

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Skenzich called the meeting to order at 6.00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Skalko

Staff Present: City Engineer Jamnick, Interim-City Clerk Mackley and Administrative Secretary Devich.

Public Present: Allan Olsen, Laurel Roering, Judy Lohse, Linda Milos, Kim Fultz, Damon Fultz, Frank Lopp, Mark Lindhorst, Lonny Giese, Richard Heitzman, Dave Hydukovich, Barb Preiner, Kim Preiner, Tom Hafdahl, Deanna Kerzie, Kathy Olson and Dave Milos.

Mayor Skenzich stated the purpose of the Special Council Meeting is to have an informational meeting for the residents of Circle Drive to discuss options for improvements on Circle Drive and updates on the Delta Dental project.

City Engineer Jamnick explained the Alaska Avenue project has not been completed but hopefully by the middle of June the paving, striping and everything else will be done. Jamnick noted the weather turned really bad and cold before they were done last fall so some temporary measures were done for the winter but they will be removed and corrections will be made.

Jamnick presented a map of Circle Drive with a preliminary plan to patch problem areas overlay the entire road and add curb and gutter to the top (South) Circle Drive. Jamnick explained all of the recommendations could be done or just some and the City is open to other suggestions. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the options for Circle Drive.

Four different options were discussed from only patching the road for now and trying to get more funding to completely redo utility lines, road, curb and gutter with catch basins all the way around Circle Drive. Skenzich explained the City could apply for funding from the State and the IRRRB but the IRRRB is matching grant funding so it would still only cover 50% of the cost. Some of the project cost would have to be assessed. The majority of the residents of Circle Drive were in favor of having everything redone so the problems on Circle Drive get corrected.

Mayor Skenzich gave an update on the Delta Dental project stating fencing will go up and bushes will be planted to hide what is unattractive along the building but there will be no fencing by the parking lots. The original plans have a sidewalk going along Alaska Avenue up to Summit Street but there is discussion to delete that from the plans which would give more room to plant a buffer of trees between the parking lots and Alaska Avenue. Skenzich stated substantial trees will be planted between the parking lot and the cemetery and there will also be trees planted between the parking lot and Highway 37. It was recommended that the trees be of Spruce variety to fill in nicely.

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The council directed Engineer Jamnick prepare cost estimates for all four scenarios and then the Council will invite the residents to another meeting to discuss what the scope of the project should be.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. All approved.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk