



**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30 PM**

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**1) CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Council Chambers, 600 W. 3rd Street, Florence, CO 81226

Mayor Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2) ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Wolfe	Present
Councilman Vanhoutan	Present
Councilman Stiefel	Present
Councilwoman Stone	Present
Councilman Mergelman	Present
Councilwoman Gardner	Present
Councilwoman MacKinnon	Present

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Clerk Cortlyne Huppe, City Manager Amy Nasta, Chief of Police Sean Humphrey, and City Attorney Dan Findlay.

**3) PRESENTATIONS**

a) Florence Howling Husky Pride Band Proclamation

Mayor Wolfe recited the proclamation and proclaimed November 18, 2024, as Howling Husky Pride Day in the City of Florence, Colorado.

**4) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any matter on this agenda may, at the discretion of the governing body, be opened for public comment and discussion (three minutes).

Joel Elliot- 404 Wilson Avenue

Announced Santa Claus was coming to town and thanked the Florence Historical Archives and Florence Bell Tower for their Christmas collaboration. The Florence Chamber of Commerce would also be hosting an open house on December 14, 2024.

Pat Hansen- 603 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Voiced concerns over community safety and animal control. She then invited the City Council to attend an animal control discussion with local entities.

Kevin Mahmalji- PO Box

Echoed Pat Hansen and encouraged the City Council's attendance at the animal control discussion.

**5) CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Consider approving the minutes as written for the Regular City Council Meeting on November 4, 2024
- b) Consider approving City expenditures prepared on November 7, 2024, in the amount of \$783,784.00, and November 14, 2024, in the amount of \$58,084.97.
- c) Consider approving the annual liquor license renewal for Alta Convenience #6323

- d) Consider approving the annual liquor license renewal for Alta Convenience #6329
- e) Consider approving the annual liquor license renewal for Quincy's
- f) Consider approving the annual liquor license renewal for Chips y Salsa

Councilor Stone motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor MacKinnon seconded. With the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

**6) COUNCIL UPDATES**

a) City Council Reports

Councilor Vanhoutan attended the Florence Federal Complex Community Outreach Program. While there they discussed the Battle Buddy Program which supports veterans. He also spoke highly of the Mary Poppins performance at the Rialto.

Councilor Stone attended the Florence Chamber of Commerce meeting, and thanked City staff for their storm work cleanup.

Councilor MacKinnon attended the Gold Belt Tour meeting where they discussed replacing signage on the byways. The next meeting would be February 10th in Victor, Colorado, and Florence would host the Gold Belt Tour on November 17, 2025.

Councilor Mergelman urged the City Council to participate in the downtown Christmas holiday prep.

Mayor Wolfe attended the Mayors Round Table where they discussed the potential VA clinic build in 2027, Safe Street and Road Grant, and UAACOG's mini-grant for the Florence Municipal Pool. He also attended the Tree Board, Florence Merchants Meeting, Senior Coffee Chat, Rocky Mountain Bank & Trust appreciation event, Bighorn Roundtable, and the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreational meeting. The main topic of discussion at the Bighorn Roundtable was the status of the Minnequa Dam and its potential replacement.

b) City Manager Reports

City Manager Amy Nasta stated the first reading of the 2025 budget would take place at the December 2, 2024, City Council meeting. The second reading of the Ordinance would potentially take place on December 18, 2024, and have an emergency clause to adhere to State deadlines. She thanked Public Works for their diligence on storm work, and Finance Director Lori Cobler's work on open enrollment. She stated the quarterly Hazardous Tree Removal Program report was in her city manager report, and that phase three (3) would be published for notice within the week.

Mayor Wolfe confirmed the Colorado Department of Transportation access permit comes from the contractor of the project.

Councilor Mergelman inquired about CDOT's Highway 115 project.

City Manager Nasta replied the project would stretch from Canon City to the roundabout in Penrose, where construction may start in 2028 depending on funding.

**7) EXECUTIVE SESSION(S): IF NECESSARY**

Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b), an executive session for the purpose of conferencing with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pertaining to any item listed on the agenda herein and/or any related discussion that may

arise thereto. Such executive session may be entered into at any time or at any point on the agenda, if necessary and with the requisite Council approval.

**8) ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment until the next regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, December 2, 2024

Councilor Stone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gardner seconded. With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.  
Mayor Wolfe adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Wolfe, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cortlyne Huppe, City Clerk