

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019, AT 4:30 P.M., IN THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 775 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Walter, Anderson, ***Hawkins, Walls, Larsen, ***Cordes, Hughes

Absent: ***Hawkins, ***Cordes

(***appeared telephonically for the Executive Session and were absent for the remainder of the Council Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the purposes of discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body and/or legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. Sections 38-431.03 (A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(7) to consider its position and instruct its representatives and/or attorneys regarding:

- a. **Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding pending litigation in Maricopa County Superior Court: Town of Florence v. Florence Copper, Inc. CV2015-000325, including counterclaims.**
- b. **Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding Arizona Department of Environmental Quality proceedings, related to Water Quality Appeals Board Case No. 16-002, including appellate proceedings to reviewing courts.**
- c. **Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding permitting, constructing and accepting of irrigation wells and National Environmental Policy Act 26 ("NEPA") and the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA").**

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (7-0) to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (7-0) to adjourn from Executive Session.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Walter called for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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Call to the Public for public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Council rules limit public comment to three minutes. Individual Councilmembers may respond to criticism made by those commenting, may ask staff to review a matter raised or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Council shall not discuss or take action on any matter during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

Ms. Chris Reid, Florence Resident, stated that she, along with other Historic District Advisory Commission Members (HDAC), recently attended a conference in Prescott, Arizona. She thanked the Council for their support in sending the HDAC members to attend along with Councilmember Cordes. She stated that it was nice to have a Councilmember attend to gain a better understanding of historic preservation. In her opinion, this was the best conference thus far. She commended Mr. Larry Harmer, Community Development Director, on his presentation. She stated that the theme was "Historic preservation is everybody's business". She explained how business is an economic driver for the community.

Ms. Reid provided a synopsis of the keynote speaker's discussion regarding how much preservation and heritage tourism does for a community.

Mayor Walter allowed for each speaker to discuss their topic for two minutes, in respect for the several presentations that are on the agenda.

Mr. Fritz Pfeiffer, Florence Resident, stated that he has been a Florence resident for ten years and he has several concerns regarding the entire issue with Florence Copper and what it will cost the Town and how the fees will be paid. It is his understanding that it will cost approximately \$1.7 billion and inquire if the citizens will be required to pay for it.

Mr. Pfeiffer would prefer that the Town and Florence Copper meet and come up with some type of understanding to resolve the issue. Florence Copper is producing copper and there have been no issues. He does not see any reason why Florence should continue to fight against Florence Copper and spend the citizen's hard-earned money.

Ms. Natasha Schmidt, Florence Resident, stated that she is against the mine and has been so for the last ten years. She is concerned about the water quality, having a mine in the middle of a residential area, and property values.

Ms. Maja Zorba, Florence Resident, stated that she is new to the area and had a variety of questions, including:

- Where can she get more information so that she may form her own opinion and make her own decision?
- What are the benefits of having the copper mine doing what it does?
- What are the benefits compared to the harm that the mine might be causing?
- What is/are the reason(s) that the Town is suing them?
- Does the Council have enough support, specifically because it is her understanding that the citizens may need to pay for the costs?
- Where can she find the Councilmember's opinions?
- Is it worth the millions that are being spent on lawsuits that are yielding no results?

Mr. Tim Winger, Florence Resident, stated that he supports Florence Copper. He recited a quote from the Ancient Art of War, which states "*Regardless of how good the fight is, if you have a war that you cannot win, quit fighting it*". He stated that the Town has spent approximately \$2 million thus far, with additional money to be paid back to Florence Copper for defending themselves again the lawsuit. The local newspaper states that the potential cost can exceed \$5 million. He stated that the taxpayers are having to pay this cost.

Mr. Winger watch the last Council meeting in which Councilmember Cordes stated the school budget needs to be reviewed as well. He stated that the money could go a long way for the schools. He stated that in his dealings with the community he does hear of a lot of support in continuing with the litigations pertaining to Florence Copper. He does not know if the Council is moving forward without concern for the economics of the Town, the will of the people or some sort of third-party motivation.

Ms. K. Natasha Smidt, Florence Resident, read an email from Mr. & Mrs. Armend Young to the Council:

"We are leaving for the summer on June 15, 2019. You seem to plan these meetings when most of us are gone. I'm against the mine. I believe it will contaminate our drinking water. I think our future is in residential growth and not mining. You may use this as a reference at the meeting. Thank you."

Mr. Brian Chipman, Florence Resident, stated that he is neither for the mine or opposed to the mine. He believes it is time to stop, and to stop the bleeding of money to pay for this. He posed the following questions:

- How many lawsuits has the Council, or the Town of Florence, employees working for or with the Town, filed against Florence Copper?
- How many have they won?
- How many have they lost?
- How many have they appealed?
- How many appeals have been won?
- How much money has the Town spent using internal staff in this litigation?
- How much has the Town spent on external counsel in the series of litigations?

Mr. Chipman stated that much of the time is spent in Executive Session, and the public does not know what transpires during the Executive Sessions. He stated that all they hear are rumors and that is what they have to go on or what is written in the newspaper. He posed the following questions:

- In Executive Session, who is in the Executive Session?
- What attorneys are in there?
- What staff is in there?
- Are there attorneys and staff in there from Southwest Value Partners?
- Are there attorneys and staff in there from Johnson Utilities and/or Johnson companies?

Mr. Chipman stated that he will leave his list of questions for the Council.

Mr. Charles Watson, Florence Resident, stated that it is time to bury the hatchet. There are other things happening that affect the Town that Council should be preparing for. Factories are getting

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ready to come to the area and it will affect Florence. He stated that everyone needs to come to an agreement. The Council needs to ask itself what the mine can do for Florence. The mine is town-oriented and they contribute to the communities. They will create more jobs.

Ms. Cathy Adam, Florence Resident, stated that she was impressed with the Florence Teen Council's (FTC) presentation at the last Council meeting. She thanked the Council for their support of the FTC. She also acknowledged Mr. David Lewis. He is a positive role model for our youth. She has seen many of the Town's youth go to him for advice, counseling, and mentoring. She stated that the youth get so much out of the program, specifically because of his leadership.

Ms. Adam stated that she is positive about everything that the Parks and Recreation department is doing. She participated in the focus studies for the Active Transportation Plan. She stated that this will be the 11th study done. She does not believe that you have pedestrians on Ruggles Street or Bailey Street because there are phone poles, water meters and fire hydrants in the middle of the sidewalks that impede foot traffic. She asked that these areas be looked at when applying for grants money. This makes the post office and town hall not accessible.

Ms. Barbara Manning, Florence Resident, stated that the Council needs to make a critical decision on whether to appeal the zoning on the private land that Florence Copper owns. If the Council decides not to appeal, for 20 years, this company will be using over 1,000 acres and will be injecting a sulfuric acid solution into the ground. This ground is adjacent to the Town's aquifer. There are two facts that have been learned over the ten years of discussion on this topic.

1. Tracking the sulfuric acid solution and where it is going in the ground is very difficult to control. The Town's ground is naturally fragmented, and it is easier for the solution to escape.
2. No in-situ mine has been able to control the leakage. We know this because each of them has contaminated the groundwater.

Ms. Manning stated that the financial implications to the Town should the water be contaminated will be much more than the legal fees that the Town is paying now.

Mr. Robert Pottinger, Florence Resident, stated that he is a new resident. It appears to him that a significant amount of money has been awarded and adjudicated for the Town of Florence to pay Florence Copper. He stated that additional funds will be accumulated for the ongoing battle and current and future legal fees. He inquired if the Town has a third-party entity (non-governmental) that is supporting the Town to help with the costs. He stated that if this is so, he asked that the Town disclose who this party or parties are.

Mr. Douglas Carlson, Florence Resident, stated that he spoke to the Council two years ago in which he predicted that the Town would be paying for Florence Copper's legal fees in two years, and here we are. He predicts that in two years, the Town will be paying for their legal fees again. He stated it is now time for this to end. He stated that he was shocked to see that Florence Copper is producing and that there are none of the bad effects that everyone thought would happen.

Mr. Carlson stated that there have been many experts who have testified that none of the leakage, etc. would happen and their predictions came true, nothing has happened. He is also concerned about the budget expenses to fight Florence Copper. He voted for some of the Council believing

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that they would stand up and support Florence Copper and stop the endless bleeding of the Town budget. He is disappointed in some of the Council that is representing the Town of Florence. He would like to see a recall.

Ms. Karen Shoppell, Florence Resident, thanked the Town and the Council for this battle they are fighting to protect the Town's water. She supports the Council's decision. She hears a lot of chatter from her neighbors regarding the cost. She stated that as long as there are no guarantees from Florence Copper that the Town's water will be safe the Town should continue to fight. Water is very precious and is going to become more so in the future. They are currently paying the local taxing district, CAGR, through Johnson Utilities. They pay \$2.50 for every 1,000 gallons used to replace the water that she uses. She stated that water is a precious commodity.

Becky Peterson, Florence Resident, stated that she cannot speak to the safety or wisdom of in-situ mining; however, it appears that in-situ mining has the legal right to do it whether they agree or disagree, and fighting will not change that. She is concerned about the \$650,000-line item for professional services will continue to be that expensive if it were not for the litigation with Florence Copper.

Ms. Peterson stated that there are other things that affect the Town's water supply such as pesticides, fertilizers, the drought, etc.

Mayor Walter stated that the \$650,000 is not earmarked specifically for the Florence Copper. There are other items that are budgeted.

Mr. Seraphine Larsen, Florence Resident, stated that a European study looked at 84 in-situ mines that were situated on aquifers in the late 1990s to assess the impacts to water quality and has created irreparable damage to the aquifer. There have been no exceptions in the United States or Germany.

Mr. Larsen stated that it was determined that all of them leaked acid into the aquifer as well as radio-active nucleotides into the water, without exception. He stated this is why BHP gave up on this very mine in Florence. The EPA found very high levels of leachable radio-active nucleotides that could leak into the aquifer from the rock. He stated that he does not want radiation in the drinking water. He stated that never has anyone who has done in-situ mining returned the mine area to its original condition. He is thankful that Florence has stood firm on protecting Florence's aquifer.

Mr. Robert Shoppell, Florence Resident, thanked the Mayor and Council for standing up for the residents who are against the mine. Many have suggested that people attend the tour, which is safe. He stated there will be an accident at some future date, which everyone will regret. He stated that the land that they purchased is zoned for light industrial and residential and if the zoning authority is overturned, it should be appealed up to the Supreme Court because it is taking away the authority of the Council. The Council should have zoning capability.

Mr. Bill Tanner, Florence Resident, stated that Council has heard a number of legitimate concerns from taxpayers about the direction the Council has taken the Town with regards to the lawsuits. The Town has lost all of its lawsuits and appeals; which has led to a hard decision on many of the residents to create a citizen's commission. They will be calling themselves Citizens for Florence Town Council Meeting Minutes

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Responsible Government. The purpose of the committee will be to explore options regards to the recall of Mayor Walter, Vice-Mayor Anderson and Councilmember Larsen. He stated that they cannot afford for them to be in office any longer and to watch their tax dollars be thrown out the window. Ultimately, the residents will have to pay for the Council's faulty decisions. They will not stand for this any longer.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to introduce the Town of Florence's inaugural Community Emergency Response Team.

Mr. David Strayer, Fire Chief, stated that The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from major emergencies and disasters is built and enhanced.

Chief Strayer stated that this team will provide public safety assistance to Florence Fire and Police Departments during major emergencies. Some examples include: managing utilities, putting out small fires, providing basic medical aid, performing basic search and rescue, help organize sales and spontaneous volunteers during emergencies, collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts and public safety education.

Chief Strayer stated that the program came about due to a huge fire in August that burnt down a 4,000 square foot garage in Florence. They had no ability to provide rehab for the Fire crews. Out of this fire, several things came into place:

- Pinal County Emergency Management Partners communicated with the Town that they now had certified instructors for the CERT program.
- The Florence Police Department had an Evidence Box Truck that became available.
 - Will re-purpose the vehicle for a rehab vehicle
- Florence Fire Personnel were ready to get involved.

Chief Strayer stated that the CERT inaugural class has gone through drills and have done extremely well. Maricopa CERT trainers have also come down to assist with the inaugural class.

Chief Strayer presented each of the members with a certificate, which included:

- Vice-Mayor John Anderson
- Mike Scherm, Florence Fire Department
- Donaven Adamczyk, Florence Fire Department
- Jack Wineman
- Bruce Odegaard
- Don Baerreson
- Brian Griffeth
- Cathi Yates
- Maha Zorba

- Jamie Pechtl
- Ron Trom
- Judy Nelson
- Ed Penttila
- Glenda Hochstetler
- Cheryl Whelply
- Diane Moise
- Mary Daniels
- Cheri Cheney
- Instructors:
- John Mokley
- Bill Robertson

Pinal County was presented with a plaque with the picture of the class.

Chief Strayer was presented with a plaque in appreciation for all that he has done.

All of the class members were presented with challenge coins and their official ID cards.

Ms. Barb Elliott, Pinal County, stated that the class has dedicated a lot of personal time to attend the classes.

Mayor Walter congratulated each of the students.

Presentation on the Active Transportation Plan.

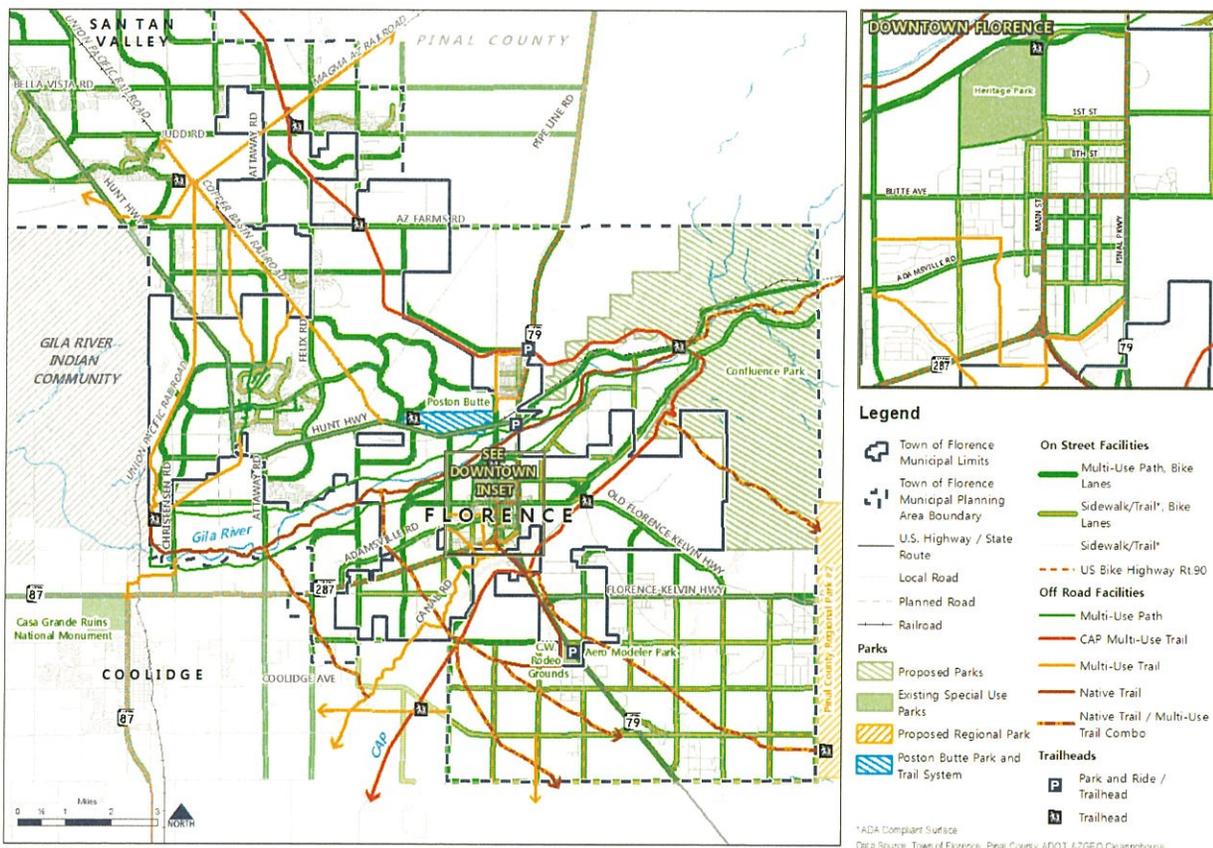
Mr. Bryan Hughes, Community Services Director, provided a presentation in which he outlined the following:

- What was previously discussed
 - Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Plan Objectives
 - Trends and safety concerns
 - Florence survey results/trends
 - Public open house meetings
 - Preliminary findings and recommendations
 - Received Council's input
- Trail Hierarchy

Existing Hierarchy	Proposed Hierarchy	Approx. Miles in Town Limits
Neighborhood Trail (8')	Multi-Use Path-Paved (8'-10')	29
Town Trail (8'-10')		
Shared Use Paved Path (10'-12')		
Existing/ Planned County Multi-Use Trail Corridor	Multi-Use Trail-Unpaved Decomposed Granite (8'-10')	21
Proposed County Multi- Use Trail Corridor		

Equestrian Trail (8')		
Town Trail (8'-10')		
Neighborhood Trail (8')		
Back Country Trail (3')	Poston Butte Open Space & Trails Development Plan	TBD
Adopted County Trail Corridor	CAP Trail (Unpaved)	6
Town Trail (8'-10')		
Equestrian Trail (3'-4')	Native Trail Natural Surface (3'-5')	13
Town Trail (8'-10')		
4' Shoulder (4')	New Roadway Cross Sections (Florence Transportation Planning Study)	Reference Florence Transportation Planning Study
Shared Use Paved Path (10'-12')		
Neighborhood Trail (8')		

- Proposed On & Off-Street Paths and Trails



- Facility Cross-Section Example

2. Multi-Use Trail

Multi-Use Trails are planned with low impact design to minimize disturbance of the natural environment. Proposed Multi-Use Trails total approximately 21 miles within the Town's existing boundary (the most of any trail type), seven miles of which includes the Native Trail/ Multi-Use Trail combination type. The goal is to create a seamless network of off-street, unpaved trails that link neighborhoods to other community destinations including The Florence Gila River Path and CAP Canal Trail. These trails are anticipated to be ADA compliant in surface type and grade and should be maintained as such. Examples of a Multi-Use Trail shown in Figure 54 include the Albuquerque Bosque Trail in Albuquerque, NM (left) and The Arizona Canal Trail in Phoenix, AZ (right).

Figure 53: Multi-Use Trail Cross Section



Table II: Multi-Use Trail Standards

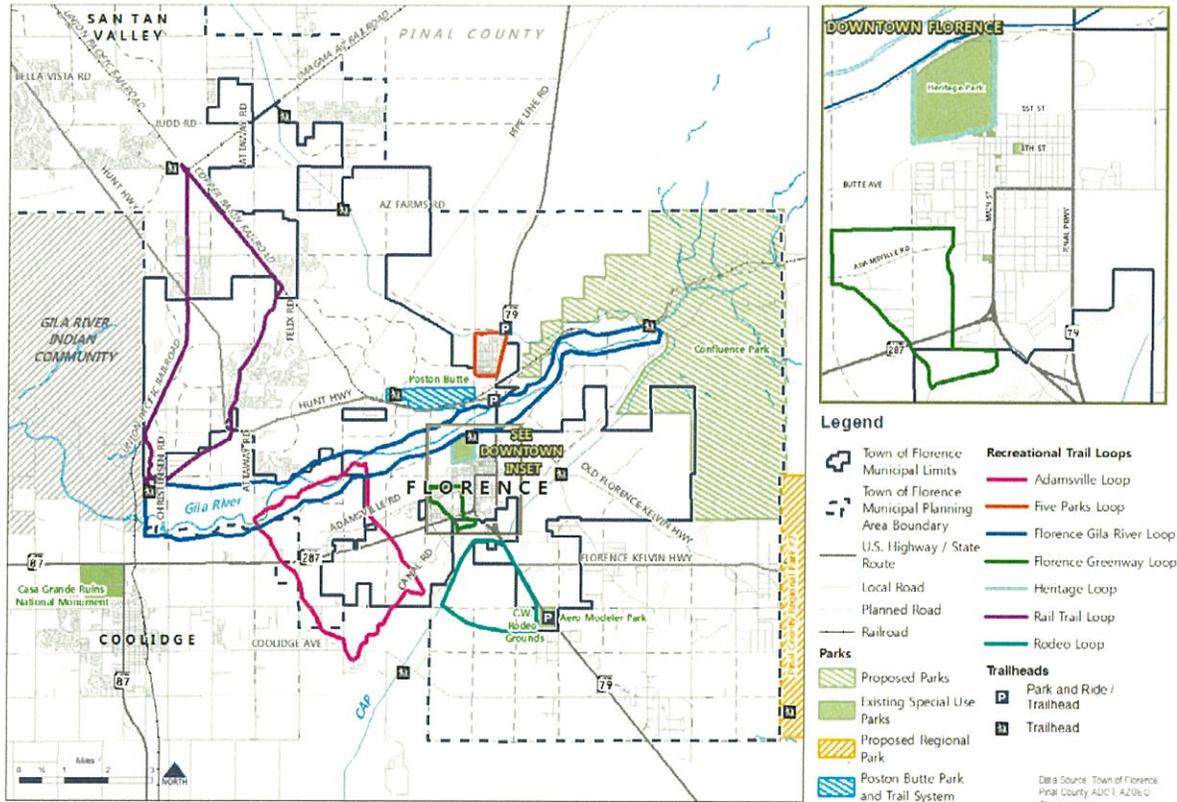
Facility Type	Use	Width	Surface	Horizontal Clearance	Vertical Clearance	Cost/Linear Foot
Unpaved Trail	Multi	8-10', 12' where use is high or terrain limits visibility.	Stabilized Decomposed Granite	2', 3' near signage or other furnishings*	12'	\$70-\$140**

* MUTCD standards ** Pricing variation causes can include terrain, construction challenges, etc.

Figure 54: Multi-Use Trail Examples



- Recreation Trail Loops



- Design Standards

Facility/ Feature	FHWA Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (2009)	AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities (2012)	NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide (2012)
Signed Shared Roadway	X	X	X
Marked Shared Roadway	X	X	X
Bicycle Boulevard	-	X	X
Paved Shoulder	X	X	-
Bike Lane	X	X	X
Buffered Bike Lane	-	X	X
Colored Bike Lanes	X ¹	X	X
Combined Bike Lane/ Turn Lane	X	X	X
Bicyclists at Roundabouts	X ²	X	-
Multi-Use Paths (On-Street)	X	X	-
Multi-Use Paths (Off-Street)	X	X	-
Wayfinding Sign Types	X	X	X
Wayfinding Sign Placements	X	X	X
Bike Parking	-	X	-
Roadway Crossings (At-Grade)	X	X	X
Roadway Crossings (Grade Separated)	X	X	-

- Action Plan (Sample)

Table 13. Action Plan

On-Street Facility Actions			
Actions	Notes	Lead Agency	Term
Construct on-street facilities (multi-use paths, sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails) in concurrence with roadway improvements per the Florence Transportation Planning Study.	As roadways and segments or roadways are necessary to be improved, Town and/or property owner shall construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities per approved roadway cross sections.	Town, ADO1, Property Owner	Short Medium Long
Incorporate ADA compliant bike and pedestrian facilities upon both sides of any bridge crossing of the Gila River to connect to the north and south banks of the Florence Gila River Path. The following grade separated crossings of the Gila River are identified in the Florence Transportation Planning Study, Plant Road, Attaway Road, Christensen Road, Valley Farms Road, Main Street and SR 79.	As bridge crossings of the Gila River become prioritized for construction, ensure that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are incorporated into the bridge design on at least one side, with both sides being preferred.	Town, county, state and/or Federal partners	Short Medium Long
Relocate the existing yellow ladder school crosswalk of Main Street at Aguilar Street south to Brady Street	Modify location of this important crossing to enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety and reduce congestion at the intersection of Butte Avenue and Main Street (79B) in accordance with the 2019 Florence K-8 SRTS study.	Town, ADO1	Short
Move the white striped crosswalk across Main Street south of Stewart Street at the High School to the north side of the intersection with Stewart Street. Increase pedestrian warning signage.	Modify location of this crosswalk to reduce potential conflict with vehicular turning movements and enhance pedestrian safety.	Town, ADO1	Short
Conduct warrant study for RRFB at the existing school crossing on Butte Avenue at Orlando Street.	A mid-block crossing at this location is recommended to enhance pedestrian safety at this busy pedestrian location connecting businesses, elementary school, residents and large government employers in the area. Conduct required warrant study to confirm appropriate mitigation measures and RRFB crossing apparatus. This recommendation also furthers and is consistent with the SRTS study recommendation for same.	Town, ADO1	Medium
Reconfigure Orlando Street between Florence Heights Drive and Butte Avenue to include two 11-foot travel lanes, 6-foot bike lanes with a 3-foot buffer and 10-foot multi-use paths, restrict on-street parking in accordance with the 2019 Florence K-8 SRTS study. (Existing 80-foot ROW, potential to be reduced to 60-foot ROW).	Leverage surplus right-of-way and excessive pavement width by repurposing roadway to enhance multimodal function, reduce vehicular speeding and improve function and safety for people walking and biking.	Town	Short
Conduct warrant study for RRFB at the school crossing on Florence Heights Drive at Orlando Street	An enhanced mid-block crossing at this location is recommended primarily to enhance student pedestrian safety and deter students from crossing at DeSoto Lane. This recommendation also furthers and is consistent with the SRTS study recommendation for same. Conduct required warrant study to confirm appropriate mitigation measures and crossing apparatus.	Town	Long

- Action Plan (Summary)

Type of Action	# of Actions
On-Street Facilities	14
Off-Street Facilities	18
Transit	3
Programming	4
Tourism & Events	10
Policies	12
TOTAL	61

- Funding Matrix

Funding Source	Design/ Build	Planning	Programming
Local			
MAG Safe Routes to School		X	X
MAG Transportation Improvement Program	X	X	X
MAG Design Assistance	X		
State			
AZ Governor's Office of Highway Safety			X
Arizona State Parks and Trails	X	X	X
Federal			
Federal Highway Administration	X	X	X
Federal Transit Administration	X	X	X
National Parks Service	X	X	
Land and Water Conservation Fund	X	X	
Other			
American Association of Retired Persons	X		
Active Living Research		X	X
Trust for Public Land		X	
People for Bikes	X		
Rails to Trails Conservancy	X		

Mr. Hughes stated that the ATP will come before Council on July 1, 2019 for approval. The guidelines from MAG indicated that the ATP needed to be completed by June 30, 2019, which they are in alignment with. They will be able to adopt it in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Hughes addressed Ms. Adams comments in which she stated that there are impediments in the sidewalks. He stated that ADA is covered in the plan; however, the utility poles may need to be relocated when they do utility improvements in the Town.

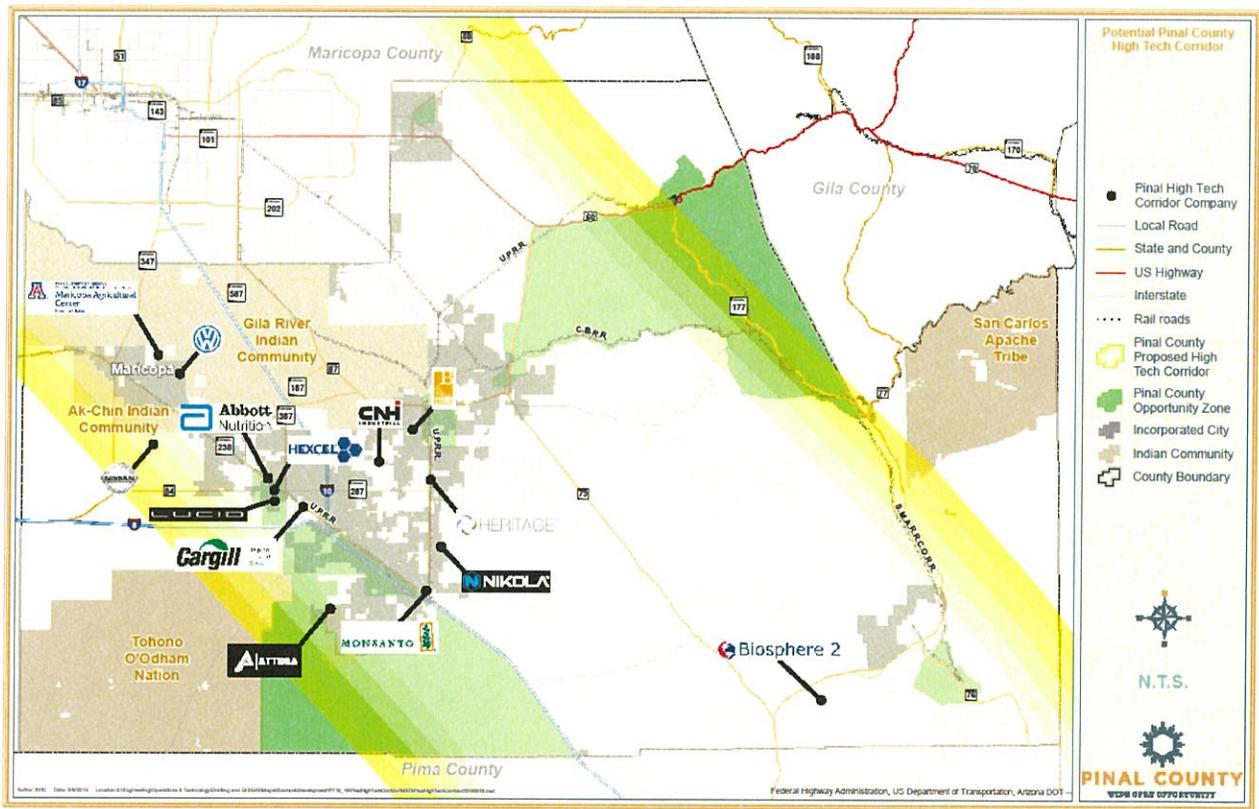
Councilmember Larsen stated that she likes the map that depicts the connectivity and determine if it is a path or trail.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town did two Safe Routes to School Studies which are incorporated into the ATP. Staff is coming before Council on July 1, 2019 to request that the CDBG funding be used for barrier removal on sidewalks in the areas identified in the Safe Routes to School Plan.

Presentation by Tim Kanavel, Pinal County Economic Development Program Manager, on the Pinal County High Technology Corridor.

Mr. Tim Kanavel, Pinal County Economic Development Program Manager for Pinal County, provided a presentation, in which he outlined the following:

- Pinal County Mission Statement
 - Pinal County Government protects and enhances its citizens' quality of life by driving economic development and providing efficient, effective, needed services through talented, motivated employees.
- Pinal County Vision Statement
 - Pinal County Government leads through innovation and collaboration, which results in vibrant, safe, sustainable communities.
- Current Pinal County Economic Data
 - Current estimated population 457,000 (2050-estimate of 1.5 million)
 - Third most populated County in Arizona – 3.6% growth rate
 - Current workforce 183,764 (April 2019)
 - Current unemployment rate (April 2019) - 4.5%
 - Unemployment rate in September 2009 – 13.2% (historical high)
 - Current Poverty Rate at 12.6% - lowest in Arizona



- Proposed Arizona Tech Corridor
 - This initial proposal includes Pinal, Pima and Maricopa counties
 - I-10 South and east anchored at the U of A Science & Tech Park
 - I-10 North & west anchored at ASU in Tempe/Buckeye*
 - I-8 to Yuma/Maricopa County boundary line*
 - Follows the old federally designated Intermountain West/Sun Corridor thru Pinal County
 - Pinal County rests in the middle of the Corridor
- Arizona Tech Corridor – Pinal County Economic Assets
 - Union Pacific Railroad, Phoenix Spur, Copper Basin RR, SMARCO, Magma Line
 - Interstate 10, Interstate 8 and proposed Interstate 11
 - Proposed Pinal North/South Parkway
 - El Paso high pressure natural gas line
 - Kinder-Morgan high pressure natural gas line
 - Five major electrical producers: Arizona Public Service (APS), Salt River Project (SRP), San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP), Trico Electric Cooperative Inc. (TRICO), Tucson Electric Power (TEP)
 - Four electrical districts
 - Four electrical generation peak plants: APS (2), SRP (2)
 - Thousands of acres of affordable/developable land
 - Pro-economic development leadership at all levels
 - Aggressive and award-winning marketing program: regional, national and international
 - Location
 - Very high degree of success attracting high tech companies
 - Award winning workforce development program
 - Various and effective incentive programs
 - Foreign Trade Zone
 - Opportunity Zones
 - New Market Tax Credit Zones
 - Florence Smart Cities Initiative
 - Lucid Motors
 - Nikola Motors
 - Attesa
 - Green energy: solar projects, bio-gas, ethanol
 - Spherium
 - Hexcel
 - Abbott Labs
 - Frito Lay
 - Bright Industries
 - Bio-ag Monsanto/Cargill
 - Subex
- Arizona Tech Corridor – 3 County Assets
 - 2.5 million-person workforce
 - University of Arizona (U of A), Arizona State University (ASU), Grand Canyon College, county community colleges
 - 60 million people within a 450-mile radius of the intersection of I-8 and I-10

- Three major international airports
 - Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail lines
 - Direct access to California via plane, car, truck and rail
 - Dozens of existing high-tech companies already in place creating a “cluster of like industries:” automotive, bio-ag, renewable energy, aerospace, defense, autonomous vehicles, etc.
- Changed Pinal County Logo and branding
 - What’s Next
 - Land use study conducted by the U of A Science and Innovation College – for Pinal and Pima counties
 - What companies are best suited for our current assets?
 - What are our current infrastructure’s capabilities?
 - What assets do we need to enhance?
 - Public and private buy-in of the proposal – especially local communities
 - Develop a (co)marketing program
 - Seek State and Federal assistance
 - All three County Boards of Supervisors support

Councilmember Hughes inquired what factors have contributed to Pinal County’s growth in the last six years.

Mr. Kanaval stated that they made internal changes in 2008-2009 by streamlining the Economic Development Department, provided leadership and revised the Pinal County rules to be less restrictive. There were also elections that have changed the dynamics of the County. He stated that there has been a huge change over in elected officials as well.

Councilmember Hughes inquired how their success is measured and if he could provide tangible results.

Mr. Kavanal stated that it is easy to see it in the revenues; however, there are other factors. Some companies do not provide several jobs or bring in a lot of tax dollars, but there are an integral part of the overall economic development of Pinal Count and fits Pinal County’s concept of Live, Work, and Play. Pinal County has become more diverse and are more selective of businesses that can come here. They want companies that provide good salaries and benefits.

Councilmember Hughes inquired if Mr. Kavanal would assist with the economic development section of the Town’s Strategic Plan.

Mr. Kavanal stated that he would be happy to assist the Town.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town will host an economic summit title “Internet of Things and Cyber Security” on June 19, 2019. This summit pertains to partnerships that the Town has regarding technology. Pinal County is the Town’s primary sponsor for this event and they receive a lot of support from Pinal County.

Mr. Billingsley stated that some of the attendees include: Verizon, T-Mobile, Spherium, Mueller, Arizona Public Service, Cox, Microsoft, AT & T, Zao, Millandr, Berkley Risk, Pinal County, Marana,

Paradise Valley, Cottonwood, Florence Unified School, Pinal County ESA, Alliance, CAG, U of A, MAG, City of Globe, and several others. He stated that the Town appreciates Pinal County's support.

Mr. Kanaval stated Pinal County is marketing a great product and the corridor will be great for Pinal County. Several companies are looking to come to Pinal County. Florence is the Pinal County seat and it is important to Florence.

Councilmember Wall stated that she is supportive of the partnerships that are formed between Pinal County and Town of Florence as well as other municipalities.

Vice-Mayor Anderson likes the support that is shared between Pinal County and the Town.

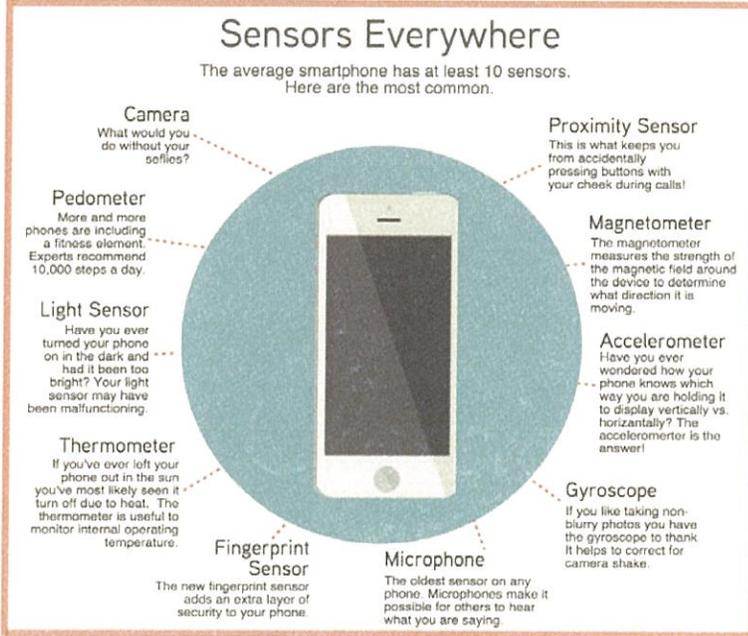
Councilmember Larsen is pleased that they are working to bring good paying jobs to Florence.

Presentation on the Internet of Things

Mr. Trent Shaffer, Information Technology Manager, provided a presentation in which he outlined the following:

- What is the Internet of Things (IoT)
 - The IoT is influencing our lifestyle from the way we react to the way we behave, from air conditioners that you can control with your smartphone, to smart cars providing the shortest route, or your smart watch which is tracking your daily activity.
 - The IoT links objects to the internet, enabling data and insights never available before. (Cisco)
 - The network of physical objects that contain embedded technology to communicate and sense or interact with their internal states or the external environment. (Gartner)
 - A global infrastructure for the information society, enabling advanced services by interconnecting (physical and virtual) things based on existing and evolving interoperable information and communication technologies. (IoT-GSI)
 - IoT describes a world where just about anything can be connected and communicate in an intelligent fashion. In other words, with the Internet of Things, the physical world is becoming one big information system. (Techopedia)
 - It is a concept of everyday objects – from industrial machines to wearable devices - using built-in sensors to gather data and take action on that data across a network. (SAS Institute)
- Human "Sensor"
 - Brain
 - Taste, vision, touch, hearing and smell
- Things with sensors
 - Camera, thermostat, lighting, smoke detector, automobile

- Sensors everywhere



- Smart House

- Able to lock/unlock door remotely, turn on/off television, lights, thermostat, etc.

- The Internet of Things

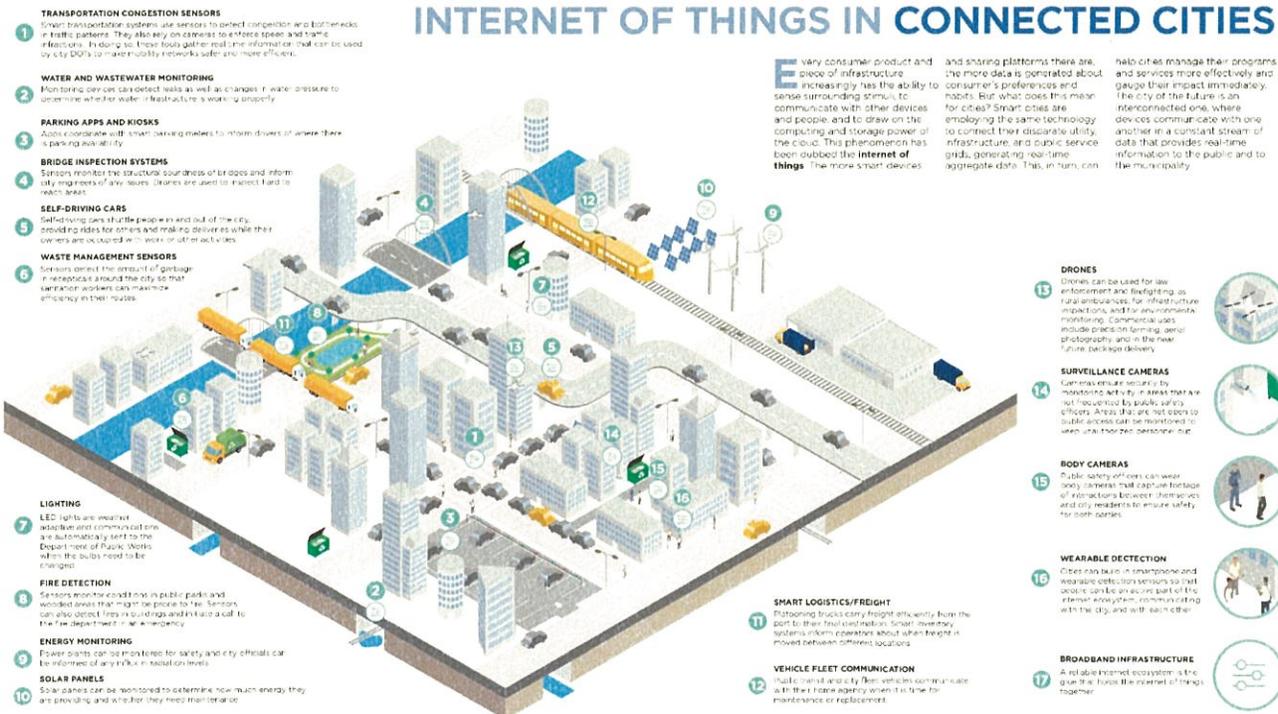
- 1999 - Kevin Ashton introduces the term "Internet of Things"
- 2012 - Google starts testing self-driving cars. There are 1 billion devices on the Internet.
- 2012 - 8.7 billion devices: Phones, thermostats, cameras, even refrigerators are connected to the Internet and sharing data
- 2015 – 18.2 billion devices: The number of connected devices more than doubled in a three-year period and the introduction of the smart toothbrush

- The Internet of Things timeline

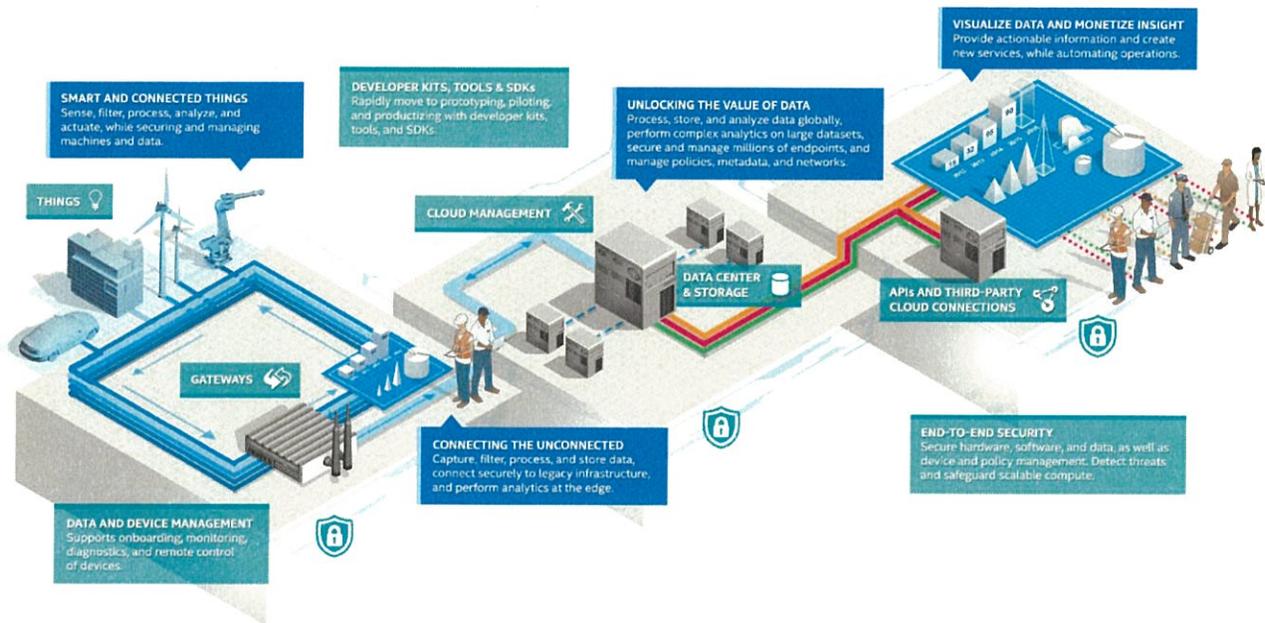
- 2017 – IoT Security: Governments start to think about IoT security. There are roughly 28 billion devices
- 2019 – 42.1 billion devices: 2019 was a pivotal year for the Internet of Things. Alexa, Ring, and Nest are all household names.
- 2020 – 50.1 billion devices: This is a conservative number, in 2017 the estimated number of IoT devices for the year 2021 was only 36 billion.
- IoT Annual Revenue: IoT market value is expected to reach \$8.9 trillion by 2020. IoT security spending will reach \$3.1 billion by 2021.

- IoT connected cities

INTERNET OF THINGS IN CONNECTED CITIES



- A smart city is an innovative city that incorporates information and communication technologies (ICT) to enhance the quality and performance of urban services such as energy, transportation and utilities in order to reduce resource consumption, wastage and overall costs
- The overarching aim of a smart city is to enhance the quality of living for its citizens through smart technology.
- Florence Smart City Platform
 - End-to-end security
 - View
 - Data from all sensors are viewable from a single dashboard where reports and alerts can be generated.
 - Storage Analysis
 - Collected data is stored, analyzed, and processed for later viewing.
 - Data Collection
 - Data from sensors is collected via LoRaWAN gateways, parsed, and sent to storage.
 - Sensors
 - Thermostats, water meters, fleet, lighting, motion, alarms, etc.
- Detailed Smart City Platform

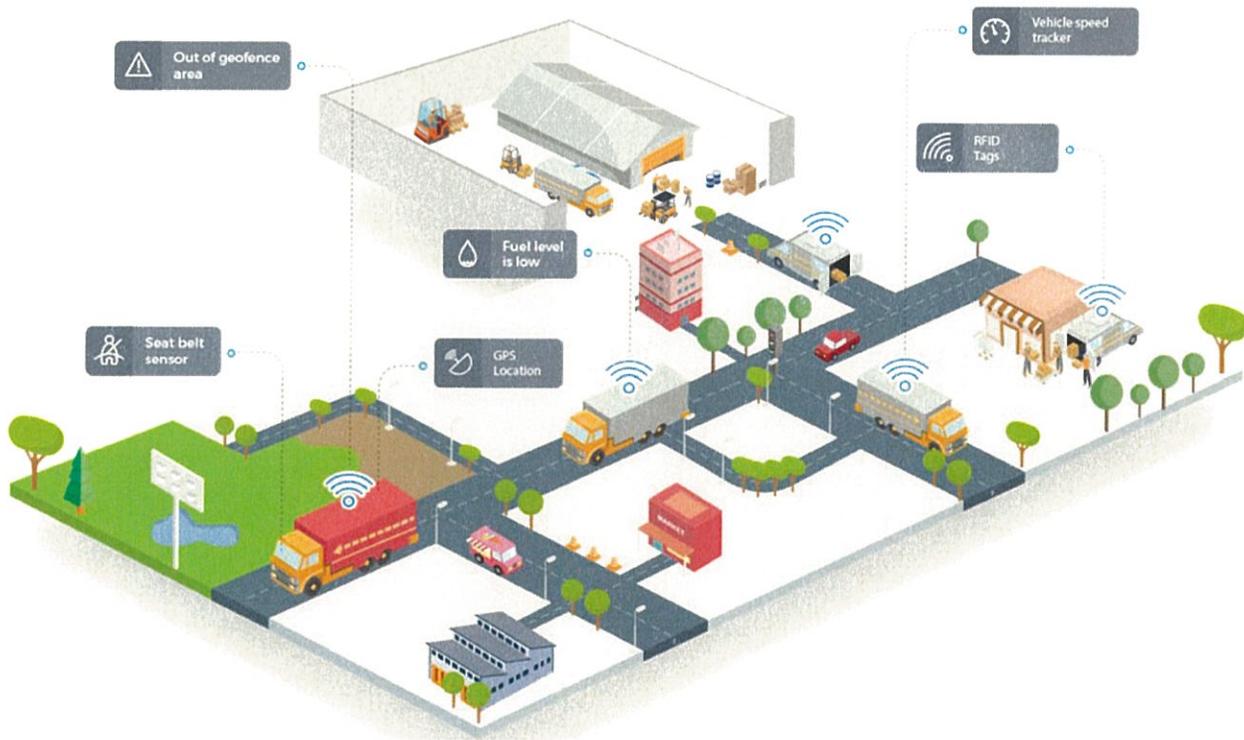


- Smart Streets

- Sensors detect weather
- Wireless Wi-Fi access
- Electronic vehicle chargers
- Traffic monitoring
- Security infrastructure
- Near zero street
- Energy cost lighting
- Lights turn on only when someone is present
- Lights turn off only when there is no one is present
- Light can change color to signify events programmatically
- Can send warning when lights are out



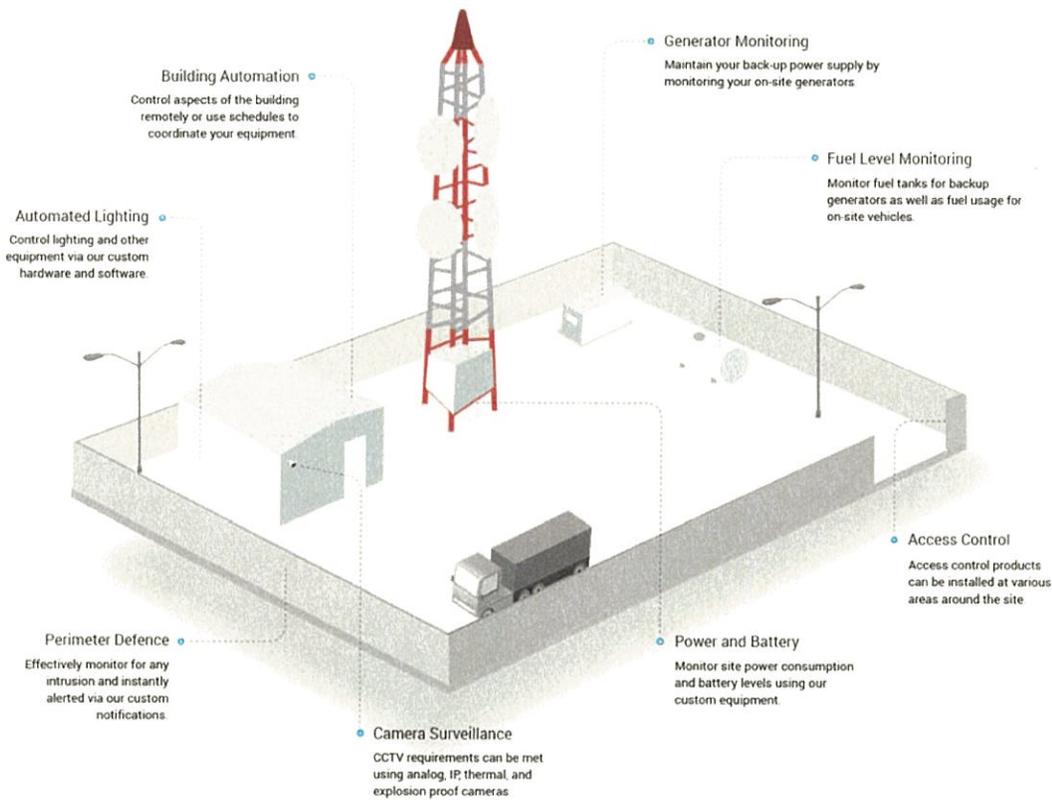
- Sensor sits in Florence Gardens and was able to be picked up at the US 60.
- Smart Fleet Management



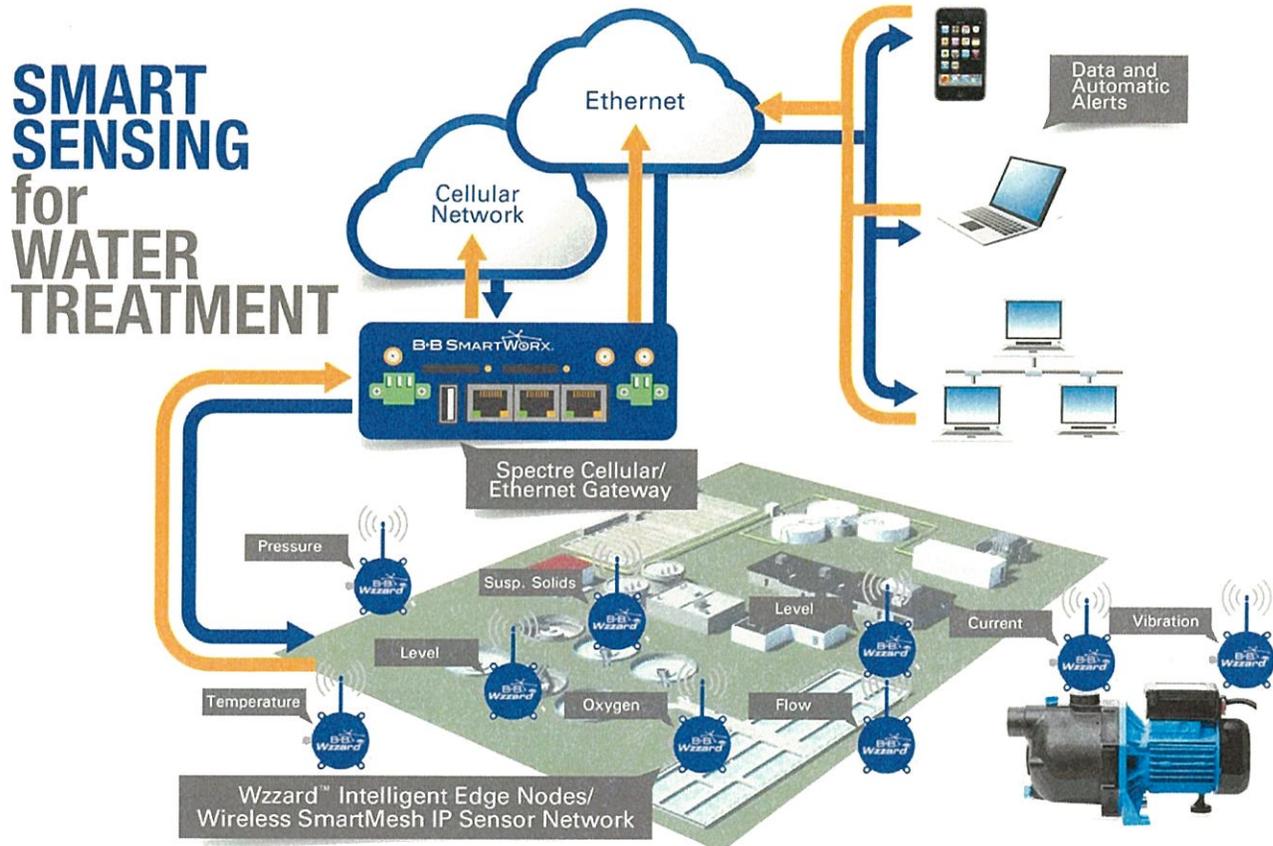
- Smart Facilities



- Smart Towing Monitoring



- Smart Sensing for Water Treatment



- IoT devices can be used to replace aging 900MHz radio system and integrate with existing waste water sensors and PLCs.

- Florence Smart City Platform

- Systems need to be able to talk to each other and interact
- Open architecture
- Open source
- Industry leading security
 - Best in class cloud storing machine learning platform
 - All projects will be built on the Town's platform
 - Automatic interface
 - One dashboard for all data to interact with each other
 - Each point has a security layer
 - Protects privacy and only transmits necessary data
 - Transfers to data center for storage
 - Information is analyzed and processed
 - Third party connections will tie it into dashboards which will then allow for information to be shared or transferred into various systems

- System is very robust

- Economical and can be expanded

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Mayor Walter inquired what wearable detection is.

Mr. Shaffer explained that advertisements will appear on your smart devices depended on where you are, such as in a mall. It can tell you what events are taking place near you and where there is additional parking.

Mayor Walter inquired if the Town has surveillance cameras.

Mr. Shaffer stated that there are cameras at Heritage Park, outside of the Council Chambers, wherever money is collected, and at the Police Station.

Mayor Walter inquired if the Town has a drone.

Mr. Shaffer stated that the Town does not have a drone. They are effective and there is proper certification and training that is required.

Presentation on the Strategic Plan Update.

Mr. Ben Bitter, Assistant to the Town Manager, provided a presentation in which he outlined the following:

- Review of the 2017 Plan
 - Community Vitality
 - Quality of Life (enhancements)
 - Additional Concerts in the Park, Car Show, etc.
 - Programming partnerships in the Community Center
 - Robles Fight Club
 - Yoga
 - 2012 Code Updates and Residential Permit Manual
 - Enhance efficiency of organization
 - Parks/Recreation Master Plan (survey to evaluate current and desired offerings)
 - Reduced blight following a fire in a downtown commercial building
 - Was not able to save the structure, ithe lot was returned to a condition where it can be developed again
 - Home Tour used student actors for historical dramatization
 - Give-a-Lift Program and Durable Medical Equipment Loan Program
 - Economic Prosperity
 - Modernizing and diversifying the local economy
 - Small-business development workshops
 - Economic development symposiums
 - Worked with Pinal County on videos from Moses Inc.
 - Automated Meter Reading – streamlining government functions
 - Downtown Redevelopment Plan underway
 - New and renovated medical facilities in Florence
 - Wireless Fire Alarms in Historic Downtown
 - Leadership and Governance
 - Creating leaders and doing noteworthy things to enhance the Town
 - Safest City in Arizona

- Veteran's Memorial Fundraiser
- Senate Bill 1086 signed into law by Governor Ducey
- Florence Teen Council and Florence Youth Commission
- Noteworthy graduations and leadership positions
 - First invitee from Florence to FBI National Academy (Sgt. Klix)
 - Northwestern Center for Public Safety Certification (Sgt. Riccomini)
 - Graduates of U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (Chief Strayer, BC Walter, Cpt. Bruin)
 - Scholarships to national conferences (e.g., GFOA, National Floodplain Mgmt.)
 - Board of Directors for International Institute of Municipal Clerks (Lisa Garcia)
- Partnerships and Relationships
 - Working together to build a better Florence/region
 - Partnered with Pinal County for "Florence Alerts" (PENS)
 - Hosted the State Transportation Board for quarterly ADOT meeting
 - 2020 Census Complete Count Committee consists of clerical, civic, Chamber, and business leaders
 - Council sits as liaison on various regional boards and commissions
 - CAG, MAG (Mayor); Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority (Vice Mayor); Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce (Councilmember Wall); Florence Unified School District (Councilmember Cordes); Pinal Partnership (Councilmember Hughes)
 - Staff chairs the Pinal Partnership Government Relations Committee
 - Town Staff brought together County, Communities to create a North-South Corridor coalition, and push for resolutions from entities across the County.
- Transportation and Infrastructure
 - Ensuring connectivity and a basic framework for economic growth
 - CART connects Florence to the region
 - HURF sweeps have been reduced at the Legislature, and \$200,000 in additional one-time revenues were given as part of the state's FY2020 budget
 - Permits received for Water Recharge Facility
 - Water credits purchased to ensure future water rights
 - Proactive involvement at the Arizona Corporation Commission to ensure adequate water and wastewater service delivery for residents
 - Regional Transportation Plan is being updated
- Moving Forward
 - Developing the Town Council's Strategic Plan (2020 Vision)
 - One-on-one interviews with members of the Town Council
 - Review content from each interview
 - Group discussions (Council, Management, Directors)
 - Review of Citizen Survey results (Summer 2019)
 - Received 320 responses
 - Develop document
 - Create themes/designs/layouts for new Plan
 - Obtain photographs and design elements
 - Present draft
 - Anticipated completion: Late Fall 2019
 - 2020 Vision

CONSENT: All items on the consent agenda will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Councilmember or a member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

Appointment of an Ad Hoc Sign Committee of the following members: Mayor Walter, Councilmember Larsen, Councilmember Cordes, Larry Johnson from the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Harold Christ from the Windmill Winery, Becca Doughty from Bailey Street Bed and Breakfast, Manuel Perez-Cerros from Lidia's Cocina @ Old Pueblo Restaurant and staff liaison Larry Harmer. (Lisa Garcia)

Table discussion regarding the Sign Code until the Ad Hoc Sign Committee issues a report and makes recommendations to the Town Council. (Lisa Garcia)

Approval of entering into a Professional Services Agreement with the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce for the term of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. (Jennifer Evans)

Approval of the April 15, May 6, and May 20, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes.

Receive and file the following board and commission minutes:

April 11, 2019 Arts and Culture Commission Meeting minutes

April 18, 2019 Florence Youth Commission Meeting minutes

March 27, 2019 Historic District Advisory Commission Meeting minutes

March 7, April 18, and May 16, 2019 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting minutes

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of accepting a \$2,000 donation from the Michelle Gallagher Foundation.

Ms. Denise Smith, Michelle Gallagher's sister, stated that she is the President of the Michelle Gallagher Memorial Foundation Inc. and they recently received their 501(c)3 status.

Ms. Smith stated that Michelle was born and raised in Florence. She was 40 years old and passed away in January 2014. She always had a passion for the youth of our community and brought out the best in kids. She always had hope for all the kids.

Ms. Smith stated that she has worked for Pinal County Juvenile Courts for 33 years, and what they are learning is that you must have hope for kids and believe all kids are capable of success. She stated that she always thinks of her sister when talking about bringing in that piece of culture into their workplace and the organization.

Ms. Smith stated that Michelle was a Little League Coach for ten years. She was a great coach and very well respected. She was also very generous and always provided for the kids to ensure

their success. It was not uncommon for Michelle to buy a kid in need shoes, gloves, etc. Her motto was that kids should never be without. The family decided to continue with Michelle's legacy after she passed and created the foundation.

Ms. Smith stated that the Foundation provided a donation of \$2,000 to the Town last year to assist with children who could not afford to participate so they could. The Foundation does a tournament every year to help raise funds and is coming up on their sixth year.

Ms. Smith stated that she is pleased that the tournament did very well, and they will be donating \$2,000 this year again to continue to assist the kids. Their goal is to continue to donate on an annual basis.

Mayor Walter thanked Ms. Smith for keeping Michelle's memory alive and for helping the kids.

Ms. Smith thanked the Town for assisting with the Tournament and for helping with its success.

Mr. Bryan Hughes, Community Services Director, stated that once they got the scholarship program up and running after the initial donation, they awarded 17 youth scholarships, which representing nine different households, totalling \$1,200 in a six-month period. He stated that he looks forward to the continual partnership and thanked them for their generosity.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (5-0) to approve the acceptance of a \$2,000 donation from the Michelle Gallagher Memorial Foundation.

Ordinance No. 678-19: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A LOCAL ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION FOR THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Rey Sanchez, Finance Director, stated that the expenditure limitation is \$28,938,392 for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. Once adopted, the budget amount cannot increase.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired if the alternative expenditure limitation needs to be approved on an annual basis.

Mr. Sanchez stated that the alternative expenditure limitation needs to be approved on an annual basis.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (5-0) to adopt Ordinance No. 678-19.

Resolution No. 1701-19: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDED TOWN OF FLORENCE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLANS.

Mr. Scott Barber, Human Resources Director, stated that there are no changes to the Employee Classification and Compensation Plans for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff is asking for approval for an up to 5% merit based on the annual performance of the employee.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1701-19.

Resolution No. 1703-19: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR TARA WALTER, TOWN MANAGER BRENT BILLINGSLEY, AND FINANCE DIRECTOR REY SANCHEZ, TO ACT AS SIGNATORIES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS ON THE TOWN OF FLORENCE BANKING ACCOUNTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, stated that the previously adopted resolution adding Mr. Rey Sanchez as a signatory to the Town's financial accounts did not include one account; therefore, this resolution is a housekeeping item to include Mr. Sanchez to all of the Town's accounts.

On motion of Councilmember Larsen, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, and carried (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1703-19.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town received media coverage from News Channels 3 and 15. He will present the video at an upcoming meeting. He stated that the Town received another FTA 5310 grant award for \$28,0000 for preventative maintenance and Give-A-Lift program.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Councilmember Hughes stated that she attended the active shooter training and participated as a victim. She stated that it was an eye-opener as to what happens during an emergency. She was pleased at how well the exercise went.

Councilmember Wall stated that she watched the interview with the Florence Teen Council on Channel 3 and the teens did very well. The youth spoke very well on camera and she is pleased with how far the youth have grown.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that the active shooter drill was sponsored by Pinal County. It was a well-coordinated effort and a great learning process for everyone. The victims played their parts very well.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that wastewater was being sent to Pinal County from Section 11. The Pinal County Supervisors discussed and are reluctant in having more wastewater. He would

like staff to make the Town's concerns known. Section 11 needs to be fixed. The plant in Anthem will be overtaken.

Mayor Walter appreciated all of the presentations. The Council continues to move forward with regards to economic development. She congratulated the CERT members and stated it takes community involvement for all of the programs to be successful. She thanked everyone who came out to speak at the Council meeting. She stated that the Council heard the public comments regarding communication. The Council will communicate with the public and will coordinate with staff to provide information.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the purposes of discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body and/or legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. Sections 38-431.03 (A)(1) to conduct the annual review of the Town Manager.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried 5-0) to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Larsen, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried (5-0) to adjourn from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.



Tara Walter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Florence Town Council meeting held on June 17, 2019, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.


Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk