

CITY OF FLORENCE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 2, 2017

1. Mayor Ore called the regular meeting of the Florence City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| 2. Roll call | - | Mayor Ore             | - | Present |
|              |   | Councilman Baker      | - | Present |
|              |   | Councilman Vendetti   | - | Present |
|              |   | Councilman Upton      | - | Present |
|              |   | Councilwoman Smith    | - | Absent  |
|              |   | Councilman Villagrana | - | Present |
|              |   | Allen Knisley         | - | Present |

Others present – City Manager Mike Patterson, Public Works Director Sam Elstun, Finance Officer Mitzi Heard, City Clerk Dena Lozano, and Police Chief Mike DeLaurentis

3. Additions/Deletions/Corrections to Agenda- No Additions or Deletions

3a. Visitors- No Visitors

4. Approval of Consent Agenda Items-

a. Councilor Upton moved to approve all items on the consent agenda. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 6 ayes- 1 absent Smith

5. Unfinished Business-

a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 09-05-2017A amending section 12.04.010 and 12.04.060 of the city code regarding obstructing sidewalks and encroachments on sidewalks within the city- Councilor Villagrana moved to approve the second reading of ordinance 09-05-2017A. Councilor Vendetti seconded the motion- 5 ayes- 1 no Knisley- 1 absent Smith

6. New Business

a. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 10-02-2017A amending section 5.28 if the City of Florence Municipal Code by adding section 5.28.050 regarding distance restriction for liquor license holders- City Manager Mike Patterson explained that this is an ordinance that leaves the distance requirements for liquor license holders in the local liquor licensing authority's hands. Mr. Patterson stated that applications would be handled on a case-by-case basis. Councilor Vendetti moved to waive the reading for ordinance 10-02-2017A. Councilor Upton seconded the motion. Councilor Vendetti moved to approve the first reading of ordinance 10-02-2017A. Councilor Villagrana seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 6 ayes- 1 absent Smith

b. Resolution 2017-10-2A accepting proposal from DHM Design and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement as the fiscal agent for the Canon City to Florence Arkansas Riverwalk Extension Planning Process- City Planning Director Wade Broadhead explained that DHM is the selected firm for the Riverwalk Extension Planning Process. Councilor Vendetti moved approve to resolution 2017-10-2A. Councilor Villagrana seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 6 ayes- 1 absent Smith

c. Resolution 2017-10-2B regarding the petition for annexation filed by Fremont RE-2 Schools and Setting the Matter for a public hearing- City Planning Director Wade Broadhead explained the annexation at Sticker Stadium to the city council. There is a duplex going in to provide extra housing within the city for new teachers coming to our district. Councilor Villagrana moved to approve resolution 2017-10-2B. Councilor Upton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 6 ayes- 1 absent Smith

d. Action for additions/deletions/corrections- None

7. Mayor's Report- Mayor Ore reported that the County would wait on Planning Appointment until after the election.

Committee Reports-

\* Councilor Baker reported that he has spent time on both the Florence and County Planning Commission.

\*Councilor Villagrana reported on the Museum and Senior Center working hand in hand for the Railroad Acquisition Event

8. City Attorney Report –City Attorney Matt Krob reported to the City Council that they are not required to waive the first reading of an ordinance. Mr. Krob explained that as long as he provides the ordinance to council prior to the meeting, it is not required to waive the reading.

9. Department Head Report-

\*Police Chief Report- Police Chief Mike DeLaurentis followed up with the city council from committee meeting explaining the city ordinances for campers parked within the city limits. Chief DeLaurentis explained that slide in campers are not required to have a license plate.

\*Water Superintendent Brandon Harris- Water Superintendent Brandon Harris reported that he has been working on lead and copper samples. Mr. Harris stated the results came back great.

\*Public Works Director- Public Works Director Sam Elstun reported the progress that has been made with ADA compliance within the city. Mr. Elstun explained that the public works department is moving forward with the sidewalk program, they have thirty participants at this time. While the program is no longer half price, they are still taking applications. Mr. Elstun also reported that the patching machine was out earlier in the day. The tree committee has also been in touch with the District Forester who is willing to give the city ten trees to replace ten trees that are dead or in dangerous condition. The tree committee has chosen the ten trees to be removed. Mr. Elstun also reported that they are working with City Planning Director Wade Broadhead to move forward with the Safe Routes to School Grant.

\*Finance Officer Report-Finance Officer Mitzi Heard reported that the final draft of the audit was sent to the state. Ms. Heard also reported that she and City Manager Mike Patterson are working on the 2018 budget.

\*Planning Director report- Planning Director Wade Broadhead reported that he is working with the school district for the annexation on Sticker Stadium as well as the Riverwalk.

\*City Clerk Report- City Clerk Dena Lozano reported on liquor training that she attended on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Lozano also reported October 4<sup>th</sup> CML Fall District Meeting.

10. City Manager Report- City Manager Mike Patterson reported on Action 22 meeting session to take place Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Patterson also discussed options with council and public as to how our water system may move forward due to the Federal Mandated cuts in water, that took place at the Federal Prison in 2008. The water department is currently losing \$500,000 per year. Mr. Patterson explained that we have three options. First, the city could raise water rates. This is something that we would like to avoid as we currently have high rates as it is. Second, we could cut services and projects in order to create a balanced budget. Lastly, the city could work towards expanding the pool by being aggressive in selling bulk water, adding users to the system, and getting new housing starts. Staff feels like the third option is the best route to take in keeping the water rates down.

Mr. Patterson stated that we do have one item for executive session to discuss one matter for negotiations.

11. Executive Session- City Attorney Matt Krob stated that staff is requesting an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategies for negotiations and/or instructing negotiators. Councilor Villagrana moved to go into

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executive session at 7:48 p.m. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote-  
6ayes-1 absent Smith

City Council and Staff returned from executive session at 7:58 p.m.

14. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.