



CITY OF FLORENCE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 6, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Upton called the regular meeting of the Florence City Council to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilwoman Wood led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Upton	-	Present
Councilmem Allen	-	Present
Councilman Esquiubel	-	Present
Councilman Knisley	-	Present
Councilman Vendetti	-	Present
Councilwoman Wood	-	Present
Councilman Villagrana	-	Present
4. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Mike Patterson; City Attorney, Matt Krob; Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith; Finance Officer, Lori Cobler; Planning Director, Wade Broadhead;
5. **History Club Presentation by Marty Lamm**

Ms. Lamm thanked the Council for allowing her the opportunity to make her presentation on her history club. Ms. Lamm stated she works with third, fourth and fifth graders during the school year to educate them on Florence and Eastern Fremont County history. Ms. Lamm continued by presenting a large map that had been made for the John C. Fremont project and a life-size Colorado orange tree for the Jessie Frazier project. Ms. Lamm explained the next person the history club will be studying is the founding father of Florence, James A. McCandless and for this project, the students will be making a keepsake box in the shape of a log home. Ms. Lamm stated that each year she keeps a scrapbook of the projects and that the scrapbooks are on display at the Pioneer Museum. Several Councilmembers had questions and comments and the Council thanked Ms. Lamm for her presentation.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A**



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**7. Official Swearing-in of Municipal Judge Larry Allen**

Councilman Allen swore in Judge Larry Allan by reading Florences Oath of Office

**8. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: N/A**

**9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2019
- b. Bills Allowed
- c. Continue Ordinance 07-01-2019B to Approve the Meade Estates Addition Annexation to January 21, 2020
- d. Liquor License Renewal for Papas Restaurant
- e. Second Reading of Ordinance 12-16-2019A-An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Sell Real Estate Located at 331 Denver St, Florence Co

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Villagrana, the City approved the Consent Agenda Items.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Wood
Council Member	Esquibel
Council Member	Allen
Mayor	Upton

**10. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:**

- a. **Public Hearing-Special Events Permit for the Special Forces Motorcycle Club. Events to be held on January 25, 2020, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 am**

Mayor Upton opened into a public hearing where Ricky Shaffer from the Special Forces Motorcycle club spoke about the fundraiser. Mr. Shaffer stated the funds raised at this event will be going to help a fellow club member pay for future back surgery.

Mayor Upton closed the public hearing and verified with the Interim City Clerk that all fees had been paid and all the necessary paperwork had been submitted.



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**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Esquibel, the City approved the Special Events Permit for the Special Forces Motorcycle Club.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Wood
Council Member	Esquibel
Council Member	Allen
Mayor	Upton

**b. Resolution 2020-01-06A Mayoral Appointments for Planning Commission Board**

City Manager, Mike Patterson stated Mr. Krob, the City Attorney, had done some research and found that Planning Commission appointments, by state statute have to be for a term of six years in length. Mr. Patterson went on to say several of the appointments in this resolution are partial appointments to finish terms for members currently on the board. Mr. Patterson continued by saying going forward all appointments will be a six-year term once the current appointments expire.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allen and second by Councilor Wood, the City approved Resolution 2020-01-06A

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Wood
Council Member	Esquibel
Council Member	Allen
Mayor	Upton

**1. MAYOR'S AND CITY COUNCILS REPORT:**

**a. Mayor:**

Mayor Upton reported on the last Mayors coffee chat. Mr. Upton stated they had a fantastic turn out with about twenty-three people attending on Thursday. Mr. Upton encouraged everyone to attend the next coffee chat on the first Thursday of every month.



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Mayor Upton then proceeded to read the 2019/2020 Florence's Arbor Day Proclamation.

b. **Council Committee Reports:**

Counselor Esquibel stated he attended a UCOG meeting where they discussed the Census Report. Mr. Esquibel continued by saying not everyone who has a mailbox or PO Box receives a report and encouraged everyone to participate in the Census survey.

Counselor Villagrana reported on the Regional Water Board meeting that he attended along with Counselor Esquibel. Mr. Villagrana explained he was appreciative of former Council Member and Regional Water Board Chairman, Larry Baker for his efforts during his term to smooth the waters so to say between the Entities. Mr. Villagrana continued by saying he is gonna do his best to keep the positive relationship going between the entities since he was elected Chairman of the Committee.

c. **Other Council Comments:**

Counselor Villagrana spoke about the museum's annual chili bowl fundraiser. Mr. Villagrana stated this fundraiser will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the proceeds will go to pointing the sandstone at the museum which will cost twenty-six thousand, six hundred and sixty-one dollars.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT:** No Report

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Department, Lt. Shane Prickett:** N/A

**Public Works Director, Sam Elstun:** N/A

**Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris:** N/A

**Finance Officer, Lori Cobler:** Mrs. Cobler stated she would like everyone to start thinking about this year's Fourth of July festival that is fast approaching. Mrs. Cobler explained the City would like to have all of the Council Members participate in one way or another this year and also all be in the parade. Mrs. Cobler stated there is going to be a lot of fundraising and planning going on in the months ahead.

**Planning Director, Wade Broadhead:** No Report



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**Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith:** Mrs. Griffith reminded the Council that the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting would take place on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 7:00 PM due to the holiday on January 20, 2020.

**City Manager, Mike Patterson:** Mr. Patterson asked if any of the Council Members would like to join him on the KRLN radio show happening this week. Councilman Villagrana accepted Mr. Patterson's invite. Mr. Patterson also asked the Council members to let the Interim City Clerk know if any of them would be attending the City/City/County meeting on Monday, January 13 at noon at the County administration building and also the FEDC banquet on Friday, January 17 at the Abbey event center. Mr. Patterson then requested two executive sessions and invited the following staff members, the City Attorney, the City Manager, the Finance Officer, the City Planner, and the Interim City Clerk.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1) For the purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e);

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Wood, the City approved moving into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and adjourned from Executive Session at 8:42 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Wood
Council Member	Esquibel
Council Member	Allen
Mayor	Upton

**There being no further business, Mayor Upton adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.**

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY:

Richard Upton, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jessica Griffith, Interim City Clerk