

City of Gilbert
Minutes of City Council Working Session
Tuesday December 10, 2019
Council Chambers

Mayor Oberstar called the meeting to order at 5:20 P.M..

Present: Councilor Robich, Councilor Pulles, Councilor Skenzich, Mayor Oberstar, Jr.
City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Police Chief Techar, Deputy Clerk Gulan, Executive Clerk Paulsen, Gilbert Water & Light Board members Bob Pontinen, Leo Skrbec
Quorum established.

1. Gilbert Police Department Body Camera Discussion

- Police Chief Ty Techar report on update and development of Body Cam policy.
- Public has opportunity to comment on update/development of Gilbert Police Body Cam policy.
- Public input required prior to policy implementation, per state policy, data practices law and regulations.
- Gilbert Police Department wants to maintain a positive, personal approach to this policy.
- High definition film usage and cost concern.
- Gilbert PD Body Cam policy currently exists but will be updated and modified.
- Fewer Prosecution costs, due to film evidence from Body Cam.
- Public input available via Gilbert Police Department Facebook page and City of Gilbert website.
- Attorney Bryan Lindsay: reiterating Body Cams have aided and cut down greatly in prosecution costs. GPD has done a good job in implementing the policy.

2. Water and Light Advisory Board Recommendations

- Mayor commends the Gilbert Water & Light Board in developing the new and fair water and sewer rates.
- Mayor: Water and light cost has not been equitable and fair since 1908, due to not all residents sharing in the water and sewer base fees, equally.
- Fixed rate discussed.
- New meters: 800 of 175 of new meters are not working. Per Mayor: This must be fixed immediately.
- Water & Light Board recommends \$19.50 fee. Base fee distribution discussion.
- Discussed possibility and implementation of fixed rate for apartment residents.

Leo Skrbec:

- Discussed other communities' fees and background. Background, water usage research, estimations, habited/non-habited, private/senior housing/dwelling/apartment discussed.
- Private vs. senior housing. Skrbec recommends starting with a lower base fee.

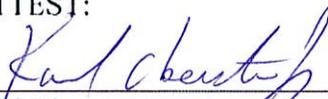
Bob Pontinen:

- Recommends full rate fee to be paid. Base fees pay for maintenance of electrical equipment. Base fee sewer discussion. Apartment residents aren't restricted by usage cost, as a private resident home owner would be. Either charged separately or rolled into the cost per gallon of water, for example.
- Shelly Huffman: no comment at this time.
- Fees rolled into cost per gallon of water, discussed.
- Mayor – equal usage and rate system discussion. Apartment building with single line, options discussed.
- Pulles: Inquired how to charge residents in areas where services not used?
- Robich: Water and Light Board member conflict of interest question to Lindsay
- Lindsay: If direct interest in an outcome, and recommendation is advisory only, and not final decision, the potential or appearance of conflict should be disclosed.
- Robich: Inquires if all rental units in Gilbert have been identified.
- Clerk: With \$19.50 fee there is no profit. \$19.50 rate was determined as such to directly pay PFA loan. Rate can possibly be readjusted in future based on residents and loan status.
- Base fees go to operation cost of that entity. Determined every couple of years and reviewed.
- Robich: Paying fair share options, discussed similarity to garbage service flat rate.
- Conflict of interest between advisory board recommendations and City Council members, clarification per Lindsay, discussion.

3. Other additional issues or concerns. N/A

Motion by Robich, second by Pulles to adjourn meeting at 6:13 P.M. MCU

ATTEST:



Karl Oberstar Jr., Mayor



James Paulsen, Executive Administrative Clerk