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**City of Florence
City Council Regular Session
Florence Events Center
715 Quince Street, Florence, Oregon
Final Action Minutes
January 5, 2026**

Councilors Present: Mayor 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, Police Chief John Pitcher, Interim Public Works Director August Murphy, and Economic Development and Communications Analyst Chantelle Meyer.

Guests Present: None.

Handout: 1.5.26 City Council Meeting Base Presentation

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 9:15 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Martin Luther King Jr. Proclamation

Start Time: 9:16 p.m.

Discussion: Mayor Ward presented the Martin Luther King Jr. proclamation.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for members of the public to bring to the Council's attention any item not otherwise listed on the agenda.

Start Time: 9:19 p.m.
Commenter 1: Mr. Michael Allen – Florence, OR (*via video-conference*)
Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments
Discussion: Mr. Allen discussed ...

- Update on climate petition.

Start Time: 9:22 p.m.
Commenter 2: Mr. Andrew Simrin – Eugene, OR
Handout: Speaker's Card and Written Comments
Discussion: Mr. Simrin discussed...

- Flock not being the only automatic license plate reader vendor.
- More than vehicles being tracked on the cameras.
- Pausing cameras or delaying the installation of cameras.
- Importance of listening to the community and visitors to the community.

ACTION ITEMS

2. FLOCK SAFETY AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) SYSTEM – COUNCIL DELIBERATION

The City Council may deliberate toward making a decision regarding whether the City should continue, modify, or discontinue use of the Flock Safety Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera system, based on the public input and discussion held at the Special Meeting immediately prior to this meeting.

Start Time: 9:29 p.m.

Action: Continue discussion of Flock automatic license plate reader system at the January 22, 2026 City Council Work Session, and for potential action on City Council February 2, 2026 Regular Session, and in the meantime the cameras be turned off due to overwhelming vulnerabilities in their technology and systems.

Motion: Councilor Beaudreau
Second: Councilor Wantz
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Councilor Webb, 'Nay'
Councilor Carp, 'Nay'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'

Mayor Ward, 'Nay'
Motion fails 2-3

Start Time: 9:30 p.m.
Action: Continue discussion of Flock automatic license plate reader system for continued discussion at the January 22, 2026 City Council Work Session, and for potential action on City Council February 2, 2026 Regular Session.
Motion: Mayor Ward
Second: Councilor Webb
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Councilor Webb, 'Aye'
Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

CONSENT AGENDA

3. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Consider approval of the meeting minutes for the November 17, 2025 City Regular Session and the December 11, 2025 City Council Work Session.

Start Time: 9:31 p.m.
Action: Approve the City Council meeting minutes as amended.
Motion: Mayor Ward
Second: Councilor Wantz
Roll Call: Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Carp, 'Nay'
Councilor Webb, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 4-1

4. 1285 RESTOBAR LIQUOR LICENSE

Consider recommendation of approval to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) for a new Full On-Premise Commercial Liquor License for 1285 Restobar located at 1285 Bay Street.

Start Time: 9:33 p.m.
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- No discussion.

Action: Approve the consent agenda as amended.
Motion: Councilor Webb

Second: Councilor Beaudreau
Roll Call: Councilor Wantz, 'Aye'
Councilor Carp, 'Aye'
Councilor Webb, 'Aye'
Councilor Beaudreau, 'Aye'
Mayor Ward, 'Aye'
Motion passes 'Unanimously'

REPORT & DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

Start Time: 9:35 p.m.

Discussion: The Department Directors discussed...

- Providing Christmas gifts for the Christmas gift giveaway to fifty-five families and one hundred five children with contributions from Greentrees residents, Three Rivers Casino, and the Catholic church.
- New Police Officer Jayson Heims began employment on the 29th and will attend academy on the 2nd.
- New Year's Eve being very quiet.
- Taking delivery and placing in service the Ford chassis F550 dump truck.
- Installation of the controller for the Driftwood Shores Wastewater Pump Station.
- Upcoming Planning Commission, EMAC, and Transportation Committee meetings.
- Survey effort by Lane County on the public's knowledge of battery recycling.
- EMAC and Building Department will be attending the Home and Garden show on March 6th.
- Submitting storm damage assessments to Lane County for submission to FEMA.
- Upcoming Winter Music Festival.
- Noticing to customers for the Public Safety Fee increase.
- Eugene Airport conducting a regional survey about the future of the airport.
- Ongoing business license renewals.
- Update on Letters to Santa mailbox.

Comments: Police Chief Pitcher, Interim PWD Murphy, CDD FarleyCampbell, and ACM Messmer.

6. CITY MANAGER REPORT & DISCUSSION

Start Time: 9:46 p.m.

Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Upcoming City Council Work Session with City Attorney Ross Williamson with the topic for the City Council to consider a proposed statement addressing how the City may respond should Immigration and Customs Enforcement facilities or activities occurring within the City of Florence.

Comments: All Councilors present.

7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Start Time: 9:47 p.m.

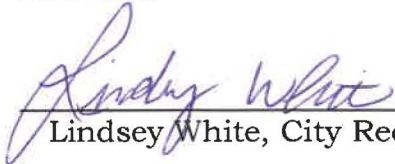
Discussion: The City Council discussed...

- Looking into the technological vulnerabilities of the Flock cameras system.
- Appreciating the public feedback.
- Setting an example as a Council by following the Norms and the decorum that was maintained by everybody attending being in alignment with the Norms.


Comments: All Councilors present.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lindsey White, City Recorder



Rob Ward, Mayor