

**MONUMENT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, June 15, 2026 - 5:30 PM

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

Hybrid Meeting - Remote Participation Via Teams

1. Study Session Starting at 5:30 PM:

- a. Paid Parking at Monument Lake

2. Call Regular Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM, 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 Ashley Hernandez-Schlagel, Town Attorney Laura Hogan, Director of Administration/Deputy Clerk Tina Erickson, Town Clerk Patrick Regan, Police Chief Andrew Archuleta, Assistant Director of Public Works Laurie Young, Senior Accountant Steve Murray, Town Accountant Dan Ungerleider, Director of Planning Jenna Gorney, Senior Planner Will Williams, Director of IT	
ATTENDED REMOTELY:			
ABSENT WITH PRIOR NOTICE:			
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3. 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 of conflict of interest were received.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Agenda - June 15, 2026
- b. Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2026
- c. Resolution No. 42-2026 - A Resolution to Purchase a Crack Seal Machine
- d. Resolution No. 43-2026 - A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Town of Monument and the El Paso County Department of Economic Development Allowing for the Use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Federal Fiscal Years of 2027-2029

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

5. Public Comments For Items Not on the Agenda:

Patrick Doherty addressed Council regarding limber pine trees planted near the road to the lake that have been damaged by deer. He suggested removing and relocating the trees and expressed concerns about the cost of the plantings, recommending alternative tree species for future projects.

Jaden Anderson raised concerns regarding trespassing and repeated fence damage near Spaatz Road and Remuda Road. Mayor Pro Tem King and Mayor LaKind noted that the area is outside Town limits but stated they would discuss the matter with El Paso County officials.

6. Oaths of Office:

- a. Officer Cameron Brown, Officer Brandon Cordova, and Sergeant Josh Teeples

Chief Regan led Officer Cameron Brown, Officer Brandon Cordova, and Sergeant Josh Teeples in their oaths of office.

7. Presentations:

- a. Use Tax Survey

Courtney Seivers of Magellan Strategies presented the results of the community use tax survey, as included in the packet. Mayor LaKind noted that Castle Rock's use tax is higher than the Town's and suggested that increasing the use tax could potentially help moderate growth. VanDenHoek asked for Council's direction regarding next steps. Councilmember Fiorito expressed support for submitting a ballot measure, describing the use tax as a tool to focus development and encourage growth to pay for itself. Mayor Pro Tem King stated that use tax should match sales tax and that the CSLAC supports the proposal. Mayor LaKind

requested the survey results be posted on the Town's website and promoted to the public. VanDenHoek stated that educational information could be provided to residents.

b. HB26-1001 Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties

Douglas Stallworthy of Collins Cole Winn & Ulmer PLLC presented information regarding HB26-1001 and its associated impacts, as included in the packet. Stallworthy stated that no specific language is currently required for adoption, noted a compliance deadline in late 2027, and indicated that the Town is awaiting additional guidance from the State regarding qualified housing organizations. He also noted that the legislation limits the ability of municipalities to deny certain development projects. Mayor LaKind asked about the definition of affordable housing, potential litigation, penalties for noncompliance, and the number of properties in Monument that could be affected. Stallworthy stated that he was not aware of any significant litigation to date, noted that courts would determine disputes on a case-by-case basis, and explained that developers could seek relief through the courts if a municipality failed to comply with state law. He added that many properties are already subject to annexation agreements that may continue to impose restrictions and limitations. Mayor Pro Tem King expressed concerns regarding the legislation's impact on local control and stated that the Town should utilize the time available before implementation to preserve existing regulations. Mayor Pro Tem King also asked questions regarding development of school district-owned property. Ungerleider stated that the Town is taking appropriate steps to prepare for implementation of the legislation and that housing affordability will be discussed as part of the Comprehensive Plan process. He added that staff will continue evaluating methods available to protect the Town's interests. Stallworthy explained that administrative review evaluates the same factors considered by the Council, with staff determining compliance based on the Town Code and applicable regulations.

c. Data Centers Initial Report

Gorney presented a report on data centers, as included in the Council packet, and requested Council direction regarding potential regulations and timing. The Planning Commission recommended preparing draft text amendments in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan update. Mayor LaKind asked why a prohibition of data centers was not presented as an option. Gorney stated that prohibition could be considered at the conclusion of a moratorium but recommended additional research before making a final decision. Several Councilmembers expressed concerns regarding infrastructure demands, environmental impacts, and limited community benefits associated with data centers. Other Councilmembers supported conducting additional research and developing regulations to provide flexibility should an appropriate proposal be presented in the future. Discussion also included the relationship of data centers to the Town's strategic objectives, potential impacts of a moratorium, and the

need to define and regulate data centers within the Town Code. Ungerleider stated that staff would work with the Town Attorney to develop appropriate definitions and regulations and return with additional information. Council directed staff to proceed with implementing a moratorium on data centers while further research and code amendments are considered.

8. Future Agenda Item Authorization:

Mayor LaKind and Mayor Pro Tem King volunteered to participate in the candidate information session scheduled for July 28 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Reports:

- a. Town Manager's Monthly Report - (*Madeline VanDenHoek*)

VanDenHoek highlighted some of the accomplishments listed in the May Town Manager's Report that was included in the packet.

10. Council Comments:

Mayor LaKind recognized organizers and participants of the first Monumental Birthday Bash, commending the event's professionalism and success. He noted the positive community response and remarked that planning and funding for the Town's 150th anniversary celebration should begin well in advance.

11. Executive Sessions:

- a. Executive Session Pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. For a Personnel Matter Concerning the Town Manager's Performance Evaluation, Who Has Been Notified of the Executive Session and Consented To It
- b. Executive Session Pursuant to §§ 24-6-402(4)(e) and 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., For Determining Positions Relative to Matters That May Be Subject to Negotiation, Developing Strategy For Negotiations, and Instructing Negotiators and For a Conference With the Town Attorney to Receive Legal Advice on Specific Legal Questions Relating to Proposals For Future Town Water Supplies

Mayor LaKind made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., for a personnel matter concerning the Town Manager's performance evaluation, with the Town Manager having been notified of and consenting to the executive session; and pursuant to §§ 24-6-402(4)(e) and 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, develop negotiation strategy and instruct negotiators, and to confer with the Town Attorney for legal advice regarding proposals for future Town water supplies. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smith and approved by a vote of 7 to 0. Council entered executive session at 8:42 p.m. Council returned to

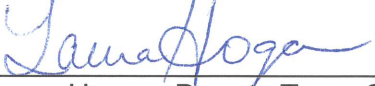
open session at 10:35 p.m.

12. Reconvene In Open Session:

13. Adjournment:

Councilmember Kronick moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the Council adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Hogan, Deputy Town Clerk



