Minutes of the Special Council Meeting
October 6, 2026

Mayor Sharon Lally called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the main room of the R. G. Cribbett Recreation Center. Councilmembers in attendance were Hunter Boschert, Don Kessel, Tracy Naticchioni, Jeanne Perkins, Christine Resnik, and Jennifer Wilner.

Old Business:

The purpose of this special Council meeting is to further discuss the Flock Camera system and its contract renewal. The mayor addressed Councilmembers to ask if anyone would like to speak first. Ms. Wilner did so. She said that in listening to everyone, most residents were upset that they didn't have a voice in the vote. Therefore, she went door to door on five of our neighborhood streets (Chickadee, Nightingale, Meadowlark, Oriole, and Southern) to conduct an informal poll simply asking, "for or against?" She was able to see 85 people; 27 said yes to keep them, 58 said no.

Mayor Lally then addressed the audience. She asked that once called upon, the resident should approach the podium and state his/her name and address. She then asked if anyone would like to speak.

Ms. Denise Power said that she loves our police department but not Flock cameras. She shared some research in opposition, citing several court cases.
Mr. David Kane, spoke in favor of the system saying he trusts our officials and police department and that taking down the cameras would be handicapping our police from keeping us safe from thieves. He also shared research that showed misuse was rare given the number of police officers in the U.S.A. Ms. Katie Cox, said she has an up and down relationship with the idea of surveillance and believes the cameras should be only in the business area. The mayor asked Chief Bronson to share additional information with her and the crowd. Discussion continued in this way for quite some time with Chief Bronson speaking as needed. Mr. Tim Jaap stated that a camera was installed on his property without his knowledge or consent. He is very distrusting of Flock for a number of reasons, including this property line error. Mr. Adolfo Nunez commented on the approximately 60 people in the room, saying that another 1500 or so reside in Fairfax. He distrusts the Flock system and said he didn't think this small group should be making the decision for the entire village. Mr. Scott Hacker is upset that talks on this subject have been going on for years but residents never had a chance to vote on it. He thinks our police do fantastic work. Ms. Katie Eisel believes data should only be accessed if a judge has issued a warrant. Mr. Jeremy Willis apologized for missing Ms. Wilner's visit as he was tutoring a student; he said he is a "no." He is concerned about the PTZ camera in the park, posing several pertinent questions and stating that he won't attend the concert as he doesn't want to be photographed. Chief Bronson shared that this PTZ camera is not operational, nor has it ever been; security cameras exist to safeguard the

park. Mr. Dale Eisel, said he was particularly insulted because he says he is continually being told that he is owned by Fairfax. He said he distrusts the Village because he was told ODOT would not allow a traffic light and crosswalk on Wooster, however, he called ODOT and was told Fairfax could do so and ODOT would help fund it. Mr. Adam Carroll said he's aware of the security cameras in the park and feels good about them. He expressed concern about data breaches that could result when the Flock information is shared. Mr. Marc Therrien worried that this Flock decision could be a precursor to facial recognition software. He believes safety cameras should be the responsibility of the homeowner, borne at his or her expense. He also went off topic to express disapproval of the aggregation program. Mayor Lally shared with the audience that the aggregation program had been a ballot item, approved by voters and didn't cost the Village anything. Ms. Sharon Erickson asked about fourth amendment rights and how the courts are coming out on search and seizure. Mr. Abes said there is no U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Flock cameras. Ms. Tricia Eastham commented that Fairfax has changed a great deal since she was a child and that it is less like a community. Ms. Jacqueline Moody asked the name of the company Flock uses to protect the data from hackers; Chief Bronson said he will get back with her. Mr. Jim Kovac said he regularly attends Council meetings. He was present the night Council approved the Flock Safety system and he celebrated that decision. Employed with the Regional Crime Information System (RCIS) in an IT role, he supports keeping Flock because we have a limited number of officers and this helps them do their job. On the topic of misuse, he stated the legal consequences for anyone doing so. Mr. Andy Kirtland asked Council to please consider pausing the renewal of the Flock agreement as there is so much uncertainty with the system.

Mayor Lally then called on Councilmembers to address the audience. Ms. Wilner had nothing to add to her initial statement. Ms. Resnik stated that everyone has said how much they trust Chief Bronson, so does Council, and he thought this was a great tool for Fairfax. It's upset a lot of you that this was done as an emergency which we do from time to time when we feel that three readings isn't necessary. We all serve on many committees in addition to our Council work, and volunteer in Fairfax besides. She referenced making welcome baskets and providing flood assistance which was also volunteer work. All are encouraged to participate more and to show up for Concert in the Park this weekend! Ms. Perkins stated that Ms. Resnik summed up her thoughts well. Ms. Naticchioni said she was glad everyone came this evening and that she is listening. A 54-year resident, she attends all the events, volunteering for many of them. She said she does not see many people at community events but goes anyway. In addition to listening to residents, she listens to our police officers and our fire fighters to find out what they need to do their jobs well. Mr. Boschert agreed with what all the other councilmembers said. He also went door to door with an overwhelmingly negative response. Therefore, putting his personal beliefs aside, he thinks there are a number of court cases pending and the Flock decision should be paused. If the ballot initiative were to move forward, it would be an opportunity for residents to vote on Flock.

Then, Mr. Boschert made a motion to not renew the Flock contract which was seconded by Ms. Wilner. Ms. Resnik had a question and Mr. Boschert had comments which were clarified by Mr. Abes who explained that a yes vote would result in their direction to him to write a termination of contract letter to Flock Safety. Roll was called and all voted yes.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Boschert made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Naticchioni. All voted aye with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Sharon Lally, Mayor

Lisa Kammerer, Fiscal Officer