



CITY OF FLORENCE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 2019

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:** Councilman Vendetti led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Upton	-	Present
Councilmem Allen	-	Present
Councilman Esquiabel	-	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; Public Works, Sam Elstun; Finance Officer, Lori Cobler; Planning Director, Wade Broadhead; Water Department, Brandon Harris and Police Chief, Shane Prickett
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A
6. **Official Swearing-in of the Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief, and Police Officers**

City Manager, Mike Patterson explained that in September, Police Chief, Mike DeLaurentis had resigned and the City had completed the process to fill the position. Mr. Patterson continued by saying after interviewing many great candidates, several of which were internal, the decision was made to hire Florence Police Departments own Shane Prickett as the new Chief of Police. City Attorney, Matt Krob proceeded to swear-in Chief Prickett by administering the City of Florence's Oath of Office. Mr. Patterson stated that previously the department had two Lieutenants and under the New Chief of Police there will be a Deputy Police Chief and two shift commanders. Mr. Patterson announced that Sergeant Bill Vinelli had been named the new Deputy Chief and Lt. Mike Ingle and SGT. Slattery would become the shift commanders. Chief Prickett proceeded to swear-in Deputy Police Chief Vinelli and the rest of the Florence Police Department.
7. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:**



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8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2019

b. Bills Allowed

c. Continue Ordinance 07-01-2019B to Approve the Meade Estates Addition Annexation to December 16, 2019

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Vendetti, 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

9. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:

a. Request for Purchase from the Public Works Department

Public Works Director, Sam Elstun explained to the Council this request was for a mini excavator to use at the cemetery and that this purchase is made possible by the donation that the City received from Mrs. Fassler. Mr. Elstun explained that currently, the Public Works crew uses a backhoe to prepare the gravesites. Mr. Elstun continued by saying while the backhoe does a sufficient job, it does cause a lot of damage to the surrounding surface area due to its large footprint. Mr. Elstun went on to say staff recommended going with the BobCat in the amount of \$66,084.00 due to the fact that it has a seven-foot retractable arm as opposed to the other units having a fourteen-foot fixed arm. City Manager, Mike Patterson added that Mrs. Fassler's wishes were very clear that she wanted the donation to go strictly to the care and long term maintenance of the Cemetery. Mr. Patterson continued by saying that City staff will be ensuring that Mrs. Fassler's generous donation will be used only for what it was intended for, the Cemetery. Mr. Patterson also noted that the City will be assembling a Cemetery Committee in the very near future. Mr. Patterson suggested to the Mayor that Councilor Allen be on the committee as he has an extensive background in the Cemetery business. The Council Members added several questions and comments.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Villagrana, the City approved the Purchase Request for Public Works.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES



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Council Member	Esquibel
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b. Public Hearing-Special Events Permit for the Special Forces Motorcycle Club Events will be held on December 7, 21 and 31, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 2:00 am

Jeff Ross from the Special Forces Motorcycle Club stated the event on December 7th is a toy run that will start in Pueblo Colo, and end at the Motorcycle club here in Florence. Mr. Ross stated all the proceeds from this event will be donated to help families in Florence for the Holidays. Mr. Ross stated the event on the 21st is the clubs private Christmas party until 3:00 p.m. and after that, the party is open to the public. Mr. Ross explained to the Council that the event on December 31st is going to be a New Year's Eve party open to the public also.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Vendetti, 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

c. Approval to add and delete signers from Sunflower Bank, COLO Trust, and Rocky Mountain Bank and Trust

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler stated with the change in Council Members it was time to add and remove some names on the City's bank accounts. Mrs. Cobler continued by saying the City would like to remove the previous City Clerk, Larry Baker, and Keith Ore. City Manager, Mike Patterson stated the City would then like to add the Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith, City Manager, Mike Patterson, Finance Officer, Lori Cobler, Dick Upton, Kristal Wood, Anthony Esquibel, Brian Allen, Paul Villagrana, Allen Knisley, and Mike Vendetti.



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MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allen and second by Councilor Wood, the City approved the add and delete signers from Sunflower Bank, COLO Trust, and Rocky Mountain Bank and Trust

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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

d. Resolution 2019-12-02A- A Resolution Supporting the Grant

Application for a Pedestrian Trail to the New Florence High School

City Planning Director, Wade Broadhead explained to the Council that the grant application they received in the Council packet was a rough draft. Mr. Broadhead continued by saying he needed supporting documents, this resolution, to show that the City Council is behind applying for this grant. Mr. Broadhead stated the final numbers may change and that the Council may need to approve another resolution on this matter at some point. Councilor Wood went on record to say that for the sake of transparency, she works for the School District and in no way does items D and G benefit her monetarily and she has no hand in these items.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allen and second by Councilor Vendetti, the City approved the Ordinance Resolution 2019-12-02A.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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

e. First Public Reading of the 2020 Budget:

City Manager, Mike Patterson stated that as the Council goes through the budget line items there will be various areas where there may be potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Patterson continued by saying a true conflict of interest would be if you have a fiduciary interest in the business or item. Mr. Patterson further explained that several Council Members serve on



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boards that the City either might approve money to or that the City has a contractual relationship with, but the Councilors do not receive money from those boards. So under the laws of Colorado, there is no true conflict of interest. Mr. Patterson went on to suggest to the Council Members if there is an item on the agenda where it may be perceived as a conflict of interest to go ahead and disclose the type of interest you have in the item and accuse yourself from the vote.

f. Ordinance 12-02-2019B-An Ordinance Approving Zoning Newly Annexed Land For The Florence High School Addition

Planning Director, Wade Broadhead stated that the annex of the new Florence High school was approved at the last City Council meeting and would be official on December 21, 2019. Mr. Broadhead continued by saying once new land is annexed into city limits, it must be rezoned under city zoning codes within ninety days. Mr. Broadhead stated this ordinance is rezoning the land as S1, which is governmental use.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Esquibel, the City approved Ordinance 12-02-2019B.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Wood
Council Member	Esquibel
Council Member	Allen
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MAYOR'S AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT:

Mayor Upton went over the Committee assignments with the Council Members and asked them to reach out to the designated points of contact to find out when they need to attend meetings for those boards.

a. Mayor Pro Tem Vote And Appointment

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Knisley, the City approved the Appointment of Councilor Vendetti as the Mayor Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Wood
Council Member	Esquibel



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Council Member Allen
Mayor Upton

ATTORNEYS REPORT: No Report

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department, Lt. Shane Prickett: No Report

Public Works Director, Sam Elstun: No Report

Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris: No Report

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler: No Report

Planning Director, Wade Broadhead: Mr. Broadhead stated he would have some new information on the Husky Park Project at the next committee meeting.

Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith: No Report

City Manager, Mike Patterson: Mr. Patterson stated he would like to get a schedule set up with the Council Members to start ward tours again every six months. Mr. Patterson continued by saying he would like to have Chief Prickett, Planning Director, Wade Broadhead and, Public Works Director, Sam Elstun join them on the tours as well. Mr. Patterson continued by inviting all of the Council Members to join the City on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. on the radio. Mr. Patterson then requested to have the Finance Officer, the Interim City Clerk, the City Attorney, and the City Manager into executive session.

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); and
- 2) For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. §24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.



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MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Wood, the City approved moving into Executive Session at 8:02 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 9:10 P.M.

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY: 
Richard Upton, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jessica Griffith, Interim City Clerk