

CITY OF FLORENCE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 20, 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.

2. Roll call	-	Mayor Ore	-	Present
		Councilman Baker	-	Present
		Councilman Vendetti	-	Present
		Councilman Upton	-	Present
		Councilwoman Smith	-	Present
		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, Police Chief Mike DeLaurentis, and City Attorney Matt Krob

3. Additions/Deletions/Corrections to Agenda- County Planning Commission Appointment

4. Visitors-

a. KOA at the Florence River Park-Jason Messer of 2860 Melvina Canon City, presented a potential opportunity to collaborate with the City of Florence to bring a KOA campground to the City of Florence River Park.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda Items-

a. Councilor Baker moved to approve all items on the consent agenda. Councilor Upton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes

6. Unfinished Business-

a. Oath of Office- Judge Larry Allen read Oath of Office swearing in Mayor Keith Ore, Councilor Pat Smith, Councilor Paul Villagrana, and Councilor Allen Knisley.

b. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem- Councilor Pat Smith moved for Councilor Paul Villagrana to fill the Mayor Pro-Tem position. Council discussed the Mayor Pro-Tem position in detail. Roll Call Vote 5 ayes 2 no

c. Adoption of the Proposed 2018 Budget- City Manager Mike Patterson discussed the final changes to the 2018 Budget. Mayor Ore asked for any further comments. There were no further comments from the public.

Action to Follow:

1. Resolution 2017-11-20A Adopting the 2018 Budget. Councilor Villagrana moved to pass resolution 2017-11-20A adopting the budget. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes
2. Emergency Ordinance 11-20-2017A Appropriating Funds for 2018- Councilor Vendetti moved to approve emergency ordinance 11-20-2017A. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes
3. Resolution 2017-11-20B Setting the Mill Levy- Councilor Villagrana moved to approve resolution 2017-11-20B. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes

d. Public Hearing and second Reading of Ordinance 11-6-17A establishing a fee on energy providers operating in the City of Florence- City Attorney Matt Krob suggested tabling ordinance 11-6-17A as well as 11-6-17B in order to provide him more time to discuss agreements with the Black Hills legal staff. Councilor Upton moved to table ordinance 11-6-17A as well as 11-6-17B and to continue to public hearings to December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Vendetti seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes

e. Public Hearing (Continued) and first Reading of Ordinance 11-6-17B Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company Electric Franchise- Tabled to December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. as stated above.

7. New Business

a. Public Hearing for Special Events Permit for FACT Rialto Theater located at 209 West Main Street- Event Date December 31, 2017 7p.m.-12:30 a.m. City Clerk Dena Lozano explained that all paper work had been submitted as well as all fees had been paid. The Rialto Board has two special event permit days remaining for the 2017 year. Mayor Ore went into the local licensing board at 7:35 p.m. Council discussed the event in detail. Councilor Upton moved to approve the application for the special events permit. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Ore went out of the local licensing board at 7:40 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Roll Call Vote 7 ayes

b. Approval of Amendment Number 1 to Agreement for NRCS Services between the City of Florence and the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service- City Planning Director Wade Broadhead explained amendment number one to the agreement for NRCS to the city council. Council discussed the amendment and moving forward with the Dry Creek Project. Councilor Villagrana moved to approve the amendment to agreement for NRCS Services. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes

c. Action for additions/deletions/corrections-

1. County Planning Commission Appointment – City Manager Mike Patterson explained to the city council that the County Planning Commission Appointment is a City Council recommendation that goes to the County Commissioners. Councilor Upton moved to nominate Councilor Baker for the County Planning Commission. Councilor Knisley seconded the motion. Councilor Baker reviewed his experience on the County Planning Board. Council discussed the appointment in detail. Roll Call Vote 3 ayes- 4 no  
Councilor Vendetti nominated Mayor Ore for the County Planning Commission. Councilor Villagrana seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 6 ayes- 1 no

8. Mayor's Report- Mayor Ore thanked the public for the great turn out for elections.

Committee Reports-

\*Councilor Upton reported on the Gold Belt Tour meeting regarding the Phantom Canon Tunnel.

\*Councilor Smith reported on upcoming Historic Preservation meeting to take place on November 29 at 6:00 p.m.

\*Councilor Villagrana stated he was also thankful for all of the voters and encouraged people to contact council members regarding issues.

9. City Attorney Report – City Attorney Matt Krob reported that we have a lot going on for such a small city.

10. Department Head Report-

\*Police Chief Report- Police Chief Mike DeLaurentis reported that it had been a busy week. Year-to-date we have thirty stolen cars.

\*Water Superintendent Brandon Harris- Water Superintendent Brandon Harris discussed South Reservoir 2.

\*Public Works Director- Public Works Director Sam Elstun reported that they would be putting up Christmas lights downtown.

\*Finance Officer Report-No Report

\*Planning Director Report- City Planning Director stated he has been working with tree committee to help find areas to place trees that we will be awarded through grant.

\*City Clerk Report- City Clerk Dena Lozano stated she had been working on wrapping up cirsa audit, goal setting session notes, and Tree City USA.

11. City Manager Report- City Manager Mike Patterson invited the City Council Members to attend the radio with him on Wednesday November 22 at 8:15 a.m. Mr. Patterson requested an executive session to discuss two items of negotiations with the city council, City Attorney, City Clerk and himself.

12. 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 Upton moved to go into executive session at 8:06 p.m. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes  
City Council and Staff returned from executive session at 8:33 p.m.

13. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.