

CITY OF GILBERT
CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION
Wednesday, August 25th, 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; City Engineer Matt Reed

CALL TO ORDER 5:01pm

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- 1. Ordinance No. 30.09** – Council training With LMC – Councilor Paul Skrbich will bring changes to the next meeting.
- 2. Public Works** – Furnaces for City Hall – Public Works Director Sam Lautigar recommends doing all furnaces at the same time. Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Lorey will reach out to IRRRB again to see if they know of possibly some grants to help fund this project.
- 3. Campground** – Hosts requesting a 40% increase in pay. We are below where our targets are for the year and need a profit and loss statement before making a decision.
- 4. Administrative** –
 - a. Fire Department – PERA payments – discuss increasing the contribution during budget meetings.
 - b. PSN to Caselle payment processing – Caselle will no longer allow 3rd party payment processing. We will find out the timeline to get everything changed, etc. This will get put on the working Session and Regular Session Agendas for September 8, 2026.
 - c. City garbage bags and Circle K – discussion on why they were out of garbage bags. City staff have been trying to get them to pay their past due invoices for some time, balance was over \$6k. In house staff at Circle K was not processing the invoices correctly to their home office (in other State). Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Lorey worked with them, and this shouldn't happen anymore (having a large past due balance).
 - d. Absentee/Early Voting – Phil from the County recommended we leave it with the County this year due to staffing concerns. Council disagrees and wants to keep it “in-house.”
 - e. Ore Be Gone cliff permit for movie – A representative from the movie was here to answer any questions. Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr. expressed that he does not support this idea. It's very dangerous and we do not allow cliff diving due to safety reasons and past deaths. Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr. also shared his concern for “copycats” who would want to recreate what they saw in the movie. Councilor Paul Skrbec sided with the mayor and stated it is a “No” for him, as well.
- 5. Splashtown** – Done after Labor Day; they will be leaving their storage shed here again; we will remind them that the shed is their responsibility.

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6. Special Meetings – The following dates will be for budget discussions: September 1st, 15th and the 29th at 6:00PM.

Motion by Councilor Paul Skrbec, seconded by Councilor Ryan Redepenning to adjourn the Working Session 5:57 PM. MCU

Adjourn

ATTEST:

Lynn Lorey, Interim Clerk/Treasurer

Karl Oberstar Jr., Mayor