

AUGUST 4, 2026 GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL - FLOCK DISCUSSION EXCERPT

Prepared public reference from contemporaneous notes and later Council-submission materials

Important source note: This is **not an official City transcript** and should not be presented as one. It is a prepared excerpt based on contemporaneous notes/speech materials created on August 4, 2026 and the later Council submission that summarized the same discussion. Where exact wording was not preserved, the points below are stated as summaries rather than quotations.

Statements attributed to Police Chief Mary Farrand

Topic	Prepared excerpt / summary
Camera count / expansion	Gulfport originally had three Flock cameras. The discussion described three additional cameras being added, bringing the planned total to six.
Reason for adding three cameras	The Chief explained that Gulfport had broader access to participating Flock cameras, later lost much of that access, and that obtaining three additional cameras was the way to regain the broader access.
Camera placement	The discussion described Gulfport cameras as being positioned along major routes used to enter and leave the city.
Retention	The Chief stated that Gulfport's Flock data retention period was 30 days.
Outside-agency access	During the discussion, the Chief clarified that other police departments could access Gulfport camera data through the Flock network, subject to the participating-agency framework described at the meeting.
Facial recognition	The Chief stated that Gulfport did not use facial recognition as part of Flock.
Investigative results	When asked how many crimes Flock had helped solve, the response recorded in the contemporaneous notes was: "More than one."

Statement attributed to Mayor Karen Love

Contemporaneous notes preserved the Mayor's statement that, until nine days earlier, she had not heard of Flock cameras. That statement became part of the later oversight discussion because the cameras had already been operating for years.

How this excerpt should be used

This document is useful as a public-reference exhibit showing the substance of the August 4 discussion, especially the explanation that three additional cameras were connected to regaining broader Flock-network access. For any legal proceeding, verbatim quotation, or dispute over exact wording, the official meeting video/audio or an official City transcript should be consulted.

Related records that independently support parts of the discussion

Website file	Relevance
12-Woodman-Flock-Expansion-Email-2025-10-29.pdf	Internal Police correspondence documenting loss of substantial nationwide access, the vendor investment threshold, and approval of three additional cameras.
11-Flock-Expansion-Order-2025.pdf	Expansion order for three additional cameras and Flock network/search capabilities.
15-GPD-Written-Directive-444.pdf	Gulfport Police ALPR policy, including retention, authorized use, sharing, and audit provisions.