

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

City of Crescent City

Tuesday September 4, 2007 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Council Members Tynes, Schellong, and Mayor Burns
Absent: Council Members Enea and Scavuzzo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Burns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STAFF **ELI NAFFAH**, City Manager; **BOB BLACK**, Interim City Attorney; **L. DIANNE NICKERSON**, City Clerk; **JIM BARNITS**, Director of Public Works; **WILL CAPLINGER**, City Planner; **DOUG PLACK**, Police Chief; **JOEI SANCHES**, Finance Director

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS – None

COMMUNICATIONS

Bill Lonsdale, county resident, spoke about Constitution Day and gave some history of its creation and changes throughout the years.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, spoke about a letter to the editor, bridging Elk Creek, offsite signage, and a community bulletin board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of September 4, 2007
2. Approval of warrant claims list for the period September 5, through September 17, 2007
3. Receipt of biweekly payroll reports for the period ending September 1, paid September 7, 2007

Mayor Burns pulled item 6, Update on CDBG funds (specifically re-use funds) from the September 4, 2007 minutes, because it had not been agendaized as an action item, and directed staff to bring the item back at a future meeting. Council Member Tynes made a motion to approve the consent calendar items, with the exception of item 6 in the September 4, 2007 minutes; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Conduct a public hearing to notify the public regarding annual accomplishments made through a grant to the city under the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, including grants 04-EDBG-0621, and 05-STBG-151. No action necessary.**

Mayor Burns opened the public hearing and Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported. There were no public comments and Mayor Burns closed the public comment period. The City Council accepted the report as presented.

- 5. Conduct a public hearing to consider and adopt a Negative Declaration, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, for project title Place of Use Expansion 2007 (SCH #2007072125) and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Mayor Burns opened the public hearing and Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported.

Jeff McCadden, county resident, asked for clarification of a negative declaration.

Connie Morrison, county resident, asked about connecting to city lines.

Sincerity Israel, county resident, asked about the relation to the Pacific Shores area.

Jim Barrett, city resident, asked the council to remember that the idea of expanding outward is in itself a population impact.

No other comments were forthcoming and Mayor Burns closed the public comment period.

Discussion followed. Council Member Tynes made a motion to adopt a Negative Declaration, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, for project title Place of Use Expansion 2007 (SCH #2007072125); the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

REPORTS

- Chamber of Commerce**

Reweti Wiki, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, did not have a report because his wife is accepting an award in Washington, D.C.

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

Council Member Scavuzzo reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, and spoke about the budget process.

Council Member Enea reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference and their meeting concerning public safety, particularly regarding sexual predators not being allowed to be near schools, parks, and other public places. He stated this subject is now going before the courts because criminals are unable to find places to live.

6. Demonstration by the Crescent City Police Dog, Zeus

At 6:10 p.m., Mayor Burns moved the meeting outside to the west lawn so the public could witness a demonstration of Zeus' numerous abilities in assisting police officers. The meeting returned back inside at 6:35 p.m.

7. Receive a report on plans for the downtown area during the 2007 Christmas season

Billie Kaye Gavin-Tygart, BID, reported on Bid's downtown holiday efforts. BID has plans for additional meetings regarding banners that are compatible with posts, and a Halloween parade.

8. Consider a funding proposal for the Crescent City Police Department and take action as necessary and appropriate

Barry Evert, private citizen, went over his grant proposal for funding to deal with blight, crime, and adding more police officers to the city. No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 9. Consider and approve Community Development Block Grant Program, 2007-08 Planning and Technical Assistance Allocation, Application Phase, and Resolution 2007-28, approving an application and contract execution for funding from the Planning and Technical Assistance Allocation of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and authorizing the execution of a grant agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the State of California for the purposes of this grant; take action as necessary and appropriate**

Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported and the following people spoke:

Sincerity Israel, county resident, spoke about motor homes and this being a very good use for housing.

Larry Lakes, RHS, reported this project has support of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Chamber of Commerce, and is good for the economy of the community, and is in favor of moving the Visitor's Center to Harbor property.

Sandy Blakely, city resident, stated containerized housing is not something you would want next to your house.

Doug Morgan, CAN, spoke about container housing and money that will be spent locally. He stated a local architect would be employed. Mr. Morgan also spoke about the housing crunch, export abroad, and stated a \$300,000 grant has been awarded from HUD for this program and would take three years to complete.

Jim Barrett, city resident, thanked RHS and CAN, and spoke against another information center because there are already three in this area. Mr. Barrett also spoke about the importance of helping people.

Eileen Cooper, city resident, spoke about a local theater group that only needed \$30,000 to purchase a local site and couldn't come up with the money. She stated we spend so much money to encourage people to come here, then can't give them anything for entertainment.

Relia, county resident, spoke about slowing down traffic.

Connie Morrison, city resident, spoke about how beautiful her drive was to this area until she arrived in Crescent City.

Michael, county resident, stated that a central area for information would be very helpful and commented that growth isn't bad as long as it doesn't double.

Jeff McCadden, county resident, stated that money should go for things that work, not tourism. Mr. McCadden stated that government is the target industry here and that tourism is not a viable option.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, stated his mother lives in Apache Junction, Arizona, and that this type of housing does not need a study, just do it.

Discussion followed and Will Caplinger reported this is a competitive grant, not guaranteed funds.

Council Member Enea made a motion to approve a Community Development Block Grant Program, 2007-08 Planning and Technical Assistance Allocation, Application

Phase, and Resolution 2007-28, approving an application and contract execution for funding from the Planning and Technical Assistance Allocation of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and authorizing the execution of a grant agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the State of California for the purposes of this grant, \$70,000 of which would be used for swimming pool renovation, and the remaining amount for CAN; the motion was seconded by Council Member Scavuzzo and so carried, 3-2, by the following polled vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

10. Consider and approve Resolution 2007-27 of the City Council of Crescent City adopting procedures for receiving and tabulating protests against water and sewer rate increases under Proposition 218

Bob Black, Interim City Attorney, reported on Proposition 218, and extensive discussion ensued. The following members of the public spoke:

Bill Lonsdale, county resident, urged the council to be fair.

Sincerity Israel, county resident, spoke about council not worrying about the renters.

Karin Brock, county resident, spoke against sewer rate increases.

Laura Gardner, county resident, spoke about being on a fixed income.

Eileen Cooper, city resident, stated the city deserves a negative rating on this issue.

Jim Barrett, city resident, thanked Council Member Scavuzzo for representing the people.

_____ (no name given) spoke about double-taxing.

Paul, no last name or residence, stated that in Los Angeles, the sewer bill is a fraction of what it is in this area and this should be on a ballot.

Kenny Towe, city resident, stated he hasn't heard about businesses.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, stated Proposition 218 needs clarification on who can vote.

Jeff McCadden, county resident, spoke about third-world countries.

Barry Evert, city resident, spoke in favor of the increase.

Brian Benson, county resident, stated that \$30 may not sound like a lot, but to some folks it is and the people who are paying the bills should be allowed to vote on this issue.

Relia (no last name), county resident, stated the council needs to listen to the people.

Council Member Scavuzzo made a motion to add both rate payers and property owners to the list of people who may vote on the sewer increase; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and so carried unanimously, 5-0, by the following polled vote:

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

11. Consider and approve Resolution 2007-29, scheduling a public hearing to consider proposed sewer service rate increases and directing that notice of the hearing be given and amending Resolution 2007-23

Bob Black, Interim City Attorney, reported and discussion ensued. The following members of the public spoke:

Eileen Cooper, city resident, stated the public needs critical information before a hearing takes place and asked what part contributes to expansion.

Kenny Towe, city resident, asked why commercial going up more than residential.

Jack Burlake, city resident, spoke in favor.

Laura Gardner, county resident, spoke against.

Bill Lonsdale, county resident, thanked the council for their statesmen-like way.

Rita Brandeau, county resident, spoke against.

Paul Norup, county resident, suggested putting a yes or no box on the sewer bills.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-29, scheduling a public hearing to consider proposed sewer service rate increases and directing that notice of the hearing be given and amending Resolution 2007-23; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

12. Consider and discuss underground utilities and take action as necessary and appropriate

This item was tabled until the October 1, 2007 council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

Reports, Concerns, Referrals

Council Member Schellong reminded everyone of the Airport JPA signing.

Council Member Enea spoke about a blighted residence on Gainard, blight code enforcement, and plan check reports.

Legislative Matters – None

CITY MANAGER DIRECTIVES – None

CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk