



CITY OF FLORENCE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 17, 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:** Mayor Upton led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Upton	-	Present
Councilor Allen	-	Present
Councilor Esquibel	-	Present
Councilor Knisley	-	Present
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; Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris; Public Works Director, Sam Elstun; Finance Officer, Lori Cobler
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A
6. **Jessica Cobler: Suicide Awareness Presentation & Proclamation**

Mrs. Cobler started by thanking the Mayor and the Council for doing this proclamation again for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. Mrs. Cobler stated that her son, Dalton was only 18 years old when he died by suicide on June 18, 2014. Mrs. Cobler explained that her son was an amazing young man who was a loyal friend, shy, and kind-hearted. Mrs. Cobler went on to say that Dalton was involved in 4-H, sports, he enjoyed fishing and archery among many other activities and he graduated from Florence High School as the 2014 valedictorian. Mrs. Cobler's mission is to educate the community on suicide prevention and mental health and she is the walk chair for the fourth annual Out of The Darkness community walk. The walk is hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention takes place on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and will be held virtually this year due to COVID-19 and more information can be found at [afsp.org/fremont](https://afsp.org/fremont).



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Mayor Upton and the Council thanked Mrs. Cobler for her presentation and Mayor Upton proceeded to read the Florence Mayors Proclamation for Suicide Awareness month.

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

- a. Meeting Minutes for August 3, 2020
- b. Bills Allowed
- c. Continue Ordinance 06-015-2019B to Approve the Meade Estates Addition Annexation to September 8, 2020
- d. Liquor License Renewal for Liquor Locker
- e. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 08-03-2020A- An Ordinance Establishing a Service Availability Fee For Water Service Within the City of Florence
- f. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 08-03-2020B-And Ordinance Amending Peddlers Licenses

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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

**8. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:**

**a. Arrowhead SIA (Subdivision Improvement Agreement)**

Planning Director, Wade Broadhead explained to the Council that this agreement is for a fifty-fifty cost split between the City and developer Roy Enter to repave a portion of Arrowhead which is the street leading to the cemetery. Mr. Broadhead continued by saying the City has been working on getting this street repaired for many years, as it is one of the worst streets in town. Mr. Broadhead stated the City will supervise the construction on this project and that staff is recommending the approval of this SIA.

The City Attorney, Matt Krob, stated that the City would have to go back out to bid since the last bid had been rejected due to a delay from Mr. Enter and COVID-19.

After several questions from the Council and no questions or comments from the public, the Council moved to approve the Arrowhead SIA



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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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

**b. 2019 Financial Audit Acceptance**

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler presented the Council with the City's 2019 financial audit as prepared by John Cutler and Associates. Mrs. Cobler stated that by Colorado law the City is required to have an independent auditor conduct an audit of the City's finances. Mrs. Cobler explained that it was a great audit, returned no significant findings, and went over the high points with the Council. Mrs. Cobler stated the audit would be posted on the website.

The Council thanked Mrs. Cobler for all of her hard work. There were no questions or comments from the public and the Council moved to approve the 2019 Financial Audit

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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

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

**a. Mayoral Appointments to Planning Commission**

Mayor Upton stated that after interviewing all of the applicants that had applied for the opening on the Planning Commission he is appointing Cameron Fancher and Maria Ross to the two vacant seats.

**b. Mayor: No Report**



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**c. Council Committee Reports:**

Councilor Esquibel reported on his meeting with the Florence Fire Protection District and the City-County meeting.

**d. Other Council Comments: N/A**

**Attorneys Report:** No Report

**Police Chief, Shane Prickett:** Chief Prickett reported that he would be working on getting the Police Cadet Program up and running again. Chief Prickett explained to the Council that they have one new cadet already and had a \$1,000.00 donation to the program last week by someone who wished to remain anonymous.

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

**Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris:** Mr. Harris reported to the Council that he has an opening at the water plant for an operator/laborer and asked the Council to refer anyone they may know looking for a job.

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

**Planning Director, Wade Broadhead:** Mr. Broadhead reported that the Council could look for some items coming from the Planning Commission on ADU's in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Broadhead stated he had spoken with several local realtors where he learned Florence property values have gone up over 12% in the last year compared to property in Canon City and surrounding areas. Mr. Broadhead went on to report that he had a meeting with the owners of the Last Mile Estates and they are opening another street and a half to sell for development of single-family houses and that the building department had issued 2 permits for new homes in the Indian Hills subdivision.

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

**City Manager, Mike Patterson:** Mr. Patterson explained that budget season is coming up, and now is the time for groups or entities to get their requests in for donations in 2021. Mr. Patterson thanked Mrs. Cobler for the great job she does on the budget and for the City as a whole. Mr. Patterson asked the Council to spread the word on the opening for the Cemetery Committee. Mr. Patterson explained there had been several letters of interest submitted but he would like to have 4 to 5 people on the Committee.

Mr. Patterson then requested four executive sessions and asked the Council to invite the following staff members, the City Manager, the City Clerk, the Finance Officer, the



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Planning Director, the Police Chief, the Water Superintendent, the Public Works 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 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 Vendetti and second by Councilor Allen, the City approved moving into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. and adjourned from Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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

**There being no further business, Mayor Upton adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.**

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY:   
Richard Upton, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Jessica Griffith, City Clerk