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337 E. Bennett Avenue, Cripple Creek, CO 80813

**CRIPPLE CREEK CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 9, 2024**

**4:00 PM – SPECIAL MEETING**

**IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Join City Council Meeting By ZOOM**

**Meeting ID: 852 0670 4752**

**Passcode: 103080**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**BUSINESS**

- A. Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-06 Opposing HB-24-1436 Concerning the Referral of a Ballot Issue Related to the Revenue From the Sports Betting Tax**
- B. Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-05 Approving the Submittal of a Grant to The Strong Communities Grant Program and Approve Matching Funds**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION 2024-06**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE HOUSE BILL 24-1436 CONCERNING THE REFERRAL OF A BALLOT ISSUE RELATED TO THE REVENUE FROM THE SPORTS BETTING TAX, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REFERRING A BALLOT ISSUE TO THE VOTERS TO ALLOW THE STATE TO KEEP AND SPEND ALL SPORTS BETTING TAX REVENUE IN EXCESS OF THE TWENTY-NINE MILLION DOLLAR ESTIMATED INCREASE IN STATE TAX REVENUE APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2019 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING WATER CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION PROJECTS RATHER THAN REFUNDING SUCH EXCESS REVENUE TO CASINOS**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Colorado voted to authorize limited gaming provided such limited gaming was only allowed in Cripple Creek, Central City and Black Hawk; and

WHEREAS, the rationale that was used to promote passage of limited gaming laws was that it would enhance and rejuvenate the mountain communities of Cripple Creek, Central City and Black Hawk, and that such enhancement and rejuvenation was worth the tradeoff of the depredating effects on families and communities that go hand in hand with limited gaming; and

WHEREAS, sports betting, as those who promoted passage of sports betting laws was that sports betting would be anchored in the same mountain communities of Cripple Creek, Central City and Black Hawk; and

WHEREAS, in fact that is incorrect and the City of Cripple Creek has not benefitted in any material way from sports betting due to the fact that the local casinos sold their rights to major sports betting operators operating outside the City while at the same time having reduced the number of gaming devices as a result of the COVID pandemic, which device numbers have not materially increased back to pre-Covid numbers; and

WHEREAS, HB24-1436 further erodes the citizens trust by asking that the approximately thirty-four million dollars (\$34,000,000) of unexpected sports betting tax revenues not be allocated to the City of Cripple Creek or the other mountain communities, or the junior colleges but in fact all of it go back to the State; and

WHEREAS, the State is promoting such an allocation of the thirty-four million dollars (\$34,000,000) of unexpected sports betting tax revenues by framing the choice as one of giving the thirty-four million dollars (\$34,000,000) of unexpected sports betting tax revenues back to the State or having to give it back to the casinos.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CRIPPLE CREEK, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council of Cripple Creek opposes House Bill 24-1436 as written and rejects the question as framed. The City Council strongly urges its legislators to vote NO on this proposed bill.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED at Cripple Creek, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK, COLORADO

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Annie Durham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Malissa Gish, City Clerk



TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Frank Salvato, City Administrator

AGENDA ITEM:

DATE: March 9, 2024

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**REQUEST:** Mayor and Council consider approval of resolution approving submittal of a grant to the Strong Communities Grant program and approve matching funds.

**OVERVIEW & ANALYSIS:** The City has submitted and received a grant application to DOLA in the amount of \$100,000 to update the Comprehensive Master Plan. Full House Resorts agreed to provide the match of \$100,000 to assist with the update of the Tourism/Economic Development section of the Comprehensive Master Plan.

We have been short-staffed in the Community Development Department for some time. To assist with the update of the Comprehensive Master Plan and Development Codes, I requested Leslie Klusmire apply for a grant through the Strong Communities Grant program for funding of an outside consultant to assist with the Master Plan and Development Codes update. The application is attached for your consideration.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The application requests \$99,000 from the Strong Communities Grant program and a \$11,000 match from the City of Cripple Creek.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:** Approve Resolution authorizing submittal of the grant application along with the City's \$11,000 match.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05**

**CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT TO THE STRONG COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM AND APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cripple Creek supports the Strong Communities Grant application for the City of Cripple Creek Comprehensive Master Plan.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cripple Creek has requested \$99,000 from the Strong Communities Grant Program.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cripple Creek has authorized \$11,000 in matching funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK THAT:**

- Section 1:** The Cripple Creek City Council of the City of Cripple Creek strongly supports the application and has appropriated matching funds for the Strong Communities Grant Program.
- Section 2:** The Cripple Creek City Council authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded.
- Section 3:** The City of Cripple Creek has the ability to implement the plan and can demonstrate the importance and benefits of the plan to the community.
- Section 4:** This resolution is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED at Cripple Creek, Colorado, this 9th day of April 2024.

ATTEST:

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Annie Durham, Mayor

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Malissa Gish, City Clerk