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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:00]

Mayor Ortega: Hello everyone I called the October 25, 2022 City Council special meeting to order. City Clerk Ben Lane will you please conduct the roll call?

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:11]

Clerk Ben Lane: Thank you. Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Tom Durham.

Vice Mayor Durham: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Linda Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Solange Whitehead.

Councilwoman 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.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you this afternoon the City Council will be appointing individuals to one commission specifically the Airport Commission and I will turn the meeting over to the Vice Mayor Durham to begin the process.

**ITEM 01 – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCE INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS –
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:00:51]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you Mayor. This Scottsdale City Council is responsible for establishing city policies and enacting laws in support of these 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 are a valuable tool in helping Councilmembers in their deliberations.

This afternoon the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on the Airport Advisory Commission. I want to thank the individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time and service to this community. Following the set of interviews, we will vote on appointment for the 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. And identify the top issue facing this board or commission. Please limit your comments to two minutes between us, we have the time or by the screen to help you manage your time. Following each nominees' responses. And I will ask councilmembers if they have any follow-up questions for you.

The Airport Advisory Commission advises the City Council on policy matters relating to the operation of the airport, proposals for development, airport area land use, fees and safety concerns. There are three vacancies and six nominees. Robert Mittelstaedt has withdrawn his application from consideration.

The nominees are Gregory Cohen, Michael Goode, Fred Madanick, David Reid, Mr. Reid will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically, John Spalj, and Carl Stein. Mr. Stein is not able to join us this afternoon but still very much interested in being on the commission.

We can start with Mr. Gregory Cohen would you please approach? Yes, thank you.

[Time: 00:03:53]

Gregory Cohen: Good afternoon my name is Gregory Cohen I have been a resident of Scottsdale since 1997 and we lived at the same home at 13269 North 93rd street, about 3 miles east of the airport. We raised two kids in Scottsdale. And they have really enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity that Scottsdale has provided to us. I have also participated in Scottsdale leadership class of 25 which has informed my information-- what I know about Scottsdale and the community. And how vibrant and dynamic our community is.

I am a corporate attorney for about 30 years now. My primary industries have been in-house within healthcare and health insurance. Both highly regulated and very much like the airport and aviation. That experience really informs the way I go about preparing for the way I go about analyzing and assessing issues, preparing and assembling information the way I look at and evaluate the issues that are before us. And in terms of preparation, preparation for today's meeting, today's session, I pulled together information such as the bylaws, the City Council report on the commission. The master plan for the commission and I have reviewed meeting minutes for the last 12 months.

I think it is important when we are talking about the economic driver for the community that continues about -- contribute about five hundred and sixty million dollars a year to our community that we have people who are willing to prepare in that fashion. The two biggest issues I think facing the airport our development and redevelopment around the airport and the way that may impact airport operations. And in the mix of flights between IFR and VFR aircraft. IFR requiring more spacing and giving the airport a lower capacity because of the spacing they required. And reducing capacity obviously I think will reduce the economic ability of the airport to serve our community in terms of the flights that it can manage and the aviation activity it can accommodate.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you Mister Cohen, do any of the council members have any questions? Thank you.

Gregory Cohen: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Our next nominee is Michael Goode.

[Time: 00:06:54]

Michael Goode: Good evening my name is Michael Goode, I live it 24119 N 119th Way in North Scottsdale in the home we built twenty-five years ago. I graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1969 and spent twenty-six years active in reserves in the Air Force flying T37, F4, and F-16. I retired as a full colonel in 1996 with over six thousand flight hours. I was hired by NetJets in 1998 and continue today is a Senior Vice President selling and managing fractional ownership accounts and private jets. I flew with the Scottsdale Civil Air Patrol for 4 years starting in 2012 and I am a former president of the Arizona Business Aviation Association.

I was a member of the Airport Advisory Commission for two terms starting in June 2010 acting as chairman during my final year. My main airport concern is finding viable solutions to the departure and airport delays that we are seeing today. I attended the May commission meeting and that was one of the main topic agenda items. Bottom line is if we don't eliminate the delays operators will go to other airports in the area where they can get in and out quickly. It is that simple. If that happens, we will see significant loss of fuel and operations revenue. Short-term with the Super Bowl in February we must make sure that the airport handles the all traffic effectively. Into 2008 we failed resulting in some high-profile aircraft owners seeing four plus hour delays after the game. The 2015 Super Bowl was a challenge that we met successfully to everyone's satisfaction. The threat was if we did not perform Phoenix would never see a Super Bowl again. As a commission chairman at that time, we worked as a team with airport management, FAA and City Council to come up with a plan that worked exceptionally well. I want to share my experience from 2015 to make this year's event even better from an airport perspective. Personally, I feel that it is time to give back again to the city and airport I've loved so much for the past 25 years. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you Mr. Goode. Any of the councilmembers have any questions? Thank you. Next Fred Madanick.

Fred Madanick: Good afternoon my name is Fred -- I live at 14651 North 100th Way and Scottsdale and have been there for the last twenty-eight years. I am a retired police officer; I was a police officer with the city of Philadelphia for 25 years and flew helicopters for them for the last seventeen of my twenty-five years. Also, during that time operated one of the Philadelphia's largest flight training schools for eight years. And that experience allowing to me work hand-in-hand with the FAA and the airport city aviation division. And after that I moved out here to Scottsdale and my wife and I opened a business here. And we sold the business 2008. I also was a former member of the Scottsdale advisory commission for two terms. And currently I just finished up serving 10 years as a volunteer at the civil traffic hearing officer for Maricopa County criminal courts.

My vision for the airport I think we will have a really big problem when the Super Bowl gets here. The community outreach will be our number one problem, I think. I just heard yesterday one of the busiest airports in Southern California is now having problems with residents and there's a lot of jets moving

there and they are having problems with fumes and things like that. And I think with the new building that is taking place right next to the airport, the high rise, I think we will experience the same thing especially when the Super Bowl gets here. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. Any councilmembers have any questions?

Fred Madanick: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you Mr. Madanick. Mr. David Reid. Mr. Reid will be participating electronically and this afternoon's meeting. You can start Mr. Reid.

[Time: 00:11:48]

David Reid: Thank you. Before I begin, I should probably comment that I am using my wife's laptop since I am out of town, and you can tell she is doing a commercial for Honor Health because that is on her computer.

My name is David Reid I live at 7631 East Corbin Drive and North Scottsdale. I have lived there for a little over 11 years. I became a pilot in high school and worked at and FBO to help pay for my education and have been in love with aviation ever since. I graduated Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. In my work experience I led the healthcare products vision of Herman Miller, a publicly held company who was there for twenty-two years. After that I led the fire truck manufacturing division of Spartan motors, a public company. And I was there for eight years. Currently I serve on the Board of Directors for sound off signal a manufacturer of LED lighting for emergency vehicles and commercial vehicles primarily police cars, fire trucks and commercial vehicles like the ones Cox uses. I am on the executive committee, the compensation committee and the business development committee at sound off. I was also chairman of the board at Salem community Hospital for 10 years.

I think the city of Scottsdale inspires to be a great place to live, work and play. And I think the airport helps facilitate these tools and the major focus is threefold in my opinion. We need to balance and we need to understand the needs of all of our constituents and stakeholders and balance their interest to make it all work. I am a good listener, a good strategic thinker, collaborator and I love aviation in our community. If you think my experience and desire to serve would help, I would be honored to serve. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you Mr. Reid. Are there any questions for Mr. Reid? Thank you.

David Reid: You are welcome.

Vice Mayor Durham: Our next nominee is John Spalj.

John Spalj: Good afternoon my name is J.R. Spalj I live at 10040 E Happy Valley Road. We have a home there for twenty-three years and we have been residents for the last eight. I have a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from North Dakota State University. I am a 3500-hour jet rated eight Airline transport pilot. We currently have two corporate aircraft that operate out of Scottsdale and we rent one hanger.

Our family has operated businesses here in the Valley and in Minnesota for the last 30 years. I'm currently on the Board of Directors at Carefree Cave Creek Airport. I support and participate in sky kids it is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides charitable flights for kids with disabilities. I also support and participate in veterans air command. It is a 501(c)(3) that provides charitable flights for wounded veterans around the US.

I believe one of the most important issues facing the airport is new development. We need good, smart development in and around the airport influence area. There is a fine line between development and protection of the airport. We must protect the long-term viability of the airport and we must do what is best for the city, the citizens and the airport. And I echo two of the gentlemen that spoke before me what they said. The gentleman from NetJets and the helicopter fella, we need to get airplanes in and out of the airport quicker. Personally, have sat on the runways for up to two hours. And if we can get airplanes in and out of the airport quicker, we accomplish three things that are good for the city and good for this community. We reduce noise complaints. So, we reduce the noise pollution. We reduce pollution, air pollution, jets idling on the runway are not good for the atmosphere and number three, we give a good first impression to visitors in the Valley. Thank you.

[Time: 00:16:29]

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. Are there any questions?

Councilwoman Caputi: Super easy can you just pronounce your last name?

John Spalj: [Laughter] That's going to be tough, think of the word smile. Except I have a P in it. It's a Croatian name.

Councilwoman Caputi: Got it, thank you.

Vice Mayor Durham: Thank you. And the final applicant is Mr. Stein but he is not able to join us this afternoon. But is interested in being appointed commission. I will now entertain a vote for the airport advisory commission. Each council member can vote for three nominees. I will start and I would vote for Mr. Cohen, Mr. Goode and Mr. Spalj. Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Thank you. I vote for Michael Goode Fred Madanick and John Spalj.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilmember Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: [Speakers microphone not on]

Vice Mayor Durham: Your microphone.

Councilmember Littlefield: I vote for Mr. Goode, Mr. Madanick, and Mr. Reid.

Vice Mayor Durham: Mayor Ortega

Mayor Ortega: Mr. Goode. Mr. Reid and Mr. Spalj.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mr. Reid, Mr. Spalj and Mr. Stein.

Councilwoman Whitehead: What an impressive group, I'm going to vote for Mr. Cohen, Mr. Goode, Mr. Spalj.

Vice Mayor Durham: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Thank you. Michael Goode, David Reid, John Spalj.

[Time: 00:18:43]

Vice Mayor Durham: It appears that Mr. Goode, Mr. Reid and Mr. Spalj have been nominated, appointed. Thank you. This concludes our appointment process for today. I would like to thank all our nominees for their interest on serving on the airport advisory commission. We are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applications for the positions on our boards and commissions. Even if you are not appointed today, your application will remain on file for consideration in a future date if there are additional vacancies.

I would like to remind our newly appointed commissioners, that an orientation session will be held immediately following this meeting. At the conclusion of this meeting, please gather by the City Clerk's office and a staff member will escort you to the orientation session. The city of Scottsdale is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are ready and willing to serve our city. Thank you and I will now turn the meeting back to the mayor.

Mayor Ortega: Well, thank you vice mayor at this point I would ask for a motion and second to adjourn the special meeting.

Councilwoman Whitehead: So moved.

Councilwoman Janik: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Motion and second any discussion, seeing none please record your vote. Accordingly, we are adjourned. And at five o'clock we will begin the regular City Council meeting. Which is scheduled with our agenda. So that's just in a few minutes.