



**Background Paper for Proposed Ordinance**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** July 11, 2022

**TO:** President Heather Graham and Members of City Council  
**CC:** Nicholas A. Gradisar, Mayor  
**VIA:** Marisa Stoller, City Clerk  
**FROM:** Steven Meier, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT:** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS (DOLA) FOR THE STATE'S POOLS SPECIAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME, ESTABLISHING PROJECT NO. CI2211, BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO SAID PROJECT NO. CI2211

**SUMMARY:**

This Emergency Ordinance approves and accepts a Pools Special Initiative Program grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, authorizes the Mayor to execute the grant project award notification, establishes Project No. CI2211, and budgets and appropriates \$25,000.00 to Project No. CI2211.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

Not applicable to this Ordinance.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 24, 2022, the City of Pueblo, along with numerous other Colorado municipalities and agencies, applied for the Governor's "Pools Special Initiative" grant to receive state funding to help ensure public swimming pools across the State of Colorado are open and properly staff in time for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and for the remainder of the summer months.

On June 30, 2022, Governor Polis announced the grants ahead of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend, where the City of Pueblo along with seventy-one other municipalities and agencies across Colorado would receive funds to help swimming pools to open and expand hours this summer in light of the country's workforce shortage. Pueblo was one of the few in Southern Colorado who received this maximum grant amount.

The "Pools Special Initiative 2022" provides incentives to attract and retain public pool employees through the summer and ensure adequate staffing levels to allow pools to open at maximum capacity. The grant will be beneficial in keeping qualified lifeguards, ensuring that our pools can increase operating hours and stay open longer in the summer after many lifeguards return to school in the fall, and expanding capacity to teach life-saving swim lessons.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The grant award funds will be utilized to cover additional personnel expenses at the City's four outdoor swimming pools as a result of increased operating hours and programs through the end of the summer season, which ends on Labor Day, September 5, 2022.

**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

Not applicable to this Ordinance.

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

Not applicable to this Ordinance.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If this Ordinance is not approved, the City will be required to return the grant funds to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, and the City swimming pools will not add additional operating hours or days to enhance the recreational swimming needs of the community.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Ordinance.

**Attachments:**

PSI-22-003 City of Pueblo – Pools Special Initiative 2022 Grant Award and Next Steps Agreement

ORDINANCE NO. 10222

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS (DOLA) FOR THE STATE'S POOLS SPECIAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME, ESTABLISHING PROJECT NO. CI2211, BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO SAID PROJECT NO. CI2211

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022, the City of Pueblo was notified by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs that it will receive grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Governor's Pools Special Initiative 2022 (PSI) program; and

WHEREAS, if the PSI program and grant funds are not immediately approved, and the \$25,000.00 is not budgeted and appropriated, staff will not be recruited and retained for public swimming pools per the PSI program prior to closure of the pool season on September 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and execution of the grant and the budgeting and appropriating of the associated \$25,000.00 is immediately needed for Pueblo's public swimming pools in order: (1) to attract and retain public pool employees through the summer and ensure adequate staffing levels, where having insufficient staff and lifeguards at public pools would create conditions hazardous to the public health and safety; and (2) to attract and retain public pool employees to preserve public pool properties and ensure they does not fall into a derelict or dangerous condition; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Charter Section 3-20, an emergency ordinance is required for the immediate preservation or protection of public health, property, or safety, and the completion of the PSI program and acceptance of the grant is declared an emergency. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

The Pools Special Initiative 2022 Grant ("Grant") between the City of Pueblo, a Municipal Corporation, and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, a copy of which is attached hereto, having been approved as to form by the City Attorney, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2.

The Mayor is authorized to accept the Grant in the name of the City and the City Clerk is directed to affix the seal of the City thereto and attest same.

SECTION 3.

Project No. CI2211 – Pools Special Initiative Grant is hereby established.

SECTION 4.

Funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 are hereby accepted from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs pursuant to the Grant and are hereby budgeted and appropriated to Project No. CI2211 – Pools Special Initiative Grant.

SECTION 5.

Grant funds shall be used in accordance with the PSI-22-003 City of Pueblo – Pools Special Initiative 2022 Grant Award and Next Steps Agreement notification received on June 30, 2022.

SECTION 6.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized to perform any and all acts consistent with this Ordinance to implement the policy and procedures described therein.

SECTION 7.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of final action by the Mayor and City Council.

**Action by City Council:**

Introduced and initial adoption of Ordinance by City Council on July 11, 2022.

Final adoption of Ordinance by City Council on July 11, 2022.

  
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President of City Council

**Action by the Mayor:**

Approved on July 13, 2022.

Disapproved on \_\_\_\_\_ based on the following objections:

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*Hilda Seaborn*

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Mayor

**Action by City Council After Disapproval by the Mayor:**

Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.

Ordinance re-adopted on a vote of \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_

Council action on \_\_\_\_\_ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

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President of City Council

ATTEST

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City Clerk