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[Time: 00:00:06]

Mayor Lane: Please take a seat. I will ask that the current incumbent members come to the dais and that the incoming members take a seat in the audience for now. In the audience, I'm sorry, yes. Thank you. This is a particular event and it's an inaugural swearing in. It's not a Regular Meeting or anything along that line. There will be no actions taken here other than the swearing in of the reelected candidate and, of course, the newly elected candidates, I should say, newly elected Councilwoman and the newly elected Council people.

So with that, I just would want to say, I would like to take this opportunity, if you haven't been here before, I'm Jim Lane, the Mayor here in Scottsdale and I have the pleasure of introducing our current present Councilmembers and to my right is Councilwoman Suzanne Klapp. To my left is Councilwoman Virginia Korte and to my, isolated out there on the end, our Vice Mayor Guy Phillips. And we will be in the process of now, I'm pleased to announce we will be swearing in our newly elected and reelected Council people here today. And so I am pleased to have our City Clerk who is here with us this afternoon, Carolyn Jagger, administer the oath of office and she will be swearing in returning Councilwoman Linda Milhaven and newly elected Kathy Littlefield and David Smith. Please help me welcome City Council Clerk Carolyn Jagger along with the newly elected Councilmembers. Please come forward.

[Time: 00:02:19]

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Please raise your right hand. Repeat after me. I, please state your name. Do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution and the laws of the State of Arizona. That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the

same and defend them against all enemies, foreign and domestic. And I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Councilmember according to the best of my ability, so help me God. Congratulations.

[Time: 00:03:29]

Mayor Lane: Please, if you will, come and take your seats on the dais, we will have some remarks from each of you in a moment and it is not first come, first serve. Everyone has been pre-assigned on their seats. You know, I would just like to start by saying that this new Council, the comments of newly elected ask a new team with new terms of engagement with each other and with our community. And I believe the group will collectively be looking to serve all constituents with open deliberations, discussions and decisions directed to the betterment of our great city.

Will we always agree? Certainly not. But I do believe it is with the collective vision of the different perspectives that will provide Scottsdale citizens with the balance and the forward thinking that has been Scottsdale's legacy. I believe these Councilmembers are all committed to a resolution and a pledge that we recently enacted of civility and discourse, and respect differences and points of view. I believe we will hold ourselves to a high standard of conduct and to provide a dialogue that brings people together, rather than divide. I'm hoping that's all shared by each of them. Now, what I want to do right now is I want to start with the new Councilmembers, starting with our newly elected Councilwoman Linda Milhaven, for some comments from each of them.

[Time: 00:04:52]

Councilwoman Milhaven: Thank you, Mayor and I would like to begin by thanking all of my supporters, all of my friends and all of my family that helped me return here today. I am grateful and humbled to have the opportunity to return to serve the City of Scottsdale. Having this being my second term, it's interesting to reflect on the differences between running for office and holding office.

Right, as we run for election, we run around town telling people what we think and hoping that folks agree with us and try to encourage them to vote for us and most of the time we are trying to convince someone why we are smarter than the person that we are sitting next to that we are running against. Then we become an elected and we realize that we are all in this together and the folks that we ran against are the folks we need now to work with. So in that vein, I would like to congratulate my colleagues, Councilwoman Littlefield and Councilman Smith and wish all the best of your luck and remember that we are all in this together and today, we take on new roles to collaborate and cooperate to make Scottsdale the very best city it can be.

Because while we may disagree, I think there's many things that we agree about, and we should start every conversation there and I think one thing that all seven of us can agree on is that Scottsdale is an amazing city, that we all care and love Scottsdale very much, and want to do the very best we can to keep it as special as it is. And so, again, I am grateful and humbled by the privilege to continue to serve you, and I pledge to do my very best, to continue to earn your trust every day. Thank you.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilmember. Councilwoman Littlefield.

[Time: 00:06:42]

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you, Mayor. I too would like to thank everyone who helped me over the past year as I ran the campaign and worked to earn your support and votes to put me in this chair. I really appreciate all the help. It was everyone who helped me made a difference, and most especially, I would like to thank my family, and my husband, who ran my campaign, and I couldn't have done it without his help. I believe what Linda said, we need to work together as a Council for the betterment of all of Scottsdale and that's all of Scottsdale, north, south, east, west, center, wherever. And if we work together and build a consensus and have that focus on everything that we do, we can make this city even more special than it already is. Thank you so much for your support and all of your help and I promise I will do my very best to earn, to keep your support. Thank you.

Mayor Lane: Thanks. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilman Smith.

[Time: 00:07:51]

Councilman Smith: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I would like to echo the thanks that others have expressed to the citizens of Scottsdale that put us all here. In particular, during my campaign, I had the advantage of having the support of my wife Diana as campaign manager, confidant. She very much stands beside me, not behind me. And will be an integral part of my service to the city.

I would also like to thank especially my campaign chairman, Mr. Jim Bruner and his wife Sandy, tireless effort in this. Many of you know Jim Bruner, he has fingerprints on events that bring tourists and make it a more livable community. And most recently, the Museum of the West that's rising out of the ground and hopefully you will all have a chance to come there. Carolyn Allen was also instrumental in my campaign, acting as cochairman, again, an important political figure are and an important advocate for the valley for 16 years, eight as your representative and eight as a senator. Judy Frost who is here tonight, was a tireless keeper of the books for me. As some of you know Judy, she worked for the city for many years, and then retired and continues to do outreach in the community, boys and girls club, many other activities, but a special thanks to you, Judy, for your work.

Others were instrumental as well in providing advice, Ron McCullagh. And not just for the cigars. I think he cared about giving advice. I think he may be the first one who asked me quite seriously, have you lost your mind? Jeannette Griswold was helpful and so was Tim Bright, who is here tonight. Tim was in the campaign from the get-go and providing advice along the way.

In particular, I'm thankful and appreciative of 16 former Councilmembers that lent their support to my campaign and their name and their endorsement and I'm humbled because I noticed that Mr. Jim Bruner just came in the back door. Jim, you missed the whole introduction. But these former Councilmembers who endorsed my campaign, collectively, have put in 100 years of effort into making

Scottsdale the city that it is today. It's truly on their shoulders that we face the future and build the city of tomorrow. Early in the campaign, one of the mottos that I adopted which somebody shared with me is simply: Cherish the past and embrace the future. And hopefully what we can do, is build on the past, cherish what makes the city great today and continue to build it. I look forward to working with my fellow colleagues in that regard. Thank you all.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilman. I will invite my present sitting Council colleagues for comment and start with the Vice Mayor, if you would like to say something.

[Time: 00:11:11]

Vice Mayor Phillips: I didn't really have any comment. I'm glad everybody is here and I'm sure we will all work together for the betterment of Scottsdale and I know everybody has best wishes to Scottsdale in mind and it should be an interesting four years.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilman. Councilwoman Virginia Korte.

[Time: 00:11:41]

Councilmember Korte: Thank you, Mayor. Well, I've had the privilege to know our two new Councilmembers for many years, some longer than others. Kathy and I actually worked together at STARS for several years and I have known David and Diana I'm counting 27 now. Because Diane and I were in Scottsdale Leadership class three together. But the bottom line is these two people come to the City with knowledge and strength and history with Scottsdale, and I think that's an important foundation to build on. Looking forward, I really look forward to continue working with all of our City Councilmembers to make the best of what Scottsdale can be for the future and our citizens. Thank you.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilwoman Klapp.

[Time: 00:12:43]

Councilwoman Klapp: Well, welcome to the new Councilmembers. I appreciate all the hard work you went through in order to be elected and I look forward to accomplishing a lot of things over the next few years. I have been on the Council, this is the beginning of my seventh year. I have seen Councilmembers come and go and I believe that I have always wanted to talk with other Councilmembers and try to come to some sort of agreement on issues if we, if it's possible and that's not always possible, but it's worth the effort. I believe wholeheartedly in the civility pledge that we made, that we can agree without being disagreeable and so I look forward to a productive year, a productive several years. I believe that as was mentioned, we are all hoping for making decisions that improve Scottsdale.

I'm glad for the people who have come here. All of you have a very important interest in Scottsdale.

So thank you so much for coming because it's nice to have an audience and know that you are supportive of various members of the Council. So that's, I think, is a significant thing for us to recognize, that there are people here that are interested and invested and vote and support their candidates and I really appreciate that, whether you vote for every one of us or not is not important. I like the fact that people come to the Council meetings and really put input into the meetings. So I'm thrilled about being still involved in the Council. I'm just as enthusiastic today as I was six years ago and I look forward to working with everybody here. So thank you.

[Time: 00:14:45]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilwoman. Well, I can think in summary of all the comments that were made, it's all very, very good and it's very positive that we start out this session and this term with a very good group of folks and I think we will be working together in a very solid way and that's what we are looking forward to. So I would just in closing say that that's our intent is to represent the constituents of the full City of Scottsdale in the best possible way we can. There will be differences of opinion, but it's how we handle that and how we work through the issues that it becomes the most productive element of how this body can proceed forward for your best benefit as a city.

Individually, as constituents, certainly as a whole, but sometimes those things, those too require some deliberation, discussion as to how that comes about. I'm a firm believer that accommodation and, frankly, just working together to mitigate concerns and/or to change, oh, I guess maybe some persuasion but some thought about what is best or what can change to make things better, it does come from different points of view and when you bring that all together, I think that really is the best form of a decision and generally is the most productive way for us to proceed. So look forward to it. This is the closing of the inauguration. We will have a Regular Meeting starting at 5:00. I want to welcome everyone newly aboard and frankly the team as a whole. I think you will find some great things coming from this current Council. So thank you for being here in support. It's a great showing that way.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mayor Lane: We do have some refreshments. We do have some refreshments and we have a little bit of time before that meeting. So please hang around and enjoy your new Council. Thank you. We are adjourned.