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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:03]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon, everyone. And welcome to our 4 p.m. Special Meeting.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:07]

Mayor Lane: I would like to start with a roll call.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Linda Milhaven.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp.
Councilmember Klapp: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Virginia Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Guy Phillips.

Councilmember Phillips: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Solange Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

Bruce Washburn: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

Jeff Nichols: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

[Time: 00:00:32]

Mayor Lane: I should say it's about 4:00.

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

Mayor Lane: And this is for boards and commissions interviews and committees and for that purpose I turn the meeting over to our Vice Mayor Linda Milhaven.

[Time: 00:00:50]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you. The Scottsdale City Council is responsible for establishing City policies and enacting laws in support of those policies. The Council relies on volunteer, citizen-based boards and commissions to research issues and make recommendations in support of the Council's mission and goals. The information and recommendations provided by Council-appointed advisory
boards is a valuable tool in helping Councilmembers in their deliberations. This afternoon, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on citizen advisory boards and commissions. I want to thank these individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service of this community. Following each set of interviews, we'll vote on the appointments for that board or commission.

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

CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

[Time: 00:00:51]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: So we will begin with the citizens' bond oversight committee. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee receives reports on the City's progress in implementing the Bond Program, reviews any proposed project changes to the program and provides comments to the City Council with respect to the bond program as the Committee deems appropriate. There are four vacancies and four nominees. The nominees are Seth Blattman, Alex McLaren, Kadambari Prasad. I hope I said that right, sir. And Douglas Reed. We will begin with Mr. Blattman.

[Time: 00:02:39]

Seth Blattman: My name is Seth Blattman. I live on Camelback Road. I lived in Scottsdale for about 20 years. As far as experience, I went to Kiva, Cocopah and Chaparral and I graduated from A.S.U. I worked for my family's business which is a local furniture manufacturing business. I realized I needed some formal business training as I worked there and I decided to get my graduate degree. I have a Master's of Business at UCLA. While I was there, some pertinent classes I would have taken are finance, accounting, data and decisions. After my MBA, I moved back to Scottsdale which was five years ago. I came back to run my family's business. I oversee all aspects of the business. Pertinent would be finance, accounting.

One thing about a family business is that every dollar in the business is my family's or my dollars and so we treat every dollar like that. That's instilled, a characteristic of fiscal responsibility, which I think would be pertinent to the board. As far as top issues facing the board as a project near completion, there are projects coming in under budget. There are projects that might go over budget. So as far as reallocating funds from the projects that went under budget to over budget, also, again, the projects near completion, I think there's expected to be funds left over. What to do with those funds once it's all said and done. Again, I bring a record of fiscal responsibility that I learned in my family's business and I thank you all for your time.
Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, Mr. Blattman. Any questions? There don't appear to be any questions. Mr. McLaren will be next. Mr. McLaren's term expired on January 26th, 2019 and he's eligible for reappointment.

[Time: 00:04:56]

Alex McLaren: Good afternoon, Vice Mayor, members of the Council. My name is Alex McLaren, 7624 East Osborn Road and I lived in Scottsdale for 33 years. As far as my education, I'm an engineer, civil engineer. I graduated BSC in South Africa and a master's in water engineering at London University. I worked for the city of Scottsdale after I arrived in the U.S. 1984, worked for the city of Scottsdale for 21 years. First in water and wastewater, and then in drainage, transportation, and also in Capital Projects. So I was involved in 1989 bond election, the 2000 bond election and developing and working on the projects that were approved by the voters.

My volunteer experience, I volunteered for an organization called Engineers without Borders. Excuse me, and we are doing a project in the Dominican Republic helping them with their water system to get it properly disinfected. The top issue facing this board or commission, this is the commission for the 2015 bond election, which was the two questions which were passed, the fire stations and the overlay program. Those are winding up now and I hope we have, we have need for another bond commission, the 2019 bond commission. We know the Councils, we have a Capital Improvement Subcommittee, which is working on a program, and that will go to the full Council in due course and hopefully there will be a program that the voters will be able to vote on in November for another G.O. bond election and you will need another bond commission after that. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, Mr. McLaren. Any questions? Thank you, sir. The next nominee is Kadambari Prasad, who is unable to attend but would still like to be considered. And the final nominee is Douglas Reed. Mr. Reed's term expired January 26th, 2019, and he's eligible for reappointment.

[Time: 00:07:29]

Douglas Reed: Good evening. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Councilmembers, my name is Doug Reed. I live at 2550 North 82nd Street in Scottsdale. I have been a Scottsdale resident since 1990. My education, A.S.U. degree 1969, lived in the valley ever since then. And for the majority of my career, give or take 30 years or so, I owned a local insurance agency. We handled primarily malpractice insurance for attorneys, which gave me a lot of insight into contract law, in dealing with some adverse parties on occasion.

The primary concern or finishing up the, finishing up the bond projects, my biggest area of concern is to see a successful completion of the fire station portion. Project, the street paving portion is pretty much on auto pilot and set to wind up. We still have a ways to go on the fire station. So I would like to see that brought to a completion. Back to the experience issue, contract law is one of the things that insurance agents deal with quite a bit and there's a bit of that involved in the bond oversight program. So I would like to be around for finish. And as Alex just said very likely we'll
have another bond issue and perhaps another bond commission coming up. I would like to be involved in that also. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, Mr. Reed. There don't appear to be any questions, sir. Thank you. So we have four vacancy and four nominees. Each Councilmember can vote four times. We will begin with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I would like to vote for Seth Blattman, Alex McLaren, Kadambari Prasad, and Douglas Reed.

Councilman Phillips: Yes, I will also vote for Mr. Blattman, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Prasad and Mr. Reed.

Councilmember Korte: And I will vote for Mr. Blattman, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Prasad and Mr. Reed.

Mayor Lane: I too will vote for Mr. Blattman, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Prasad and Mr. Reed.

Councilmember Klapp: Seth Blattman, Alex McLaren, Kadambari Prasad and Doug Reed.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Blattman, McLaren, Prasad and Reed.

Councilmember Whitehead: I also will vote for the four candidates for the four positions. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Congratulations, gentlemen. Thank you.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

[Time: 00:10:18]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Next we will address the Environmental Quality Advisory Board. There is one opening. The Environmental Quality Advisory Board provides guidance on the prioritization of future environmental activities and recommends environmental policies to the City Council. As specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the membership of the Board shall reflect both scientific and non-scientific interests. There is one vacancy and four nominees. The nominees are Walter Cuculic, Arnold Siegel, and Adam Wasserman. We will begin with Mr. Cuculic.

[Time: 00:11:03]

Walter Cuculic: Hi, City Council, Mayor. My name is Walter Cuculic.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: If you could stand a little closer.

Walter Cuculic: I haven't done this before. Hi, my name is Walter Cuculic, I live at 22155 North 97th Street in Scottsdale, Arizona, 85255. I have lived there for approximately the last three years.
I grew up in Arizona. My family moved here when I was about 5 years old. Came from Chicago like a lot of Arizonans. Stayed here throughout high school. I went to McArthur in Mesa, Arizona and I was raised Catholic and my folks sent to Brophy, and I got to know Scottsdale because of the long commute over the time. After high school, I did college up at NAU. I got a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish.

Since then, I have worked in the environmental field. A lot of time I spent at solar city, sun power, which are large U.S. renewable energy developers. I also worked for Pulte Homes as their national director of sustainability, where I focused open energy efficiency, green building, water conservation. Currently, I'm head of, senior vice president of auto capital, we are a debt company, and we finance green energy. And I currently sit on Northern Arizona University energy task force.

I also spent five years as a representative on the United States green building Council, representing the residential construction industry. I have got a lot of experience in working with cities, municipalities, counties, wastewater districts, schools, and finding ways with developers to save them operating expenses by reducing their energy consumption or water consumption. That's what I focused on for the last 15 years. I think that probably the biggest issue that I, or I see as an opportunity, not issue, is there's a phasing out of both federal and state renewable energy tax credits, and if the city doesn't take advantage of these tax credits over the next few years, the cost of doing it in the future will increase. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, sir. There don't appear to be any questions. Mr. Arnold Siegel will be next. Mr. Siegel's term expired on January 18th, 2019, and he's eligible for reappointment.

[Time: 00:13:45]

Arnold Siegel: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, City Council. My name is Arnold Siegel. I'm a resident of Scottsdale since 1985. And my wife and I live in the northern part of the city, and we have been blessed by leaving the cold. And we found a lot of warm things here other than the climate. My background in Chicago was journalism, public relations and advertising. And at one point, when the Illinois State lottery started, I was appointed the marketing manager for the lottery and for the first four years I was in that position and we returned a profit, a profit of $212 million a year and that's before machines. This was all scratch tickets.

So moving out here was a blessing for us, because we found the climate that we liked. We found an opportunity to work in the commercial janitorial business with a national company, and started with about 100 employees cleaning about 1 million square feet. Very hard, dedicated workers and 22 years later, when they retired me, they said, you have done a wonderful job. And we appreciate it. Go have a good life. And the life was very good for us during the time that I was working there, but also afterward. Because we made a lot of friends and we accomplished a lot. One of the things that we accomplished was green buildings. At first, when I heard of the green building energy, I thought that we would have to paint buildings green and what was this? The bottom line is, I learned through my affiliations with BOMA and IFMA and other professional organizations what green buildings were and we wrapped up awards with our work to provide the green buildings that the cities were looking
Vice Mayor Milhaven: Sir, if you could take a moment and wrap up your remarks, thank you.

Arnold Siegel: Okay. I would like to take this moment to wrap up my remarks, whichever way you decide to have my life go, I want to thank the members of the Scottsdale department, city staff, office representatives Tim Connor, Sam Brown and Anthony Floyd. They have guided the committee that I have been proud to serve on, or the board I have been proud to serve on. I look forward to serving again but I wanted to let you know that they deserve a shout out because they keep things organized and it helps us, it helps us very much. And we're looking forward to a lot of heavy use of enthusiasm and negotiations with water and energy in this state. And it's going to rebound right in our backyards and front yards and I thank you for your attention.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, sir. George Spatola. We do have a question for you, Mr. Siegel. Sorry, we do have a question for you, sir.

Arnold Siegel: I don't have the winning lottery numbers for tonight.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Mayor, you had a question.

[Time: 00:17:50]

Mayor Lane: I guess he answered it. No. No, Mr. Siegel, you have a comment why you would like to serve as saying that EQAB should establish with other cities neighboring Scottsdale and Maricopa County, Arizona departments overseeing clean water and keep updated. How would you see that being facilitated in a way that it's not right now?

Arnold Siegel: The information that we get from our city coordinators with our board, lets us know when items of importance are coming up regarding the environment. There are meetings at A.S.U. There are meetings throughout the city. And I followed a few at A.S.U. At the request of the staff, and they were very enlightening. And they are now trending toward the use of artificial grass in a lot of places.

Mayor Lane: I understand there may be all kinds of information, but how would these development of relationships be facilitated? How would that happen in, in ways that we're not doing right now. We operate obviously with the state, with the regional water organizations and that, and frankly, we do trade best practices, and some of those we would take certainly to the commission. But I'm just wondering how would you see this being expanded upon to the benefit of this city and the City Council?

Arnold Siegel: Well, I discussed this with our board and I think we will be following up on, or the board, if I'm on it, I would appreciate that, but whatever happens, I started calling when Flint, Michigan, tragedy came up, and I wanted to know how our schools and how our environment were protected from water contaminations like this.
Mayor Lane: I'm sorry, if I might because I don't want to take too much time on this. You are saying individually, would you make these contacts or do whatever?

Arnold Siegel: Oh, yes.

Mayor Lane: Not rather as a commission, you are talking individually, you would go and.....

Arnold Siegel: And we report back to the commission, Mr. Mayor. So they know that we're liaising with them. A good example of that was a recent symposium with the Denver water director, the Phoenix water director, and people from A.S.U., a professor that has a class on environment and we had a good lively discussion.

Mayor Lane: Okay. I think that answers it. Thank you.

Arnold Siegel: Thank you. I hope I answered it.

[Time: 00:20:52]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you. George Spatola is unable to attend and would like to be considered. And our final nominee is Adam Wasserman. No? Mr. Wasserman? All righty then. We have one opening and each Councilmember may vote once for one of the four nominees and we'll begin with Councilmember Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Walter Cuculic.

Councilmember Korte: Walter Cuculic.

Mayor Lane: Adam Wasserman.

Councilmember Klapp: Walter Cuculic.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Walter Cuculic.

Councilmember Whitehead: Walter Cuculic.

Councilmember Littlefield: Walter Cuculic.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Congratulations, Mr. Cuculic. You have been appointed.
Vice Mayor Milhaven: Next, we will look at the Human Services Commission. We have one opening. The Human Services Commission provides advisory recommendations to staff and the City Council on Human Services priorities and programs; and funding allocations for Scottsdale Cares, Community Development Block Grants, HOME, Human Services Emergency and General Funds. There is one vacancy and three nominees. Patricia Nightingale withdrew her application. The nominees are Denny Brown, Kana Chinasamy, Victoria Kauzlarich. And I apologize to everybody! So we’ll begin with Mr. Denny Brown. Mr. Brown’s term expired on January 26th, 2019, and he is eligible for reappointment. Sir?

Denny Brown: My name is Dennis Brown. Sometimes known as Downtown Denny Brown. I have been here since 1987! Oy! So what kind of experience? Let’s see. Well, I did theater, film, and television all over the United States. Let’s see what else did I do? I have 20 years, I was at Firebird Raceway in multiple capacities and the general manager of pro forma driving event. And I ended up with Firebird as a sales manager. I left that wonderful world and went and did really important things. I was the PTA president at Hohokam for four years and I went to the Scottsdale Unified School District where I was elected to become a governing board member. Very proud of that work. From there, geez, gosh, you know, I had an opportunity to do just wonderful things. I was up till recently on the board of the Association of Arizona Food Banks.

I’m currently serving on the board of the East Valley Institute of Technology Foundation and I’m a janitor at the church up the street, and I’m just finishing here on the commission and I have got to tell you, I’m so proud of the work of our commission. If you said, what is a priority for our commission? Prioritize spending in alignment with need. Because as you guys know, there’s never enough money to do all the things we would like to do. That is our priority, trying to do the best for our community. You know, and speaking of our community, I got to tell you, I’m so thankful to you guys for letting me serve on the commission and getting to know all the wonderful people that work at the city! You know, 99% of the people in Scottsdale have no idea about the wonderful, wonderful programs that take place in Scottsdale. So I’m thankful for you letting me get involved with that stuff and I got to tell you, guys like Justin and Greg and Bill and Jessica and Eddie, I had a chance to work with these wonderful folks delivering food to the Scottsdale Unified School District folks and also Back-to-School folks. I have been at every one, I feel a part of it and I’m proud to be there. Thank you all much for letting me hang out.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, sir.

Denny Brown: Any questions?

Vice Mayor Milhaven: There does not appear to be any questions, sir. Thank you. Kana Chinasamy is unable to attend but would still like to be considered. So we will hear from our next nominee, Victoria Kauzlarich. No? Good afternoon.
Victoria Kauzlarich: Good afternoon. I would like to start by thanking Mayor Lane and members of the City Council for inviting me here to talk about my interest in serving on the Human Services Commission. My name is Victoria Kauzlarich and I have been told I ought to buy a vowel. I live in Grayhawk and I have been a Scottsdale property owner since 2002. I moved permanently here in 2012. I'm originally from Illinois. A little bit about my background for this position. I have an undergraduate degree in sociology. I have a master's degree in education, as well as an MBA. I have over 20 years of experience as a human resources executive, and I have taught college level sources in sociology and psychology and early in my career I was a social worker.

I got my start working with delinquent and pre-delinquent children and their families. I counseled kids and their families and helped them navigate the local human services offerings in our community. As part of those early experiences, the agencies I worked for developed and pitched requests for funding to the United Way, to the county board, and other organizations that offered funds for local programs. Later, I managed and designed, I managed a program design to encourage underserved youth to attend community college. I managed the grant and the ongoing need for federal funding in that program. I served on four Grayhawk HOA committees, first on the budget and the communications committees and now on the landscape and architectural review committees. I took the Scottsdale 101 course last year.

In reviewing some of the minutes from last year's Human Services Commission, it occurs to me that one of the top issues is affordable housing in Scottsdale. It isn't surprising that Section 8 vouchers are few. What is surprising is that 99% of the need is going unmet. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you. All righty then. We have one opening and three nominees. Each Councilmember may vote once and we'll begin with Councilmember Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Denny Brown.

Mayor Lane: I cast my vote for Denny Brown.

Councilmember Klapp: Denny Brown.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Denny Brown.

Councilmember Whitehead: Denny Brown.

Councilmember Littlefield: Victoria et cetera.

Councilman Phillips: Kana Chinasamy.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, Mr. Brown. You have been reappointed. Thank you.

Denny Brown: I'm so excited.
LOSS TRUST FUND BOARD

[Time: 00:27:59]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Next up is the Loss Trust Fund Board. We have two openings. The Loss Trust Fund Board is responsible for recommendations to the City Council regarding the administration of the Loss Trust Fund. As specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the City Council shall appoint five joint trustees, of whom no more than one shall be a member of the City Council and no more than one trustee may be a City employee. There are two vacancies and three nominees. The nominees are Dominic Bilotti, Allan Smith, Suzanne Welch. We'll begin with Mr. Bilotti.

[Time: 00:28:39]

Dominic Bilotti: Hello again. My name is Dominic Bilotti. I live at 9494 East Redfield Road, Apartment 2114, Scottsdale, Arizona, and the area code, or ZIP code, excuse me is 85054. I have lived in Scottsdale now for eight months as opposed to the previous six the last time I was here. And then in the valley as a whole for three years. So I want to first thank the Council for the nomination and enabling, enabling me to convey my commitment to the city of Scottsdale here today again.

The Loss Trust Fund Board was created to administer the loss trust fund of the city, which entails maintenance for the payment of the risk management programs, operating expenses, claims administration et cetera. The oversight of this trust must be diligent and be administered by the fiduciaries that maintain an adept understanding around budgeting, insurance premiums, and costs and a willing to understand nuance. I believe my experience as a level two charter financial analyst candidate certified financial planning candidate and then a financial undergraduate student as well as my time in the financial services industry working for the Vanguard group has adequately prepared me for such a responsibility.

The certifications themselves and relevant experience on the subject matter will allow me to distill the various points of order that go through the specific board and allow me to best vote on behalf of the citizens in an objective in and necessary manner. Specifically around insurance contracts whether it be for health insurance premiums. That is something that the board has dealt with, around the specific proposals concerning benefits for city employees. As a point of improvement if elected to the board, I would love to focus on the education aspect of the benefits package that are being voted on. It is not enough just to serve as a fiduciary inside the board room, but also outside to those who are affected by the proposals themselves. Thank you again for taking the time today to consider my nomination and I would love to answer any questions you might have.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, sir. There does not appear to be any questions. Allan Smith is our next nominee. He’s unable to attend but would still like to be considered. We will hear from our final nominee, Suzanne Welch. Ms. Welch’s term expired on December 1st of 2018 and is eligible for reappointment.
Suzanne Welch:  Good afternoon, Mayor Lane, Councilmembers.  My name is Suzanne Welch.  I live at 7479 East Sunset Sky Circle in Scottsdale.  I have been a Scottsdale resident for over 20 years.  And I am currently employed in the insurance industry with Southwest Aviation Insurance Group at the Scottsdale airport and previous to that, I was a Scottsdale employee in the Risk Management department.  My background is 30 years’ experience in the insurance industry, and during that time, I earned the charter property casualty underwriter designation and the associate in risk management.  Those are earned through classes and national examinations.

My aim to serve on the Council again to be reappointed to the Loss Trust Fund Board is to help the continued health of the Loss Trust Fund and any loss control measures that may be available.  I’m willing to answer any questions.

Vice Mayor Milhaven:  Thank you.  There do not appear to be any questions.  Thank you.  So we have two vacancies and three nominees.  Each Councilmember may vote twice and we will begin with Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane:  My vote is for Suzanne Welch.

Vice Mayor Milhaven:  You may vote up to two.

Mayor Lane:  Dominic Bilotti.

Councilmember Klapp:  Dominic Bilotti and Suzanne Welch.

Vice Mayor Milhaven:  Dominic Bilotti and Suzanne Welch.

Councilmember Whitehead:  Dominic Bilotti and Suzanne Welch.

Councilmember Littlefield:  Allan Smith and Suzanne Welch.

Councilman Phillips:  Allan Smith and Suzanne Welch.

Councilmember Korte:  Dominic Bilotti and Suzanne Welch.

Vice Mayor Milhaven:  Congratulations Mr. Bilotti and Ms. Welch.  Thank you for your service.  This concluded our interview and appointment process this afternoon.  I would like to thank everyone that interviewed today and would like to note that we are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applicants for the positions on our Boards and Commissions.  Please remember, even if you were not appointed tonight, your application will remain on file for one year for consideration at a future date, if there are additional vacancies.  The City of Scottsdale is very lucky to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing to serve our community and thank you for all you do.  I will serve the meeting over to the Mayor.
Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Good meeting and good selections. I thank everyone for their interest in serving our city.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:34:12]

Mayor Lane: With that, though, we are ready then to accept a motion to adjourn on our Special Meeting.

Councilmember Klapp: Move to adjourn.

Councilmember Korte: Second.

Mayor Lane: The motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor of adjourning, please indicate by aye. We are adjourned. We will be back at 5:00 for our Regular Meeting.