

**MONUMENT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Monument Town Hall - 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument CO 80132

Hybrid Meeting - Remote Participation Via Teams

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Mayor Mitch LaKind called the regular meeting of the Monument Town Council and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Proper notice of the meeting was posted for more than 24 hours in the designated posting locations. The following Councilmembers and staff were present for the meeting:

TOWN COUNCIL	TOWN STAFF
PRESENT: Mayor Mitch LaKind Mayor Pro Tem Steve King Councilmember Sana Abbott Councilmember Marco Fiorito Councilmember Kenneth Kimple Councilmember Laura Kronick Councilmember Chad Smith	Madeline VanDenHoek, Town Manager Patrick Regan, Police Chief Tina Erickson, Town Clerk Bob Cole, Town Attorney Will Williams, Director of IT Thomas Tharnish, Director of Public Works Jennifer Phillips, Director of Finance Laura Hogan, Director of Administration Dan Ungerleider, Director of Planning
ATTENDED REMOTELY:	
ABSENT WITH PRIOR NOTICE:	
ABSENT WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE:	

2. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

- a. Disclosures of Potential Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Vote on Excluding Council Members With Potential Conflicts of Interest From Consideration, Discussion and Voting on Identified Matters
- No disclosures with potential conflicts of interest were submitted.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda - February 17, 2026
- b. Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2026
- c. Invoices Over \$25K

Councilmember Marco Fiorito made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Chad Smith. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

4. Presentations

a. 2021 International Fire Code and Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code
Ungerleider introduced Division Chief Jonathan Bradley with Monument Fire Department. Bradley presented the 2021 international fire code and Colorado wildlife resilience code as included in the council packet. Bradley provided highlights to the 2021 international fire code local amendments. The Colorado wildfire resiliency has a deadline of April 1, 2026 for adoption and becomes effective July 1, 2026.

b. Impact Fee Report

Phillips introduced Brian Duffany with Economic & Planning Systems, Inc (EPS) presented the impact fee report as included in the council packet.

5. Ordinances *Public Hearing(s) Required*

a. Ordinance No. 02-2026 - An Ordinance Amending Title 13 of the Monument Municipal Code to Prohibit the Provision of Town Water Service to Properties Located North of the Palmer Divide

Mayor Pro Tem Steve King presented ordinance 02-2026 as included in the council packet. Mayor Mitch LaKind opened the public hearing, no comments were received. Mayor Mitch LaKind closed the public hearing. Councilmember Laura Kronick made a motion to approve ordinance no. 02-2026 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sana Abbott. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

6. Resolutions

a. Resolution No. 09-2026 - A Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Federal Build Grant Application to Fund the Town's Jackson Creek Parkway Widening Project

Phillips and Ungerleider presented resolution 09-2026 as included in the council packet. Councilmember Marco Fiorito made a motion to approve resolution no. 09-2026 and approved a 30% local match for the Jackson Creek Parkway grant from the general fund reserve and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Laura Kronick. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

b. Resolution No. 13-2026 - A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Local Affairs for the Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund for the Development of a Master Transportation Plan

Phillips and Ungerleider presented resolution no. 13-2026 as included in the council packet. The council agreed to the local match of \$250k match to DOLA for the development of a master transportation plan. Councilmember Marco Fiorito made a motion to approve resolution no. 13-2026 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Laura Kronick. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

c. Resolution No. 11-2026 - A Resolution Approving a Fee In-Lieu of Water

Rights

Tharnish presented resolution no. 11-2026 as included in the council packet. Mayor Pro Tem Steve King made a motion to approve resolution no. 11-2026 and the motion was seconded by Mayor Mitch LaKind. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

d. Resolution No. 12-2026 - A Resolution Approving a Policy for Evaluation and Acceptance of Groundwater Associated with Development

Tharnish presented resolution no. 12-2026 as included in the council packet. Councilmember Sana Abbott made a motion to approve resolution no. 12-2026 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Chad Smith. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

e. Resolution No. 10-2026 - A Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement with the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce for Property Located at 166 Second Street
VanDenHoek presented resolution no. 10-2026 as included in the council packet. Councilmember Marco Fiorito made a motion to approve resolution no. 10-2026 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Laura Kronick. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5 to 2.

-Councilmembers Kenneth Kimple and Chad Smith opposed the motion.

7. Public Comments For Items Not on the Agenda

-No public comments were received.

8. Future Agenda Item Authorization

-VanDenHoek verified attendance for the special meeting for the Loop Water Authority Board of Directors on Wed. Feb 18 2026 to ensure a quorum.

-Council retreat attendance: Mayor Mitch LaKind, Mayor Pro Tem Steve King, Councilmember Laura Kronick, Councilmember Chad Smith, Councilmember Marco Fiorito will attend on Friday and Councilmember Sana Abbott would confirm. Councilmember Kenneth Kimple will not be attending.

9. Reports

a. Town Manager's Monthly Report

VanDenHoek gave appreciation to staff for the hard work conducted and the efforts put into the report and thanked Laura Hogan for assembling the information and making the report pretty.

10. Council Comments

-Councilmember Laura Kronick CSLAC gave appreciation to Laura Hogan's presentation as well as the Town Manager's report.

-Councilmember Kenneth Kimple questioned if all town fees are being looked at.

11. Executive Sessions

- a. Executive Session Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for a Conference with the Town Attorney for the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice on Specific Legal Questions Regarding Pending Legal Projects

Councilmember Marco Fiorito moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding pending legal projects. Councilmember Laura Kronick seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

- b. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the Purpose of a Conference With the Town's Legal Counsel Regarding Specific Legal Questions Pertaining to Buc-ee's Land Use Application With El Paso County

Councilmember Marco Fiorito moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of a conference with the Town's legal counsel regarding specific legal questions pertaining to Buc-ee's land use application with El Paso County and returning to the regular meeting following the executive session. Councilmember Laura Kronick seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7 to 0.

The Council entered executive session at 09:10 pm.

The Council concluded executive session at 11:20 pm.

The Council resumed the regular meeting at 11:25 pm.

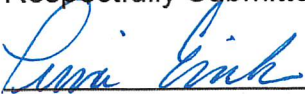
Mayor Pro Tem Steve King clarified there isn't a land use application with El Paso County regarding Buc-ee's there is nothing to discuss, but where they had an application for annexation with Palmer Lake the same property is going through an administrative lot line adjustment.

The council directed the town to draft comments opposing the administrative action for the lot line adjustment and the Planning Director Ungerleider will submit comments to the EDARP site.

12. Adjournment

The council moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tina Erickson, Town Clerk

