



Jesse Salisbury, city resident, thanked the council for the bike rack outside the Cultural Center, and trashcans on the beach at Preston Isle, .

Ken Esselstrom suggested enforcing the \$1,000 fine for littering or community work to pay for littering.

Ted Scott complained about shopping carts in the city and the cost to consumers for stolen carts, and asked where people are going to the bathroom at South Beach.

Jim Barrett, city resident, spoke about the Police Department not having enough money, the pier, the kite festival, the farmer's market in the city, Sandy's Fish & Chips, not having a boat rental facility in the area, and businesses that need to be subsidized; Mr. Barrett commented that if there is half a million dollars available, put it into the Police Department.

Linda Sutter, city resident, apologized to Council Member Scavuzzo and stated he is the "... about the only one doing a hell of a job on the city council." She also spoke about drug dealers around her house and thanked Chief Plack and the Sheriff's Department for arresting people, and she commented it was ludicrous to give the Chamber of Commerce \$168,000 for tourism and advertising because there are other things for which the money could be used.

Ron Plechaty, county resident, spoke about different opinions on the idea of investing money and advertising and the importance of investing money wisely, the enterprise zone, annexing the harbor, and proposed that the city look at an application for an enterprise zone as part of that investment.

Council Member Kolodner commented that shopping carts are a common problem in cities and the onus of what happens to those carts is the responsibility of the owner (stores), and they have the responsibility for, and are accepting this responsibility. We are better than we were five years ago. One year, VIP collected 528 carts and brought them back to the owners. Storeowners still don't do it every day and not 100%, but it is getting better and is something that is being addressed.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Approval of the regular city council meeting minutes of August 15, and the Special Meeting of August 26, 2005**
- 2. Approval of warrant claims list for the period August 22, through September 6, 2005**
- 3. Receipt of biweekly payroll report for the period ending August 20, paid August 26, 2005**
- 4. Approval of closure of Howe Drive for approximately one month**

**5. Approval of the final parcel map for the John and Susan Degemis property**

**6. Approval of the final subdivision map for the Mary Martinez Subdivision**

Council Member Tynes made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, but eliminate the “Alternatives” section from the reports on items 5 and 6; the motion was seconded by Council Member Scavuzzo and so carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**REPORTS**

**7. Chamber of Commerce**

Earl Hansen, Executive Director, chose to defer his report as the president of the chamber is making a major presentation later in the evening.

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

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. Introduce and waive the first reading of Zoning Code Amendment #ZCA 05-01, set date for public hearing, and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported and expressed concern of a public misconception about the intent of the ordinance and what it is meant to accomplish, especially concerning the applicability. The ordinance only applies to new construction of main buildings, the expansion of the floor area of main buildings, a change in use, or a rezoning to one of the applicable districts. It doesn't trigger any requirement for a change in occupancy. If a person buys a house, the ordinance doesn't apply as long as there is no associated improvement expansion of the residence, etc. Discussion followed. Council Member Scavuzzo had questions about people having a kitchen. Will Caplinger clarified that if someone kept a kitchen garden and it remained fallow (just bare dirt), it would technically constitute a public nuisance, otherwise, there is nothing in the ordinance that prohibits or addresses kitchen gardens. Mayor Burns commented the ordinance states you may have vegetation of just about any kind in your front yard. The list of vegetation is only a suggestion. Council Member Scavuzzo stated he just wanted to make it clear that you may have a kitchen garden in the front or side yard as long as you maintain it, irrigation sources, and shrub and tree choices.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about a weed abatement ordinance and asked for the city's definition of a weed.

The council directed staff to compose a weed definition section that is as complete as possible without being so detailed that it is too cumbersome; this item will be brought back to the next city council meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **10. Chamber of Commerce presentation and update on marketing plans previously discussed at the August 1, 2005 city council meeting**

Mike Sullivan, President of the Crescent City/Del Norte Chamber of Commerce, requested that the council take action tonight and vote to put money into marketing the community. Mr. Sullivan commented on citizen's concerns mentioned earlier that included increased staffing for the police force, cleaning up the community and filling up the empty buildings and stated he feels the only way to address all of those things and pay for them is by investing money into marketing. He then gave his presentation and introduced Don Leonard, Executive Director of the Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau, John Thompson, Trees of Mystery, and Bill Stamps, Jr., who spoke in favor of putting money into marketing. Mike Sullivan stated the Tourism Advisory is requesting the council to take action today and vote in favor of investing money into marketing. The committee members are Mike Sullivan, Chris Howard, Bhanu Patel, John Thompson, Leslie McNamer, Chuck Blackburn, Herb Kolodner, Mario Deiro, Aaron Funk, Lucky Seven and Elk Valley Casinos, and Earl Hanson.

Mayor Burns stated this item was not agendaized to take action. He then opened the subject to public comment.

Dan Gilliland, city resident, spoke in favor of this item.

Richard Miles, city resident, stated he has mixed feelings about this item.

Jim Barrett, city resident, spoke against.

John Pritchett spoke in favor.

Chris Howard, county resident, spoke in favor.

Jack Burlake, city resident, spoke against.

Neil Yeager stated he is in support of marketing spending.

Jay Freeman, county resident, past Chamber President, spoke in favor.

Bhanu Patel spoke in favor.

Dan Potts spoke in favor.

Sonia Chong spoke in favor.

Kelly Schellong, Chamber Board Member, spoke in favor.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, spoke about this item not being agendaized for action and stated that if money is available, some of it should be directed to the library.

Aaron Funk, Advisory board member, Americas Wild Rivers Coast board member, Klamath Chamber of Commerce member and former vice president, and Crescent City/Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce member, spoke in favor.

Linda LaMar, spoke in favor.

Bill Stamps, Jr., county resident, spoke in favor.

Ted Scott, stated more activities are needed in the area.

Discussion followed. Council Member Scavuzzo suggested the chamber look into the California Tourist Marketing Act, passed in 1997, to advertise tourism and jobs. This item will be brought back to the September 19, 2005 meeting as an action item, with more details to be provided from the chamber. Staff was directed to look into how \$168,000 will affect this year's budget. Questions asked of the chamber are:

- Is this in addition to, or is the \$168,000 part of money that is already given to the chamber?
- Who will administer this money?
- What are the real facts?
- How does the money flow?
- Has any extra revenue become available since the budget passed in July?

### **CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

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

Council Member Scavuzzo asked about locating a mobile home at the cemetery so a caretaker may stay there to help prevent vandalism.

Mayor Burns talked about a machine from Japan that is being used in the construction of Home Depot and it has never been used in the United States before. It is being used to create gravel for reuse as building materials in the construction of the building.

#### **☒ Legislative Matters**

Dave Wells, City Manager, stated the problem with telephone companies wanting to provide cable television services without paying franchise fees has been delayed until later in September at the State Legislature.

### **CITY MANAGER DIRECTIVES – None**

### **CLOSED SESSION – None**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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L. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk