FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 2, 2026, 6:30 PM

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1) CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council Chambers, 600 W. 3rd Street, Florence, CO 81226

Mayor Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) ROLL CALL:

Mayor Wolfe	Present
Councilman Vanhoutan	Present
Councilman Stiefel	Present
Councilwoman Stone	Present
Councilman Mergelman	Present
Councilwoman Gardner	Absent
Councilwoman MacKinnon	Present

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Cortlyne Huppe, City Manager Lori Cobler, Public Works Director Sam Elstun, Police Chief Sean Humphrey, Planning Director Ashley Fox, and City Attorney Dan Findlay.

3) PRESENTATIONS

a) Flock Camera Presentation

Kyle Tennant and Lily Ho provided a presentation on the Flock camera system, outlining how license plate recognition technology supports law enforcement efforts in addressing issues such as child abductions, stolen vehicles, and other criminal investigations.

Police Chief Sean Humphrey fielded questions from the City Council on Flock camera specifics.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any matter on this agenda may, at the discretion of the governing body, be opened for public comment and discussion (three minutes).

Cathy Young-220 East 6th Street
Strongly objected Flock cameras and expressed concerns on weed accumulation in correlation with the upcoming fire season.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

a) Consider approving the minutes as written for the Regular City Council Meeting on January 20, 2026
b) Consider approving City expenditures prepared on January 22, 2026, in the amount of $74,767.10, and January 29, 2026, in the amount of $117,790.14
c) Consider allowing the Florence Farmer's Market special use of Pioneer Park
d) Consider allowing the Florence Chamber of Commerce special use of Pioneer Park

Councilor Stone motioned to approve the Consent Agenda 5a through 5d. Councilor Vanhoutan seconded. With the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

6) NEW BUSINESS

a) Consider approving Resolution No. 2 – 2026, a resolution approving the adoption of the 2025 Master Plan.

Planning Director shared the history surrounding the City's Master Plan project progression and opened the item for questions.

Councilor Mergelman expressed gratitude for her work on the project.

Mayor Wolfe confirmed locations where the Master Plan document would be held.

Councilor Stiefel motioned that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2-2026, a resolution approving the adoption of the 2025 City of Florence Master Plan, dated January 15, 2026, as the official Master Plan of the City of Florence pursuant to Colorado State Statutes § 31-23-206.
Seconded by: Councilor Stone
7 Ayes
Motion Passed: 7 - 0

7) COUNCIL REPORTS

a) City Council Reports

Councilor Mergelman attended the City/City/County meeting and the annual FEDC banquet.

Councilor Stone thanked City Manager Lori Cobler and her staff for their work during the water main break.

Councilor MacKinnon attended the City/City/County meeting, annual FEDC banquet, and aided citizens during the water main break.

Mayor Wolfe attended the Noxious Weed Board meeting, City/City/County meeting, Senior Coffee Chat, annual Union Ditch meeting, FEDC banquet, and collaborated with the Canon City Mayor. He reported on Mytikas project developments, a new company in Emergent Campus named NVIDIA, the Arrowhead self-help housing ribbon cutting, and would be attending the Fremont County Tourism Council.

b) City Manager Reports

City Manager Lori Cobler provided positive remarks regarding the City's Master Plan and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to City Clerk Cortlyne Huppe, recognizing her commitment to the City of Florence and her achievement in earning the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation. She announced the establishment of a communal meeting room available in City Hall for citizens to utilize, and Public Works recent cleanup of a local homeless camp. She then elaborated on Code Enforcement processes, the City's Clean-up Week, the Finance Manager job applications, upcoming AI CIRSA training, an upcoming Chip seal project pre-bid meeting, annual Union Ditch meeting, her upcoming police ride along, and her newly ordered pet scanner. City Manager Cobler stated the 3 Rocks Engineering sidewalk assessment would be completed soon and reported on 2025/2026 projects and financials.

City Clerk Cortlyne Huppe reported on the ongoing pool project and spoke positively about the City's collaboration during the water main break.

8) EXECUTIVE SESSION(S): IF NECESSARY

Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b), an executive session for the purpose of conferencing with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pertaining to any item listed on the agenda herein and/or any related discussion that may arise thereto. Such executive session may be entered into at any time or at any point on the agenda, if necessary and with the requisite Council approval.

9) ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment until the regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Councilor Stone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Vanhoutan seconded. With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.
Mayor Wolfe adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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BY: _____
Steve Wolfe, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: _____
Cortlyne Huppe, City Clerk