



**City of Black Hawk  
City Council**

**May 11, 2022**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Water Manager Jim Ford and his wife Nancy each rang the bell to open the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Spellman called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Present were: Mayor Spellman, Aldermen Armbricht, Bennett, Johnson, Midcap, Moates, and Torres.

Staff Present: City Attorney Hoffmann, City Manager Cole, Police Chief Moriarty, Fire Chief Woolley, A and B Fire shifts, Finance Director Hillis, Public Works Director Isbester, the majority of the Public Works Department, City Engineer Reed, Water Manager Ford, Community Planning & Development Director Linker, Baseline Consultants Esterl and Rivas, numerous other City employees, and Deputy City Clerk Martin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Spellman led the meeting in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA CHANGES: City Attorney Hoffmann changed the call of the Executive Session to hold a conference with the City's attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and the specific legal issues were regarding potential legislation.

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: City Attorney Hoffmann asked Council to declare any Conflicts of Interest on any issue appearing on the agenda this afternoon other than those previous disclosures and conflicts that have already been disclosed and are on file with the City Clerk and Secretary of State. City Council noted no conflicts.

City Attorney Hoffmann asked the audience if there were any objections to any member of the Council voting on any issue on the agenda this afternoon. There were no objections noted.

Mayor Spellman switched the order of the following two agenda items so the new employees could stick around for some cheesecake.

5. EMPLOYEE

INTRODUCTIONS: Nate Geerdes, Police Officer  
Sheyla Romero, Police Officer  
Scott Brooks, Firefighter  
Steven Roybal, Firefighter  
Lindsey Sweeney, Firefighter

Police Chief Moriarty and Fire Chief Woolley introduced each department's new employees and provided their various backgrounds. Each was warmly welcomed.

6. PRESENTATION: Retirement of Water Manager Jim Ford.

Mayor Spellman read Jim's plaque of deep appreciation and long service to the City of Black Hawk. He provided a background on the junior water rights the City had back in the 1970s and all the needed catch-up required. He said there was a great deal of planning, engineering, and foresight for the future of Black Hawk, and Jim was an integral part of that. He said Jim has done a tremendous job and helped position Black Hawk to where it is today. After a round of applause, the meeting paused to devour homemade cheesecakes!

7. PUBLIC COMMENT: Deputy City Clerk Martin noted that no one had signed up to speak.

8. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES:

April 27, 2022

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE**

Alderman Armbright **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Torres to approve the Minutes as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**A. Resolution 35-2022, A Resolution Conditionally Approving a Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for an Amendment to the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Bally's East Casino (Golden Gulch)**

- B. Resolution 36-2022, A Resolution Conditionally Approving a Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for an Amendment to the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Bally's North Casino (Mardi Gras)**
- C. Resolution 37-2022, A Resolution Conditionally Approving a Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for an Amendment to the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Bally's West Casino (Golden Gates)**

Mayor Spellman combined the agenda items, read the titles, and opened the public hearings.

Baseline Engineering Consultant Rivas went through the combined rebranding presentations, which noted each new Bally's sign's locations and sizes. The applicant and General Manager of the Bally's properties, Brandon Lenssen, was present to answer any questions. He thanked Council for their time in considering this approval, and he was excited about the change.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Spellman declared Public Hearings on Resolution 35-2022, a Resolution conditionally approving a Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for an amendment to the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Bally's East Casino (Golden Gulch), Resolution 36-2022, a Resolution conditionally approving a Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for an amendment to the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Bally's North Casino (Mardi Gras), and Resolution 37-2022, a Resolution conditionally approving a Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for an amendment to the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Bally's West Casino (Golden Gates) open and invited anyone wanting to address the Board either "for" or "against" the proposed Resolutions to come forward.

Tom Feeney, a City resident, also thanked Council and stated that with the casino rebranding from the last meeting and now this rebranding, the City has two tremendous names in the gaming world right here in Black Hawk; he was excited for the benefits to the City.

No one else wished to speak, and Mayor Spellman declared the Public Hearings closed.

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Moates to approve Resolution 35-2022, a Resolution conditionally approving a Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for an amendment to the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Bally's East Casino (Golden Gulch), Resolution 36-2022, a Resolution conditionally approving a Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for an amendment to the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Bally's North Casino (Mardi Gras), and Resolution 37-2022, a Resolution conditionally approving a Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for an amendment to the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Bally's West Casino (Golden Gates).

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

**A. Resolution 38-2022, A Resolution Approving the License Agreement Between the City of Black Hawk, Colorado and Boulder Mountainbike Alliance**

Mayor Spellman read the title.

Deputy City Clerk introduced this item. She said the Clerk's office received a Special Event application from the Boulder Mountainbike Alliance for an E-Mountain bike demo at Hidden Treasure Trailhead planned for June 4, 2022. A license agreement is required since it is City-owned property.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

Alderman Armbright **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Bennett to approve Resolution 38-2022, a Resolution approving the License Agreement between the City of Black Hawk, Colorado and Boulder Mountainbike Alliance.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Mayor Spellman added that June 4<sup>th</sup> is also the City's Founder's Day event on the plaza and the grand opening of JKQ BBQ at Crook's Palace, so this event will complement those very nicely.

11. CITY MANAGER  
REPORT:

City Manager Cole had nothing to report.

12. CITY ATTORNEY  
REPORT:

City Attorney Hoffmann had nothing to report.

13. EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

City Attorney Hoffmann recommended item number 2 and the specific legal issues related to potential legislation.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to adjourn into Executive Session at 3:37 p.m. to hold a conference with the City's attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

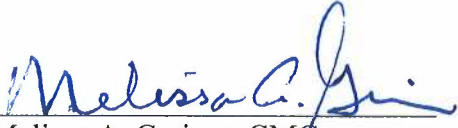
Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to adjourn the Executive Session at 3:45 p.m.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Spellman declared the Regular Meeting of the City Council adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

  
Melissa A. Greiner, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

  
David D. Spellman  
Mayor

