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**City of Florence
City Council Work Session
Florence City Hall
250 Highway 101, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
January 22, 2026**

Councilors Present: Mayor Rob Ward, Councilors Robert Carp, Jo Beaudreau, Sally Wantz, and Mike Webb.

Councilors Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Erin Reynolds, City Recorder Lindsey White, Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer, Community Development Director Wendy FarleyCampbell, Economic Development and Communications Analyst Chantelle Meyer, Police Chief John Pitcher, Interim Public Works Director August Murphy, and City Attorney Ross Williamson.

Guests Present: None.

Handout: 1.22.26 City Council Work Session Agenda Outline Presentation

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m.

1. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION TOPICS

This work session is a continuation of the January 5 Special Meeting, during which the City Council received community input regarding the City's use of the Flock Safety Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera system.

The purpose of this work session is for the City Council to ask additional questions of staff, seek clarification on issues raised during the special meeting, and discuss potential next steps in the process, including whether to move the matter forward for possible formal action at a future meeting.

Start Time: 8:31 a.m.
Topic: Introductions and Agenda Overview
Discussion: The City Council participated in the introductions and agenda overview and held no additional discussions.

Start Time: 8:33 a.m.
Topic: Flock Safety Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) Camera System

City Attorney Williamson held a discussion on the role of the City Council in the decision making process, the deliberation process, and making a fair and equitable decision for the community.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Providing summary regarding questions submitted by Council.
- Understanding six cameras are currently in place.

Comments: All Councilors present.

Discussion: Staff discussed...

- Understanding questions were answered at Special Meeting.
- Not seeing any legal questions that were unanswered.
- Understanding Police Department having tools with policies and procedures in properly using tools.

Comments: CA Williamson.

Start Time: 8:44 a.m.
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Keeping the cameras and valuing in how the cameras are being used in keeping the community safe.
- Trusting the Police Chief there will be a weekly audit of how the cameras are being used.
- Understanding the cameras being effective for law enforcement.
- Understanding the concern of the community that Flock has a huge database.

- Understanding the impact of lowering the retention period of the data from thirty days to seventy-two hours as recommended by the ACLU.
- Understanding if reports can be publicly viewable to the community.
- Understanding information that cannot be shared with the public.
- Being in favor of the cameras due to it being a public safety item and being concerned about the information Flock can access.
- Understanding the camera data is held for thirty days, then automatically deleted. Holding time can be lowered for a lesser amount of time.
- Being worried about the use of the company Flock Safety and their technological flaws and lack of transparency.
- After receiving s demonstration from the Police Chief, requesting camera position be changed to capture the back of the car so to not capture vehicles going in the opposite direction.
- Being in favor of reducing the time period for keeping the data.
- Understanding and sharing the concerns of the community.
- After studying the information from the Police Chief and Flock and listening to positive and negative input from the public, understanding the community's number one priority is safety.
- Having the tool to enhance community safety in operation for over one year with no violations of anybody's rights.
- Being supportive of the Flock System due to the checks and balances in place.

Comments: All Councilors present.

Discussion:

Staff discussed...

- Requesting reports showing data being kept for shorter periods of time.
- Understanding this is a new tool and its usage is evolving.
- Requesting Flock provide answers on the placement of cameras.


Comments: CM Reynolds...

Staff demonstrated the Florence Police Flock Camera information on the City website and the information available on that page.


The City Council continued discussing the time limit for retaining the Flock data.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

ATTEST:



Lindsey White, City Recorder



Rob Ward, Mayor