

City of Gilbert  
Special City Council Meeting  
May 15, 2017  
5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Milos at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Vertachnik, Robich, Milos and Pontinen

Absent: Bol

Staff Present: Attorney Lindsay, Engineer Jammick and Secretary Olsen

The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Pontinen, second by Robich to approve the agenda. All approved.

Julie Spiering was present to explain her concerns with any ordinance changes regarding the housing of farm animals. She stated she owns horses and takes pride in the structures and the animals. She stated her property value has doubled since she purchased it and would like to be assured she could see a return on her investment.

Councilor Bol entered the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Attorney Lindsay addressed his dealings and concerns with the Ovivo contract. He stated after talking to the Ovivo representatives and their legal counsel, he is comfortable in recommending the city council approve the contract.

Motion by Vertachnik, second by Pontinen to approve the Ovivo contract. All approved.

Joe Gentile representing AEOA on the pending property purchase. Gentile informed the council the current facility employs approximately twenty people with an additional six to ten expected to be hired with the new facility. He also stated in eight counties, he personally supervises 109 employees. Vertachnik stated concerns with the building's proximity to utilities and a drainage ditch. Jammick assured the council the new building would not be in the easement. Mayor Milos asked for updates complete with pictures before making a decision. Gentile also added any questions regarding finances should be directed to Jim Glancy of AEOA.

Motion by Vertachnik, second by Robich to table the AEOA property purchase until the next meeting. All approved.

Jammick addressed the Genoa sewer pay estimate and change order. He stated Operations Director Lautigar had requested an adjustment on each side of two culverts.

Motion by Vertachnik, second by Pontinen to table the Genoa sewer pay estimate and change order until the next meeting. All approved.

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A lengthy discussion followed regarding Ordinance Section 92.06 – Barnyard Animals. Mayor Milos said she is waiting on more information and would like to discuss it at the next meeting. Attorney Lindsay suggested exploring the pros and cons of various paths to determine a possible change in ordinance and preparing it for the first reading. Lindsay informed the council by addressing Section 92.06, “grandfathering” pre-existing conditions would not apply. He stated the other option would be to address the planning and zoning classification of lands with uses; with this option pre-existing conditions do enjoy “grandfathering”. There were also questions raised on the application of variances for certain people. Julie Spiering stated she applied for and received a variance to house the animals. The council agreed to review the situation and make a decision on what to do.

Milos said she and Chief Techar are currently working on the Nuisance Ordinance.

The Council discussed the possible standards that should apply to board members. Rob Kutsi was present and briefed the council on the campground board.

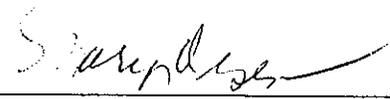
Motion by Bol, second by Vertachnik to recess the special meeting at approximately 5:58 p.m. and enter into closed session. All approved.

Motion by Robich, second by Vertachnik to adjourn the closed session at 6:15 p.m. and re-open the special meeting. All approved.

Mayor Milos read Resolution 2017-14 aloud.

Motion by Robich, second by Vertachnik to adopt Resolution 2017-14 with the amended inclusion of hire date. Roll Call: Vertachnik – Aye, Robich – Aye, Milos – Aye, Bol – Nay, Pontinen – Aye. Motion Carried 4-1.

Motion by Vertachnik, second by Robich to adjourn the special meeting at 6:20 p.m. All approved.

  
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Mary Olsen, Utility Billing Secretary

Attest:

  
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Dorothy E. Milos, Mayor