

Regular Meeting of March 20, 2019

5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Brown called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 PM having previously been noticed in accordance with Colorado Open Meetings law.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: None.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Sciacca called the roll. Present were Mayor Bruce Brown and Councilmembers Tom Litherland, Meghan Rozell, and Melissa Trenary. Mayor Pro Tem Hazlett was absent. Staff present were City Administrator Mark Campbell, City Clerk Janell Sciacca, City Attorney Erin Smith, Finance Director Paul Harris, HR & Risk Management Director Carol Stotts and Chief of Police Mike Rulo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **MOTION** by Councilman Litherland and seconded by Councilwoman Trenary to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Special Meeting and March 6, 2019 Regular Meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: City Administrator Campbell noted his written report to Council in their packet. He reported an City Employee Wellness Program was being put in place and would kick off April 1, Blue Star Recycling will conducting E-Recycling May 14 and the Citywide Clean Up was scheduled for May 18 and 19. Campbell thanked the Police and Public Works Staff for keeping the City open and helping citizens during the recent blizzard. He also thanked Staff for making it in the next day and keeping the City operational.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Finance Director Harris stated his item was on the agenda.

2019 FIRST QUARTER LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Sol Malick and Stephanie Hicks, Peak Government Affairs and City of Cripple Creek legislative liaisons, stated the 2019 session was halfway over. Malick reported that Democrats said they would be fair and pragmatic, but the general consensus was that a lot of bills were being rammed through without proper process and stakeholder input. Overall, he felt it was a disappointing year. Malick reported that he and Hicks monitored and/or engaged in more than 21 bills. Malick and Hicks took turns reporting on various bills and their different activities regarding each. Malick provided an update on proposed sports betting legislation. He stated it is proposed to be limited to the gaming communities with each Casino potentially getting 1 brick and mortar license and 1 electronic license. The governing body will be the Gaming Commission. Malick and Hicks next addressed affordable housing legislation proposing to take a vendor allowance from the businesses and put it toward affordable housing; FAMLI legislation requiring partial wage benefits for up to 12 weeks per year for eligible employees; New Appliance Energy And Water Efficiency Standards legislation requiring restaurants to buy energy efficient equipment when replacing old or putting in new equipment; and Oil and Gas legislation proposing to allow local governments to establish setbacks and changing the composition of the Oil and Gas Commission putting an environmentalist on it and eliminating industry experts. Malick ended by announcing a very large carbon emissions bill was expected to be introduced that could result in coal plants being shut down and that in his 14 years working with the Legislature that he had never seen anything like what was taking place this year.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PHILLIP THORNE TO ACCESS PROPERTY NEAR THE PUBLIC WORKS SHOP AT 207 COUNTY ROAD 89:

Mayor Brown announced this item was taken off the agenda.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-03 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK AND THE CITY OF VICTOR REGARDING THE CRIPPLE CREEK AND VICTOR HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Planning & Community Development Director Gray presented providing an overview of the agreement and its purpose. He stated that Staff was requesting approval. There was no public comment. City Administrator Campbell reported the assessment will kick off with a survey.

MOTION by Mayor Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Rozell to approve the agreement between the City of Cripple Creek and the City of Victor for the Cripple Creek and Victor Housing Needs Assessment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK AND REES CONSULTING, INC. FOR THE CRIPPLE CREEK AND VICTOR HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Planning & Community Development Director Gray presented providing an overview of the agreement and its purpose and relation to the previous agenda item. He stated that Staff was requesting approval. There was no public comment. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Rozell and seconded by Councilman Litherland to approve the agreement for Professional Services between the City of Cripple Creek and Rees Consulting, Inc. for the Cripple Creek and Victor Housing Needs Assessment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER A SUB LEASE BEWEEN THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK AND COMMUNITY OF CARING FOR THE BASEMENT OF THE GREEN HOUSE NEXT TO THE CITY HALL PARKING LOT: Finance Director Harris presented providing an overview of the agreement and its purpose. He stated that Staff was requesting approval. There was no public comment. **MOTION** by Councilman Litherland and seconded by Councilwoman Trenary to approve the Sublease between the City of Cripple Creek and Community of Caring for the basement of the Green house next to the City Hall Parking lot. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned 6:32 PM.

APPROVED:



Bruce Brown
Mayor

ATTEST:



Janell Seiacca, CMC
City Clerk