

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

City of Crescent City

Monday	August 20, 2007	6:00 p.m.
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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 Council Member Schellong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STAFF **ELI NAFFAH**, City Manager; **BOB BLACK**, Interim City Attorney; **LINDA JANGALA**, Assistant City Clerk; **SUSIE MENDEZ**, Housing Authority Director; **JIM BARNTS**, Director of Public Works; **WILL CAPLINGER**, City Planner; **MATT HILDEBRANDT**, Pool Director; **DOUG PLACK**, Police Chief

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Council Member Scavuzzo introduced Gary Milliman, the City Manager of Brookings, OR. Mr. Milliman spoke about his past experience as City Manager of Fort Bragg, CA for 17 years and has retired in California and moved on to Brookings. Some of the common goals that Crescent City and Brookings will be working together on are the airport, tourism, and access to 199. The pool would be another topic for discussion with Mr. Milliman.

COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about Cicero, Plato, and Aristotle, not listening to people, and a prevailing elitist attitude developing in the community. He also spoke about the Hospital District project and other good signs, but also blight, homeless people, police warning tickets, and the Diehl building.

Joan Brockman, city resident, spoke about the amount of trash and litter on the street throughout the city. Ms. Brockman gave some suggestions for organized trash patrols from volunteers, asking businesses to pick up trash around their establishments, or

placing a surcharge on the property tax or business license of those businesses that contribute of allowing their bags, cartons, straws, etc., to be thrown on the ground.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, spoke about previous request to agendize the community garden, and painting lines for parking in front of some of the businesses.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of August 6, 2007**
- 2. Approval of warrant claims list for the period August 7, through August 20, 2007**
- 3. Receipt of biweekly payroll reports for the period ending August 4, paid August 10, 2007**

Mayor Burns corrected the minutes to reflect that he was present at the August 6, 2007 meeting, and item 5-a should be dated 2007, not 2004. Council Member Tynes made a motion to approve the consent calendar items as corrected; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Conduct a public hearing to consider and discuss the fiscal year 2007-08 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning and Technical Assistance application and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported and discussion followed. Mayor Burns opened the public hearing and the following people spoke:

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about hearing some good things in this presentation, but was concerned about the council doing studies, then sticking them on the shelf. Mr. Miles stated he would like to see the Chamber, BID, and the lighthouse included in this grant, and put a visitor center out at the Harbor instead of where it is now.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, stated he was under the impression that we had done pool repairs during the past years. Mr. Salisbury commented that he would like to see a study done for housing, but that most studies were redundant, and too much money had been spent on the swimming pool and for the amount of people using it, they should be bearing some of the cost. Mr. Salisbury also commented that he hoped “we are not paying people like Bob Berkowitz for some of these studies so that he may glean his Republican list and milk the numbers that he wants to milk out of them.”

Helga Burns, city resident, spoke about money needed to fix the pool and appreciates the fact that it appears on the study.

Helen Dubin, county resident, spoke about being pleased that there was another possible source of funding for the pool because the “band aid” approach to the pool has stopped being useful and the pool is aging out of existence. She also stated that “everybody” uses the pool.

Chris Howard, Chamber of Commerce, stated this item is an excellent idea.

Mayor Burns closed the public hearing and discussion continued.

Council Member Tynes made a motion to approve Resolution sample 4-B (Resolution 2007-19) approving the application for funding of the Planning and Technical Assistance allocation of the State Community Development Block Grant program and authorizing execution of the grant agreement; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

REPORTS

- **Chamber of Commerce**

Reweti Wiki, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, reported on the Action Del Norte: Community Progress Initiative, people wanting change, and meetings on Friday and Saturday on community issues.

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

Helga Burns, city resident, spoke about forming a formal committee for fundraising for the pool, and help they might offer to the pool, such as painting and yard sales.

Council Member Enea asked about the CDBG deficit and Eli Naffah, City Manager, reported that on September 18, 2006, there was an agenda item in which CDBG program reuse requests were addressed for four groups that had previously received funding. At that time, according to the Finance Department, it was thought there was \$60,000 available, and had committed \$15,000 to each of the groups, but didn't have the money. As a result, when the Senior Center approached the city and asked about funds, the city researched it to find out how much was available and it turned out that there were no funds in the reuse fund of CDBG funds. Currently, there is a deficit in that fund of \$45,000. The library received a check for \$15,000, issued December 28, 2006, and it went to the Adult Literacy Program and did come out of the reuse funds and put us further in debt in the reuse funds. Information received in the fall indicated we had \$60,000. CDBG requires that once we reach \$60,000, we have to spend that fund or lose it so that is why we wanted to utilize it. It turned out that when we went back to look recently to see exactly how much we had after the Senior Center's request, we found out that actually we did not have the money at that time. Mayor Burns asked what was not in place to catch this because a debit and credit is pretty simple to do, and how can we have \$60,000 one time and then a deficit of \$45,000 – that's a difference of over \$100,000.

Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported on closeout and reuse of various grants. Extensive discussion continued.

Cyndi Brande, Director of the Senior Center, stated this put the Senior Center in a bad spot because it was money we budgeted. She also stated this Senior Center has the largest numbers of any Senior Center in Northern California and are now serving 48% over our contracted numbers with Area Agency and have been able to do that because of CDBG funds. Ms. Brande commented it is confusing and is hoping there actually is funding for the center because a lot of the seniors are homebound seniors who cannot leave their homes. This is a program that serves everyone, not only the indigent or poor and is a vitally important program.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about being a senior citizen and hopes there is some way to assist the Senior Center. He also spoke about the check given to the library and stated that check was used wisely, and the money given to C.A.N. for the community garden was good for the community.

Mayor Burns asked that this be brought back on the next agenda because there needs to be an accounting of this.

5. Community Christmas Tree – information only – no action necessary

Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported there have been a few problems in the establishment period of this tree. Some concerns when the tree was selected were the suitability of the tree for our local climate, but Mr. Caplinger has seen numerous Giant Sequoias growing even closer to the coast than this one is. Salt damage has very specific symptoms it exhibits, primarily Leaf Tip Necrosis, which will show damage at the tips if it begins to affect the tree. Most of the terminal branches, the tips and the top of the tree are growing extremely vigorously, and there is not an indication at all that it has succumbed to salt spray. There is a small section of the tree that has some dieback, which began exhibiting itself right after the transplant occurred. A second concern is transplanting stress. The larger a specimen tree is, the more likely it is to exhibit stress. We were restricted by the size available and the particular availability for the nursery that was finally identified as having these trees. There were phenomenal storms in the Pacific Northwest at that time and this really was the only tree they could dig out of their row and deliver to us in time for the Christmas celebration. That might have had something to do with it. There was a relatively small root ball that was provided. They don't guarantee trees unless they transplant and install them. That option wasn't available. It is from a company in Hillsborough, OR, and their nursery was mostly under water at that time and it would have been another \$3,000 to \$4,000 of expense for them to come here. The tree was installed without any incident whatsoever, no damage to the root ball in shipment. We inspected it, and it appeared to be quite healthy, but you do need to wait until the establishment period to determine whether the tree exhibits some sort of major structural loss to the root system. That can exceed 50% when these trees are dug out of the nursery. After consultation with a variety of arborists, the State Urban Forester, the Director of the California Urban Foundation in Kern County, one of the things that was

determined was that it was not receiving sufficient irrigation and we have had a relatively warm and early and mid-summer up until now. We have adjusted the irrigation by providing two concentric soaker hoses around the tree in an effort to provide a more even irrigation, especially on the north side of the tree. We also dug observation trenches and determined the tree is actually responding quite well and is putting out a complete circle of healthy surface roots down to about 12 – 18 inches. The tree is establishing well, but there is some evidence that it probably received quite a lot of root loss, perhaps some major roots cut on that north side of the tree, that weren't evident in the root ball and only started to show up after we installed the tree. We are doing a variety of measures that are trying to encourage the tree to come back. Those are generally successful as evidenced in the growing tips of the tree. If the tree were overall in decline, or had contracted disease, or were suffering from salt spray, you would see that in a more uniform pattern on the tree. It is just evident on the back of about one-eighth of the tree on the northern portion. Whether or not that portion of the tree comes back still remains to be seen. In the meantime, the rest of the tree seems to be growing vigorously. The branches on the remaining part of the tree that are very green on the terminals have a little bit of die-back on the older terminals, but that is very typical when you don't have sufficient irrigation, which is why we have stepped up irrigation on the tree. The tree might not look its best at Christmas, but as an arborist, it is my opinion that it is establishing and is just going through a period that is rather stressful within the first couple of years. I can't guarantee what it is going to look like at Christmas time. I do have the tree grant for planting community trees and in the Fall we can plant some trees, one of which may include a relatively large, but not as large, replacement or secondary community Christmas Tree, probably a white fir if we can find one. Home Depot and WalMart would like to participate in a community tree-planting effort and Rural Human Services has their disaster grant and are willing to come in as a contractor and work with us so that we can expend the tree grant monies very effectively. And part of that could include possibly planting a new community Christmas Tree, but I think the location for that one would be in Beachfront Park rather than somewhere in a city parking lot or in one of the street tree pits around the city.

Discussion followed. No action necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Consider and approve Resolution No. 2007-23 setting the date for a public hearing on sewer rate increases and directing that notice be given to ratepayers, and take action as necessary and appropriate

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, reported this resolution is required because of Proposition 218. The hearing is October 15, 2007, and if over 50% of the property owners protest the increase in sewer rates, then we will have to try to do something different.

Richard Miles, city resident, stated it is important that the public, especially the rate payers, should come to the public hearing because a lot of people can't afford these rate increases.

Discussion followed. Eli Naffah stated this notice will go to the property owners.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-23 setting October 15, 2007, for a public hearing on sewer rate increases and directing that notice be given to property owners; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Consider and approve payoff of REDIP/USDA Loan and take action as necessary and appropriate

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

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about "counting chickens before they hatch," the city budget, the State not passing their budget, and the city not knowing how much money they will be getting from the state.

Council Member Enea made a motion to approve the payoff of the REDIP/USDA loan of \$43,797.62; the motion was seconded by Council Member Tynes and so carried unanimously by the following polled vote:

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

8. Consider and approve a declaration of surplus property and take action as necessary and appropriate

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

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about a new street sweeper.

Council Member Enea made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

Reports, Concerns, Referrals

Eli Naffah, City Manager, reported on a recent meeting with Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP).

Council Member Schellong also reported on a recent meeting with PBSP concerning ideas on a recycling program, and a work force from the prison. There will be another meeting next week.

Mayor Burns reiterated that the CDBG item must be brought back to the council in September, and reminded staff about having RDA workshops, and asked that warrants showing on both the city and RDA sides be looked at.

Police Chief Plack reported on plans for a veterans memorial in the city. This will be on a future agenda.

Legislative Matters – None

CITY MANAGER DIRECTIVES

CLOSED SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk

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Crescent City Redevelopment Agency

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burns called the meeting to order in regular session at 8:45 p.m.
ROLL CALL Present: Agency Members Schellong, Tynes, Enea, Scavuzzo, and Mayor Burns
Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about the RDA area, and painting old redwood.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of July 16, 2007**
- 2. Approval of warrant claims list for the period August 7, through August 20, 2007**

Council Member Tynes left the room at 8:45 p.m. and returned at 8:48 p.m. Council Member Scavuzzo questioned the same warrants appearing on both the regular and RDA reports.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items as presented; the motion was seconded Council Member Enea and so carried, 3-1, by the following polled vote:

AYES: Council Members Schellong, Enea, and Mayor Burns
NOES: Council Member Scavuzzo
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Council Member Tynes was absent for the vote

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3. Meeting with John Schiary of California RDA Association

Eli Naffah, City Manager, gave the council an update on a meeting with John Schiary of California RDA Association. Mr. Schiary suggested on putting effort into one concentrated area rather than spot projects throughout the city because they do not have the net impact from which the city could benefit, and there are limited dollars in redevelopment. Mr. Schiary said try to focus, expand the Redevelopment Area to the Harbor, try to have ground-level retail, and make more improvements to Shoreline Park to encourage the more upscale RV's to stay in our town. Discussion followed. Signage needs improvement. No action taken.

BUSINESS ITEMS – None

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEMS – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Dianne Nickerson, Secretary

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Crescent City Housing Authority

CALL TO Authority Member Burns called the meeting to order at 8:55 p.m.
ROLL CALL Present: Authority Members Shellong, Tynes, Enea, Scavuzzo, and Mayor Burns
Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about renters' rights in California, money given to owners for remodeling apartment complexes, a tenant who is living out of boxes because she was told she would have to move at any time so her residence could be remodeled, and she is not aware of her rights.

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Council Member Enea made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Tynes and so carried unanimously, 5-0

HOUSING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Susie Mendez, Housing Director, reported that payments to the city from the Housing Authority are listed in a different category.

Council Member Tynes remarked upon how beautiful and clean the Seagull Apartment complex is.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

SUSIE MENDEZ, SECRETARY