

City of Gilbert
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday September 8, 2026, 6 pm

Call to Order: Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr. called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:01 PM Quorum was determined.

Present: Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr., Councilor Bob Pontinen, Councilor Rudy Vertachnik, Councilor Paul Skrbec, Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Lorey, Administrative Assistant Marion DeLage;

Absent with Notice: Councilor Ryan Redepenning

Pledge of Allegiance:

Additions to the Agenda: None

Consent Agenda:

A. City Council Minutes

- August 25, 2026 --City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- August 25, 2026-- City Council Working Session Minutes
- August 4, 2026----Special Council Meeting Minutes
- August 18, 2026---Special Council Meeting Minutes
- September 1, 2026---Special Council Meeting Minutes

B. Boards and Commission Minutes:

- September 1, 2026---Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilor Skrbec, seconded by Councilor Vertachnik to approve the Consent Agenda with noted deletions and corrections MCU

Public Input:

People who Spoke in Favor or Opposed to Support of Lynn Lorey as Gilbert's next Official City Clerk:

Favor: Shonna Dunphy-Orso, Sue Dubbas, Marion Delage, Tina Chapman, Debi Lesemann, Mayor Oberstar also spoke in Favor of officially hiring Interim City Clerk Lynn Lorey as City Clerk....Interim Clerk Lynn Lorey also Spoke on her behalf

Opposed: None

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People who Spoke in Favor or Opposed to Annexation of part of Fayal by the City of Gilbert:

Favor: None

Opposed: Todd Manninen, Paul Chapman, Brian Zadnikar, Rena Erjavec, Sayer Payne....Mayor Oberstar and Councilor Skrbec also stated opposition to this Resolution.

Discussion came about by Fayal resident Mr. Todd Manninen wanting an Apology by City of Gilbert on a Utility issue comment between Gilbert and Fayal. Mr. Leo Skrbec, member of the Water and Light Board, stated he felt no apology is needed. Mr. Skrbec said he never said what was claimed that he said.

Motion by Councilor Skrbec (second by Mayor Oberstar) to table Resolution 2026-22 until Regular City Council Meeting of September 22, 2026. MCU

Motion by Councilor Skrbec, (second by Vertachnik) to Recess meeting, 7:08 MCU

Mayor Oberstar RECONVENED the meeting at 7:15 ...Roll Call Councilors Skrbec, Vertachnik, Pontinen, Mayor Oberstar Present, Councilor Redepenning Absent.

Reports-Mayor & Council:

Mayor Oberstar brought up his concerns on the City Rock House building needing a repair to the roof...items inside are getting water damaged by a leaky roof. Tarping the roof for now and putting repairs on the 2027 budget was a option the Council could agree on in Consensus. Mayor Oberstar commented that Natural Company could have been more professional and called City Hall to inform us that they were coming into Gilbert and replacing old Natural Gas Lines...General informational courtesy issue.

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Councilor Skrbec updated Council on Highway # 135 project. He also stated that the Council should start planning discussions on how rental of space at the newly remodeled Community should be done.

Councilor Vertachnik: Nothing at this time.

Councilor Pontinen: Nothing at this time.

Reports-Staff, Boards & Commissions:

City Attorney Bryan Lindsey: Mayor asked a question if he had an update on the Cease & Desist Action Council took on a particular building that was in compliance with City Code in Gilbert. City Attorney stated that the Cease & Desist was served....and will update the Council at the next meeting on how to proceed.

City Police Chief Ty Techar: Council spoke to the Chief about the City of Duluth Police Enterprise Records Management System Access Agreement. Chief recommend City go ahead and sign it, that it was in PD budget and ok to Renew...so the Agreement will be placed on the Special Council Meeting of the 15th.

Matt Reid: Reported that Punch List and Final walk-thru of the Community will be coming soon

Interim City Clerk Lynn Lorey: Gave an update on the progress at the Community Center. Mayor Oberstar asked her to inform him when the final walk-thru inspection was to be, so he could attend.

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Old Business: Motion by Councilor Skrbec, (second by Councilor Vertachnik) to approve Check Registers dated 8/10/26-8/25/26 & 8/26/26....MCU

(Mayor Oberstar Steps off the Chair:) Motion by Mayor Oberstar, (second by Councilor Skrbec) to approve Employee Timesheets for period 8/16/26—8/29/26 MCU

New Business: (Mayor Oberstar Steps off the Chair:) Motion by Mayor Oberstar, (second by Councilor Skrbec), to approve Fire Hydrant repair/replacement on New Jersey Ave W for a cost of \$6,500. MCU

Motion by Councilor Skrbec, (second by Councilor Vertachnik), to approve Resolution 2026-21. Fayal Clerk Heidi Latvaaho was present to give input on the substance of this Resolution. Mayor Oberstar read the Resolution out loud. MCU

Motion by Councilor Skrbec, (second by Councilor Vertachnik), to approve Resolution 2026-23. Mayor Oberstar read the Resolution out loud. MCU

Miscellaneous Announcements: None

Closed Session: Motion by Councilor Skrbec, (second by Councilor Vertachnik) to Recess the Regular Meeting and Move into a Closed Session at 8:07. MCU

Mayor Oberstar RECONVENED the Regular Meeting at 8:52....Upon Roll Call: Councilor Skrbec, Vertachnik, Pontinen, and Mayor Oberstar Present. Councilor Redepenning Absent.

Needed Actions to be taken as a result of the Closed Session:

Motion by Councilor Skrbec, (second by Councilor Vertachnik), to approve a Special Meeting by Council to be held on September 15th at 5 pm. Agenda will be CONTINUE VETTING PROCESS FOR CITY CLERK POSITION. Motion Carried 3-1...Mayor Oberstar voting NO Councilors Skrbec, Vertachnik, Pontinen voting YES.

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Adjournment:

Motion by Councilor Skrbec, (second by Councilor Pontinen) to approve to Adjourn this meeting at 8:54. MCU

Interim Clerk/Treasurer

Karl Oberstar Jr., Mayor

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