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GLENDALE BEGINS WORK TO OFFICIALLY TERMINATE COYOTES ARENA CONTRACT

Letter Formalizing 5-2 Council Vote Will Likely Be Sent Next Week

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The City of Glendale began work following Wednesday’s 5-2 vote terminating the contract with the Arizona Coyotes that allows use of Gila River Arena. Although the council took an on-the-record vote, the city must officially confirm the action in a letter to the Arizona Coyotes.

City officials cited Arizona Revised Statute 38-511, a law prohibiting city or state employees from being part of contract negotiations and later going to work for the other party to the deal. At this point, Glendale has not revealed the specific violations, personnel or other specific information that triggered the city council vote.

“State law is clear and quite transparent regarding the behavior of state employees during contract negotiations and after,” said Glendale’s Interim Assistant City Manager, Tom Duensing. “In fact, we operate under rules about transparency and the public’s right to know. Although we understand the disappointment of hockey fans, this really isn’t about the game; it’s about the public trust.”

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