lane: Mr. Adli.

Councilman Littlefield: Adli.

Councilmember Korte: Mr. Adli.

Vice Mayor Phillips: And Adli.

Councilwoman Milhaven: And Adli.

Vice Mayor Phillips: So congratulations.

Industrial Development Authority

[Time: 00:08:48]

Vice Mayor Phillips: Next is the Industrial Development Authority, there's one opening. The main function of the board is to issue tax exempt bonds for certain types of private developments for the purpose of attracting new economic opportunity to the community. There's one vacancy and three nominees. They are Jessica Amrine, Tim Stratton and Paul Watkins. Paul Watkins is unable to attend but wishes to remain a nominee. So is Ms. Amrine here?

[Time: 00:09:25]

Jessica Amrine: Good afternoon, my name is Jessica Amrine. Sorry, I'm really loud. So I don't need to get too close. I lived in Scottsdale since February of 2011. I'm an Arizona native. I live at 8555 E. Camelback Road. Why do I want to sit on this board? I have been a banker since I was a teller in Apache Junction in high school. And I always loved finance and I have been a commercial real estate lender in the last 10 years and this marries both of what I love to do. Very interested in the kind of public sector as well. I have always worked for the private sector. So I'm excited to get to serve the public a little more. My husband has been a public servant for the City of Scottsdale for 12 years. So I'm excited to help in that.

Experiences, because I have been a commercial lender and a real estate lender. I have been a lender through the downturn and I got to see a lot of projects that worked and a lot of projects that didn't work and why they worked. I have dealt with a lot of nonprofits and businesses. So I feel that all of that will help me from a different perspective from an attorney or a developer. I can also see the viable financeable type projects. The biggest problem I actually recently participated on a fig board for the city of Scottsdale which is focused on getting people to live here and everybody stay within the City of Scottsdale. So I think as we come out of this recession, that there's going to be, you know, you are spending people's money. You are under a microscope and because I do understand how projects works and what works and where they should be appropriately put to use and what can help attract and keep people here, I think that will be the biggest problem on deciding what projects to move forward with. That's it.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Okay. Thank you. Does Council have any questions? Okay. Thank you very much. Mr. Stratton here?

[Time 00:11:27]

Tim Stratton: Good afternoon, Mayor and members of City Council. My name is Tim Stratton. I live at 16879 North 97th Place in Scottsdale. We have lived here, my wife and three children, now coming up on about four years and 7 months and we are proud to call Scottsdale our home. Specifically, my interest in the Industrial Development Authority, it comes through some of my professional experiences and my background. I'm a public finance bond attorney, although I work on the governmental side of things, not on the 501(c)(3) in the industrial revenue bond side but I do have

a federal tax background, and I do have a development background which, again, will assist me in working on the board. I think that the Industrial Development Authority could be and is, but it could be enhanced and be a major tool in Scottsdale's arsenal for economic development.

As Council knows and understands the Industrial Development Authority, it's a conduit issuer that issues bonds on behalf of the city of Scottsdale who has the authority to lend, if you will, its tax exempt status to some of these projects. It's a cheap, inexpensive way for the city to encourage small businesses and not-for-profits to both remain in Scottsdale, grow, and to attract new businesses to the city as well. At zero cost to the city. Because as you know, all of the financing responsibility is passed on to the borrower. So the city is not on the hook from a financial standpoint. I see the biggest challenge going forward as being that of marketing in some respects, getting the word out that this type of financing tool exists for our not-for-profits and small businesses, manufacturing facilities, those sorts of interests. Because what I found through working with some of the associations that are out there, such as the CDFA which is actually being hosted in Scottsdale, which is a conference of community development finance associations from all over the country, one of the biggest challenges not just facing Scottsdale but everywhere is making small businesses and eligible borrowers aware of the programs that are offered. Again, this is subsidized by the federal government, it doesn't cost the Scottsdale coffers or taxpayers a dime. And so I think going around and maybe elevating the profile of the Scottsdale I.D.A., of course, we have done some healthcare deals in the past and those sorts of things but I want to see that expanded into some other areas.

[Time: 00:14:24]

Vice Mayor Phillips: Okay. Thank you. Council, do you have any questions? Nope. Thank you very much.

Tim Stratton: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Well, I will start the voting with Mayor Lane. You can still vote for him. He wishes to remain a nominee.

Mayor Lane: Tim Stratton.

Councilman Littlefield: Jessicah Amrine.

Councilmember Korte: Tim Stratton.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Tim Stratton.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Amrine.

Councilwoman Klapp: Tim Stratton.

Vice Mayor Phillips: So I guess Tim Stratton, correct? Congratulations. Thank you.

Neighborhood Advisory Commission

[Time: 00:15:24]

Mayor Lane: Next is the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. There's one opening. The Neighborhood Advisory Commission advises the City Council regarding implementation of programs that prevent the decline in the deterioration of neighborhoods. There's one nominee and the nominee is Jennifer Fabiano.

[Time: 00:15:48]

Jennifer Fabiano: Good afternoon. I'm Jennifer Fabiano I live at 10541 Wethersfield Road in Scottsdale. I have lived here for 38 years. Basically grew up here. Transplanted from the Midwest. My husband and I raised a family here. We own two businesses. I'm a real estate broker, and we own a marketing firm. I think I have a good handle on what takes to thrive Scottsdale and I would like to share my time and talents to help neighborhoods prosper and grow. When I saw an opening for this commission, that's where I see my strengths would lie. I see one of the top issues is not a lot of people know this commission exists and I would like to see raising awareness of that for neighborhoods to take advantage of all the ways they can continue to help their neighborhoods. Case in point, a few weeks ago I received a postcard from the City of Scottsdale Water Conservation Department to ask if I wanted a free assessment. Well, our water usage has been going up. I didn't even know this assessment was available, until I got this postcard in the mail and looked at it with my husband and went, wow. I really want to talk to this guy. I had an appointment and gave me great ideas. All because I was a Scottsdale resident, I was able to take part in that. I had no idea it existed. I think our Neighborhood Advisory Commission suffers from the same lack of awareness and how it can help our neighborhoods grow.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you. Any questions? We'll start the voting with Councilman Littlefield.

Councilman Littlefield: Giving her a break. Ms. Fabiano.

Councilmember Korte: Ms. Fabiano.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Ms. Fabiano.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ms. Fabiano.

Councilwoman Klapp: Jennifer Fabiano.

Mayor Lane: Ms. Fabiano.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Congratulations.

Personnel Board

[Time: 00:17:53]

Vice Mayor Phillips: Next is the Personnel Board, there's one opening. The Personnel Board hears appeals submitted by city employees related to the dismissal, demotion or suspensions and submits its recommendations to the City Manager. Stacy Gabriel withdrew her nomination earlier today. There's one remaining nominee and that's Steve Guttell.

[Time: 00:18:13]

Steven Guttell: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, Councilmembers, I'm Steven Guttell. I live at 9207 North 83rd Way, 85258. I have been a resident of Scottsdale since 1981, 33 years. The reason why I want to serve on the Personnel Board is to give back to my community and I think I can do a pretty good job given my background. I'm familiar with personnel matters. I spent 40 years as an attorney doing employment and labor matters. Prior to that, during my practice, I have been a manager, supervisor, and I have worked in an assistant administrative office at a large university. I have been a judge Pro Tem. I'm now a full-time neutral employment hearing master, with the Financial Regulatory Authority.

A number of items I have are employment matters. I have been doing hearings when the state had the financial issues a couple of years ago. I have done them there. I have been a hearing officer for some municipalities. I currently have one pending in a school district. As to what challenges I see, I'm not aware of any challenges on the Personnel Board but I think the objective of the Personnel Board, particularly here where it gives recommendations to the City Manager is to show fairness. I think that if there's fairness showed throughout the employment situation, it boosts employee morale. It results in better decision making by the managers and the employees. My background is arbitrations and mediations and that's an objective I have. I also teach ethics, professional responsibility in employment matters and you can see my resume. It gives a little bit more extensive information. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you. Any questions? Okay. We will start the voting with Councilmember Korte.

Councilmember Korte: I will let Rachel get up there. So I nominate Mr. Guttell.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Mr. Guttell.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Guttell.

Councilwoman Klapp: Steven Guttell.

Mayor Lane: Mr. Guttell.

Councilman Littlefield: Mr. Guttell.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Congratulations, Mr. Guttell.

Transportation Commission

[Time: 00:20:57]

Vice Mayor Phillips: And last Transportation Commission, there's one opening. Transportation Commission is an advisory board to the City Council on matters related to transportation. There's one vacancy and one nominee. Robert Stickles is unable to attend today but submitted a letter stating his interest in serving another term. So I can call for a vote and I guess we'll start with myself. And I nominate Robert stickles.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Stickles.

Councilwoman Klapp: Robert stickles.

Mayor Lane: Mr. Stickles.

Councilman Littlefield: Stickles.

Councilmember Korte: Stickles.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Okay. Mr. Stickles has been appointed. And that concludes our interview and appointment process for this afternoon. Thanks to everyone that interviewed today, and I will turn the meeting back over to the Mayor.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor. And congratulations to all of those who have been appointed. And thanks to all of those who have applied for applying and continuing on that quest in the future, I hope. That does complete our only item on the agenda for this special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:21:56]

Mayor Lane: So with that business being completed, I call for a motion to adjourn. Moved and seconded. All of those in favor of adjournment, please indicate by aye. We are adjourned. Thank you very much.