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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:02]

Mayor Ortega: I called the October 18th, 2022, City Council special meeting to order. City Clerk Ben Lane, will you please conduct the roll call?

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:15]

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

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Tom Durham.

Vice Mayor Durham: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilmember Caputi: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilmember Janik: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Linda Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Solange Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

Sherry Scott: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

Sonia Andrews: Here.

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

[Time: 00:00:37]

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. The purpose of this meeting relates to boards and commissions. This afternoon, the City Council will be making nominations for one Scottsdale commission and appointing individuals to five boards and commissions. I will now turn the meeting over to the Vice Mayor Durham to begin the process.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mayor. 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 research issues and make recommendations in support of the Council's mission and goals.

The information and recommendations provided by counsel appointed advisory boards are a valuable tool in helping Council members in their deliberations. This afternoon, the City Council will be nominating Scottsdale residents interested in serving on the Airport advisory commission as well as appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on various boards and commissions. I want to thank the individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time and service to the community. We will begin today with that nominations for the Airport advisory commission.

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. Ric Milburn resigned in June and the terms for John Perry expire in October and both are ineligible for the point. There are three vacancies and seven applicants.

The applicants are Gregory Cohen, Michael Good, Fred Mednick, Robert Mittelstaedt, David Reed, John Spalj and Carl Stein. I will now entertain nominations for the Airport advisory commission. Each a councilmember can nominate three applicants. I will start with Councilmember Caputi.

Councilmember Caputi: Michael Good, Robert Mittelstaedt, David Reed

Vice Mayor Durham; Councilmember Whitehead?

Councilmember Whitehead: Gregory Cohen, David Reed, Carl Stein.

Councilmember Milhaven: No additional.

Mayor Ortega: No additional.

Councilmember Littlefield: Gregory Cohen, Michael good, Fred Mednick.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilwoman Janik?

Councilmember Janik: No additional.

Vice Mayor Durham: I will nominate Robert Milstead, David Reed, and John Spalj

Mayor Ortega: That is everybody.

[Time: 00:03:52]

Vice Mayor Durham: All right. We have seven nominations. Gregory Cohen, Michael Good, Fred Mednick, Robert Mittelstaedt, David Reed, John Spalj and Carl Stein have been nominated. This concludes our nomination process for the Airport advisory commission. Appointments for these positions will be made at a special City Council meeting Tuesday, October 25th, 2022.

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 the Airport advisory commission. All members were nominated. All of the applications will remain on file for one year for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies.

We will now begin the process for board and commission appointments. We will begin now or schedule board commission interviews and appointments. Following the interviews, we will vote on an appointment for the board or commission. As I call it what name, please approach the podium and bravely cover the following -- briefly covered 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 or volunteer experience relates to this board or commission and also address 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 will ask Council members if they have any follow-up questions.

The first group we have is the Board of adjustment. The board of adjustment is a quasi judicial body that hears variance' request and interpretive decisions and decides on administrative decisions for zoning requirements. Which create unnecessary hardships in the development of property because of exceptional or extraordinary conditions. There's one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are Travis Garcia and Justin Laos. I would ask Mr. Garcia to step forward.

Travis Garcia: My name is Travis Garcia and my address is 6599 East Thomas Apartment 1147 Scottsdale, Arizona, 85251. Have been in Scottsdale now for 2 years and I plan on hopefully acquiring a house in the next three to four months and staying here for a while. In terms of help my education or current employment applies to this board, I attended the University of California Berkeley. I was prelaw. I exercise I would say fair judgment and listening to people not only at work but as -- in some of the, media service I have done over over the years.

I just hope to serve the city, having been out here and it is kind of weird for me not doing something involved with the committee, having moved a couple years back obviously with COVID. To find something to do here got my new home and I think the top issue facing the board of commission is ensuring that we are focused on what is going on with zoning, keeping the community clean and safe and making fair decisions as well as decisions that coincide with what the mission of the board is. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Garcia. You can step down. And now we will hear from Justin Laos.

[Time: 00:08:38]

Justin Laos: Pleasure to be here. My name is Justin Laos and I live at North Scottsdale Road. And I have been up in Scottsdale now for 6 years. Actually sixth generation Arizona. Originally from Tucson and love the city and I think it is the embodiment of the state and with my employment, I work as a software engineer and also business is based out of Scottsdale. I worked for various started their knees in the city. Been a great experience being with those companies. Being here and employing local.

Other volunteer things that I do, I'm active in Big Brothers big sisters. I have a little brother I have been with for about three years now. But also active in local Rotary club and so we do various activities throughout the city and throughout the greater Phoenix area of committee service and when it comes to the board adjustments, I find it interesting as in providing that sort of oversight and logical thinking to bring to those complex appeals to the code but I find working in software is something I just like to do and I like to look in, seat with the thought process were what the leadership from the board is and apply those in a reasonable way and practical way. And bring in, I think, a young to the board my help and yeah, I'm very excited for it. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Laos. I will now entertain a vote for the board of adjustment. Each councilmember can vote for one nominee and I will start with myself. I will vote for Mr. Laos. Councilmember Janik?

Councilmember Janik: Mr. Laos.

Councilmember Littlefield: Mr. Laos.

Mayor Ortega: Justin Laos.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Garcia.

Councilmember Whitehead: Justin Laos.

Councilmember Caputi: Justin Laos.

Vice Mayor Durham: Mr. Laos has been appointed.

[Time: 00:11:16]

The building advisory board of appeals has the jurisdiction to recommend that minor variances in the electrical plumbing and mechanical application of the building codes be granted in that alternative construction methods of materials be allowed. There's one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is Julian Anderson. His term expires and he is eligible for reappointment. Mr. Anderson here? Please step forward.

Julian Anderson: Good afternoon, Mayor, councilmembers. Thanks for the opportunity to be here. My name is Julian Anderson. I live in Scottsdale. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 24 years. I currently serve on the building advisory board of appeals in the capacity as vice chair. Education employment and other activities, I volunteer in the building advisory board of appeals.

I serve as president of the homeowners Association and also on the chair and architectural review committee. How am I qualified? I have 27 years of experience in the construction industry. I have qualification. I have qualified in the United States, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom. In addition, I am the company's qualifying party for the general contractors license in Arizona and Nevada. So I think I am qualified for this position.

Issues facing the board. Actually, I don't know that the building advisory board of appeals has any real issues. However, I would suggest that there are three things that could be done that we improve the board and its operation in the coming years. First, there is a considerable evolution in the building codes and they happen on a rotational basis. The way works with the board is the board reviews the codes every three years and gets delivered these changes.

I think it would be better if the Board got regular briefings on changes in the code as the time went on so that was up to date and did not get -- Second, there is a lack of discourse between the building advisory board of appeals and some of the other boards particular Lee with which it ends up contracting and so I would think that a regular into communication between the building advisory board of appeals and discuss still environmental advisory commission would be a good thing and should be able to be done.

Third, the board has a high turnover and I think providing more interactive, that could improve the high turnover. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Anderson. I will now entertain a vote for the building advisory board of appeals. I will start with Councilmember Caputi.

Councilmember Caputi: Julian Anderson.

Councilmember Whitehead: I like that suggestions, Julian Anderson.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Anderson.

Mayor Ortega: Julian Anderson.

Councilmember Littlefield: Mr. Anderson.

Councilmember Janik: Julian Anderson.

Vice Mayor Durham: Julian Anderson. Mr. Anderson has been appointed.

[Time: 00:15:06]

Next we have two openings on the human relations commission. Documents 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 five nominees. The nominees are Tina Drews, Matthew Keen, Marcie Lapine, Cynthia Romanello, and Marietta Strano. I will begin with Tina Drews. Please step forward.

Tina Drews: Good afternoon, Mayor and Council. My name is Dr. Tina Drews. I am a resident of Scottsdale.

Vice Mayor Durham: Could you move a little closer to the mic? Thank you.

Tina Drews: I have lived here 11 is, but grew up here from the age of 7 to 18. I have returned to the home city. My address is 10635 East Gold dust Avenue. Scottsdale, 85258. My education employment and history most of my life has been focused around issues of equity and inclusion.

I started my career as a middle school educator in the Creighton school district downtown Phoenix as an advocate for English link which learners within my custom and the community. I served as a community advocate teaching English as a second language after school hours through the community education program. And throughout my time as an educator, I wanted to continue with that work. And actually went on to achieve a doctorate in education curriculum and instruction.

I work for Salt River Project and I am the director of talent development at SRP. SRPD's long-standing institution within our state and we do not have a DI or diversity equity and inclusion Department within our organization. Over 5,000 employees. I saw this as a gap worked with our board and our executive leadership and established that department at SRP. It is now fully resourced and we have many strategic initiatives.

At SRP that are focused around diversity, equity, and inclusion. I seek one of the biggest issues facing the commission is a lack of civil discourse about these topics. If we look at the work of the Center for the future of Arizona and the areas and it week Monica we find that most Arizonans agree on things like fairness, equity, high-quality education. If we concentric about those things that we agree on, I think we can really move this work forward for the city. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you Miss Drews. Our next nominee is Matthew Keen.

Matthew Keen: Hello, everyone. My name is Matthew Keen. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for roughly 25 years got born and raised here. Currently live at 11222 East Mercer Lane Scottsdale, Arizona, 85259. How my

education employment volunteer experience relates to this commission, I'm currently in operations manager, managing roughly 400 employees. I have been doing this for about ten years now.

I currently lead a lot of the diversity and inclusivity programs within that department as well as in previous work experiences leading hiring plans for more inclusive and diverse teams. For volunteer, I am currently the president of my Homeowners Association in Chula Vista in North Scottsdale. I have been serving on that association for 2 years now. Which opens me up to relating what with the public. And being able to talk on these diverse challenges that we have in our neighborhood as we tried to broaden our outreach in our community.

The top issues facing the board right now I think the big opportunity is youth education. A product of the Scottsdale. School education. And I think that a lot of the stuff that I was missing growing up through that, I could have been taught or have been a part of. This commission puts on events and how we can include the public school system to help run these programs and provide more ideas as the youth I believe is very open and excited to be more diverse as we have seen with newer generations. Thanks.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Lapine. Or Mr. Keene, I'm sorry. Our next nominee is Marcy Lapine.

[Time: 00:20:46]

Marcy LaPine: Good afternoon, I'm Marcy Lapine and I live at 27351 North 92nd Street in Scottsdale, Arizona. Known as section 31. And I have lived here for a little over 11 years now. In this beautiful city. I'm an associate professor at Arizona State University and I'm in the school of business there. I teach courses and I do research in the area of human resources and organizational behavior. Focusing on topics like leadership, teams, diversity and stress. And I do my research interest areas as well.

And I am also the member of the DEIA assembly at my school and what I see is the biggest issue is for the human relations commission is building resilience through D.E.I. efforts and in terms of building this resilience, I see an opportunity to build multi-team systems.

What these multi-team systems are our connected networks of individuals that before have been disconnected from each other and forming those relationships and those bonds and gaining innovative ideas. One simple way that I thought perhaps this might be possible is through creating videos. Some of our organizations or business leaders who have created some of these D.E.I. projects and led initiatives and sharing that information with others perhaps on a website or perhaps through social media to get that information out and again to share that information.

So for me as an educator, this would be really valuable to me I could bring these businesses and groups into my classroom. I could share what their best practices, maybe some of their struggles as well as what they are doing. So what I see is through these networks that we can become stronger and more resilient. So if selected to the sport, I would do all Mike -- all that I can to -- to promote the voice and the engagement of all of our people and to build a custom for all. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Ms. Lapine. And next nominee is Cynthia Romanello.

Cynthia Romanello: Good afternoon. I live at 12710 North 102nd Street in Scottsdale. 85260. I have lived here since 2005. Professionally, I have been a long-term financial adviser on her sleep 30 years, very long time. And I

work with the same company but in the last event is, I have spent a lot of time broadening my interest in the community.

So I have not been involved locally here in a couple of boards at my children's school. I have three children who have graduated from Scottsdale schools. I have also worked on the board at those schools. I've worked in some nonprofits and most recently I volunteered with rescue.org. One of the main things that I do is a side gig at my job is I spend a lot of time in our women's leadership group. So our women's leadership group is 10,000 people.

My division is called branch remote and we have more than 2,000 members and I spent a lot of time across multiple employee resource groups understanding what our members need and what they need to do to be involved in their communities and be inclusive.

I think one of the main things that we have at a large company that I work with that is so important and what that human relations Board is focusing on is just educating the public. So what is the information? What is it important to be inclusive and what that can do for you and how to organize your previous biases. So, you know, my goal here is really to become more involved in our community and take the information that I have gleaned from working at a very large company to our community. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. The next nominee is Marietta Strano.

[Time: 00:25:53]

Marietta Trento: Thank you. I am Marietta Trento and I reside in South Scottsdale. Excuse me. My address is in your profile. If you and I had had a conversation 40 years ago, I would have probably told you that the Valley was the least likely place I thought I would be. High school students from Japan came to press kit, where I lived. I coordinated a language in cultural immersion program. As a teacher could never ask your students to do anything you are not willing to do. And that premise took me to Wuhan, China and then to Mongolia.

Returning to of the U.S. in 2011, after teaching five years overseas, I found a place with a reasonable cost of living, a familiar environment, access to public transportation, and left without a car and possibilities. Imagine Scottsdale. HRSA they's libraries will come those who speak other languages from around the globe including Turkey, China, Colombia, Jordan, Ukraine. We assist them in adapting to a new culture. And this is where you will find me each week at civic library facilitating conversation and probing our students interest.

Stepping back in time with my grandparents arrived from Italy at the gates of Ellis Island, never having heard them speak English they struggled to adapt. To adapt includes meeting locals, finding a sense of place and knowing a community. My knowing Scottsdale includes having attended all of our citizens academies, government and when I have -- would have -- what I have learned in these academies are bring back to my students. Excuse me.

I was raised in Philadelphia, educated by life's experience, acquired a few college degrees and lived in -- and taught in Kansas and overseas and places where I never imagined I would be at where I have done the most. If offered to serve on this commission, I will contribute while I have does what I have reaped from these experiences and take my leadership skills in a new direction. It seems to me what we are faced with is how do we give access in what we Scottsdale, offers? Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Miss Strano. I will entertain a vote. Each councilmember can vote for the two nominees. But we are going to start with Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Dr. Tina Drews and Matthew Keen.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember. Councilmember Milhaven. Yes.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Drews -- Ms. Drews and Mr. Keene.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Whitehead?

Councilmember Whitehead: Miss Drews and miss Strano.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Caputi?

Councilmember Caputi: Tina Drews and Cynthia.

Vice Mayor Durham: And I would vote for Ms. Lapine and Cynthia Romanello. Councilmember Janik.

Councilmember Janik: Tina Drews and Matthew Keen

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Littlefield?

Councilmember Littlefield: Marcy Lapine and Marietta Strano.

Vice Mayor Durham: So Tina Drews and Matthew Keen have been appointed. Do I have that right, Rommel?

Rommel Cordova: Yes, miss Drews was appointed but we will have to vote again for the other position.

Vice Mayor Durham: All right but then these are the remaining nominees. All right. We will start with the Mayor again.

Mayor Ortega: Matthew Keen.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Littlefield?

Councilmember Littlefield: Marietta Strano.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Janik?

Councilmember Janik: Matthew Keen.

Vice Mayor Durham: Marcy Lapine.

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Councilmember Caputi: Cynthia Romanello.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Whitehead?

Councilmember Whitehead: Marietta Strano.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Milhaven?

Councilmember Milhaven: Matthew Keen.

Vice Mayor Durham: All right. So Mr. Keene has been appointed.

Rommel Cordova: No, what we can do here -- we can clear the board and we will have the -- one more round.

Vice Mayor Durham: Oh.

Rommel Cordova: If you can vote again.

Vice Mayor Durham: All right. I will start. Marietta Strano.

[Time: 00:31:29]

Councilmember Janik: Matthew Keen.

Councilmember Littlefield: Marietta Strano.

Mayor Ortega: Matthew Keen.

Councilmember Milhaven: Matthew Keen.

Councilmember Whitehead: Marietta Strano.

Councilmember Caputi: Matthew Keen.

Vice Mayor Durham: Mr. Keene has been appointed. Thank you. Next, we will move on to the transportation commission. There are two openings there.

The transportation commission advises the City Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient movement of the vehicles, transit, pedestrians, and bicycles. The commission provides a public forum to hear a citizen complaints and requests regarding transportation matters. There are two vacancies and three nominees. The nominees are Emmie Cardella, Robert Marmon, Mary Ann Miller. Miss Miller's term expires this month and she is eligible for reappointment.

She is unable to join us but would like to be appointed and she submitted written correspondence for council review prior to today's meeting. So can we start with Ms. Cardella?

Emmie Cardella: Good afternoon, Mayor and members of the Council. My name is Emmie Cardella. And I am a resident -- sorry. And I have been a resident for 44 years. I have always been very active in the community here prior to having children. I volunteered at the public library as well as being part of Kiwanis club and serving as a big sister to. Brothers big sisters and more recently I have volunteered through the Scottsdale Unified School District.

I have served on the board of parent organizations at two schools as well as serving 2 years as president of the Scottsdale parent Council which is an organization that serves parent and coordinates closely with the district leadership. In the community, I have punctured through the court system as a Court appointed special Advocate for foster children and I have been a Scots leader for over a decade. Professionally, I work in the finance sector as a data analyst.

Now I work specifically in banking and all of my work requires a great attention to detail as well as understanding, appreciation for policy and following processes. In terms of Scottsdale transportation and the challenges that I think we face, I believe being able to serve the needs of all of our residents and tourists and more importantly being able to understand how those needs are going to change since transportation requires long-term planning.

With COVID that the commuting patterns of our work force changed dramatically and those changes seem to be long-term. Our demographics of the city have certainly changed dramatically since I have been here in four years. And our population is getting older and there might be, you know, more considerations around that in what our residents are looking to how the transportation to serve them.

I believe that we can use data to address these issues and understand how our demographics and the preferences among our tourist population are also changing in order to address these. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Ms. Cardella. Next Robert Marmon.

Robert Marmon: Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Bob Marmon and I live in 9087 East Storrow Drive and I have been there for 16 years with my wife. I'm a licensed professional engineer in Arizona and my design and construction experience is focused on transportation infrastructure and land development.

[Time: 00:36:08]

During this time, I learned a number of things that first, old -- all projects are different and they come in all different shapes and sizes and have many different challenges but the approach is generally the same. Understand the scope of work and the dollars, understand the time spring in the schedule, have a good team. Look for innovative solutions and put it all together with the team to have the answer. I believe the biggest challenge right now which my experience would help for the commission is change management. We are being faced with a lot of construction cost changes.

We have a good infrastructure in the city and I believe we should use that to the maximum extent the help cost and use technology. Thank you very much for your time.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Marmon. I will now entertain it would for the transportation commission. Each councilmember can vote for 2 nominees. I will start.

I will vote for Ms. Cardella and Mary Ann Miller. Councilmember Janik?

Councilmember Janik: I vote for Emmie Cardella and Mary Ann Miller.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Littlefield?

Councilmember Littlefield: Emmie Cardella and Robert Marmon.

Vice Mayor Durham: Mayor Ortega?

Mayor Ortega: Emmie Cardella and Mary Ann Miller.

Councilmember Milhaven: Robert Marmon and Mary Ann Miller.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Whitehead?

Councilmember Whitehead: Emmie Cardella and Mary Ann Miller.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Caputi.

Councilmember Caputi: Emmie Cardella, Mary Ann Miller.

Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor, if I could get your vote again please?

Vice Mayor Durham: Emmie Cardella and Mary Ann Miller.

Rommel Cordova: And Councilwoman Janik if I could get your vote again.

Councilmember Janik: Emmie Cardella and Mary Ann Miller.

Rommel Cordova: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Emmie Cardella and Mary Ann Miller have been appointed. Thank you.

[Time: 00:38:27]

Next, we have the veterans advisory commission. There are two openings on this commission. The veterans advisory commission advises the City Council and veteran programs policies and practices and serves as community connection points for veterans and the community where they live. There are two vacancies and five nominees.

The nominees are Gerald Conover, Patrick Mazarella, John McHugh, Peter Palmer and Bethany Schilling. Mr. Conover is unable to join us this afternoon. Still very much interested in being appointed to the commission. Mr. Palmer's term expires this month and he is eligible for reappointment. Mr. Conover oh, I'm sorry. He is not able to attend this afternoon. Mr. Mazarella?

Patrick Mazarella: Good afternoon. My name is Patrick Mazarella. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 26 years. My address is 10688 East Pence them in Drive in Scottsdale. That is at McDowell Mountain Ranch. My profession, I am a registered investment adviser. I have been involved in veterans causes for the better part of ten years.

My dad, a member of the greatest generation was my inspiration. He served in the Navy during World War II as part of the Pacific Fleet. Ten years ago, he went on an honor flight to Washington, DC. When he returned, we talked for quite a while about the experience. I knew I wanted to get involved.

I contacted the local chapter in Arizona based in Prescott and subsequently, with the help of a local charity group, neighbors helping neighbors, which some of you may be familiar with, I was the chairperson for 3 fundraisers. We raised over \$80,000 and sponsored 80 vets on the honor flight back to Washington, DC. I myself was a guardian on one of those trips for the vets. And I have to tell you, it was and remains an experience I will never forget.

I have also worked closely with two homes in the valley that provide temporary housing to homeless vets. One was the James Walton home and I am currently working with the manor house in Phoenix that is a 75 bed facility that provides services and housing while helping vets transition to independent living. I have helped organize and responsible for delivering items to them such as bedding, towels, toiletries, appliances. In fact, just today on the way here, I received an updated wish list from my contact there. And will be back out there again bringing them the stuff that they need.

Though I never served in the military, I have the utmost respect for the men and women who do, especially with the challenges they face today. And I think the biggest challenge that I see for most of the vets I meet is the mental health challenges. Transitioning back to civilian life. That Manor House supplies a lot of those services. But it is still something that we need to concentrate on.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the board and I believe with my experience and the contacts that I have, I would be a valuable member. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Mazzarella. Next is John McHugh.

[Time: 00:42:32]

John McHugh: Hello, and good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My name is John McHugh. I resided in Scottsdale for a little over two years. Born and raised in Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States Marine Corps took me out to California where I spent 8 wonderful years serving our country. And I have just recently been a resident of Scottsdale.

I currently work as a separate systems engineer for one of the largest government contractors in the country. Just recently I did a tour in the Middle East supporting operation, helping our war fighters gets the support they needed and I felt that need to give back. Which is why I'm here.

If it was not for the military, I would not be in this position I am in right now and I think it is important for me to assist in any way I can, although I don't have any formal volunteer work, this is, I guess, where it starts. I don't have credentials like some. I have essentially right off the boat. So I'm kind of fresh as to what veterans need. I believe it starts in small government. I think Veterans Affairs can do a lot for military members. However, truly doesn't start here at home within the community.

And as somebody who is obviously very close with service members and my time serving in the United States Marine Corps, I feel like I could be a really good asset to the organization. So I do thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. McCue. Next, Mr. Peter Palmer.

Peter Palmer: Mayor, Vice Mayor, councilmembers, I'm retired Peter Palmer, 7181 Camelback Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251. 15-year resident now of Scottsdale. As you all know, I served as the chair for the first

commission as we stood that up and I was involved especially with significant assistance from its staff member who died a wonderful job helping us establish and some of the major objectives we did.

Just to highlight a few key ones, we didn't develop the detailed work plan that we continue to evolve. We establish the city website to provide information. We established a monthly or bimonthly veterans TV program. And it is part of that were plan. We have researched key veterans issues dealing with identifying all of the demographics of Scottsdale. We have a picture of who we are serving.

We did the veterans homeless issue which we continue to track as well as veteran suicide and I personally developed in Scottsdale veteran quality of life manual that provides information and links to assistance on major veteran life transitions and life challenges they face, many of which have been addressed. I also serve on two veterans nonprofits and I serve on Senator Sinema's veterans Council. In terms of the key issues facing us, we do have to work plan.

But I think it was highlighted actually by some of the earlier members, there is a lot of veteran services and actually 2,000 veterans organizations working in the Phoenix area. Capturing all of that information and figuring out how to provide that to Escott still veterans. I think it is a key issue because there's ways to help their problems. We just got to get it out to them and identify them and I applaud your services of doing that piece. So thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Mr. Palmer. Next is Bethany Schilling -- next is Bethany Schilling.

[Time: 00:47:04]

Bethany Schilling: Thank you for having me here today. So I have lived in Scottsdale. My name is Bethany Schilling. I have lived in Scottsdale on and off since 2006. The reason I say on and off is because I just got out of that military. It has been a year and not even a year and a half now. I have would come to Scottsdale and we bought our house in 2018. Thankfully, my husband when he retires, we will both be living in it.

That is my experience but I served 12 years in the Arizona Army National Guard. And active-duty Army as well. My husband is currently 19 years and six months and hopefully retiring as an infantry. So that is my personal experience and why I know that I have not been doing a lot of volunteering lately. I was a retention officer for my last unit and so if we could not retain them, I would help them find the resources for that when they get out.

The top issue that I see facing the board was a lot of the ideas and the presenters they have, nothing has really come to fruition yet. I understand it is a very young board or young commission, I feel like there's some things that they had great starts on but I did not see anything come out of it and I have not seen many discussions that are helping.

The next one is I believe the diversity of the Scottsdale veterans is going to be changing. It is mostly an older group right now. So while they need to focus on those issues for that older age group that we also need to diversify so that we can focus on resources to provide for younger veterans coming in as well. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you, Ms. Schilling. I will now entertain a vote for the veterans advisory commission. Each council member can vote for 2 nominees. I will start with Councilmember Caputi.

Councilmember Caputi: Peter Palmer, Bethany Schilling.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Whitehead?

Councilmember Whitehead: Peter Palmer, Bethany Schilling.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Milhaven?

Councilmember Milhaven: Peter Palmer and Patrick Mazzarella.

Vice Mayor Durham: Mayor Ortega?

Mayor Ortega: Peter Palmer and Patrick Mazzarella.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Littlefield?

Councilmember Littlefield: Patrick Mazzarella, Peter Palmer.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Janik?

Councilmember Janik: Patrick Mazzarella, Peter Palmer.

Vice Mayor Durham: I will vote for Peter Palmer and Bethany Schilling. And it looks like Mr. Palmer and Mr. Mattarella has been appointed. Is that correct?

[Time: 00:49:52]

Rommel Cordova: Correct.

Vice Mayor Durham: I hope so. Thank you. This concludes our appointment process for today. I would like to thank all our nominees for their interest in serving on the city board or commission. We are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applicants for the positions on our boards and commissions. Even if you are not appointed today, your application will remain on file for consideration at a future day Matt if there are additional vacancies.

60 staff will consult the individuals this evening and provide them with information on next steps regarding their appointment. The city of Scottsdale is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing and ready to serve for our city. Thank you, Mr. Mayor Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. With that, we are concluded with the business. I would ask for a motion to adjourn our City Council special meeting.

Councilmember Janik: So moved.

Mayor Ortega: Motion a second. Please record your vote. We are adjourned and at five bells -- oh, 5:00, we will start our regular Council meeting. Thank you.