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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:02]

Mayor Ortega: I will now call the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, city council regular meeting to order. Deputy Clerk, Cathie Butteweg will you conduct the roll call.

#### **ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:13]

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: Vice Mayor Betty Janik.

Vice Mayor Janik: Present.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Present.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: Linda Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Here.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Here.

Deputy City Clerk: City Manager Jim Thompson.

City Manager Jim Thompson: Here.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

City Attorney Sherry Scott: Here.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: Acting City Treasurer Judy Doyle.

Acting City Treasurer Judy Doyle: Here.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: City Auditor Sharron Walker.

City Auditor Sharron Walker: Here.

Deputy City Clerk Cathie Butteweg: And City Clerk Carolyn Jagger.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

[Time: 00:01:01]

Mayor Ortega: Well, thank you. Let's begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. I will ask Councilwoman Caputi to lead us in the pledge.

Council: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

[Time: 00:01:32]

Mayor Ortega: Well, I will begin the Mayor's report with a happy occasion and proclamation. 18 years ago when I set as a city councilman, we met a wonderful woman who applied to be the clerk of Scottsdale and that was Carolyn Jagger. And today after 18 years of service to the city of Scottsdale, and over 30 years of service as a clerk, we want to honor her and I do have a proclamation and I will read it.

Proclamation. Whereas Carolyn Jagger has dedicated over 30 years of her life to public service and in 2003 was appointed to the position of city clerk, becoming the longest tenured city clerk and appointed charter officer in Scottsdale's history; and whereas, Carolyn has positively contributed to the successes of this organization and community serving under three Mayors and 25 councilmembers; and whereas, Carolyn accomplished many successes during her tenure as city clerk, including conducting over 20 municipal elections, overseeing the development of Scottsdale's first city-wide records management system, overseeing the conversion of historic documents to digital format and implementing electronic paperless agenda packets.

Thank you for that.

Whereas, Carolyn has attended more than 700 council meetings, and produced over 1100 sets of minutes, and will no longer need to spend her Tuesdays taking notes or worrying about agendas anymore. Whereas we wish Carolyn well as she concludes her career. Job well done! And begins the next chapter of her life.

Now therefore, I, David D. Ortega Mayor of Scottsdale do hereby proclaim March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 as Carolyn Jagger appreciation day in Scottsdale.

And I invite the council, the city staff and the entire community to celebrate and thank Carolyn for her many years of hard work and dedicated community service to our city, and organization. Let's give her a hand. I know she's listening out there. Thank you, Carolyn. Well.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Oh, yes. There she is. And how are you feeling tonight?

Clerk Jagger: Mayor, thank you for asking. I'm doing very well. That was a beautiful tribute. So I have tears running down my cheeks but I'm doing well and I will see you tomorrow.

Mayor Ortega: Beautiful because I will see her. She will pick this up tomorrow at my office.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

[Time: 00:04:52]

Mayor Ortega: Well, at this point, we would normally have public comment. It's reserved for citizens to comment on non-agendized items. They are within the city council's jurisdiction but no official council action can be taken on these items and the speakers are limited to three minutes. You will begin by stating your name and then the staff will manage your entry into our meeting. So at this point, I would open it for -- hand it over to staff.

Management Associate Shane Stone: Thank you, Mayor Ortega and members of council, this is Shane Stone from the city manager's office. The first comment is coming from Mr. Sketchley, you should now be able to hit star six on your phone and begin your public comment. Mr. Sketchley, if you can hear me. It looks like we have you unmuted now.

David Sketchley: My name is David Sketchley and I live at 8251 East Heatherwood Avenue. I'm speaking today to defend my home and my family from this dangerous, unnecessary identified 5G cell towers being constructed next to our homes. Not one single one of your contributors want to live closer than two and a half thousand feet from a cell tower because there's a published scientific evidence of harm. The reason is that there has been no regulation of the maximum effective radiated power coming from these. It's causing public safety harms and privacy harms and property value harms. In some cities and other states, this has been properly managed through zoning laws, so that no cell towers of any size or would be in a residential area. That's a real solution.

Thanks to our ridiculous 2017 Arizona State HB-2365, the onus is on you, the city council to pass laws that will actually deliver public safety regardless of any existing federal or state statutes, regulations or guidelines. You can't try to pass this off to state or federal agencies. In Scottsdale, our laws are in conflict with our values and the buck stops with you, the city councilmembers who must deliver public safety. That's what you took an oath to protect. Despite the mountains of wireless industry propaganda, the nation's experts have examined Arizona's laws and proven that your hands are not tied because operations of towers are not preemptive. You can pass local ordinance that regulates the electromagnetic power allowed through the air, enough to enable lawfully required telecommunication services and not any higher. Such a local ordinance will not result in effective prohibition of telecommunication service, and therefore, it is legal and defensible with respect to HB-2365, and the 1996 Telecom Act. No laws will be violated. The wireless industry and even possibly your city attorney, may tell you otherwise, but with all due respect, they are not experts in this field with decades of experience. And they could be wrong. You need to be innovative, forward thinking Scottsdale community we all love and regain local control.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, sir. Thank you, sir. This is Mayor Dave Ortega, you are concluded and I appreciate your comment. Next.

Management Assistant Shane Stone: Thank you Mayor Ortega and the next comment is from Mr. Lyons. Mr. Lyons, you should be able to hit star six to unmute your device and begin your public comment.

Lee Lyons: Okay. Are we loud and clear?

Management Assistant Shane Stone: Yes, sir.

Lee Lyons: Oh, good. My name is Leon Lyons and I live on 2827 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street. I have been following these meetings in the public record for quite some time. I think it's unconscionable that you have been put on notice for over a year about the property value, privacy, and public safety harms caused by the 4g/5g rollout and have done nothing to stop it. People are waking up. You are our council, and you have the sacred duty, the sworn duty to protect our public safety and our property values, don't you? You are here as new culpable councilmembers for one reason. The last councilmembers were not and were voted out.

At the last meeting I listed to a presentation where you talked about public safety. Why are you ignoring the elephant in the room? Do you realize that every single application for these towers, you are approving? Despite knowing full well that these facilities emit pulse modulated that's to harmful to all biological life. That's our food, plants, bees, animals, oh, yeah, us, humans! You have been presented on public record with lawful solutions that are in keeping with Arizona State bill HB-2365 and in particular, turning down the power on these towers to a safer level. Operations of these towers is not preemptive in HB-2365 or the federal communications act. At the last meeting, I heard a woman say that our city attorney won't even talk to her, and hasn't given any legal citations as to why she can't implement a regulation of a maximum effective radiates tower.

I heard people ask for a moratorium on new tower construction. It's only allowed during a national state of emergency. Hmm, let's see pandemic. Oh, that's right, we are in one right now, aren't we? So I'm here to tell you, your constituents are waking up and they are angry. Angry at the Scottsdale city council for allowing this to happen this is not a joke. Why hasn't an open study session or a meeting be given priority to meet with the experts in the field? It is time you listen to them and work together to see if you can implement the solutions they are presenting. If you are not going to, then why don't you give a legitimate reason for ignoring them. I read on your website where you talk about listening to the people and upholding Scottsdale values. Where is that? Thank you.

Management Associate Shane Stone: And our next public comment will be from Ms. Pogue. Ms. Pogue, you should now be able to hit star six on your device and begin your public comment.

Anne Pogue: Hello?

Management Assistant Shane Stone: Ms. Pogue, we can hear you now. Thank you.

Anne Pogue: All right. Congratulations, Carolyn! Okay. My name is Ann Pogue. And my address is 5028 North 78<sup>th</sup> Street, but I'm only going to be at this address until April because I just sold my house. The reason is that back in June of 2020, there were 26 small cell towers and macro towers within one half to one mile radius of my house. I use professional radio frequency meters and regularly measure the effective radiative power that's entering my homes from these ever fluctuating powered towers. It's consistently at levels indicated to cause serious physical harm. My symptoms include central nervous system and autoimmune desires that are flared by the ineffective radiated power and emissions. I can correlate my symptoms to fluctuations in RF readings.

This last city-wide upgrade about seven weeks ago, has made my life a living hell. The -- in the scientific world in addition to complimentary metadata this could be considered empirical evidence and should be followed up on but for specific reasons this is not happening. I'm sure you can imagine the anxiety these towers have caused me and my father who is not in good health, due to the stroke he suffered in 2019. The stroke he suffered on the heels of one of the significant step increases in power that I have been regularly observing. This is not a coincidence as numerous studies have observed the high-powered electromagnetic frequency and the effective radio towers lead to cardiovascular events in rats and humans. This public safety harm is not only backed by hundreds of peer-reviewed studies but also the nightmare I'm living every day.

Some city councils are not accepting that there is nothing they can do about it. They are listening to their real constituents as opposed to just the industry leaders who are only concerned with their profits as opposed to public safety. Some are even looking at what is happening in other cities where 4g/5g is being rolled out the residents are getting sick with things such as sleep disorders and brain tumors and irregular deaths observed in plants. They are passing ordinances to fix the problem. It is my request that you find a way to navigate the industrial, political influence threat are and join those who are taking action to protect their city. If you continue to dodge your responsibility with results -- responsibilities, the results could be physically and financially devastating for the budget and the taxpayers. The residents of Scottsdale are reliant upon you to uphold your oath of office and to protect your constituents in public safety. Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

Management Assistant Shane Stone: Mayor Ortega and members of council that concludes the non-agendized public comment.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. And I will now close the public comment.

#### **PRESENTATION/INFORMATION/UPDATES**

[Time: 00:16:02]

Mayor Ortega: We do have an additional item in our amended agenda, which would be the presentation on information and updates regarding the 2019 and 2020 Spirit of Scottsdale awards. So I will hand that to staff.

Neighborhood Advisory Commission Chair Rachel Putman and Commissioner Michael Wills: I had there, good evening. Good evening Mayor Ortega and city council. As members of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission, we are here to present the winners of the 2019 and 2020 Spirit of Scottsdale awards program. Next slide.

With the hardship of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was carried over to the 2020 cycle and deliberated upon at the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. For both 2019 and 2020, the Commission wants to recognize one individual and one business or organization that embody the spirit of Scottsdale. We would like to now briefly highlight the winners from each category. Normally we would have them stand up and present themselves but obviously we can't do that this evening. Next slide.

The winner of the 2019 individual award goes to Marilyn Perkins. Marilyn was nominated for unwavering selflessness and willingness to always assist when needed. Thank you for what you do, Marilyn and congratulations! Next slide, please.

Oh, actually, can you go back one? There. The 2019 business or organization that had the most Scottsdale spirit was first Christian church. This nomination was made in large part for the countless volunteer hours, assisting city projects and the operation fix it program. This is very well deserved. So congratulations. Now we can go forward.

For the 2020 individual award, we have chosen Dana Close. Dana was nominated for her tireless work in shining the spotlight open southern Scottsdale and always giving back to her community. Dana is a champion for Scottsdale and like no other, and we recognize her for it. Well done, Dana.

And the final group was the Parada Del Sol community. They look for creative ways to bring the Parada Del Sol parade and trails end to us last year. They didn't do it for recognition but for love of community. For that, we say thank you and congratulations. Next slide.

Thank you to all that were nominated and to you, Mayor and councilmembers for your time this evening. Once again, congratulations to our award winners. We look forward to the 2021 program and further highlighting those that truly bring our Scottsdale spirit. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Well, thank you so, so much. We know there's so many volunteers in every level and private sector, at the hospitals, within the city, and every department. And, of course, COVID has cut back on our activities. So we know that once the pandemic dissipates, why we will be back to full force and all of those volunteer efforts.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

[Time: 00:19:59]

Mayor Ortega: So at this point, we will move on to the consent agenda items. We have consent agenda items 1 through 12. We did not receive any request for public comment on the consent agenda items. Is there any question amongst the council? If not, I will ask for a motion to approve.

Vice Mayor Janik: I move to approve the consent agenda, Betty Janik.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I will second it.

Mayor Ortega: Second from Councilwoman Whitehead. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please register your vote. Thank you. I did see Councilmember Durham pushing a button over there. Is that a yes?

Councilmember Durham: Yes.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. Thank you very much.

**MINUTES**

[Time: 00:21:14]

Councilwoman Caputi: Mayor do we need to approve the minutes from the last few weeks?

Mayor Ortega: Right. We will go to that since I missed that other item. Whoa! Okay. I heard a motion from Councilwoman Caputi regarding the minutes.

Councilwoman Caputi: Sure.

Mayor Ortega: Do I hear a second?

Vice Mayor Janik: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Any discussion? All in favor, register your votes. Thank you. Wonderful. Unanimous. And I was just so thrilled to get that proclamation to Carolyn, I'm telling you. That was number one on my list right there.

Councilwoman Littlefield: She has been amazing.

**ITEM 13 – CITY'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 RATES AND FEES**

[Time: 00:22:12]

Mayor Ortega: Let's move on to the regular agenda. So what was posted was item 13. And it's the city's proposed fiscal year, 2021/22 rates and fees. So we will look for the staff presentation.

Acting Budget Director Sylvia Dlott: Good evening Mayor and council. This is Sylvia Dlott. Tonight we're here to present the proposed rate and fee changes for fiscal year '21/22. I would like to point out there will be no action by city council tonight. The purpose of this item is for presentation only, and possible direction that you may have. The city council is scheduled to adopt the rates and fees on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Next slide, please. Each director will present to you in detail the proposed rate and fee changes. The changes will then be posted to the city's website so the public will have an opportunity to review for at least 60 days prior to holding a public hearing and adopting the rates and fees scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Next slide, please.

We categorized rates and fees by enterprise and non-enterprise. Per financial policy, enterprise rates and fees are reviewed annually and should recover all direct and indirect costs of service, any debt service and provide adequate funding for future capital needs. Under this category, water resources and public works will share with you their proposed changes shortly. Next slide, please. Also, per financial -- per financial policy, non-enterprise rates and fees should be reviewed periodically and



should be set for an acceptable rate and direct cost of services. Tonight, under this category, you will hear proposed rate and fee changes for planning and development services, community services, and fire. Next slide, please.

Overall, the enterprise proposed rate and fee changes for fiscal year '21/22, total an additional \$5.3 million in revenue. The general fund rate and fee changes total approximately \$1.2 million in additional revenue and an addition \$1.1 million in the capital stormwater fund. So now, I will turn it over to Brian Biesemeyer, the water resources executive director to share with you his proposed rate and fee changes. Thank you.

[Time: 00:24:51]

Water Resources Executive Director Brian Biesemeyer: Thank you, Sylvia. Mayor and council, Brian Biesemeyer, Scottsdale water. I will make my presentation. The next slide, please. And my presentation is a brief one on the water/sewer rates, miscellaneous charges. As Sylvia mentioned we set our records to recover all direct and indirect cost of services and we base these on multiyear financial plans. Next slide.

Some of the significant cost drivers we have operationally, we have increasing costs for repairing aging infrastructure. We have infrastructure -- well, a little aside. Scottsdale water became a municipal utility in 1971. So we are in our 50<sup>th</sup> year. But we also bought infrastructure when we became a municipal utility and some of our infrastructure is 80 years old and older. And we have increasing costs there. We have increasing costs for drought preparedness and increasing costs for groundwater treatment and raw water and treatment chemicals. Next slide.

On the capital side, we have significant cost drivers in our aquifer storage and recovery well program, increased costs, rehabilitation and replacing aging infrastructure. Increasing costs with technology which we used to leverage and make ourselves more efficient, and then security because the security of our -- we take the security of our water and wastewater systems very seriously and we continue to improve our security with improvement -- with capital improvements. Next slide, please.

So some of our significant capital projects and the costs involved, again, rehabilitation improvements are the top two items that you will see here. And then our deep well recharges our aquifer storage and recovery well program, so you can see that it's an increase of 30 million in the FY-21/20 time frame and close to \$90 million for the five-year time period. On the sewer side, we also have additional -- or increased costs in our capital investment. It's a smaller fund but still, substantial. The biggest one up there for the five-year period is the subregional operating group, which is the five city consortium that collects wastewater regionally and then treats that water at the 91<sup>st</sup> avenue treatment facility. Those five cities being Scottsdale, Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa and Glendale, and we are an owner in that cooperative. And that wastewater that is taken in is from south Scottsdale. That water is also recycled at the 91<sup>st</sup> avenue treatment facility and provided to Palo Verde for the use of the Palo Verde power station. Next slide, please.

So the proposed rate increase on the water side is 2.7%. And we increased that -- that increase would be effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. And then for the -- should council approve it. And then the sewer proposal

would be for 2.4% increase, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. We time our water rates in November, to avoid the summer peak, and to allow -- and to just allow the rate increase to go in to effect when water use is at its lowest. And then the July 1 is with our wastewater, which is a more stable bill. Next slide, please. So the total for our rates, the total increase, again, is 2.7 for water and 2.4 for sewer, with total for the rates, increased revenue of roughly 3.9 million. Next slide.

So we -- so how will those rates -- how will we propose implying those rates? Our rates are set on two basic parameters. We have a fixed rate, both on water and wastewater. On the water side we have a fixed rate and that represents the cost of providing service 24/7, 365 days a year and having that service readily available for use. And that's the availability charge is your fixed charge. And we base that on your meter size. So that represents the amount of water that can be -- enter into your house or business, based on the size of that meter, larger meter, more water can be -- enter into your home or business. And we have a cost for maintaining assets to be able to bring that water to you at any time or hour. Customers expect to turn that water on and get that water on demand. Next slide. The other part of our rates is a variable -- the volume-based portion of our rates and we implement this on a tier basis for conservation effect and on the residential side, we have a five-Tiered program and we are proposing to raise only the upper tiers to continue to concentrate on the conservation effect of the larger uses of water. Next slide. And then the commercial, we have a four-tier systems and we are proposing to raise the rate on the top two tiers, again to maximize the conservation effect. Next slide.

So on the sewer side, we have the same concept of a fixed and variable rate. The fixed rate represents again, the ability to collect wastewater 24/7, 365 days of the year. And we base that on the water meter size. We don't measure the wastewater. The wastewater meter would be problematic and maintenance intensive and so we don't set wastewater meters. We base wastewater on the potential for flow back into our system and therefore we use the water meter as a gauge for that. We have, however, set the residential meter sizes, 5/8<sup>th</sup> through 1 inch, which is the standard residential meter size all equal because the sewer connection for a home -- sewer connection for a home with these different meter sizes are all basically the same connection. We equalized the base fee for the residential meters and then as the meters get larger, they are typically commercial meters and the flow potential back into the system is much larger with those larger meters. Next slide.

We have variable rates and we measure this variability based on the winter average of consumption into the residence or business. So that is November, December, and January, and 90% of that winter average we use as an estimate of the return volumes into our wastewater system. And it's a flat rate, but we base that on the strength of the wastewater, returning to us. And so a higher strength wastewater, say from a dining facility, a restaurant, has higher strength wastewater. It takes more energy and more processes to clean that wastewater up and therefore a higher rate is charged. You will note that there is an increase in the commercial -- or, I'm sorry, the dining charges of the restaurant facilities with these increases. And that was based on an audit of our rates, the previous audit of our rates said we were not charging according to the strength of the wastewater coming back from these dining facilities, and therefore you will see some -- the increases with those dining facilities in particular. Next slide.

So how have we done over time? So looking at the last five years, and then assuming council would approve the current rate, you can see that the five-year average would be roughly close to 2% or 2.2%

on weighted average between water and sewer. And we set our rates based on our own costs as such, but we do like to compare and see how we do both nationally and within the local valley area. Next slide. So this one is a Consumer Price Index for water, sewer and trash services. So water, sewer, and trash combined nationally and how that cost of these services has risen over time, set basically for 2010 as the base period and then moving forward. So you can see that city of Scottsdale's water sewer, and solid waste charges over time have been considerably less than the nationwide CPI average. Next slide, please.

We also have some -- requesting some increases in some miscellaneous service charges and these miscellaneous service charges in general are not to just recover costs and so there are some increases. We are proposing with these service charges, and for only the recovery of our costs to perform these services. And many of these cases, so when you see like a move a meter, that -- go back, please. That includes the actual replacing of equipment as well, and our equipment costs, particularly, service lines, meter boxes and such have risen considerably. The bottom two are really deposits and so they represent just the increase in the cost of our hydrant meters. And so we asked for a deposit when the hydrant meters are returned to us. If they are undamaged, the customer gets their money back. Next slide.

So in this slide, these are service charges, but a little explanation is needed because they are a mix of rates as well. So with our residential water hauling station which we have out at Jomax and Pima Road, we improved that station a number of years ago to improve safety and improve the speed at which folks could fill up their tanks or their trucks with water. And we wanted that cost to be reflected on the people using that station. So we put in a capital recovery fee. However, because of the few folks that actually use that, the numbers actually were not there and we weren't recovering our capital costs involved with those improvements. We are recommending to remove the capital costs and just to go with an increase in rates and with the increase of rates are to remove the lower tiers and just going with the highest tier rate. And so doing a flat rate with the highest tier would allow us to recover the cost of that facility, as well as we found that the tiered effects for water hauling really -- there is no conservation effect for having those tiers. The usage is such is that it's not impacted by the tier rate. So we are recommending a flat rate. And then also the same thing goes for the bottom with the high grant meter flat rate. We are recommending again these hydrant meters are used for construction purposes. They are used for dust control and other purposes when building roads, homes, offices and such. They are used for those purposes. They use the water that they are required to use. There's not really an impact for using a tiered rate. So we are recommending, again a flat rate similar to the commercial water hauling rate and just having it at the upper tier. Next slide, please.

So while we set our rates again based on our own financial needs, we do like to compare ourselves to other valley cities and we use a typical customer comparison and there's two that we -- that we bring up every year. The first is the 5/8<sup>th</sup>-inch water meter, using 11,500 gallons on average, and a use of 8,000 gallons. As I say every year, it's not fair to compare us to the two cities on the left, Chandler and Gilbert are very flat cities. The beauty of Scottsdale in the topography that we have but that also creates a considerable cost for the water and the sewer systems as we have an elevation change in the city of thousands of feet and a gallon of water weighs a little over 8 pounds. And we pump on average close to 70 million gallons a day of that water through our city. It requires infrastructure and electrical costs that don't equate to a very flat city. Nonetheless, I think you will see that we do well in

comparison to most of the valley cities, and in this 5/8<sup>th</sup>-inch comparison, the increased cost for the -- for the typical customer would be \$1.30 a month. Next slide.

So in a larger meter size, in a -- typically it would be a larger home with a 1 inch meter, using 17,000 gallons on average, and a 12,000-gallon sewage bill, in this area too, we compare favorably and it would be a \$2.70 increase per month with these proposed rates. You can see that we jump Peoria. We have continually jumped Peoria, and then they raised their rates and it would go back and then we would jump them again. And that would be my prediction for this year as well. Nevertheless, I do think that we compare favorably. Next slide, please.

So in summary, we're looking for proposed water rate increase of 2.7% and sewer rate of 2.4 art and miscellaneous service charges. Before I go to the next slide, it's a little different, but I must admit in the last several years Dan Worth, my fellow director out there has done a nice slide where he compares a solid waste vehicle to some slick vehicle, a sports car sold at Barrett-Jackson and the different value and he's done a great job at that. Following that accord, I thought I might show a vehicle that shows worth or equivalent value of water and wastewater systems that we have. Next slide, please.

So the Mars rover perseverance, from the Mars rover project, that vehicle which is a spaceship in itself, the actual cost of that vehicle, not at the delivery charge, just the cost of that vehicle, that spaceship, amazing as it is, it was \$2.2 billion. For that same investment, the citizens and customers in Scottsdale over the last 50 years have invested the same amount, \$2.2 billion in our water and wastewater systems. That's the depreciable assets, the water and the wastewater systems including the value of the land and the water resource portfolio that we hold and the equivalent value of the Mars rover project. And what we're -- and the proposed rates that we have are to provide -- are to continue to provide that world-class -- those services to the world-class community that we are. And to keep and maintain the value of our water and wastewater systems. Thank you. That concludes my portion of this briefing and pending your questions, Dan Worth will follow me.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, Mr. Biesemeyer. They did discover water on Mars. So I guess that 2 point whatever billion, did -- did meet its goal. Do we have any other kind of immediate comments from -- go ahead, Ms. Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: I really like this last slide. Thank you for bringing everything home to what we have invested in. Good job.

Water Resources Executive Director Brian Biesemeyer: Thank you, ma'am.

Mayor Ortega: Well, we appreciate the information and we took it as such. We are not going to be voting on the information. We'll follow it as the budget unfolds and at this point, I think we will move on with the appointment of boards and commissions. Excuse me, let's see another comment. Excuse me. City Manager Thompson.

City Manager Jim Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of council. We do have multiple more presentations. So we still have wastewater to go through. We'll have parks and rec. There's quite a few and I apologize it will take quite a bit to get through it.

Mayor Ortega: Absolutely no apology needed. I was looking ahead. But please proceed with the rest of it. Thank you. Sorry.

City Manager Jim Thompson: So next we have Dan Worth who will be presenting in his section. So thank you.

[Time: 00:44:25]

Public Works Director Dan Worth: Good evening Mayor and council. Could I get the first solid waste slide, please. Go ahead to the next slide. Unlike my esteemed colleague, Mr. Biesemeyer, I will keep my presentation down to earth.

This slide is simply the rate proposals, the keys on the slide, look at the right-hand column. We are proposing a straight across the board, 5% increase and if you look at the top row, this is the rate that affects the vast majority of my customers, the 83,000 single family homes that get residential service from us. Their 5% proposed rate increases equals to \$1.07 per month on their monthly solid waste bill. Next slide, please. This shows our current projections over the next five years. We're projecting a slight annual increases to keep pace with costs and I will explain what some of those costs are later in the presentation. Next slide, please. I will point out that I showed a similar five-year slide last year, and last year's slide, I projected 3% increases this year. And I'm doing 5%. And, again, there's some cost drivers that account for that. The next slides are going to go into that in a little bit of detail. Next slide, please.

And these are some of the reasons why we're looking for a 5% increase. I will briefly address each one. The first two, some of you have seen me address before. Replacement costs and recycling impacts. I talked about those last year. They are still issues. I will give you a little bit of an update. Next slide, please. The -- it's not a Mars rover, but it is still an expensive piece of equipment, and we have 52 of them. So the increase in the cost of the equipment is one of the things that's been driving our cost increases for several years now. And it's a continuing trend. Next slide, please.

Recycling costs, when I talked you to last year, this was huge! And some of you may remember the increase that we did last year was a lot more than 5%. It was about 14%, and that was largely due to recycling impacts. I talked to you about the disruptions in the market for recyclable materials and part of that was -- a large part of that was due to the country of China shutting down their import markets. They were the major consumer of recyclable commodities worldwide that had a huge impact on the market. Prices that we could receive from materials plummeted and everybody in the business has been dealing with that. The slide to the right, a little over a year ago, actually in fall of 2019, there was a fire at the material recycling facility that we had a contract with, at the Salt River Pima community. You may not realize it, but last year, with the loss of that facility and the difficulties we had with the market disruption, finding someone else to do the recyclables -- when I did the presentation last year, we didn't recycle. Everything was going to the landfill. So big disruption and a big impact open our costs. We used to make \$20 or \$30 a ton on the commodities coming out of the recyclable materials and now we pay to get it processed or disposed of. That was a year ago.

The rest of the bullets on this slide or really good news. First we are recycling again. Council approved a contract an IGA with the city of Phoenix, a little bit less than a year ago. We are not taking everything

there that we collect. There are limitations. Capacity limitations primarily at Phoenix's facility. They are serving their own customers, as well as some other municipalities, but we are recycling over half of what we collect now through that IGA with Phoenix. Negotiating a contract with the Salt River Pima community, hopefully you will see that within the next couple of months. If we are successful in getting that included and getting that contract approved, the Salt River Pima community is working with the vendor, public services that manage the facility before it burned down. They plan to rebuild and they intend to have that rebuilt and back in service by the end of this year. When that happens, we will be recycling everything that we collect again. And we will be in a better position than we were a year ago, because we'll have alternatives. We will have the contract with Phoenix still. We'll have the contract with the Salt River Pima community and have a legal bit of price competition potentially. So it's a good story.

And then the third item, the last bullet, the market is moving in the right direction. Huge disruption a year ago. If you look at the chart on the right, three lines, the dark line is the fee that we pay the city of Phoenix. And you can see it goes up slightly on the right-hand side. That is a rate increase that I have not yet brought to you. We have to do an amendment to the contract, but that's going to be on the agenda two weeks from now.

The orange line is the revenue. And the way the contract works with Phoenix, they charge us a processing fee. They sell the materials and they subtract the revenue they get from the sale, and that's -- that's our net. So you can see the revenue is climbing. It's gone from \$20 a ton when we started a year ago, and approaching \$50. That means the go he will line is going down. Our -- the gold line is going down. Our costs, and the magic number is \$30. That's about where we are at. If the line is above that, if I'm paying more than \$30, to get a ton of material recycled, I'm paying more to recycle than I am to landfill it. But it's getting to a point where we are actually saving money by recycling again. It hasn't been that case in a year and a half since before the fire at the recycling facility. So all good news. More options to get our material recycled and the markets moving in the right direction. Next slide, please.

It's not totally good news. We did have another fire this year. Most of you are aware of that, January 3<sup>rd</sup> in our equipment yard in Via Linda. It was a fire that started in one of the solid waste trucks and started in the middle of the night, and we had 12 trucks engulfed in flames by the time anybody even knew what was going on and we get the fire department there to put it out. The fire department did a great job for us, but the sad reality is we had nine trucks that were a total loss, replacement value of those trucks is \$3 million. We are getting some insurance money back to cover the depreciated value, but there's still going to be some expense to buy new trucks and replace those that we lost. The good news, if there is any, is that we had set our rates -- our rate proposal for next year, before the fire happened, and with the insurance claim and with some other things that worked in our favor, we haven't adjusted the rate request. It was going to be 5%. It's still going to be 5%. Some of our costs are going to go up because we are replacing vehicles before we planned on it, but we were able, despite the fire to keep our rate requests down. Next slide, please.

Another exceptional set of circumstances, obviously. Something that we haven't had to deal with before is the impacts of COVID. Some interesting impacts on the business. The commercial program, we lost revenue. We did not lose a lot of accounts. Many of the accounts we have are downtown

businesses. A lot of them are food and beverage, bars and restaurants. What happened is that we had many of them change their service level. They went from four pickups a week to one or two, but they stayed as customers. So we didn't lose customer base. We lost some revenue. And everybody hopes that business is going to pick up and revenue is going to pick up and we certainly anticipate when that happens, we will get the revenue to our program back to where it was as -- as businesses pick up the level of service they had before the COVID impacts happened.

On the residential program, it was an increase in business. People were staying at home. There was a significant increase. We have an annual growth in our residential collection every year, you can see it's been averaging about 1% annual growth over the previous year. This year it was 7%. The only thing that was different was COVID. You can seal the dollars figure there. 100 plus thousand dollars, the cost just to transfer and dispose of that additional tonnage. But additional hours and additional wear and tear on vehicles had an impact. And then across all the programs, we lost about 2,000 hours of labor due to COVID, about the equivalent of one employee. When you recognize that most of those hours were met with overtime, it works out to about 1.5 employees as a cost impact. So those are the impacts that we have had to deal with on COVID and our response to it. Next slide, please.

Last cost driver I wanted to mention, and I know that you have heard some from residents on this. We are converting our alley service to curbside service. 83,000 customers, we have 11,000 all in the southern portions of the city that are still using a shared 300-gallon container. You can see a picture of it up there. Still using a shared container. They have to go out to the alley and dump their household waste into it, as do many other people. It's not secured. Anybody can drive up and down the alley and put refuse in it. One of the things that we have seen statistically is that the amount of tonnage per household is 50% higher in areas where alleys than it is in areas with curbside service. And we're convinced that that's due to illegal dumping, people that don't have accounts using those containers because it's easier to do. You can see another picture up there, one of those containers for yard waste. We have a yard waste program, but people just put it in the big container because it's there. It's easy. So we are going to get the benefits. There's left waste to dispose of. We will remove the outlet for illegal use of our containers.

Other savings, we do damage. We got to pay for the damage. Damage to the vehicles, damage to property walls. So we anticipate that we're going to reduce the costs associated with that. One of the big cost savings you can see how tight it is for a truck to get through those alleys. The trucks, industry-wide have been getting bigger and bigger. A bigger truck is more efficient truck. It is collecting more and take less trips to the landfill, but we can't buy the bigger trucks. We have been sticking to a smaller truck because 14% of our workload is in alleys. But we use the same trucks for all of you are accounts. So we are using the smaller inefficient truck for the other 86% of our customers as well. Going to curbside allows us to go to a more efficient vehicle, which we feel is going to be a substantial savings for it. So long term, we anticipate some positive results from this. Short term, there is a cost and that's reflected and you can see how we spread it over four years. We have to buy new containers. That's the biggest cost and as we spread that over the 40 years, we're going to start seeing the benefits from it. Next slide, please.

This is the total revenues associated with the requested increase. Next slide, please. And just as Mr. Biesemeyer showed you, we like to compare ourselves with other municipalities. The other major

municipalities in the valley, the dark line for each city is this year's rate. The red line is what we know of for next year's rate. You can see a couple of cities. One Glendale is still going through a rate study. They anticipate there will be an increase. They don't know what it is yet. Phoenix doesn't have a bar. Anticipate it will be similar to what this year's is. They went through a -- a very difficult process last year and bumped their costs up about \$6 to be able to fully cover costs and make up some deficits. And then on the far left, the -- the least expensive city in the valley many, the rate that I'm showing for next year is not finalized. We just heard from Gilbert that they had been planning to take that to their council by now, but they pushed that back to April, but they still are anticipating something in a \$4 range. That will be what they are asking for. So if you take a look at all of that, we're left of center in this chart. We are towards the low end. That's where he with want to be. We still feel per the services we provide, which is greater than the service level provided in some other communities, particularly the -- for the services we provide, we are still one of the best values in the valley. Next slide, please.

This is just the opening slide over again. That concludes my presentation. Of and I would be happy to entertain any questions.

Mayor Ortega: Very good. Any comments? Then we'll continue.

[Time: 01:00:06]

Planning and Development Services Director Randy Grant: Randy Grant, director of planning and development services. The good news is my presentation is much more brief than the previous ones, the bad news is it's not nearly as entertaining. Next slide, please.

We are proposing for next year a -- a fee increase of 7.2% or less in aggregate. Our goal is for complete cost recovery, and to cover the costs of inflation and operating expenses in order to provide the best level of service we can. As you know, with the last year, technology is playing a bigger and bigger part of what we all do and I feel like we are making some strides in providing 24-hour service available online, but there are some costs that are associated with that, and so we're looking at an increase of just about a little over 7% to cover the cost of providing service. Next slide, please.

In the area of wireless communications, we have a resolution that states that council is authorized to establish fees for wireless facilities. It is customary 3% increase as a cost of inflation. The proposed increase is consistent with what other cities charge and what the wireless industry feels is appropriate. And 3% has been what the increase has been for the last ten years or so. Next slide, please.

In the area of stormwater fee, the city is recommending that we increase the stormwater fee on city utility bills by \$1 a month. This is consistent with what we have done over the last several years. That money is dedicated entirely to drainage and flood control, C.I.P. projects and most of those projects are eligible for a 50% match from the Maricopa County flood control district, or from other sources. Sometimes more than 50% match. And so we feel like that is a wise investment that leverages our funds, favorably with outside agencies. I believe that is the last slide. Next slide, please. Yes, and with that, we will be coming back if you would like any more detailed information on any of the materials that have been presented, I'm happy to do so. Thank you very much.



[Time: 01:02:59]

Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy: Good evening Mayor Ortega. This is Bill Murphy, assistant city manager and I will be providing you some update on the community services fees this year. Next slide, please.

The Bell Road sports complex is the new bond funded project which will be opening up next winter. We are currently going to have a fee structure for the facility. We do not have one now, but that's why I'm here tonight. We would like to put a fee in for \$1,700. This would be the entire complex fee to utilize the facility for two days. We have six fields that will all be lit there. So this would be -- include the fields, parking lot, patio and the entire day, similar to the Scottsdale sports complex. Next slide, please.

At the Scottsdale sports complex, we are proposing an increase of \$1,700 to \$2,000 a day, and again this would be for the entire complex for a minimum of two days, and that's all I have for you tonight. Any questions?

Vice Mayor Janik: I have a quick question. Are these fees comparable to what other facilities charge?

Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy: Councilwoman Janik, and Mayor Ortega, we do benchmarking with others and we would compare ourselves to regional facilities, in Phoenix and Red Mountain facility in Mesa, these are very much in line with what the other facilities are charging.

Vice Mayor Janik: Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Murphy, would you say that there are any COVID-related charges or additional, let's say overhead on the city's part for our expenses due to COVID?

Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy: Mayor Ortega, related to the complex for soccer --

Mayor Ortega: Just the rental fees and how we have to monitor them, if they are adequately spacing, if they are observing the rules of the -- you know, required -- for them to be on our fields?

Assistant Manager Bill Murphy: We have not -- so when we scheduled those with the producers who are directors who are doing those tournaments we ask them to provide to us the necessary chaperons, if you want to say. We do have staff there on site, all the time. As far as any of the sanitation -- sanitizers that we might have positioned out there, those were also covered by that individual who is putting on that event. So right now, we do not have a fee for COVID. We are relying mostly on those who are partnering with us out there to be responsible for that.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. So you have some sort of honor system but then still verification in some way with our -- with your -- with your staff?

Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy: Correct. Our staff is out there monitoring that as well.

Mayor Ortega: Any questions? Okay. Are there any other questions for this particular item or the others that were presented? And I do have a comment from city manager Thompson.

City Manager Jim Thompson: Mr. Mayor, we have one final presenter and then we should be done with this item. So thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Yep.

[Time: 01:06:44]

Fire Chief Tom Shannon: Good evening Mayor and members of the council, can you hear me?

Mayor Ortega: Yes.

Fire Chief Tom Shannon: Okay. Thank you. I apologize, I can't see the screen. But the fire department has nominal increases every year. This year's increases total a total of \$46,500 and they are focused in the areas of our public education class fees where our -- our CPR, our first-aid and baby-sitting public education classes will see an increase due to personnel costs and then a new class which is a preserve outdoor first aid class which would be similarly priced and match the anticipated instruction labor costs. The only other notable changes are really in our inspection fees and those closely relate to the changes in the building fees. And the -- the total as I stated before, program-wide is \$46,000, and it's split into \$32,000 in building permits or tent inspection or rush permit types of fee increases and the rest is public education. And that really is the totality of you are presentation. I'm happy to entertain any questions if you have them.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you, chief. I do not see any hands or comments arising from your presentation. I thank you very much. We're looking at all of these consolidated cost increases that are requested and I think most of them are pretty specific. One asks for a range. So we'll get more clarity as -- as we continue the process. At this point, I think we are concluded with those presentations.

#### **ITEM 14 – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS**

[Time: 01:08:54]

Mayor Ortega: And we will move on to item 14, regarding the boards and commissions. And task force appointments. I will now turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Betty Janik.

Vice Mayor Janik: 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 evening, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on citizen advisory boards and commissions. Each nominee was asked to submit written responses for Council review and consideration and was asked to note the following: Their name, address and how long they have lived

in Scottsdale. Their education, employment, or volunteer experience and how it relates to the board or commission for which they have been nominated. And what they view as the top issue facing the board or commission for which they have been nominated. Additionally, nominees had the option in submitting a brief supplemental video highlighting their background and experience. Submitted materials were included as part of tonight's Council meeting agenda packet and were provided to the Council for review and consideration prior to this meeting. I will review each board and commission and note the nominees for consideration. Following the review, I will entertain a vote for appointment.

**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:10:53]

Vice Mayor Janik: The Airport Advisory Commission. One opening. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are: Ken Casey, Thomas Noon. I will now entertain a vote for the Airport Advisory Commission. Each Councilmember can vote for one nominee. I will start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Ken Casey.

Vice Mayor Janik: Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Ken Casey.

Vice Mayor Janik: Councilperson Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ken Casey.

Vice Mayor Janik: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Ken Casey.

Vice Mayor Janik: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Ken Casey.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself Ken Casey. And councilman Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Ken Casey.

Vice Mayor Janik: It appears that Ken Casey has been appointed to the Airport Advisory Commission.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

[Time: 01:11:51]

Vice Mayor Janik: Board of Adjustment, two openings. There are two vacancies and four nominees. The nominees are: Conan Deady, Gary Steinback, Timothy Stratton, Ryan Wagner. I will now entertain a vote for the Board of Adjustment. Each Councilmember can vote for two nominees. I will start with Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Conan Deady and Timothy Stratton.

Councilmember Milhaven: Gary Steinback and Timothy Stratton.

Vice Mayor Janik: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Gary Steinback and Timothy Stratton.

Vice Mayor Janik: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Conan Deady and Gary Steinback.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself, Conan Deady and Timothy Stratton. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Conan Deady and Ryan Wagner.

Councilwoman Caputi: Timothy Stratton, Ryan Wagner.

Vice Mayor Janik: Okay. It appears that Timothy Stratton and Conan Deady have been appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:13:15]

Vice Mayor Janik: The Environmental Advisory Commission, one opening. There is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are: Heather Abrahami, Anthony Coletta, Andrew Scheck. I will now entertain a vote for the Environmental Advisory Commission. Each Councilmember can vote for one nominee. I will start with councilperson Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Anthony Coletta.

Vice Mayor Janik: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Anthony Coletta.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Anthony Coletta.

Vice Mayor Janik: Myself, Andrew Scheck. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Anthony Coletta.

Councilwoman Caputi: Anthony Coletta.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Anthony Coletta.

Vice Mayor Janik: Anthony Coletta will be serving on the Environmental Advisory Commission.

#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:14:18]

Vice Mayor Janik: Historic Preservation Commission. Rose Smith withdrew her application from consideration. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is: Ben Brosseau. I will now entertain a vote for the Historic Preservation Commission. I will start with Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Ben Brosseau.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Ben Brosseau.

Vice Mayor Janik: Ben Brosseau.

Councilmember Durham: Ben Brosseau.

Councilwoman Caputi: Ben Brosseau.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Ben Brosseau.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ben Brosseau.

Vice Mayor Janik: Ben Brosseau is on the Historic Preservation Commission.

#### **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

[Time: 01:14:57]

Vice Mayor Janik: The Industrial Development Authority. There are three vacancies and three nominees. The nominees are: Mary Grier, Daniel Stewart, Thomas Williams. I will now entertain a vote for the Industrial Development Authority. Each Councilmember can vote for three nominees. I will start with councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Mary Grier, Daniel Stewart and Thomas Williams.

Vice Mayor Janik: Councilwoman Janik, Mary Grier, Daniel Stewart and Thomas Williams.

Councilmember Durham: Mary Grier, Daniel Stewart, Thomas Williams.

Councilwoman Caputi: Mary Grier, Daniel Stewart, Thomas Williams.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Mary Grier, Daniel Stewart, Thomas Williams.

Councilmember Milhaven: Grier, Stewart and Williams.

Mayor Ortega: And Mary Grier, Daniel Stewart and Thomas Williams.

Vice Mayor Janik: It appears Mary Grier, Daniel Stewart and Thomas Williams will be serving on the Industrial Development Authority.

### **JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD**

[Time: 01:6:13]

Vice Mayor Janik: Next, the Judicial Appointment Advisory Board has one opening, and the opening is for a citizen representative position. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is: Laura Ingegneri. I will start with myself and I vote with Ingegneri.

Councilmember Durham: Ingegneri.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Ingegneri.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Ingegneri.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ingegneri.

Mayor Ortega: Ingegneri.

Councilwoman Caputi: Ingegneri

Vice Mayor Janik: Laura Ingegneri will be serving on the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board.

### **MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:17:10]

Vice Mayor Janik: The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. There are two vacancies and two nominees. The nominees are: Laurie LaPat-Polasko. Marsha Lipps. I will now entertain a vote for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. Each Councilmember can vote for two nominees.

Councilmember Durham: Laurie Lapat-Polasko and Marsha Lipps.

Councilwoman Caputi: Laurie Lapat-Polasko and Marsha Lipps.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Laurie Lapat-Polasko and Marsha Lipps.

Councilmember Milhaven: Laurie Lapat-Polasko and Marsha Lipps.

Mayor Ortega: Laurie Lapat-Polasko and Marsha Lipps.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Laurie Lapat-Polasko and Marsha Lipps.

Vice Mayor Janik: Laurie Lapat-Polasko and Marsha Lipps will be is serving on the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:18:18]

Vice Mayor Janik: Next we move on to Parks and Recs Commission. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are: Eric Kurland, Teresa Kim Quale. I will now entertain a vote for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Each Councilmember can vote for one nominee.

Vice Mayor Janik: I will start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Teresa Quale.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Eric Kurland.

Councilmember Milhaven: Teresa Quale.

Mayor Ortega: Eric Kurland.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Teresa Quayle.

Vice Mayor Janik: Eric Kurland.

Councilmember Durham: Eric Kurland.

Vice Mayor Janik: Council, Eric Kurland will be serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:19:19]

Vice Mayor Janik: Next we move on to the tourism development commission. There is one Scottsdale hotelier position vacancy and one Scottsdale Hotelier nominee. The nominee is: Sherry Henry. I will

now entertain a vote for the Tourism Development Commission. I will start with Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Sherry Henry.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Sherry Henry.

Mayor Ortega: Sherry Henry.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Sherry Henry.

Vice Mayor Janik: Sherry Henry.

Councilmember Durham: Sherry Henry.

Vice Mayor Janik: Sherry Henry – has been appointed to the Tourism Development Commission.

Councilwoman Caputi: Sherry Henry.

Vice Mayor Janik: I'm sorry. I did it again, I'm sorry Tammy, Ms. Caputi. Thank you.

#### **VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:20:09]

Vice Mayor Janik: Next, we will move to the Veterans Advisory Commission with one opening. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are: Deborah Dominick, Steven Jackson. I will now entertain a vote for the Veterans Advisory Commission. Each Councilmember can vote for one nominee. I will start with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Deborah Dominick.

Councilwoman Whitehead: Steven Jackson.

Councilmember Milhaven: Deborah Dominick.

Mayor Ortega: Deborah Dominick.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Deborah Dominick.

Vice Mayor Janik: Steven Jackson.

Councilmember Durham: Deborah Dominick.

Vice Mayor Janik: Deborah Dominick will be serving on the Veterans Advisory Commission.



This concludes our appointment process for today. I would like to thank all our nominees for their interest in serving on a city board or commission. We are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applicants for the positions on our Boards and Commissions. City staff will contact the individuals appointed this evening and provide them information 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. I will now turn the meeting back to our Mayor. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you very much. At this point, I will take a motion to adjourn.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEM**

[Time: 01:21:50]

Councilmember Milhaven: I have a Mayor and council item, if I may.

Mayor Ortega: Go ahead.

Councilmember Milhaven: As you know, I think you know, I'm on the Experience Scottsdale board and we are getting to ready to renegotiate the city's contract with them. Since I was on the board, the city of Paradise Valley hired a third-party expert in destination marketing to evaluate the performance of the group, as well as to make suggestions on how the contract could be strengthened and I thought it might be helpful for us to do the same, because I know there's been a lot of scrutiny around that contract and having an independent third party might give us some confidence and make some recommendations. So I would like to agendize for council to provide future direction to staff to hire an independent third-party to do an evaluation of our contract and the performance of experience Scottsdale.

Mayor Ortega: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Would you be looking to use the same one that Paradise Valley is using or would we go out --

Councilmember Milhaven: No, I think our process would require us to go out to bid. I'm not recommending anyone in particular.

Councilwoman Littlefield: I will second your proposal.

Mayor Ortega: At this point I believe we have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? This is to explore, not to create a contract necessarily? So we're just looking at the possibility.

Councilmember Milhaven: Right so staff would bring back an item wherein we would direct staff to hire a third-party expert in destination marketing to evaluate our current contract, their performance and any recommendations they would make about future contracts.

Mayor Ortega: So at this point, the --

Councilmember Milhaven: It's a motion to agendize.

Mayor Ortega: It's just to agendize and we can look at the options and so forth that would be involved. Any other discussion?

Vice Mayor Janik: I think it's a very timely idea. Thank you.

Mayor Ortega: Okay. All in favor say aye. Well, thank you very much. Any other items from the floor or among council? I have none as Mayor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

[Time: 01:24:08]

Mayor Ortega: And therefore, I will hear a motion to adjourn. Thank you. And a second by Councilman Littlefield. All in favor say aye. We are adjourned. Thank you.