

CITY OF GILBERT
CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION
Wednesday, August 12th, 2026
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Councilors: Ryan Redepenning, Bob Pontinen, Paul Skrbec, Rudy Vertachnik; Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Lorey and Administrative Assistant Marion DeLage

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER 5:02pm

REVIEW OF MINUTES

1. Proposed Ordinance No. 30.09 – Council Training with LMC – Councilor Paul Skrbec presented the proposed language and recommended moving it to the Regular Meeting. The ordinance states the purpose of the ordinance is to promote effective, transparent, ethical and lawful municipal governance by requiring the mayor and all members of the city Council to complete training on Minnesota City government, the roles and responsibilities of elected officials, the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, personal management, municipal finance and other relevant topics recommended by the League of Minnesota Cities or comparable training providers. Requirements in the proposed ordinance suggest at least once during the City Charter defined term of an elected official, they must attend online or in-person coursework or seminars that are intended to improve the effectiveness of serving on an elected body. The proposed ordinance suggests that if the mayor or a member of the City Council does not comply with the requirements of this ordinance within six months of taking office, they shall not be allowed to serve on any committee or board for the City or City Council in any capacity. Once compliant with the ordinance satisfied, the Councilor's ability to serve in full capacity shall be restored.

Councilor Rudy Vertachnik questioned why, if you don't take a course, why can't you be a part of a committee? Councilor Paul Skrbec stated this is how school boards do this and how the State of Minnesota enforces training. He also reiterated that he is open to changes, as this is the first draft.

A suggestion was made to make a "Welcome" packet instead of an ordinance.

2. Public Works – Activity log was provided to the council.

3. Gilbert Fire Department – the 2025 and 2026 payments will be made to PERA.

4. Commercial Garbage Fees – a motion will need to be made in the Regular Session if we are removing or changing fees.

5. Jason Hale – North Shore Development Co. Council was given a packet with their recommendations for development in Gilbert.

6. Discover the Range – Beth Pierce will be in contact with the city to display a community sign that shares mining history from the area.

7. S.E.H. – presented a contract for additional services on the manhole project, moved to the Regular Meeting agenda under letter "D" in Old Business.

8. Rockridge baseball – They are seeking a grant to upgrade the scoreboard, lights, etc.

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9. Kitchen request – a request was made to waive the rental fee for the kitchen use for pasty making this year. This will get moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda.

10. Voting – No absentee or early voting in Gilbert. Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Lorey provided an email from Phil Chapman, Clerk of County Board/Elections Manager. The city can leave it the way it is, or they can choose to take on the absentee and early voting, with set hours. This will get moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda, under New Business.

Motion by Councilor Ryan Redepenning, seconded by Councilor Paul Skrbec to adjourn the Working Session 6:00PM. MCU

Adjourn

ATTEST:

Lynn Lorey, Interim Clerk/Treasurer

Karl Oberstar Jr., Mayor