

MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CRESCENT CITY CULTURAL CENTER  
1001 FRONT ST  
CRESCENT CITY CA 95531

*City of Crescent City*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 5, 2007</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Present: Council Members Kolodner, Scavuzzo, Schellong, and Mayor Burns  
Absent: Council Member Tynes

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Council Member Kolodner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STAFF** **ELI NAFFAH**, City Manager; **THOMAS FRENCH**, City Attorney; **L. DIANNE NICKERSON**, City Clerk; **JIM BARNITS**, Director of Public Works; **ED ERICKSON**, Finance Director/Treasurer; **WILL CAPLINGER**, City Planner, **MATT HILDEBRANDT**, Pool Director.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

**1. Proclamation for the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods**

Mayor Burns read the proclamation and presented it to Jan Moorehouse, Ben Cameron and Steve Raddo.

**Eli Naffah, City Manager, requested that an item be added to the agenda that came in after the agenda was posted. Council Member Schellong made a motion to add item 14, assistance with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Grant; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried unanimously.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about the economic summit, Chinese and Japanese characters for harmony, people working together, people who come to talk about economic development, people against any growth, and a resolution for equal footing with the government and state.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of February 20, 2007**
- 3. Approval of warrant claims list for the period February 6, February 20, 2007**
- 4. Receipt of biweekly payroll reports for the period ending February 21, paid March 5, 2007**
- 5. Approval of Resolution 2007-04, amending the Employment Agreement and adjusting benefits for the City Manager**

Council Member Kolodner made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

## **REPORTS**

### **6. Chamber of Commerce**

Patricia Medina, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, reported on the Chamber Board retreat, speaker David Beuerle, statistics on Visitors for February, the number of visitor packets that were sent, the Economic Summit on March 24, 2007, and the Aleutian Goose Festival. Ms. Medina stated that March 22, 2007 is her last day as the Executive Director of the Chamber because she has been accepted into law school.

### **7. Other reports relative to City of Crescent City programs, projects, and/or Council and staff travel and training reports**

Council Member Schellong reported on the Tri-Agency meeting, and Charter Communications' broadband, and stated it will be an opportunity for increased business in Del Norte County.

Eli Naffah, City Manager, reported on his recent attendance at a conference in Long Beach, CA, where he encouraged business people to consider coming to Crescent City.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **8. Discuss preservation of the Emidio Memorial at Front Street Park and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Guy Towers, of the St. George Reef Lighthouse Historic Society, reported on the work that needs to be done on the memorial, and stated volunteers will do the work in order to save on costs. Discussion followed and Thomas French, City Attorney, will check on the legality of moving the memorial to another site once it is refurbished.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about his opposition to moving the memorial to another site, the Lands Commission, and commented that historical sites should stay where they were originally placed.

Council Member Scavuzzo made a motion to allow the memorial to be moved for refurbishment; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried unanimously. Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, will have a city crew assist with transportation of the memorial.

**9. Introduce and waive the first reading of City Ordinance Chapter 5.100, Downtown Parking and Business Improvement District, set the date for a public hearing, and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Thomas French, City Attorney, reported and there were no public comments.

Council Member Scavuzzo made a motion to introduce and waive the first reading of City Ordinance Chapter 5.100, Downtown Parking and Business Improvement District, and set the date of March 19, 2007 for a public hearing; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried unanimously.

**10. Receive update report on the Waste Water Treatment Plant**

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, reported and discussion followed.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about Monterey, Seaside, Del Rio, and Casterville going in together to fund a plant through municipal bonds and commented there can't be any growth without a waste water treatment plant.

Discussion followed and Jim Barnts will have items for consideration and action at the next city council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**11. Consider and authorize the City Planner to submit the application for Federal Assistance in support of the California Redwoods Trail Map and Guide Project, administer the grant, and execute all associated grant documents, approve Resolution 2007-02, and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported and discussion followed.

Richard Miles, city resident, thanked Will Caplinger for looking into this grant and commented that the Tourist Bureau should be doing the grant, not the city. Mr. Miles also spoke about "bird safaris" and people with cameras who are chasing songbirds off their nests.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to authorize the City Planner to submit the application for Federal Assistance in support of the California Redwoods trail Map and Guide Project, administer the grant, and execute all associated grant documents, and to approve Resolution 2007-02; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried unanimously.

**12. Consider and waive fees for use of the Cultural Center by the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority (DNSWMA) for Earth Day, April 22, 2007, and take action as necessary and appropriate.**

Patricia Abbey, DNSWMA, spoke and discussion followed.

Richard Miles, city resident, stated he participates in the set up of this event and Solid Waste leaves the building in good shape.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to waive fees for use of the Cultural Center by the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority for Earth Day, April 22, 2007; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried unanimously.

**13. Consider and waive fees for use of the Cultural Center by the Del Norte Historical Society for May 3, 2007, during the Crescent City Tall Ships celebration, and take action as necessary and appropriate.**

Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported on use of the center for Opera Night, and discussion followed.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about groups wanting to use the building, having a cleanup fee, having to pay to board and tour the tall ships because the tall ships celebration is a money-making proposition and the city should ask for a cleanup deposit.

Council Member Kolodner made a motion to waive fees for use of the Cultural Center by the Del Norte Historical Society for May 3, 2007, during the Crescent City Tall Ships celebration; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously.

**14. Consider and approve an MOU for assistance with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported he received an email this morning from Patty Rommel, the After School Project Coordinator in the Kids First After School Program. Ms. Rommel wants to involve the city in the Del Norte After School Partnership. They want to apply for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant, which is based on community partnerships providing youth with physically, emotionally, and academically safe environments. They are looking for two (2) grants: One for Del Norte High School, which would provide \$295,000 per year for five (5) years, and a separate grant would include Smith River and Joe Hamilton Schools for a total of \$171,000 per year for five

(5) years. The program will provide help with homework, health classes, counseling and activities. They would like the Crescent City Planning Department to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which the city would provide trees, staff time, publicity, etc., of the Arbor Day components for the After School Programs. This is already built into the Tree Grant, Green Trees for the Golden State that was recently approved for \$27,000 for public tree planting. That grant includes two (2) 15-gallon trees per year over a three-year period for each of the schools within the city limits only. It would not be at Smith River, but it would include Joe Hamilton and the High School.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about a city, county and School District recreation plan providing after school activities.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to approve an MOU between the Crescent City Planning Department and the Del Norte County Unified School District with Will Caplinger's assistance with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried unanimously.

### **CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

#### **Reports, Concerns, Referrals**

Council Member Scavuzzo spoke about it being one year that the city has been working on the Square Deal property. Council Member Scavuzzo also spoke about the city attorney's updates that indicate a duplication of work and wants a clarification of work done by the city attorney and that done by other legal entities in the updates.

Council Member Kolodner asked that a tsunami siren be installed at the Harbor that works in conjunction with the Sheriff Department's siren.

Mayor Burns spoke about council members taking on various projects a few months ago, i.e., Council Member Kolodner took on blight, Council Member Schellong wanted to take on economic development tourism and meth as an issue, Council Member Scavuzzo wants all issues to be taken on, and Mayor Burns wants to development downtown. Mayor Burns would like a report on the agenda at the first meeting in April to say what we are doing as a city and council, in coordination with other entities.

Mayor Burns reminded everyone of Daylight Saving March 11, 2007, and that the next council meeting will be on March 19, at **5:00 p.m.**, beginning with the Redevelopment Agency meeting.

Eli Naffah, City Manager, spoke about a League of California Cities program, "Small Cities Are Cool," which will be given via telephone on Wednesday, April 11, 2007.

#### **Legislative Matters – None**

**CITY MANAGER DIRECTIVES – None**

**CLOSED SESSION**

No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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L. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk