

May 19, 2010

5:30 PM

Mayor Brown called the regular meeting of the City Council to order. Present were Council Ashworth, Zoellner, Deputy Clerk Siewert, Interim Administrator White, and Attorney Phillips, with Councilman Ledford being absent.

Minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting and the May 12 special meeting were approved as written.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Interim Administrator White informed council of the procedures regarding filling the council position. Letters of intent must be submitted to the Clerk's office. The applicant must be a registered voter living in Ward 4 for at least 12 months. The term will be through November of 2011. Letters must be turned in by May 28, 2010. Interviews will be conducted on June 1, 2010. He mentioned that Cripple Creek will be featured in the Gazette newspaper. He also discussed the clean up of Bennett Avenue, he said that Public Works will be checking it periodically and that soon a seasonal employee will be hired to take care of Bennett Avenue along with making sure other streets in town are being cleaned up. Council asked White where the City is with the banner ordinance. White said he would let Development Director Manning address that in his report.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Harris stated that fund balances are up \$1.9 million dollars and that April was a very good month overall.

**PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Development Director Manning stated that they have finished with off-premises enforcement of the banner ordinance. He said that no citations had to be given. He has received input from the casinos; they would like to see different types of signs considered. There will be a work session on June 2, 2010 to further discuss banners and signs. Manning requested that casino owners be notified of the upcoming session. Manning also mentioned that the CDOT meeting he attended discussed enhancement funds being reinstated and that the City should consider planning some projects with those funds.

**REQUEST – APPROVAL of General Orders, Gary Hamilton**

Hamilton stated that general orders 1001-1004 are being updated in wording only. He stated that general orders 1100, 1202, 1600, & 1900 are required by CIRSA, he read title only of the orders. Attorney Phillips has reviewed the orders for form and legality. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve general orders 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1100, 1202, 1600, & 1900, Second by Ashworth and motion carried.

**REQUEST – APPROVAL of and Intergovernmental Agreement with Teller County for City authority for the Plan Review and Inspection of the construction of the Heritage Center Addition, Larry Manning**

Manning explained that this agreement is allowing the City to do plan review and inspection during the construction of the addition to the Heritage Center. The City has hired SafeBuilt to do these inspections. Attorney Phillips did ask that one addition be made to Section 6A stating that the City assumes all liability for this project and releases the County from any liability. There was no public comment. Motion by Ashworth to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement as amended, Second by Zoellner and motion carried.

**REQUEST – APPROVAL of Employment Agreement for City Administrator, Carol Stotts**

Stotts stated that the City would like to have an employment agreement approved for Ray White as City Administrator. He has been acting as the Interim Administrator since January. Mayor Brown stated that he believes that White has been very professional and fair during his Interim. There was public comment from Judith McPherson. She urged the council to wait until they are working with a full council. She stated several reasons why she thought they should wait to hire White. She said that she thinks hiring White is a conflict of interest with two of our council members and commented that she isn't sure when or how the employment offer was made. Stotts stated that Councilman Ledford has been kept informed and he agrees with the decision to appoint White as Administrator. Attorney Phillips stated that there are no legal issues with this agreement. Mayor Brown said he appreciated the public comment, but that the council would like to move forward with this issue. Motion by Zoellner to approve the Employment Agreement for City Administrator, Second by Ashworth and motion carried.

**REQUEST – APPROVAL of a draft of The Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment and Master Plan, John Barnholt of GreenPlay, LLC**

Connie Dodrill stated that Adam Lottig, Laura Jeffery, the mine and the school have all been a big help with the progress. She also thanked her staff at Parks and Recreation for their support. Barnholt gave a presentation about the research that has been done on this project since 2008. He said that it began with a survey and needs assessment from the community. He stated that the presentation is to show how the project will proceed from this point. He discussed the cost recovery and different programs that Parks & Recreation could offer to get back some of the funds. He showed a map of the Master Plan for the Parks & Recreation building and that the cost will be \$1.65 million. The facility will be 15,600 square feet and will offer a 2 court gym, a fitness center and a running track. He also discussed how this project would improve and expand the parks and trails system in Cripple Creek. There was public comment from Eldon Likkell. He stated that he thinks this facility is not exactly what the community wants. He thinks that the City should wait to proceed until the funding is available to have an indoor pool and possibly a bowling alley. Todd Haberman from Parks & Recreation explained the benefits of this new facility and also explained that a pool is too costly for the building plan at this time.

Motion by Zoellner to approve draft of The Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment and Master Plan, Second by Ashworth and motion carried.

**BUSINESS LICENSE – M & H Catering & Concessions, Michael Brennan; Ruby Tuesday, RT Denver Franchise; Colorado Traders, Jack & Adla Maberry**

Michael Brennan of M & H Catering stated that he would like to set up a mobile food stand in front of Bennett Station. Bennett Station would act as his storage, power source, and a place to wash dishes. The council asked that this issue be tabled until the next council meeting. There was no one present to represent Ruby Tuesday so it was also tabled until the next council meeting. Jack Maberry of Colorado Traders stated that his business is going to be an antique shop and will also sell over the counter drugs. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to table business license for M & H Catering & Concessions until the June 2, 2010 council meeting, Second by Ashworth and motion carried. Motion by Zoellner to table business license Ruby Tuesday, RT Denver Franchise until the June 2, 2010 council meeting, Second by Zoellner and motion carried. Motion by Ashworth to approve business license for Colorado Traders, Second by Zoellner and motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

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ATTESTED:

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Bruce Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Jessica Siewert, Deputy City Clerk