

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

City of Crescent City

Monday August 6, 2007 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Council Members Tynes, Schellong, Scavuzzo, Rich Enea, and Mayor Burns
Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Pro Tem Tynes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STAFF **ELI NAFFAH**, City Manager; **BOB BLACK**, Interim City Attorney; **L. DIANNE NICKERSON**, City Clerk; **JOEI SANCHES**, City Finance Director/Treasurer; **SUSIE MENDEZ**, Housing Authority Director; **JIM BARNTS**, Director of Public Works; **WILL CAPLINGER**, City Planner; **MATT HILDEBRANDT**, Pool Director; **DOUG PLACK**, Police Chief

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1. Administer Oath of Office for new Crescent City Police Officer James Wright

Police Chief Doug Plack gave some background on Officer Wright and administered the Oath of Office. Mayor Burns called a break at 6:09 p.m. so that citizens could meet Sergeant Capon; the meeting resumed at 6:14 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jim Snow, county resident, spoke about a magazine article, the City County meeting tomorrow, the 311 program, and customer service.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about a citizen review committee for police, recent demonstrators, and suggested the city and library should discuss having the city run the high-speed internet so that meetings could be watched on the internet.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, spoke about the community garden and wants to know who runs it, the paperwork required to participate in the community garden, and he wants this subject on a future agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of July 16, 2007**
- 3. Approval of warrant claims list for the period July 17, through August 6, 2007**
- 4. Receipt of biweekly payroll reports for the period ending July 21, paid July 27, 2007**

Council Member Scavuzzo asked that items warrant no. 406158 be pulled from the Consent Calendar and brought back at the next meeting for clarification. Council Member Enea made a motion to approve the remaining consent calendar items 2, 3, and 4 as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Continue the public hearing to confirm the assignment of delinquent sewer charges and adopt Resolution 2007-21 to add delinquent sewer charges to the County tax rolls for FY 2007-2008; take action as necessary and appropriate**

Joei Sanches, Director of Finance/Treasurer, reported and Mayor Burns opened the public hearing.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about a man who was pleading his case for assistance at the previous council meeting.

There were no other public comments and Mayor Burns closed the public hearing.

Council Member Enea made a motion to confirm the assignment of delinquent sewer charges and adopt Resolution 2007-21 to add the delinquent sewer charges to the County Tax Rolls for FY 2007-2008; the motion was seconded by Council Member Tynes and so carried unanimously 5-0.

REPORTS

- **Chamber of Commerce**

Chris Howard, Chamber of Commerce, spoke about a community progress initiative and introduced the new Chamber Executive Director, Rewiti Wiki. Mr. Wiki spoke and gave some information about his background.

- **Other reports relative to City of Crescent City programs, projects, and/or Council and staff travel and training reports – None**

ADDED ITEM

5a. Chief Plack asked that an item be added to the agenda concerning a police dog. Council Member Tynes made a motion to add this item to the agenda; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously 5-0.

Chief Plack spoke about a recent police pursuit and the attack on officers, including a canine officer. Chief Plack stated the Canine Academy was very pleased with Canine Officer Zeus and Police Officer Mello and wants to fly both of them to Oxnard for additional training. Chief Plack stated that Zeus was called out 24 times in July 2007 for numerous reasons, including a high-speed chase, and to clear out buildings. A foundation has offered to help with obtaining another dog for Crescent City Police. Items not paid for by the foundation will be covered through fundraising. Last year, the car club donated \$1,000.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke in favor of getting a second dog for the Police Department.

Council Member Enea made a motion to accept the offer of a second Crescent City Police Dog from the foundation; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Consider and approve Resolution No. 2007-14, a resolution adopting the annual budget, including attachments and appendices, for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, and take action as necessary and appropriate

Joei Sanches, Director of Finances, reported and discussion followed. Council Member Scavuzzo spoke about the necessity of proper notification to the people prior to raising sewer funds, per Proposition 218.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about fee increases.

Council Member Tynes made a motion to approve the Fee Schedule, **excluding water/sewer increases**; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and carried, 4-1, by the following polled vote:

AYES:	Council Members Tynes, Schellong, Enea, and Mayor Burns
NOES:	Council Member Scavuzzo
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Discussion of the adoption of the budget continued.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about Jim Snow’s concern about checkbook balances. He also commented that we are still waiting for the state to pass their budget, but the city manager and accountant are asking the council to “count their chickens before they are hatched.” Richard Miles spoke about the needs of the seniors, the chamber, the swimming pool, and the “tourism myth.”

Council Member Tynes made a motion to adopt the budget the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried, 3-2, by the following polled vote:

AYES:	Council Members Tynes, Schellong, and Mayor Burns
NOES:	Council Members Scavuzzo and Enea
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

NEW BUSINESS

7. Consider and approve the revised job classification for the Tenant Services Technician position and take action as necessary and appropriate

Eli Naffah, City Manager, reported and there were no public comments.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to approve the revised job classification for the Tenant Services Technician position; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

8. Consider and authorize the execution of a contract for the Harding Street Handicap Ramp project and take action as necessary and appropriate

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

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, commented that the handicap corner ramp at 3rd and H Streets turns into a pond when it rains.

Richard Miles, city resident, thanked Jim Barnts for the improvements by a real estate office and other areas.

Council Member Enea made a motion to authorize the execution of a contract for the Harding Street Handicap Ramp project; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

9. Consider and authorize execution of a contract for the base bid of the Harbor Trail Project and take action as necessary and appropriate

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

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about public hearings on the trail, promises made by the city, taking money out of accounts to build a phone store, people riding bikes to see the coast, and poor council judgment.

Council Member Tynes made a motion to authorize execution of a contract for the base bid of the Harbor Trail Project; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

15. Discussion of Items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8

Eli Naffah, City Manager, asked for spelling corrections for the minutes of July 2, 2007: counsel versus council, and properly versus property. Council Member Schellong made a motion to accept item #2 on the consent calendar, as corrected; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and so carried 4-0.

Discussion of furniture, equipment, an inkjet printer, and software on item #3, the warrant claims list, followed. Council Member Schellong made a motion to approve warrant claims list; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and so carried 3-1, by the following polled vote:

AYES:	Council Members Enea, Schellong, and Mayor Pro Tem Tynes
NOES:	Council Member Scavuzzo
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Mayor Burns

Discussion of items 5, 6, 7, and 8, adjusting the compensation for the City Central Services Director, the City Planner/Economic Development Specialist, the City Engineer/Director of Public Works, and the City Chief of Police. Council Member Tynes made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 5, 6, 7, and 8; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and so carried, 3-1, by the following polled vote:

AYES:	Council Members Enea, Schellong, and Mayor Pro Tem Tynes
NOES:	Council Member Scavuzzo
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Mayor Burns

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

Reports, Concerns, Referrals

Council Member Tynes spoke about a ribbon cutting, and the special City/County meeting at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Council Member Scavuzzo spoke about his attendance at the League of California Cities Conference in September, and the ADA Committee.

Council Member Schellong stated the Visitor's Bureau has two openings. She will also attend the Pelican Bay State Prison Recycling program meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

Legislative Matters – None

CITY MANAGER DIRECTIVES

Council Member Tynes asked Eli Naffah, City Manager, to look into a 311 program.

CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk