



**Florence City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025**

Present:

Mayor	Ben Daniel
Mayor Pro Tem	Mary Condon
Council Members	Forrest Hyde
	Mary Jane Swope
	Debra Bivens
	Mike Harrell

Staff Members Present:

City Administrator	Tamela Louvier
City Secretary	Angelica Lombardi
Treasurer	David Tropea
Public Works Director	Stacey Adams
Police	Wayne Thompson, David Guthrie

Guest(s) Present:

Patty Bendele, Cristy Daniell

Opening Agenda

Mayor Ben Daniel called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
Mike Harrell provided the Invocation.
Mayor Ben Daniel asked any Guests addressing the Council to speak at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing opened for public comment at 6:03pm. Forrest Hyde was asked what he planned for the development. The hearing closed at 6:07 pm.

Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:

1. **Florence Chamber of Commerce-** Cristy Daniell said there will be no after hours and no meeting this week.
2. **Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** No Report.
3. **Florence ISD Afterschool Centers on Education-ACE-** No Report.
4. **Florence Community Park Garden Project-** No Report.
5. **Eula Hunt Beck Florence Public Library-** See Report.
6. **Mayor/Council Report-** No Report.
7. **City Treasurer-** See Report.

8. **Chief of Police-** See Report.
9. **Public Works Director-** See Report.
10. **Municipal Court-** See Report.
11. **City Administrator-** See Report.

Consent Agenda

12. Mary Condon made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, August 11, and August 25, 2025 meetings. Forrest Hyde seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Forrest Hyde made the motion to pay the expenditures, as presented. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

14. The Council decided that the City will post the Proposed budget for FY 2025-2026 on our website and a notice for public hearing for approval.

15. The Council decided to check the state bid site or BuyBoard for the purchase of iPads.

Regular Agenda

Presentation

16. No action was taken regarding Police Chaplain Mike Sullivan.

Proclamation

17. Mary Condon made the motion to Proclaim October 7, 2025 as City of Florence National Night Out day. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Library

18. made the motion to approve that donations to the Florence Library go to the Friends of the Library. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

19. The Council opened into executive session at 7:07 pm under Sec. 551.074 (a) (1) and/or (2) of the Texas Government Code, for discussion of Personnel Matters including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Wayne Thompson, Chief of Police. The session ended at 8:12 pm at that point which Council opened into regular session.

20. Four motions arose from item #19 as follows:

- a. Mary Condon made the motion to look at the repair of Police vehicle unit #804 until after October 1, 2025. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mary Condon made the motion to not hire a full-time traffic officer in the near future, but to consider it later next fiscal year as the budget progresses. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mary Condon made the motion that we cannot promote David Guthrie to Captain because we do not have a Captain position in the personnel policy. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mary Condon made the motion that due to budget constraints and the advice of the City Attorney, we cannot take \$5,000 from the Chief's salary and distribute it to the other officers. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Mary Condon made the motion to approve the first reading of 2025-20, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ZONING MAP, AND ZONING ORDINANCE, AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY CLAUSE NOT TO EXCEED \$2000 OR THE HIGHEST PENALTY AMOUNT ALLOWED BY LAW, WHICHEVER IS LESS; AND, PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF from Forrest Hyde to rezone from Single-Family Residential District (SF-1) to Mixed Use District (MU) – WCAD Parcel R367749 also known as 102 Adams Ave., Florence, Texas 76527. Debra Bivens seconded the motion. Forrest Hyde abstained. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

22. Mary Condon made the motion to award the Construction Services Contract to Adams Materials and Excavation LLC in the Amount of \$238,823.50 for the TDA Street Project CDV23-0102, and for Mayor Ben Daniel to execute the contract. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

23. Mary Condon made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2025-18, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, ZONING FOR TRAFFIC AND RATE OF SPEED THEREIN, ON BS 195 IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE; DEFINING SPEEDING AND FIXING A PENALTY THEREFORE; DECLARING WHAT MAY BE A SUFFICIENT COMPLAINT IN PROSECUTIONS HEREUNDER; WITH A SAVING CLAUSE REPEALING CONFLICTING LAWS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

24. Mary Condon made the motion to pay our \$100,000 contribution for the project on West Main Street from Patterson to CR 226, and to move water lines using the same contractor that Williamson County will use for the project or do a request for proposal of our own, to be paid from the dedicated road fund. Forrest Hyde seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Court

25. Mary Jane Swope made the motion create a new bank account for combining court security and technology fees, called the "Consolidated Municipal Court Security and Technology Fund," due to H.B. 1950 that went into effect on May 29, 2025, and transfer the amount from the General Fund the fees collected from May 29, 2025 to the date the new account is created. Mary Condon seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative

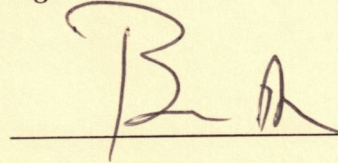
26. No action.
27. Mary Condon made the motion to approve switching to Civic Plus as our website host and designer, to replace Team Updraft and IONOS. Debra Bivens seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
28. Our next called meetings will be on September 24, 2025 at 6:00pm and September 30, 2025 at 6:00pm to approve the 2025-2026 Budget ordinance. The next regular city council meeting will be October 14, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Adjournment:

29. Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, THIS 30th DAY OF September, 2025.

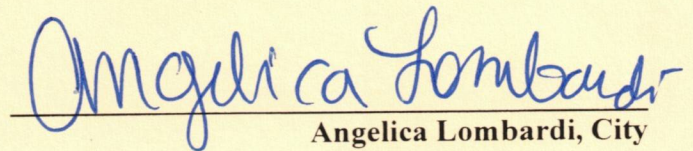
Signed:



Ben Daniel, Mayor



Attest:



Angelica Lombardi, City
Secretary