



MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Elks Civic Building at 107 S. Cascade Avenue. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

PRESENT

Michael Badagliacco, Ed Ulibarri, Dave Frank, J. David Reed, Adam Woodden, Bill Bell, Ann Morgenthaler, Chris Dowsey, Greg Story, Lisa DelPiccolo, Blaine Hall, Larry Witte, Tim Cox, Jace Hochwalt, William Reis, Matt Magliaro, Greg Stunder, Mike Steffes, Chantelle Bainbridge

GUESTS

Janet Eckerdt, Bob Nicholson, Ellen Angeles, Judy Ann Files, Ralph Files, Neonila Martyniuk, Jan Edwards, Valerie Hudson, Melissa Hall, Cliff Faurer, Jim Haugsness, Debbie Reed, Jodi Woodden, Dave Stockton, Greg Cairns, Hayden Janssen, Phoebe Benziger, Beth McCorkle, Sue Frank, Bill Patterson, Richard Rogers, John Brown, Kim Spangrude, Holly Speaks, Ryan Sedgeley, Ron Henderson, Janine Reed, Julie Arnell, Shelly Robillard, Carol Howe, Lorrie Martin, Luann Bennett, Katrina Davis, Karen Sherman-Perez, Clara Carrasco, Alida Soileau, Kendra Stucki, Diane Rollins, Alice Murphy, Carol McBride, LuAnne Tyrrell, Cindy Robertson, Kevin Dawson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Badagliacco called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Ulibarri reported that Item 14A, Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update, was removed from the agenda. A report is available on the City website.

Mayor Michael Badagliacco announced that at yesterday's work session, three proposed amendments to the City Charter were removed from consideration for placement on the November ballot. Those amendments were related to he/she language updates, ranked choice voting, and municipal court judge residency requirements.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine Reid introduced herself as a member of the League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley and expressed concerns regarding transparency, violations of the Sunshine Law, the decision against a charter commission, unintended consequences of the proposed charter amendments, and the limited timeframe to add the amendments to the November ballot.

Cliff Faurer spoke regarding roles vs. labels in local government and in the Montrose community and questioned why citizens who provide public comment face retribution in an online publication.

Dave Stockton read a statement written by his wife, Lynn Stockton, regarding the need for authentic transparency.

Julie Arnell spoke in support of integrity, honesty, and transparency, and clear detailed answers from elected officials.

Shelly Robillard spoke in favor of the proposed charter amendments and in support of City Council oversight of the Police Department.

Valerie Hudson spoke regarding tools for working toward achieving a common goal. Ms. Hudson also spoke in favor of ensuring that any changes to the City Charter are for the good of everyone in the community.

Holly Speaks spoke in opposition to the City Council having oversight of the police chief.

Kim Spangrude spoke regarding the obligation of elected officials to serve all community members within the city limits.

John Brown spoke in support of change, in support of the proposed charter changes, and in support of the voters deciding.

Ellen Angeles spoke in support of building up the community as opposed to tearing it down and asked City Council to do what is best for the community.

LuAnne Tyrrell spoke regarding the mayor's column in an online publication and encouraged the mayor to incorporate a welcoming tone.

Carol Howe spoke in support of ranked choice voting and against charter changes related to the police chief and city clerk.

Beth McCorkle spoke in support of City Councilors listening to the youth within the community.

Bob Nicholson questioned whether municipal elections would need to move to odd-numbered years if moved to November as recommended by Colorado Municipal League and ICMA. Mr. Nicholson spoke in favor of keeping the City non-partisan and moving slowly on charter changes.

Lorrie Martin questioned why City Councilors are proposing changes to the police chief and city clerk positions and what problem the changes address.

Luann Bennett spoke in support of horns and lights on new bicycles for police officers.

Katrina Davis spoke in support of preventing ICE involvement in Montrose.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council considered the minutes of the July 21, 2026, regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by J. David Reed, seconded by Dave Frank, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026, regular City Council meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2026-10

City Council considered Resolution 2026-10, authorizing the City of Montrose Police Department to file an application for a Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant through the 7th Judicial District Victims Assistance Board for the total of \$61,104.00 to cover a portion of both the current Victim Advocate's Salary and a new Victim Advocate's salary; ratifying the City Manager's signature on the grant application; authorizing the Chief of Police to act in connection with the

application and to provide such additional information as required; and authorizing the City Manager, Chief of Police and Finance Director to sign the reporting documents.

Deputy Police Chief Larry Witte reported that the City has applied for VALE grants for over 20 years and has successfully received funding for victim advocate positions within the Montrose Police Department. Victim Services Coordinator Chantelle Bainbridge stated that ratification of the City Manager's signature is requested because the grant application deadline was earlier in the day today. Staffing issues at the state level caused a delay in the Police Department receiving the grant application letter.

Public comment was accepted.

Kim Spangrude spoke in support of the resolution.

Holly Speaks spoke in support of Ms. Bainbridge and victim advocates.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by J. David Reed, to adopt Resolution 2026-10 and ratify the City Manager's signature on the grant application as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2026-11

City Council considered Resolution 2026-11, setting September 15, 2026, as the hearing date for the Locust Road Addition annexation.

Senior Planner William Reis reviewed the annexation schedule and the location of the 4.2 acres at 1815 Locust Road. Mr. Reis said the property is within City of Montrose water and sewer service areas and meets contiguity requirements. Mr. Reis reviewed the requested zoning designation of "R-2," Low Density District, as well as the zoning of the surrounding area.

Mr. Reis recommended adoption of Resolution 2026-11 stating that the proposal is consistent with public health, safety, and welfare, City annexation policies, and the Comprehensive Plan. An annexation agreement has been signed by the applicant and an annexation impact report is not required.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by J. David Reed, to adopt Resolution 2026-11 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2725 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2725 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, amending Title XI Chapter 7, Zoning Regulations; Title XI Chapter 11, Supplementary Uses; and Title XI Chapter 15, Definitions, to allow for Temporary Workforce Housing within the City of Montrose, Colorado.

Community Development Director Jace Hochwalt reported no changes since the first reading of the Ordinance on July 20. The proposed ordinance amends Title XI of the Municipal Code to establish a use category and regulations for temporary work force housing and to provide a clear framework for this use. Mr. Hochwalt said adoption of Ordinance 2725 would define the use, establish use-specific standards and procedural requirements, and allow temporary workforce housing within the “I-1,” Light Industrial, zoning designation.

City Councilors discussed concerns about the possible community impacts.

Public comment was accepted.

Cliff Faurer spoke in support of Ordinance 2725.

Kim Spangrude spoke in support of providing resources for residents of the work force housing.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by J. David Reed, to adopt Ordinance 2725 on second reading as presented. Ed Ulibarri voted no. All others voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2026-12

City Council considered Resolution 2026-12 authorizing assignment to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority of a private activity bond allocation of the City of Montrose pursuant to the Colorado Private Activity Bond Ceiling Allocation Act.

Community Development Director Jace Hochwalt reported that each year, the federal government provides tax exempt bond authority to states based on population. The state then distributes the allocations to local governments. Mr. Hochwalt said the City’s 2026 allocation is

just under \$1.5 million, a 5.6 % increase from 2025. The allocations are commonly used to finance affordable housing and first time home buyer programs. Mr. Hochwalt stated that the City has historically assigned its allocation authority to CHFA which allows the City to benefit without the responsibilities of serving as a bond issuer.

Mr. Hochwalt recommended approval of the allocation to CHFA for local use and said there is no fiscal impact to the City.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by J. David Reed, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to adopt Resolution 2026-12 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2726 – FIRST READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2726 on first reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, adding Title 9 Chapter 10 Section 3 (9-10-3), regarding Park speed limits, off trail riding prohibited, amending Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 4 (10-1-4) additions or modifications in adopted Model Traffic Code, and adding Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 15.5 (10-1-15.5), Electrical-assisted bicycles and classless electrical-assisted vehicles. A hearing was held.

Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro reviewed the proposed changes to the Municipal Code. Mr. Magliaro stated that Ordinances of six other Colorado municipalities and state statutes were reviewed to generate Ordinance 2726, and a redline version of the revisions is included in the meeting packet. The Ordinance addresses three areas of concern: high speeds on city surface streets; use within parks on paved paths, sidewalks and trails; and the high impact on park infrastructure and green space areas.

Mr. Magliaro said that new language to the parks portion of the code adds a 15 mile per hour speed limit and prohibits use off of designated trails and paths within parks. The penalty is a fine from \$15.00 to \$100.00, and subsequent violations can be deemed as nuisance.

Mr. Magliaro reviewed the classes and speeds of electric assist vehicles and said that the law has not caught up with what is being sold to the public which leads to enforcement problems. The Ordinance creates a definition of a classless electric vehicle and adds mechanisms for effective

enforcement. Mr. Magliaro stated that state law mandates signage installation prior to enforcement.

Police Chief Blaine Hall stated that officers will be thoroughly trained on the ordinance. Information will be disseminated to the public via social media, website FAQs, and flyers distributed at events. Chief Hall said officers will inform the public on e-bike usage at community events including National Night Out, bike rodeos, Youth Appreciation Day, and the Colorado Outdoors Block Party. School resource officers will also lead trainings at local schools.

Mayor Michael Badagliacco opened the hearing.

Public comment was accepted.

Bob Nicholson, Ralph Files, Luann Bennett, Kevin Dawson, Ryan Sedgeley, Jim Haugsness and a citizen who did not provide a name spoke in support of Ordinance 2726.

Cliff Faurer spoke in favor of posting clear rules for use of electric-assist vehicles.

Hayden Janssen asked for clarification on the definition of classless electric assist vehicles and question whether the specified fine range is a disincentive.

Mayor Badagliacco closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to pass Ordinance 2726 on first reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Police Chief appointment and removal with advice and consent of council

City Council discussed language drafted by City Councilor J. David Reed that defines the authority of the City Manager and the authority of the City Council if the amendment passes.

City Attorney Chris Dowsey received direction from City Council to incorporate the language as read by Mr. Reed into the ordinances.

Public comment was accepted.

Kim Spangrude spoke regarding logic vs. ideological thinking and cautioned against double standards.

Cliff Faurer, Dave Stockton, Bill Patterson, Ryan Sedgely, Melissa Hall, Alida Soileau, Clara Carrasco, Hayden Janssen, and Holly Speaks spoke in opposition to this charter amendment.

Cindy Robertson questioned whether City Councilors have ever been employed in human resources positions.

Phoebe Benziger spoke in support of the ballot language clearly stating what the voters are being asked to decide.

John Brown spoke in support of placing the amendments on the November ballot.

Karen Sherman-Perez asked for clarification on the amendment wording since it has changed.

City Councilor Dave Frank requested that the two charter amendments on the agenda be removed from consideration for the November 2026 ballot. Mr. Frank and J. David Reed stated their support to remove the amendments from consideration. Adam Woodden, Ed Ulibarri, and Michael Badagliacco stated their support to place the amendments on the ballot.

City Clerk appointment and removal with advice and consent of council

City Councilors pointed out that the language and provisions for this proposed charter amendment are the same as the amendment for the police chief.

Public comment was accepted.

Bob Nicholson, Cliff Faurer, Ryan Sedgely, Dave Stockton, Karen Sherman-Perez, Holly Speaks, and Greg Cairns spoke in opposition to this proposed amendment.

John Brown questioned the political affiliation of the citizens in attendance and questioned the purpose of public comment.

Beth McCorkle questioned whether this charter amendment could subject City Councilors to wrongful termination lawsuits.

STAFF REPORTS

Cancellation of the August 13 Special Meeting

City Attorney Chris Dowsey suggested cancelling the special meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026. Three charter amendments that would be discussed at that meeting are no longer being brought forth. All City Councilors agreed to the meeting cancellation.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Councilor Dave Frank reported on the success of Colorado Day events held in association with the Montrose Farmers Market.

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Ulibarri reported that the Montrose Elks Club will distribute school supplies tomorrow from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Police Chief Blaine Hall reported that the Police Department is conducting a school supply drive. Supplies can be delivered to DMEA, The Association, and the Montrose Police Department. Gift cards and check donations are welcomed. The supplies will be distributed on August 12.

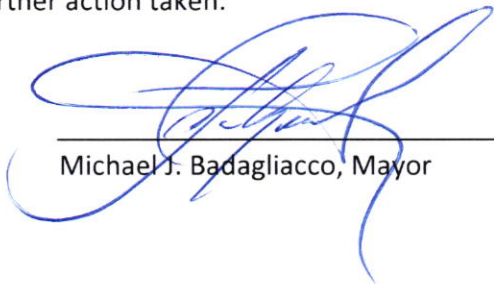
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with no further action taken.

ATTEST:



Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk


Michael J. Badagliacco, Mayor