

**CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Skenzich called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Skenzich, Councilors Kutsi, Nemanick, Schutte and Skalko.

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt and Administrative Secretary Devich.

Mayor Skenzich stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss interim City Clerk and possible replacement of City Clerk for non-interim basis and eventual hiring of new City Clerk.

Councilor Kutsi stated he appreciates Chief Techar taking charge and assisting in the Clerk's Office but noted the need for an interim City Clerk. Councilor Schutte recommended the City contract the position out to someone that knows the Banyon system. Councilor Nemanick stated he has not even voted on the resignation of the current City Clerk. Mayor Skenzich requested the City Attorney to comment on the status of the meeting. City Attorney Brunfelt stated this meeting is a precursor to the following and any planning or motions are contingent on the outcome of the Regular Council Meeting.

Kutsi recommended hiring retired Gilbert City Clerk Gary Mackley for the interim because of his knowledge and experience. Schutte expressed great displeasure in hiring Mackley as he does not know the Banyon system and recommended contacting the City auditing firm, Walker, Giroux & Hahne, for a recommendation. Skenzich replied he did contact Auditor Greg Knutson at Walker, Giroux & Hahne and Knutson encouraged the City to bring Mackley back for interim. Knutson had also noted the good job Mackley did in 1984 with setting the City up when it was in a financial mess then.

Schutte stated she is sick of taking steps backwards and questioned the leadership and direction of the City. Nemanick stated the previous Council had made changes in the focus of the City Clerk position and now this Council is making changes that are not fair to the whole town.

Mayor Skenzich vacated the chair and made a motion to hire Gary Mackley as interim City Clerk for three months to allow the Council to move forward with the process of hiring a new permanent City Clerk. Following a second by Kutsi, the motion carried 3-2 with Skenzich, Kutsi and Skalko voting in favor; Nemanick and Schutte voting against.

Move by Schutte second by Nemanick to terminate the agreement with Forte and Company for their accounting services immediately. All approved.

Mayor Skenzich vacated the chair and made a motion to offer Gary Mackley a pay rate of \$30.00 per hour. Following a second by Kutsi the motion carried 3-2 with Skenzich, Kutsi and Skalko voting in favor; Nemanick and Schutte voting against.

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The Council agreed to set a Special Council Meeting to discuss the hire process for new City Clerk on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gilbert Council Chambers.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. All approved.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

The aforementioned is a summary of the action items from this meeting. To listen to the full transcript of this meeting, please contact City staff at 218.748.2232.