



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FLYNN CENTER
981 H STREET
CRESCENT CITY, CA 95531**

City of Crescent City

Monday November 2, 2009 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Schellong opened the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Dennis Burns, Donna Westfall, Charles Slert, Kathryn Murray and Mayor Kelly Schellong
Council Members Absent: None
Staff Present: City Manager Rod Butler, City Attorney Robert Black, Director of Public Works Jim Barnts, City Planner/Economic Development Specialist Michele Rambo, Deputy City Clerk Karen Phillips

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Slert

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. CLOSED SESSION

- Existing Litigation (Gov't Code § 54956.9 subdivision (a)) (Four cases: Sanches vs. City of Crescent City, USDC CV08-1395; Barber vs. City of Crescent City, USDC Northern District of California, Case #08-CV-04883-WDB; Misti Cardenas vs. City of Crescent City, et. al., USDC CV08-4053; Brian Strom vs. City of Crescent City, USDC Case #CV08-4708)
- Conference with Labor Negotiator Re: Crescent City Police Officers Association (CCPOA) (Gov't Code § 54957 et seq)
- Potential Litigation (Gov't Code § 54956.9 subdivision (b)) (Two cases)

Mayor Schellong asked for public comment on the closed session items, there being none she convened the meeting in closed session at 5:05 p.m. The closed session was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened in open session at 6:00 p.m. City Attorney Black reported that no actions were taken during closed session.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

2. Approve, read and present A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009. (Chief Doug Plack)

The proclamation was read and presented to Tommy Sparrow by Mayor Schellong.

On a motion by Council Member Slert, seconded by Council Member Burns, and unanimously carried, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved and adopted the PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009.

3. Approve, read and present Certificates of Appreciation for years of service to the following employees: Donna Arnett (20 years), Debra Wright (20 years), Susie Mendez (22 years), Laura Haban (27 years), Ron Watt (29 years), Gil Estrela (31 years), Ken Brown (34 years), and recent retiree Roger Buckskin (30 years).

Mayor Schellong presented the certificates to employees and thanked them for their service to the City. Donna Arnett, Roger Buckskin and Laura Haban were not present to accept the certificates; 20 years of service - Debra Wright; 29 years of service - Ronald Watt; 22 years of service - Susie Mendez; 31 years of service - Gil Estrela; 34 years of service - Kenneth Brown. The following members made comments: Council Member Burns mentioned that the total years of service for these employees represents 183+ years; he thanked the employees for their time and dedication. Council Member Slert offered that these years of service represent monumental achievements; to have that much dedication is outstanding. Council Member Murray indicated that it is amazing that staff can stick with the City through various council and employee transitions. Susie Mendez indicated that the City has been amazing to work for and it has provided a great opportunity for her, for which she is grateful.

Mayor Schellong mentioned that her grandmother, who has cancer, is with family this evening and is watching the meeting via computer. Mayor Schellong wished to say “hello” to her grandmother and welcome her to the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Approval of the regular minutes of October 19, 2009 Crescent City Council meeting.
5. Approval of warrant claims list for the period October 20, through November 2, 2009.
6. Approval of biweekly payroll reports for the period ending October 23, 2009, paid October 30, 2009.

After noting that the minutes were great, the following typographical changes were made to the minutes: page 4, first sentence “scenic vis”, should be “vista”; 12 lines down “Elk Creek Bridge park” not “part”; ...fish and birds “with” instead of “wit”; page 5, 3 lines from bottom, “space” should be “base”; page 8 references waiting until the “planning” commission can review not “plastic”; third line from the bottom in Donna Westfall’s comments - should have listed the town of “Santa Paula”; page 9, third paragraph refers to Council Member Slert being concerned about previous council....change to “to owner of Square Deal”; page 9 suggested “through” rather than “though small”; page 8 Donna Westfall left meeting and returned five minutes later; and page 12, Donna Westfall left the meeting at 8:30 p.m. “due to illness”.

On a motion by Council Member Burns, seconded by Council Member Slert, and unanimously carried, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved and adopted the consent calendar, consisting of items 4-6, with changes as noted.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - none

NOTE: If you challenge the decision of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. (Gov’t Code § 65009)

7. REPORTS

- Reports relative to the City of Crescent City programs and projects, from staff or outside agencies.

The following reports were made: Rod Butler reported that the City had good news to report regarding the State Water Resources Board and the Revolving Loan Fund loan extension, which the City has asked for an extension on the loan. The terms of the current loan are for 20 years. Under the City's request for an extension, the terms would be extended to a 30 year loan. Staff has done excellent work in making this happen. Jim Barnts commented on the term extension, which he feels is still "short term" for this type of loan. This extension could provide a big break to the ratepayers and will allow a much more flexible rate plan. The increase scheduled to occur in two months may be eliminated and the one in July could be reduced also. This will mean that the rates will be revised and come back to the Council. Council Member Burns stated that he felt that this could be the rate scenario; it has not been voted on and will require an ordinance to revise the approved rates that are on the books now.

In other action, Mr. Barnts reported on the microsurfacing project. Over the next three weeks, if we have good weather, the micro-surfacing folks will be working on the roadways to get the microsurfacing in place and restripe 180 blocks of roadway in the City; it will be quite a facelift if the weather holds.

COMMUNICATIONS

➤ PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD -

The following persons addressed the Council: Miriam Felt, county resident, commented on rental property increases. She owns a mobile home at Pacific Terrace Manor and they have had many rent increases, including 19% this year alone. Next year will be much the same. She also is noticing that she has a decreased property value. She wanted to know if there was any rental increase ordinance that could be instituted; Vicky Dickey, county resident, stated that Miriam's comments have echoed what she has been saying for months. People can't afford to stay in their homes. Costs are driving folks out of the area and she feels that we should do all we can to cut down the costs; Jaime Yarbrough, commented on the mechanic's creed "if it was not broken don't fix it" and other sayings. He commented on the terms in the agenda regarding "Giving direction to staff or take other action as necessary", and the vagueness of the agenda wording; Chris Howard, county resident, congratulated Mayor Schellong on her year as mayor. He complimented the council members for the incredible job that they do and for the hits that the members take each meeting, especially the Mayor. He thanked Kelly for giving her time as mayor; City resident, Judy Wolf, indicated that she moved here because this is the second poorest county in the state. She bought a modest mobile home in a senior park, thinking that she could live here inexpensively. Now, her rent is \$130.00 more than before; Nanette Reed commented on her rent at Spruce Haven and the rent increase there also.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

8. Consider, introduce amended proposed Ordinance No. 746, entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY AMENDING CHAPTER 5.100 OF THE CRESCENT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE METHOD AND BASIS OF BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS, waive the full reading and read by title only. (Martha Rice)

Discussion was held regarding the amended Ordinance No. 746. This is essentially the identical ordinance that was introduced in September; however, Exhibit "A-09" was omitted and is attached in the ordinance presented here.

On a motion by Council Member Burns, seconded by Council Member Westfall, and unanimously carried on a four-fifths polled vote, with Mayor Schellong abstaining, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved and introduced Ordinance No. 746 as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Consider and discuss a potential strategy to fund the Visitor's Bureau by establishing a new BID. (Robert Black)

Mayor Schellong reported on the TOT taxes and how they are allocated. She suggested the establishment of an ad hoc committee to strategize on how to fund the Visitor's Bureau over the long haul. She believes that the council supports this organization. Consideration was given to adding a county member to the ad hoc committee. The City Attorney has put together a benefit assessment for businesses that receive benefit of the tourism dollars. City Attorney Black discussed the concept of a Tourist Improvement District and the fact that this idea has been floating around for the last five or six years. He was recently in San Francisco where the rate of TOT was 17%, or so, and a tourism assessment charge was added on top of that. One of the assumptions of this program, should it be implemented, would be that tourism promotion is successful and that the businesses would want to support it. Some businesses already have significant advertising budgets. Businesses contributing would be paying into a large fund that would be spent to advertise the community and spent by those with like minds. Government agencies are not structured to know if there is increased business; businesses do know and they are on the front line to correct or change based on their advocacy on the BID board. This does not mean that the City would drop out of the support of tourism. As a long term strategy using general fund money as the only support of promotion is not a successful one and it is controversial and not consistent. This BID would give the process some consistency with businesses paying a relatively small amount annually. Council Member Slert indicated that this is about sustainability via tourism; he thinks an ad hoc committee is timely. The suggestion was made that the tourism bureau be administered by Tri-Agency and could include public and private sector and approaching businesses that benefit directly from tourism to facilitate discussions. Council Member Murray indicated that she feels that an assessment district is a little too early in the process. She feels that an ad hoc committee should be formed and should discuss it first. She does feel that we already have a measureable way of seeing if the tourism dollars are successful by the amount of TOT that comes in annually. She had seen the presentations given previously. Council Member Donna Westfall indicated that the business owners are crying the blues and if we were able to reduce the sewer rates perhaps business owners might have more to contribute to tourism. Council Member Dennis Burns indicated that tourism dollars benefits the businesses most, and if the taxes go up, the City still gets that same amount. The City did ask for an increase to

12% in the past and the businesses did not help in that endeavor, he likes that this puts the payment on those it benefits most. Mayor Schellong indicated that this is a win-win situation, considering different ideas and creating a dialogue is a good start. She asked to take agenda Items 9 and 10 together for public comment: Jodi Mangum, city resident, she asked about Motivo. She would like to know what happened to the money; the consultant did not have a storefront here and she could not get in touch with her. Mayor Schellong indicated that the report was in Tamera Leighton's office; Chris Howard, representing the Visitor's Bureau, said that "We are repeating mistakes." Back in the 1960's when the TOT taxes were instituted; some governments put the funds totally towards tourism and not into the general fund. He welcomes the open discussion regarding this issue and a member of the Chamber or Visitors Bureau on this ad hoc committee. He feels that Tri-Agency would be veering off their mission and it would be a mistake to place the work with them; Supervisor Mike Sullivan, county resident, is encouraged by this discussion; however, he thinks that the business owners would not go for this assessment. He does think the City benefits from the TOT. He wanted to know why we should reinvent the wheel and do it a different way. He feels that the County would want to participate in this process. This has been a discussion for years or decades and there was the intention in the past to market the community. Mr. Black had no basis to disagree with comments; it is definitely not a repeat as the TOT is collected by 20 or 25 businesses and this proposal would apply to all businesses in the community. This would be applicable to 500 businesses included the large chain stores and gas stations. The cost would be scalable to the business type and size, which would refine the approach to make the assessment affordable. Mayor Schellong indicated that the council would like to fix the issue. Gerry Nailon, county resident, indicated that he heard citizens speak about rental increases tonight and he feels that increases and assessments would be passed on to the residents not to tourists. He does not think that this is what the City wants. He does not support moving the Visitors Bureau to Tri-Agency as they are already too busy. Mayor Schellong appointed Council Members Burns and Slert to the ad hoc committee and she will communicate with the Board of Supervisors Chair and Chamber of Commerce regarding membership on the ad hoc committee.

10. Consider and appoint an ad hoc committee for the formation of a strategic plan to address long-term funding for the Crescent City/Del Norte Visitor's Bureau. (Kelly Schellong)

See above.

11. Consider and discuss the newly revised Code Compliance Program. Give direction to staff or take other action as necessary and appropriate. (Michele Rambo)

Michele Rambo reviewed and reported on the Code Compliance Program. There is an ordinance regarding code compliance currently on the books, which has not been widely enforced. The town hall meeting in May of 2009 brought this issue to light again. Staff has been working on stepped up enforcement of city ordinances. A task force has been developed and is working to find solutions and enforce the codes by assisting the property owners with the assistance of other local agencies. Staff is using a combined approach of reactive and proactive action to identify issues. Currently the administrative citation process is being used to get property owners to comply with the ordinances. Most of the work will be done by Eric Taylor, which represents approximately 25% of

his time. It is anticipated that this program will require a part-time position when it is up and running full scale. Incentive programs are being recommended along with the clearing of vacant lots with the assistance of the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority. The property owners will then be billed for the work, if they do not comply. Changes need to be made to the municipal code to incorporate the new policies and procedures. There is only a small amount of revenue generated by this program. Mayor Schellong asked if this was the choice of Mr. Taylor. Staff indicated that Mr. Taylor likes this type of work. Staff was also asked why a part-time person would be needed to answer phones for general planning questions. According to the breakdown of time for this program and on job duties, there would need to be someone to answer these general public questions. Council Member Westfall asked if the property owners of overgrown lots would be given a list of persons that could help them clean up their lots. Staff indicated that currently property owners are given a warning letter; they have not been assisted with clean up or given a list of vendors. Council Member Westfall asked how many of the owners live out of town. The number of out of town landowners was not available. She feels that it would be a good idea to add a list to the warning letter that included vendors who could assist them so that they would be aware of those providing services. Council Member Murray asked if this program would put the City in alignment with the County. Staff indicated that the County is doing their own code enforcement. Council Member Burns asked about program duties and general fund costs. Staff indicated that this program represents a stepped up level of activity in code enforcement. Mayor Schellong asked for above changes to be incorporated in the program and asked the City Manager to work out the job descriptions and duties with current staffing. Council Member Slert would like to see a minimal impact on the general fund and indicated that "We should set the tone and get the ordinances enforced, which will make the community better." Having out of town or in town owners is a moot point for him. He felt that this would be a win-win situation. Council Member Donna Westfall commented on having goats do the abatement, which has worked very successfully in other areas. The one citation that has been issued came into the office today and requested a payment plan. Wes Nunn asked about blight and use of the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority (DNSWMA). The DNSWMA only takes on landscape maintenance, waste, etc. Jodi Mangum commented on code compliance laws as they pertain to vacant buildings. She would like to have this be a part of the code compliance that the City is working on.

12. Consider and discuss open Planning Commission seats and recruitment information. Give direction to staff or take other action as necessary and appropriate. (Michele Rambo)

Michele Rambo spoke about the two resignations on the Commission.

Council Member Westfall left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Ms. Rambo indicated that notices for the vacancies have been posted, but no applications have been received to date. Staff would like to have folks apply to fill the vacancies. Applicants spend about 18 hours a month in these duties. Council Members are encouraged to recruit citizens they know and have them apply.

Council Member Westfall returned to the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

13. Consider and discuss report format to update the Council on total expenses regarding all litigation, recall, and initiative items. Give direction to staff or take other action as necessary and appropriate. (Kelly Schellong)

Mayor Schellong reported on the ongoing litigation and the amount of staff time being spent for the recall efforts and ballot initiatives (fluoride and sewer fee roll back). The Mayor would like to see a regular update regarding hard staff costs. She asked that the grand jury reporting time be added to this list. Council Member Slert wants to have a line item list of the recalls (1 and 2) and the sewer roll back ballot measure, grand jury complaint and for the numerous inquires over the past year that have required the department heads City Attorney and staff or consultants to answer. The City has also reported to the FPPC. The total amount of staff time and cost is considerable. He wants to have an update at each meeting. Mayor Schellong would like to see the recall and ballot initiative costs, as she feels that it is costing a large amount of time and staff energy. Council Member Slert feels that this has caused the City to spend money in areas that cheat them from paying for police staff, etc. Council Member Westfall asked why these questions were not asked when there was an issue with the electrical subcontractors. Jodi Mangum commented on the difference between this discussion and the small amount that these questions have caused. She feels that the council should be interested in the amounts that the contract for the sewer plant left out not what time staff has expended. She thinks that "the council is what is costing the citizens money" and she feels that the council is not doing oversight. She wants to know if the Stover Engineering contract went out to bid. Mayor Schellong indicated that much of what Ms. Mangum said is erroneous and there is a lot of information that is being patched together which gives the wrong information to the public. Kenneth Towe, city resident, indicated that the council should have followed Mike Scavuzzo's 218 suggestions. He wanted to know if we would be discussing this now. Vicky Dickey says she sees some bright people in this room and she asked why the Council does not instruct staff to answer the questions. She has never felt that her questions have been answered. Mayor Schellong indicated that there was a report put together for those asking questions. Information has been generated by staff; however, it is not believed because it comes from staff, according to the City Attorney. Hours of interviews were held by the Grand Jury as well as documents from the City. It is hard when you go to an outside entity and the conclusions say that there were some lapses, but they say no conflict of interest, no corruption, need a better process and they found an appearance of conflict, but no actual conflict. Then the complaint was presented to the FPPC where was no evidence presented. Vicky Dickey indicated that Mr. Barnts indicated that he did not know that he was supposed to file 700 forms. The City has since that time updated the conflict of interest code to require employees to announce any business interest either in the City or County. Council Member Westfall, city resident, remarked that there is a problem with the labor performance with regard to the sewer plant. In addition to Colvin Electric, two other contractors may not be complying with overtime according to her sources. She wants to know if any of the other contractors are complying with labor compliance. She wanted to know if we have a labor compliance issue. City Attorney Black asked if Ms. Westfall wanted to see if any other subcontractors were falsifying payroll. She indicated yes. Council Member Murray pointed out that neither she nor Mr. Slert were on the council until November 2008.

14. Consider and approve the City Council meeting calendar for the months of December 2009, January 2010, and February 2010. Give direction to staff or take other action as necessary and appropriate. (Rod Butler)

This is a housekeeping item according to staff. A history of past meeting schedules was held. The January meetings fall on holiday schedules and many staff members are gone during that time. The December schedule also falls near holidays as well as the meeting in February. Council Member Slert stated that the first order of business is to attend to the City's business, he would be available. Council Member Burns indicated that he will be out of town the 21 of December. Council Member Murray will be out of town that date as well. December 7th was proposed as the only meeting in December and staff recommended that the County decide on meetings for January then.

The schedule as presented by staff and by direction from the Mayor they were directed to cancel the December 21 meeting and to decide on the other meetings on December 7, 2009.

15. Consider and adopt Resolution No.2009-39, entitled, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE OF THE SELLER'S PROPOSITION 1A RECEIVABLE FROM THE STATE; AND DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, or take other action as necessary and appropriate. (Ken McDonald)

Finance Director Ken McDonald reported on the recommended action. This will make the City's property tax whole and is like an interest free loan.

On a motion by Council Member Slert, seconded by Council Member Murray, and unanimously carried on a polled vote, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved and adopted Resolution No. 2009-39, entitled, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE OF THE SELLER'S PROPOSITION 1A RECEIVABLE FROM THE STATE; AND DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

16. Consider and adopt Resolution No.2009-40, entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY ADOPTING A NEW BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE, or take other action as necessary and appropriate. (Martha Rice)

This resolution would put the City in line with the County's permit fees. Staff indicated that the square foot construction costs would be upped to follow the county's fees which are changed quarterly based on data.

On a motion by Council Member Burns, seconded by Council Member Slert, and unanimously carried on a polled vote, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved and adopted Resolution No. 2009-40, entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY ADOPTING A NEW BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE.

17. Consider and approve payment of Wahlund Construction invoice #29 and Stover Engineering Invoice #30, or take other action as necessary and appropriate. (Jim Barnets)

On a motion by Council Member Slert, seconded by Council Member Burns, and carried of a four-fifths vote, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved and adopted the payment requests #29 and 30, as presented.

18. Consider and approve a revised policy for the Employee Recognition Program, or take other action as necessary and appropriate. (Rod Butler)

Council Member Dennis Burns left meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Schellong indicated that she feels that the honoring of employees is important and that this is an update of the recognition policy. There are some financial rewards for employees in the form of a longevity step pay increase based on the union the individual employee belongs to. The specific change in the program is the service pins that would be given out for specific terms of employment. Council Member Slert is in full agreement with the program; it is a good way to recognize the good work. Mayor Schellong indicated that she does see that this is appreciated.

Council Member Burns returned to the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

On a motion by Council Member Murray, seconded by Council Member Slert, and unanimously carried, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved and adopted the recommendations for the Employee Recognition Program, as presented.

19. Consider and adopt Resolution No.2009-41, entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY APPOINTING ONE MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE BORDER COAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Schellong would like to stay on this joint powers authority. Council Member Westfall wanted to know if this was a paid position.

On a motion by Council Member Burns, seconded by Council Member Slert, and unanimously carried on a polled vote, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved and adopted Resolution No.2009-41, entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY APPOINTING ONE MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE BORDER COAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

20. Consider and approve joint memorandum of agreement (MOA) with Humboldt and Mendocino Counties to coordinate efforts to address issues affecting our regional coastlines, or take other action as necessary and appropriate. Authorize Mayor to sign letter if approved. (Kelly Schellong)

Mayor Schellong brought this item to the agenda and indicated that the City speaks louder with a group of organization to address issues, than alone. Council Member Burns indicated that he was happy to see the County and Harbor also on the list of agencies involved. Council Member Murray indicated that she has been to all the MLPA meetings and that the county has found funding for a representative to provide a voice for this process. She is concerned that there could be 38 people in the group. She is concerned about everyone being on the same page. She is not sure that we are quite ready to do this yet. She would like to hold off on this to see where the liaison is in this process. Mayor Schellong feels that this is the best way to move forward with the process and have a seat at the table. We have seen that we are not represented and we only have one scientist on the panel from the Northcoast. She believes that we can never move fast enough when it comes to this. She stated that the City can take some time to choose the appointees to this committee. Council Member Slert is happy with the representation and there is an advantage. Council Member Burns indicated that he is in support and that we represent such a small portion of the state that we need representation at the table. We should have a very strong voice in the larger areas, when it comes to discussion of regulations for our area, according to Mayor Schellong. Council Member Westfall indicated that she agrees with the point made.

On a motion by Council Member Burns, seconded by Council Member Slert, and carried on a four-fifths polled vote, with Council Member Murray voting “no”, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved the draft joint MOA in concept and authorized the Mayor to sign the same.

Jaime Yarbrough stated that he takes back what he said before; he now understands the wording in the agenda.

21 Consider nominations and appoint new 2009-2010 Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Crescent City.

Mayor Schellong pointed out some of the highlights of the last year for her as mayor – the 100th birthday of Lloyd Perkins, the grand opening of new pool, the various mural dedications around the city, helping to hire the new city manager, chairing the Audit Committee, honoring Anthony Bookhammer and volunteer firefighters, the airport project, getting to ride in 4th of July parade, honoring employees, the town hall meeting process and the goals coming out of that meeting. She wanted to thank Mayor pro-tem Burns for his support and the entire council as well. She thanked staff for making the year interesting. She also thanked her son for his support. Council Member Slert offered a huge salute to the Mayor. Council Member Burns thanked and congratulated Ms. Schellong for her year as mayor. Council Member Westfall thanked her family for her time and asked to have her picture up in city hall advertising her skills. Bill Renfroe indicated that Mayor Schellong is his only reference as she is the only mayor he has known in this City, having lived her only a year. He offered that extending the term of the mayor for an additional time frame would allow her to see more projects completed and accomplished. He thanked Ms. Schellong for a job well done. Kelly’s mother congratulated her daughter on her mayorship. Council Member Murray indicated that Mayor Schellong had worked very hard and that we have never had such an active mayor, she appreciates the energy and hard work.

Jim Barnts indicated that Mayor Schellong showed a commitment and love for the City and it helped staff.

On a motion by Council Member Slert, seconded by Council Member Burns, and unanimously carried, the Crescent City Council, nominated and appointed Council Member Schellong mayor for an additional year.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- **Legislative Matters –**
- **Reports, Concerns, Referrals, Council travel and training reports**
- Pursuant to Crescent City Municipal Code § 2.08.200, the City Council may instruct the city manager on matters of importance to the administrative services of the city, and provide direction with respect to subordinates of the city manager

The following matters were discussed: Rod Butler reported on legislative items – 1A securitization is a classic example of the messed up state budget and the process of borrowing and an example of the work that needs to be done to straighten this out. The manager participated in a conference call regarding further protections to same revenues; over a million signatures will be needed to get this on the ballot state-wide. There should be packets of information forthcoming. Council Member Donna Westfall wished her mother (95) and mother-in-law (98) a Happy Birthday. Council Member Slert stated that he had attended a LAFCO meeting last week regarding extending the City limits and an extension of the urban land area, which are in the beginning stages. Council Member Murray attended The California Endowment meeting and Senior Center meeting, an MLP meeting and the BID Halloween parade, where 100 people participated in the parade. She also attended the traffic calming/gateway meeting, where discussion was held regarding the north and south ends of the community, and lastly, she had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Felt, who has concerns about her rent and the amount of utilities that the seniors and fixed income folks are feeling. The increases are being blamed on the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the meeting to the next regular scheduled meeting on November 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Schellong, adjourned the meeting at 8:47p.m., until the next regularly scheduled meeting of November 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

By: Karen Phillips, Deputy City Clerk
For Rod B. Butler, City Clerk