



MANITOU SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

City Council meetings are held as hybrid, Zoom (remote) or
in-person at Memorial Hall.

Memorial Hall

606 Manitou Avenue

Manitou Springs, CO 80829

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Position	Name	Term Expires
Mayor	John G. Graham	January 6, 2026
At-Large	Judith Chandler	January 4, 2028
At-Large	John Shada	January 4, 2028
At-Large	Julie Wolfe	January 4, 2028
Ward 1	Mayor Pro Tem Natalie Johnson	January 6, 2026
Ward 2	Nancy Fortuin	January 6, 2026
Ward 3	Michelle Whetherhult	January 6, 2026

July 22, 2025

6:00 PM

THE CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED OR MODIFIED PRIOR
TO OR DURING THE MEETING, AND ITEMS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE AGENDA ITEMS

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. DISCUSSION

1. Speed Camera Cost and Benefit

D. ADJOURN TO SPECIAL SESSION

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. An Executive Session for the consideration of documents protected by the mandatory nondisclosure provisions of the Open Records Act, pursuant to Section 5.1(f) of the Manitou Springs Home Rule Charter, specifically C.R.S. §24-72-204(1)(a), et seq., and by reference C.R.S. §29-2-106(4)(c)(II), pertaining to sales tax information of a confidential nature.

F. RECEIVE COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

G. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

ADJOURN

The City of Manitou Springs does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to, access to, or operations of programs, services or activities. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to ensure equal access to all. Individuals who would like to request auxiliary aids or services should contact the ADA Coordinator at (719) 685-5481 or jfryer@manitouspringsco.gov. You may also contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@manitouspringsco.gov or (719) 685-2554. Please provide a minimum of 3-5 days advance notice.



Memorandum

Title: Speed Camera Cost and Benefit
From: Commander Sevene, Manitou Springs Police Department
To: Mayor and City Council
CC: City Administrator Denise Howell
Allocated Time: 1 Hour

July 22, 2025

Purpose:

To discuss bids and costs associated with the implementation of speed cameras within the City of Manitou Springs.

Background:

On March 31, 2025, Manitou Springs Police Department posted an RFP requesting bids for speed cameras. This came after Chief Otto was tasked with researching such cameras and obtaining feedback from several Colorado municipalities who have implemented them in their communities. Although opinions were varied, they all stressed this process is both timely and costly.

Bids for this speed camera system were due on May 15, 2025, and we received quotes from two separate companies. The first is "Jenoptik", who provided a quote of \$10,500 per month for their system. We had a meeting scheduled with this company on July 14, 2025, to discuss further associated costs, but the company representative failed to attend this meeting and has yet to return phone calls and messages.

The second company is "Acusensus". This company provided a quote of \$12,905 per month for the speed camera and software. Additionally, another \$5.68 per generated ticket is retained by the company. These numbers were confirmed during a meeting with them on July 14, 2025.

Pros and Cons:

Pros: Camera systems are unmanned and designed to slow traffic and minimize traffic accidents in doing so. It also generates and sends tickets to violators and is active 24/7.

Cons: The monthly cost of utilizing the system. To cover the monthly costs, 376 tickets would need to be generated, with 100% compliance. Additionally, the system would only cover one specific area during its deployment until it could be moved and recalibrated.



Fiscal Impact:

Utilizing the verified quote given by Acusensus, the speed camera system would cost the city \$154,860 per year, plus \$5.68 for every citation issued. An additional police officer would need to be hired to review and determine which citations would be generated and mailed to offenders.

Total fiscal impact is a minimum of \$240,000 a year.

Workload Impact:

As stated, additional resources would be needed to manage the clerical portions of running the system. The Chief of Police would also need to schedule a monthly court date for violators to contest their violations before him.

Recommended Action:

There is no formal action to be taken. Staff is seeking direction from the City Council on whether they want to proceed with implementing a speed camera in the City.