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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:00]

Mayor Ortega: Hello, everyone. I call the March 1st, 2022, special meeting to order. Clerk Ben Lane, will you please conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:11]

Clerk Lane: Thank you. Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Tammy Caputi.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilmember Janik: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Linda Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Solange Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

Sherry Scott: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

Sonia Andrews: Here.

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

[Time: 00:00:35]

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. The sole purpose of this meeting is to do boards and commissions appointments and interviews.

Vice Mayor Caputi: 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 afternoon, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving commissions. I want to thank the individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service to this community.

Following the set of interviews, we'll vote on an appointment for the board or commission. As I call your name, please approach the podium, and briefly cover the following: 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 Councilmembers if they have any follow-up questions for you.

So start, we have the building advisory board of appeals. There are two openings and two nominees. So we have: Quentin Augspurger Greg Barker. Quentin Augspurger could approach the podium, please. Yes, thank you.

Quentin Augspurger: Can you hear me okay?

Vice Mayor Caputi: Great.

Quentin Augspurger: I'm Quentin Augspurger, I lived in Scottsdale for 25 years, north Scottsdale. I had the same home since it was built, and prior to that, I lived in Phoenix. I started an engineering firm 47 years ago. The firm is still in business. I used the codes, the building codes for all of my professional life. I know where to look for things.

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Although I'm a mechanical engineer and a register professional engineer in Arizona and California, my consulting practice has extended beyond simply mechanical engineering into most of the disciplines one way or another.

I believe that I have knowledge of what's happened in the past and various municipalities. I think the charge of reviewing the building codes and adopting them, with or without additions or subtractions is a big charge for this committee. Is that it?

Vice Mayor Caputi: That's your one-minute warning. It throws everyone off. It's the one-minute warning and then you get an extra minute.

Quentin Augspurger: Okay. I hate to be the guinea pig.

Vice Mayor Caputi: It's all good.

Quentin Augspurger: I served on the plumbing advisory committee for the city. Phoenix years ago, and since then, and in the practice of running my business, I was active in the consulting engineers association of both Arizona and the national organization. As far as what I might expect to do, I would stand up and do what I could.

I know when I ran my business, I was never sure what would come in on the phone that morning, but somehow, I managed to handle it one way or another.

Vice Mayor Caputi: And there you go.

Quentin Augspurger: Okay. All right.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you so much. Do any of the councilmembers have questions for Mr. Augspurger. If not, then -- oh, sorry. We have one more nominee. So thank you very much. We will hear from Greg Barker.

Greg Barker: Hi, Greg Barker. I live at 7542 East Clinton in Scottsdale. Lived here three years. Prior to this, I lived in Goodyear. About two years and then prior to that Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I currently work for a fire protection contractor nationally.

So I do deal with mostly the International Code Council codes and A.F.P.A., I'm a member of the society of fire protection engineers and national fire protection association. And as far as what I feel the -- you really need to bring to this committee is consistent adopt, consistent enforcement, or consistent application of the codes as adopted by the city, but yet remaining open.

Because I'm a firm believer that codes require changes to make them path of best practice for any local city, or any local state, just -- I deal with this every day throughout the country as we take variances for different buildings throughout the state. And mostly commercial construction. So I have also worked in the residential side. I did own a flooring company for about six years. Unfortunately, 2008 did that in, and shut that one down. So any questions?

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Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Do any councilmembers have questions for Mr. Barker? Thank you so much.

Greg Barker: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Caputi: So we will now entertain a vote for the building advisory board of appeals. Each councilmember can vote for two nominees, I will start with myself and we will go in order as we are sitting. So my vote will be for Quentin Augspurger and Greg Barker.

Councilmember Whitehead: Quentin Augspurger and Barker.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Augspurger and Mr. Barker.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Augspurger and Mr. Barker.

Councilmember Janik: Mr. Augspurger and Mr. Barker.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Augspurger and Barker.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Great they have been nominated. Next we have the citizen's bond oversight openings. Mr. Clapeck will be participating electronically. I believe someone will cue that up and –

Harry Clapeck: Good afternoon, my name is Harry Clapeck. I live on sahuaro drive. I lived in Scottsdale since 2015. I moved up from Nogales, Santa Cruz, Arizona, where I worked across the border. Also during that time I served on the school board for the Santa Cruz County School Board District, along with being a past president a couple of times for the bond issue and override issues.

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Part of that responsibility was to ensure that the money spent on the bond issues that were approved was according to those items presented to the public. I think that leads into the responsibility for the current oversight committee is to make sure that the representative from the public, that those monies are still spent in the way that the bond issue is presented to the public. That's my presentation. My background is in finance.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Does anyone have questions? Thank you, Mr. Clapeck. Michael Hinz, do you want to approach the podium, please?

Michael Hinz: All right. My name is Michael Hinz. I'm a resident of Scottsdale for a year. I moved here after 25 years in Phoenix. I live at 7137 east Rancho vista drive, right up the street. I believe very strongly that it's important to participate in the community in which you choose to live. It's a very strong ethic of mine.

And I have been involved in one way or another, in every community I have lived in, going back to the mid-'80s. I served on the citizen bond committee in Phoenix. I was on the loop 202 and citizens advisory for the highway construction on the south end of the loop.

I was the president of my HOA in Phoenix for four years and was a member of that board for 12. Prior to that I was also a member of the city of Phoenix village planning committee and on a number of other committees appointed by both my councilmember and the mayor. I participate because I think it's important. I have experience in the bond committee. I have a history in banking and finance, and I think I can make contributions that would be relevant to the entire community.

That being said, the thing that I think needs to be addressed for your group or this particular committee is to make sure that bond money allocated is spent and partitioned appropriately, that it's supervised correctly, and that if there is any overages that recommendations made on how to spend that money going forward, because it's already been allocated for. And I think that sums it up.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Questions? Then I will move on to Mary Jane McCart, please.

Mary Jane McCart: Hi, my name is Mary Jane McCart, but I go by Jane. My address is 9536 east Sierra pinto drive in Scottsdale. I lived in Scottsdale for a little over two years having moved from Chicago in December of '19, just in time for COVID.

In my professional career, I invested in municipal bonds, of all types from the highly rated issuers like the city of Scottsdale all the way down to junk credits. I was a portfolio manager for several mutual funds and clients of northern trust, and prior to that an investment management firm both located in Chicago for a total of 35 years.

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I was past president of the municipal analyst society, which analyzed all the credits of every municipality that we looked at. I'm very familiar with bond covenants and requirements of bond issues and so I think my background would bring an interesting perspective to this committee. I understand how bond proceeds should be spent and what happens if it's not. My biggest issue, I think facing the committee is cost overruns.

And today's environment with the high inflation and the increased costs in labor materials, I think that's a really big deal that we're going to have to keep a good eye on. I understand construction and the value of guaranteed maximum price contracts and I think I can add a little bit to the committee and the city.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Great. Thank you. Any questions from the councilmembers? Okay. Thank you so much. We will now entertain a vote for the citizens bond oversight committee. Each councilmember can vote for two nominees and we will start with Councilwoman Whitehead and just go down the row.

Councilmember Whitehead: Thank you. I will vote for Michael Hinz and Mary Jane McCart.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Clapeck and Ms. McCart.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Clapeck and Ms. McCart.

Councilmember Littlefield: Michael Hinz and Mary Jane McCart.

Councilmember Janik: Michael Hinz and Mary Jane McCart.

Councilmember Durham: Michael Hinz and Mary Jane McCart.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Michael Hinz and Mary Jane McCart. So it looks like Michael Hinz and Mary Jane McCart have been appointed. Thank you.

Next, we have the environmental advisory commission. Ginia Wickersham has withdrawn her application from consideration. There is one vacancy and two nominees. Who are both -- just Ms. Anagnostou is going to be participating electronically. So we will hear from her first.

Sotiria Anagnostou: Hi, thank you. My name is Sotiria Anagnostou. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for seven years total but had to move away for a few years. I'm able to move back full-time and reestablish residency. I will thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and share some of my background.

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I have a background in corporate sustainability where I led environmental and sustainability initiatives for large companies, in multiple industries including manufacturing, chemical engineering, finance and asset management. I also have an academic background in the space as well with a Ph.D. in environmental social sciences from Arizona State, and during that, I looked at how people responded to environmental change.

I'm familiar with some of the social components and how it connects locally. I think one the biggest issues that the commission faces in the city in general is that we're constantly inundated with new and emerging topics in this area and these issues come up and most of them are presented with a sense of urgency. Given many I background academically and a corporate space, I'm able to look at this holistically and think how they fit with other projects and programs. Call. That sense of urgency so we can create some plans that fit within them and I think that's really my skill set can be really helpful in the commission and also help to support the people of Scottsdale. So thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Great. Thank you. We will hear from Walter Cuculic whose term has expired and is eligible for reappointment.

Walter Cuculic: Thank you. Can you guys hear me okay?

Vice Mayor Caputi: Yep.

Walter Cuculic: My name is Walter Cuculic, I live at 22151 north 97th street in Scottsdale, Arizona, 85255. I lived in Scottsdale for the last five years. I'm married. I have four kids. My current role as I serve as executive vice president of renewable energy at Avona Capital. There I

lead our renewable energy lending practice.

I think one of the unique skill sets or skills that I have related to the board and the commission is my background in finance. And prior to finance, I was an engineer and in business development for two of the largest U.S. solar companies, solar city which is now Tesla and prior to that, I worked for sun power which is a large solar manufacturer as well. Prior to that experience, I also worked as the national director of sustainability for Pulte Homes and Del Webb, they build the Sun City and Pulte Homes.

During that, I led the efforts to build a LEED platinum community in Las Vegas. I'm an environmental engineer but I also have an MBA from UCLA. I think probably the biggest challenge and the biggest opportunity in front of the commission today is there's some low hanging fruit that I believe that the city can help -- let me back this up first, since I have 42 seconds.

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So I'm a capitalist but I believe in the triple bottom line. It's people, profit, planet. So you've got to think about all aspects when you make decisions. It's just financially stable? Is it something that's going to be sustainability financially? How is it treating the people? And how is it treating the planet? That's my lens on business and that's my lens on how the city should look at its facilities and its opportunities.

I think the low-hanging fruit is finding ways sustainably to save the city hard dollars and I'm excited that the city is hiring sustainability director to do that. So thank you.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Any questions from the council? Then I will now entertain a vote for the environmental advisory commission. We can each vote for one nominee. We will start with Councilwoman Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Cuculic.

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Cuculic.

Councilmember Littlefield: No additional.

Vice Mayor Caputi: We all have to say.

Councilmember Littlefield: Mr. Cuculic.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Cuculic.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Mr. Cuculic.

Councilmember Whitehead: Mr. Cuculic.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Mr. Cuculic. Boy, we are really mangling that, I'm sorry. The historic preservation commission, there's one vacancy and two nominees. Gerald Conover, if you could approach the podium.

Gerald Conover: Thank you. For the record my name is Gerald Conover, I live on north 76th place in Scottsdale and I have been a resident there for five years. And a visitor in the area for the prior 30. In terms of qualifications for the historic preservation commission, I do hold two degrees in engineering from the University of Michigan. And my military service, I was commissioned the Corps of Engineers and retired after 26 years at the federal commission service.

I have also served as chairman of the architecture committee and another homeowners association for 18 years. When examining the historic preservation commission's role, there are two that are apparent. One as enforcer that the status quo is maintained by approving no changes whatsoever. The other is as mediator to try to find ways to maintain architectural harmony within a neighborhood to improve your state of living.

There's also some policy concerns, particularly now the conservation of water, and our current extended drought, and this goes to the issue of grass versus synthetic turf which keeps turning up over and over again. I live in an historic district in Scottsdale. I enjoy it very much.

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I'm very attractive to have the architectural harmony that that neighborhood affords. But looking at the larger space at all the historic districts within our city, the opportunity to retain individual architectural harmony also allows the residents to adopt the techniques to improve their state of living and improve their property values. It's a balance between tradition and innovation. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you Brin Sherrin, if you could approach the podium.

Brin Sherrin: Hi, my name is Brin Sherrin. I lived at 2830 north 28th street for the past eight years. As far as experience, I have run an online business, selling most mid-century vintage items and beyond. I have a great passion for mid-century design and mid-century architecture.

I live in one of the grove neighborhoods and a house that was built in 1957, and I have learned all that I can about my house and how it used to look and how my neighborhood used to look and I think that's one the main issues for me and I think one the main issues facing the commission is how do we entice people to retape the look of these what I feel are wonderful, you know, 1950s and '60s neighborhoods on the face of drastic changes, where my

neighborhood of Airbnbs.

And I love my home and I love the way it looks, and I would love to help people understand my love for those homes. So that's why I have applied.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Questions? I will now entertain a vote for the historic preservation commission, each councilmember can vote for one nominee, we will start with mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Brin Sherrin.

Councilmember Littlefield: Brin Sherrin.

Councilmember Janik: Brin Sherrin.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Conover.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Mr. Conover.

Councilmember Whitehead: Brin Sherrin.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Conover.

Vice Mayor Caputi: It looks like Brin Sherrin has been appointed. The loss trust fund board has one opening and one nominee. We will now hear from Jacob Seltzer, please.

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Jacob Seltzer: Hi, my name is Jacob Seltzer, I live at 9888 east wood drive. I have lived in Scottsdale for the last 16 -- I'm sorry, 6 years have been a lifetime resident of the valley. The last 13 years, I have worked for a third-party administrator for self-funded employee benefits and property and risk pools.

I have a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Arizona an associates in accounting from Scottsdale community college, personally responsible for overseeing the accounting and finance reporting on municipal trusts, on Native American committees and program pools, school districts, trusts for their employee benefits, as well as their risk programs.

The city faces the same issues as any other city where tax revenues coming in are being stretched by medical inflation and the costs of providing benefits to your employees. And retaining these employees by giving them great benefits to thank them for the service that they provide.

I hope to be able to give an opinion, give some insight to the trust and to provide for your employees alongside with your H.R. department. That's all. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. If we don't have any questions, I will entertain a vote for the loss trust fund board. We can start with Councilwoman Littlefield, please.

Councilmember Littlefield: Thank you. Jacob Seltzer.

Councilmember Janik: Jacob Seltzer.

Councilmember Durham: Jacob Seltzer.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Jacob Seltzer.

Councilmember Whitehead: Jacob Seltzer.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Seltzer.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Mr. Seltzer has been appointed. Great. Thank you, mayor, Mr. Seltzer has been appointed. Parks and rec commission, there's one vacancy and two nominees. So we will hear from Kristen Parrish, please.

Kristen Parrish: Hello, my name is Kristen Parrish, I live at 8208 east Montebello Avenue in Scottsdale, Arizona, 85250. I have resided there since August of 2018. So we were asked to talk about our education, employment, personal experience, and how that would help. So I will start with the personal.

I have two daughters, age 15 and age 4, along with my husband. We go to the Scottsdale parks every weekend. That provides me the end user perspective for the parks and recreation commission. In addition, because we have gotten so much joy out of the parks and recreation department, I view this as an opportunity to give back.

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Professionally, I am a professor of self-engineering in the school of sustainable engineering in the built environment at Arizona State University. I study construction management and I have looked quite a bit at how construction volatility for labor and material prices impacts the ability of municipality to complete projects on time and on budget.

Based on that professional experience, I think I could have something to offer to this commission. Compounding -- compounding this problem, in the state of Arizona is an influx of people. So you have increasing demand for park services and recreation services, you have increasing prices for labor and materials and relatively modest increases in revenue for

municipalities.

In my research, we have looked at some innovative approaches to overcome and address these issues, and I would like to bring these to bear on the commission. Thanks so much for your time.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. We will now hear from Judy Weiss.

Judy Weiss: Good afternoon, mayor.

Vice Mayor Caputi: And they will be participating electronically. Yes, hi.

Judy Weiss: Hi. Okay. Good afternoon, Mayor and councilmembers. My name is Judy Weiss and I have lived at 136th street and Shea. And I have lived in Scottsdale for over 40 years. I have a master's degree in public administration from A.S.U. And my entire career has been spent in the public parks, recreation, open space and community services profession.

I actually spend most of my career with the city of Scottsdale. I started out as a part-time recreation leader and progressed to the parks and recreation director. After Scottsdale, I moved to the city of El Paso, Texas, as assistant parks and recreation director and then as director for Coconino County up in Flagstaff and have recently retired after five and a half years deputy of the parks and recreation director for the city of Phoenix.

I believe this variety of related experience has given me familiarity not only with Scottsdale's parks facilities and programs, but an informed perspective on the provision of parks and recreation services and programs that I believe will help advise the council and staff in my role as a commissioner should I be selected.

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Vice Mayor Caputi: Those technical difficulties. Great. Unfortunately, we dropped out there, I think. Does the council have any questions?

Councilmember Janik: Kristen Parrish.

Councilmember Durham: Kristen Parrish.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Kristen Parrish.

Councilmember Whitehead: Kristen Parrish.

Councilmember Milhaven: Kristen Parrish.

Mayor Ortega: Ms. Parrish.

Councilmember Littlefield: Ms. Parrish.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Kristen Parrish has been appointed. Last, the veterans advisory commission. There's one vacancy and one nominee. Andrew Edwards.

Andrew Edwards: My name is Andrew Edwards and my address is 3015 north Scottsdale Road. I have been a Scottsdale resident for six months. My education was at the United States Military Academy, class of 2012. I commissioned an infantry officer and have years of leadership, and advising senior leaders and quantitative and qualitative analysis, as well as years of volunteering with the Special Olympics, as well as the habitat for humanity.

This experience directly relates to this board or commission because of the work we do for our community and, you know, providing candid feedback and candid consulting to our senior leaders. I think the top issue facing this board or commission is veteran transition from military service to civilian life.

There's also an issue with Scottsdale as far as gathering data about -- gathering data and ascertaining the number of veterans that live in our community. I would like to leverage my experience with coordination, organizational coordination between other veteran advisory committees, as well as other veterans organizations such as the Maricopa County standdown to tackle veteran housing and mental health.

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Vice Mayor Caputi: Great. Thank you. Does anyone have any questions? I will entertain a vote for the veterans advisory commission. We will start with councilman Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Edwards.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Andrew Edwards.

Councilmember Whitehead: Andrew Edwards.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Edwards.

Mayor Ortega: Andrew Edwards. Thank you for your service.

Councilmember Littlefield: Andrew Edwards.

Councilmember Janik: Andrew Edwards.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Andrew Edwards has been appointed. 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. Even if you were not appointed today, your application will remain on file for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies.

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

Mayor Ortega: Well, thank you, everyone. And at this point, I will ask for a motion to adjourn our special meeting.

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Councilmember Janik: I so move.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Motion and a second. All in favor, please register your vote. Thank you. We are adjourned. We will be coming back at 5:00 for our regular city council meeting.