



CITY OF FLORENCE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 20, 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:** Councilor Hardy led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Upton	-	Present
Councilor Allen	-	Present
Councilor Esquibel	-	Present
Councilor Knisley	-	Absent
Councilor Hardy	-	Present
Councilor Vendetti	-	Present
Councilor Wood	-	Present
4. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Mike Patterson; City Attorney, Matt Krob; City Clerk, Jessica Griffith; Planning Director, Wade Broadhead; Police Chief: Shane Prickett; Public Works Director, Sam Elstun; Finance Officer, Lori Cobler
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lori Aves-127 ½ W. Main St.  
Mrs. Aves stated Cory Gardner and his wife had recently been in her antique store and Mr. Gardner stated he would do what he can to help the City of Florence with the upcoming downtown parking issue.

Brandy Schumacher-931 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Mrs. Schumacher stated she lives on a corner lot in town and had questions in regards to putting up a fence in her front yard. Planning Director, Wade Broadhead stated he would be happy to meet with her to discuss the City's code on fencing.
6. **Police Department New Equipment Demonstration**

Police Chief, Shane Prickett, Deputy Chief, Bill Vinelli, Sgt. Jason Dorman and Officer, Byron Cline demonstrated a new piece of safety equipment called the WRAP. Mr. Vinelli explained to the Council that when the Officers come in contact with a combative offender, the WRAP will allow the Officers to safely restrain the offender while taking them into custody.



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

- a. Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2020
- b. Bills Allowed
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 07-07-2020A Rezoning 101 Moore Drive
- d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 07-07-2020B Adopting An Administration Fee Schedule

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Councilor	Knisley-Absent
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
Mayor	Upton

**8. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:**

**a. Police Officer Resolution No. 2020-7-20**

City Manager, Mike Patterson explained to the Council that the resolution that went out in the packets was exactly what Greenwood Village had passed. Mr. Patterson continued by saying that City Attorney, Matt Krob works closely with Greenwood Village and after speaking to the Greenwood Village Attorney, Mr. Krob made a few language changes to this resolution.

City Attorney, Matt Krob explained to the Council that this resolution is not much different from what is currently in place. Mr. Krob stated this resolution highlights that the Florence City Council stands behind their Officers, and doesn't believe the Department has any Officers on staff that would act in bad faith or not follow the City's policies and procedures.

Police Chief, Shane Prickett stated both himself and the Officers appreciate knowing the Council and the City stand behind the Department.

After the resolution was passed, Mr. Patterson announced that Officer Byron Cline has tendered his resignation effective mid-August. Mr. Patterson thanked Officer Cline for being a great SRO (school resource officer) and a stable influence for the department.

There were no questions or comments from the public and all of the Council members thanked the Officers for all that they do for the Citizens of Florence and the Council moved to approve the Police Officer Resolution No. 2020-7-20



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**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allen and second by Councilor Wood:

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Councilor	Knisley-Absent
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
Mayor	Upton

**b. Public Hearing for Pioneer Museum Special Event Permit**

**Event to be held July 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Mayor Upton explained to the Council that this event will be like an open house with wine and appetizers served. Mr. Upton continued by saying there will be social distancing measures in place and no indoor seating. Mr. Upton stated there will be displays and presentations as well.

After no questions from the Council and one comment from the public, the Council moved to approve the Special Events Permit for the Pioneer Museum for the dates of July 25, 2020, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Esquibel and second by Councilor Hardy:

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Councilor	Knisley-Absent
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
Mayor	Upton

**c. Renaming of Husky Park**

City Manager, Mike Patterson explained to the Council that at a previous Council meeting the family of Sargent First Class Ray Archuletta asked the Council about the possibility of renaming Husky park for Mr. Archuletta. Mr. Patterson continued by saying that the family will be having a part of highway 115 near Florence dedicated to SFC Archuletta in September. Mr. Patterson stated that the Council had not decided at that meeting whether or not to do so.

The Council all stated they were in favor of renaming the park but would also like to add the word veterans in the name to honor all of the men and women from Florence who have served their Country. The Council also stated they



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would like to have a dedication wall where citizens could buy a plaque from the City to honor their family members.

After several questions and comments from the Council and no questions or comments in the public hearing, the Council moved to approve the Renaming of Husky Park to Florence Veterans Park Dedicated to Sargent First Class Ray Adam Archuletta and All Veterans.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allen and second by Councilor Esquibel:

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Councilor	Knisley-Absent
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
Mayor	Upton

**d. Ballot Drop Box IGA**

City Manager, Mike Patterson explained to the Council that while they had already approved the County's request to put a 24-hour drop box outside City Hall, this was the formal Inter-Governmental Agreement that the County was requesting and that the County would be taking care of all expenses related to this with their CARES Act funds.

There were no questions or comments from the public or the Council and the Council moved to approve the Ballot Drop Box IGA.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Hardy and second by Councilor Allen:

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Councilor	Knisley-Absent
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
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**e. Emergency Ordinance No. 07-20-2020A- An Ordinance Adopting the City of Florence Water Tap Installation And Deposit Fee Schedule**

City Manager, Mike Patterson stated that this was the same ordinance that they passed last Council meeting but with the addition of fee schedule B which details the minimum amount that will be charged for the water tap installation.



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There were no questions from either the public or the Council and the Council moved to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 07-20-2020A- An Ordinance Adopting the City of Florence Water Tap Installation And Deposit Fee Schedule.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Allen:

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Councilor	Knisley-Absent
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
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**f. Property Clean Up Bid for 400 S. Union Ave**

Planning Director, Wade Broadhead explained to the Council that about 95% of the code enforcement violations end up resolved without having to send the property owner a summons to court but there are a few people who will show up to court, plead guilty, pay the fines but never actually clean up their property. Mr. Broadhead stated that this property, in particular, has been a repeat code enforcement issue for the past 3 years. Mr. Broadhead continued by saying the City would be hiring a contractor to clean up the property if the property owner has not made a significant attempt to do so on July 31, 2020, and the City will then put a lien on the property to recoup the expenses to do so.

After a discussion between the Council and the City Attorney, the Council moved to approve the Property Clean Up Bid for 400 S. Union Ave.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Esquibel:

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Councilor	Knisley-Absent
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**9. MAYOR'S AND CITY COUNCILS REPORT:**

**a. Mayor:** No Report

**b. Council Committee Reports:**

Councilor Esquibel thanked the volunteers that have been working very hard on the Bell Tower's wall art and stated that it was turning out very well,

Councilor Allen also thanked the Bell Tower volunteers and reported that he and Mr. Broadhead had been working on locating some grants to aid in the Husky Park redesign.

**c. Other Council Comments:** No other comments.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT:** No Report

**Police Chief, Shane Prickett:** Chief Prickett on behalf of himself and all of the Officers thanked the Council, Staff, and the Citizens of Florence for their continued support and appreciation.

**Public Works Director, Sam Elstun:** No Report

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

**Finance Officer, Lori Cobler:** No Report

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

**City Clerk, Jessica Griffith:** No Report

**City Manager, Mike Patterson:** Mr. Patterson invited the Council to join him on the KRLN radio show on August 19, 2020, at 8:30 am. Mr. Patterson then requested two executive sessions and asked the Council to invite the following staff members, the City Manager, the City Clerk, the Finance Officer, the Planning Director, and the City Attorney.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for



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negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators on economic development options, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e)

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allen and second by Councilor Esquibel, the City approved moving into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. and adjourned from Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Councilor	Knisley-Absent
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
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Following the executive session, the Council discussed what policies and procedures were in place for the possibility to have digital meetings if someone is sick due to COVID-19.

**There being no further business, Mayor Upton adjourned the meeting at 8:43 P.M.**

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY:   
Richard Upton, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Jessica Griffith, City Clerk