

CITY OF GILBERT
CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr.; Councilors: Rudy Vertachnik, Ryan Redepenning, Paul Skrbec, Bob Pontinen; Interim Clerk Lynn Lorey and Administrative Assistant Marion DeLage, Ellie Freeman (S.E.H.)

CALL TO ORDER 5:00pm

REVIEW OF MINUTES

1. **AFSCME Grievance Update** – Interim Clerk Lynn Lorey met with AFSCME representative Amanda Metsa and will be getting more information to her, as requested. Interim Clerk Lorey informed the council of Article 17 in the AFSCME contract, “Can’t make decisions without consulting the union when it affects the employees.” She will be getting more info to them, as requested.
2. **Audit Update** – In a couple weeks, Clifton, Larson, Allen will be putting more staff on the audit. It should speed up the process in getting the 2023 audit completed.

Discussion took place on the progress with the audit and the backlog in the office. Th council suggested Clerk Lynn Lorey write up a proposal for temporary accounting help.

3. **Ore Be Gone Access Road** – Supplemental agreement for professional services with S.E.H. for \$35,800 was looked at. There’s an IRRRB grant for \$150k that will help fund this. Cost covers, design, bidding and construction.
4. **PFA Update** – Meeting set for Monay June 15th.
5. **Smell on Minnesota Avenue** – Clerk Lynn Lorey will be contacting the county’s Public Health Department.
6. **Commercial garbage fee** – A Gilbert resident inquired about getting more information regarding the new commercial garbage fee. Specifically wondering why they should have to pay the fee if they bring their items to the landfill.
7. **HRA** – 2 letters received from the HRA. The first letter requests the re-appointment of Joseph Skofich to the Gilbert Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners with term ending 05/08/2031.

The second letter received was regarding the increased base rate fee for the Gilbert Housing & Redevelopment Authority. After discussions with HUD, a solution was achieved to pay the remainder of the base fees.

8. LELS update – The Police Department is down to 4 officers at the moment. Officer Jake Jarvela reached out to Clerk Lorey to explain why they are unable to meet at this time regarding the LELS contract.

9. Additions to the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting -Under New Business: IT update (Councilor Ryan Redepenning); GFD Donation; S.E.H. Ore Be Gone contract; Electrical estimate for the firehall lights; Lift Station – Ore Be Gone.

Motion by Councilor Rudy Vertachnik, seconded by Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr. to adjourn the Working Session 6:11PM. MCU

5. Adjourn

ATTEST:

Lynn Lorey, Deputy Clerk

Karl Oberstar Jr., Mayor