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**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020
IN PERSON AND ONLINE VIA WEBEX**

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, 337 E. Bennett Avenue, Cripple Creek, Colorado 80813

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Ashworth called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM having previously been posted in accordance with Colorado Open Records Law.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Ashworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk Sciacca called the roll. Present were Mayor Milford Ashworth, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Litherland, and Councilmembers Meghan Rozell (online), Charles Solomone (online) and Melissa Trenary (online). Staff present were City Clerk Janell Sciacca, City Attorney Erin Smith (online), Finance Director Paul Harris (online), Police Chief Charles Bright (online), HR & Risk Management Director Carol Stotts (online) and Public Works Director Steve DiCamillo.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting – **MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Litherland and seconded by Councilwoman Rozell to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2020 meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.
6. **PROCLAMATIONS:**
 - A. Municipal Clerk's Week May 3-9, 2020
 - B. National Peak Officers Week May 10-16, 2020

Mayor Ashworth read the proclamations into the record. He also took the opportunity to thank Nurses recognizing that May 6, 2020 was National Nurses Day. City Clerk Sciacca read a few lines from President Trump's official proclamation.
7. **REPORTS**
 - A. Interim City Administrator/Finance Director – Harris provided an update on COVID-19 Incident Command. He reported that testing would finally be available in Cripple Creek and Victor on Friday, May 8 to anyone with a Doctor's referral. COVID symptom screening would be and this information was posted to the City's website, at City Hall and at the Post Office.
 - B. Public Works Director – DiCamillo gave a brief report on the Bennett Avenue Water line project. He noted the project was on schedule and had gone pretty well with only a few minor issues including flooding of two casinos and a couple short water outages on the south side of the City. Water connections were complete and curb and gutter in process with paving scheduled to start the week of May 25.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Consider approval of Resolution 2020-09 waiving Gaming Device Fees for the month of May, 2020; Paul Harris, Interim City Administrator / Finance Director. Harris provided a brief history on the COVID-19 related casino closure that began March 17, 2020. He pointed out the associated device fee waiver amount for May was over \$313,000 with a total for both April and May of which was estimated to be a total of \$616,000. Scott Porter, Triple Crown Casinos Director of Operations, spoke representing the casino owner. Porter thanked the City Council for the relief on device fees. He indicated casinos were in discussion with the Governor's Office on reopening plans and hoped to have approval soon. **MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Litherland and seconded by Councilwoman Trenary to approve Resolution 2020-09 waiving Gaming Device Fees for the month of May, 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business before the Cripple Creek City Council, Mayor Ashworth adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM

APPROVED:


Milford Ashworth, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janell Sciacca, City Clerk



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4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. March 4, 2020 Regular Meeting – **MOTION** by Mayor Ashworth and seconded by Councilwoman Trenary to approve the March 4, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.
6. **FINANCE DIRECTOR / CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE** - Harris thanked Sciacca for figuring out how to make the online meetings work. He also mentioned the second Community Update would be posted on the City's website on Friday. Everyone is experiencing difficult times and the City is working with Teller County and other agencies to do what it can to address the issues. He recognized the Aspen Mine Center, CC-V School and Community Partnership in doing what they can to help residents. The City is also doing what it can to help all the business and Harris felt by working together we will overcome.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Ordinance 2020-01 approving the rezoning of property located at 405 E. Pikes Peak Avenue from R-2 Limited Residential District (R-2) to BB Neighborhood Mixed Use District (BB); Bill Gray, Planning & Community Development Director. Councilwoman Trenary recused herself announcing her husband is employed by Wildwood. Gray provided an overview and stated this is the ordinance which was published after first reading. No additional comments were received, and Staff recommended adoption of the ordinance approving the rezoning. **MOTION** by Mayor Ashworth and seconded by Councilwoman Rozell to approve Ordinance 2020-01 approving the rezoning of property located at 405 E. Pikes Peak Avenue from R-2 Limited Residential District (R-2) to BB Neighborhood Mixed Use District (BB) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 amending Article 5 of the Cripple Creek Municipal Code regarding device fees to allow for the waiver of device fees for the month of April, 2020; Paul Harris, Finance Director/Interim City Administrator. Harris stated this was second reading of the ordinance. He reviewed the purpose noting it provides approximately \$303,000 of relief in device fees for the casino industry during the State ordered closure. Councilwoman Rozell noted an email from a casino owner asking the Council to reconsider moving a payment date and she would be speaking with the individual off record. She was comfortable moving forward on a month-to-month basis as per the previous meeting's discussions. Ashworth agreed with Rozell's comments. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Rozell moved and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Litherland to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 amending Article 5 of the Cripple Creek Municipal Code regarding device fees to allow for the waiver of device fees for the month of April, 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. **TO BE CONTINUED TO APRIL 15, 2020** – Consider application from John & Karen Freeman for Conditional Use Permit for Self-Storage to be located at the Southeast corner of 4th Street and Myers Avenue (Lots 1-4, Block 1, Arcadia Heights); Bill Gray, Planning & Community Development Director. Gray reviewed the Staff memorandum. He reported the application was properly noticed and last week Staff heard from the property owner and applicants relative to a pending sale which could be jeopardized if the public hearing was delayed further. Staff recommended moving forward to accommodate the real estate deal during the unfortunate circumstances. Councilwoman Rozell inquired if any feedback or remarks were received since the Public Notice. Gray replied No and stated over the next two weeks he would be reaching out independently to the individual affected owners to explain the circumstances. Rozell thanked him for going above and beyond. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Trenary and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Litherland to continue the application from John & Karen Freeman for Conditional Use Permit for Self-Storage to April 15, 2020 at 5:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business before the Cripple Creek City Council, Mayor Ashworth adjourned the meeting at 5:44 PM.

APPROVED:


Milford Ashworth, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janell Sciacca, City Clerk