

woman and he wants the city to meet with the county, RHS and CAN to address the issue of homelessness.

Linda Sutter, city resident, spoke about a newspaper article, made disparaging remarks about the city police officers and City Attorney Robert Black, and urged Council Member Westfall not to approach people who are suing the city because she (Ms. Westfall) will get into trouble by doing so. Ms. Sutter also said she believes Federal Agents will be swarming the city.

Jody Mangum, city resident, spoke about no money for Wahlund Construction, the casino, the SRF, inspections, a Daily Triplicate article, Jim Barnts' \$2M lab building, \$700B to spur the economic crisis, the Harbor plant, the Rancheria, grant money, and contaminated soil from the WWTP.

Willie Lucero, city resident, complimented the newspaper and said she wanted to support people who are opposing fluoride.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, thanked Nick Grube of the Daily Triplicate. He also said that as he was coming out of Walgreen's' parking lot on L Street, the trees are planted in such a way that people have to go over the crosswalk to see traffic on the highway.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of December 1, 2008**
- 3. Approval of warrant claims list for the period December 2, through December 15, 2008**
- 4. Receipt of biweekly payroll reports for the period ending December 6, paid December 12, 2008**

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

REPORTS

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

- 5. consider joint City Council/County Board of Supervisors meeting January 26, 2009, and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Dates for the city/county joint meeting were discussed (it will be January 26, 2009). Mike Young, Interim City Manager asked the council what topics they would like to

discuss. Budget impacts in general, various projects, a report from the city on the WWTP, a report on the building inspection program, and a hearing officer report were suggested. The county wants to discuss the emergency preparedness program. Council Member Slert wants to start a dialogue about underground utilities on the Highway 101 corridor. Council Member Murray would like to plan another meeting also. Mayor Schellong would like to see the Housing Authority on the agenda and a report on where we are with city/county cooperation. She would also like a report on emergency preparedness and an update report on the tsunami sirens and the Buxton report. Will Caplinger is scheduled to give a presentation.

Jody Mangum, city resident, spoke about January 10, 2008 when Raney collector scuba divers were discussed and stated we have never heard back on whether that and painting the water tank has been done and the pump outside PBSP. Mayor Schellong stated those were brought up on our capital improvement projects. Robert Black, City Attorney, stated we could have a report back on the city agenda, but not city/county agenda. Mike Young mentioned that two projects, the replacement of the elevated tank, and the treatment building may be added.

Kirk Roberts, city resident, said a reverse 911 system, along with tsunami sirens are topics he wants discussed with the county. He also suggested having a joint ordinance for political signs so County Supervisor and City election signs have the same ordinance.

Richard Miles, city resident, wants the county to be asked about a blight officer and consolidating our officer to clean up the city. He spoke about Elk Creek and would like to see the city and county join on the construction on the Hobbs Wall trail. He wants the city to think about tourist attractions that are being misused by criminal elements.

6. Set date(s) for upcoming city operations workshops

Mike Young, Interim City Manager, suggested doing a Saturday morning tour of the water system out at the river, or the treatment plant, or possibly both. The Corporate Yard could be another suggestion. Mr. Young suggested January 10, 2009 for a tour. Mayor Schellong said if we hire a City Manager within the next 30 days, he could be on-board. January 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. to start and meet at the City Corporate Yard. The public can also meet at the City Yard but will need to provide their own transportation.

7. Discussion on “Welcome to Crescent City” sign

Richard Enea, city resident, reported the sign on the “ess” curve is a city sign. The Morning Sunrise Rotary donated the sign at Highway 101 and Northcrest and they want to have input on what colors are used. Council Member Westfall said she is in favor of painting both signs and just wants something to pop out when people come into the City. Council Member Slert stated the signs would have to be stained because they won't take paint. Council Member Westfall stated she wants the current and previous council to symbolically hold a brush to paint. Mayor Schellong noted for the record that Caltrans wants to be notified ahead of time to accomplish this project. Police Chief Plack stated

the signs at the “ess” curve is a State Park donation and is valued at \$5,000 and they want to be in the process.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about former Council Members . Ray Smith and Mike Scavuzzo, and was told organization emblems were being stolen off signs and requested the Chief of Police to have the Explorer Post pull back the rocks and weed the area before summer.

Mayor Schellong will contact the State Parks to find out more information.

CONTINUING BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion on fluoridation of water

Mike Young, Interim City Manager, reported and gave some background on fluoridation. Mayor Schellong thanked Nick Grube for doing research and a report on this.

Council Member Slert is interested in what is best for the people and is not prepared to offer a medical opinion on this, but does see a benefit to it and thinks there are other areas in which to save money.

Council Member Westfall said she emailed articles to the council concerning Canadian Association for Physicians for the Environment who are not in favor of fluoridation and a list of communities who have rejected fluoridation since 1990.

Council Member Burns said he echoes what Council Member Slert said and that people voted in favor of fluoridation 40 years ago. He also said he doesn't know because he is not a doctor and can't address the issue about ingesting fluoride.

Council Member Murray did research and a report from First Five came out stating that approximately 35% of children in this community are below the poverty level and that relates to an inability to have topical treatments for their children. Her own dentist prescribed supplemental fluoride for her children and she absolutely supports fluoride.

John Mertes, county resident, stated he did not believe fluoridation was harmful but would like to see Council Member Westfall's research. He wants to continue fluoridation.

Richard Enea, city resident, reported his wife, sister and brother were taking fluoride tablets. He talked to Dr. Ward, DDS, who said it is clear to him that he can tell the difference between those who drink well water and city water.

Richard Miles, city resident, said he is grateful for the city's fluoride in the water and has a question of whether Jesse Salisbury is aware that First Five hires a dental assistant to go

out in the community to apply fluoride to children's' teeth. He also stated that there is a referendum procedure so if Donna Westfall and Jesse Salisbury can collect enough signatures, they are welcome to do so. He commented that one of the biggest expenses at PBSP is tooth decay caused by meth, and he doesn't think citizens would say no to fluoride.

Jesse Salisbury says it's "truth decay," and claimed the numbers are low, the public is ill-informed, and countries that had fluoride and dropped it had a drop in cavities. He then read an article against fluoride.

Wesley Nunn, city resident, was in favor of fluoride and said he is 50 years old and has had only one cavity.

Jan Darling, county resident, is opposed to fluoride and never drank a lot of water. She is on a high filtration system and even her dogs are on it. She said she heard that fluoride is a by-product of nuclear waste and there are side effects to fluoride.

Michelle Arvonon, a local dentist, spoke in favor of fluoridation.

Council Members Burns, Murray, and Slert stated they want to see fluoride stay. Council Member Westfall said that if there is enough interest, a petition can ask for it to be put on the ballot. Robert Black, City Attorney, reminded everyone that there is an initiative process that can be pursued, but just signing a petition won't necessarily get an item on the ballot.

9. Discussion of town hall meetings

Council Member Westfall said that not everyone wants to come to an evening meeting, particularly during the winter, and would want to talk on a variety of subject an not be limited to only agendized items.

Council Member Burns said there is nothing to prevent people form doing that now as long as no elected officials are present. Mayor Schellong stated that anyone can get together in a room without elected officials and talk, they may do that and it is a good idea to have something a little less formal. Council Member Burns said the Council Member Westfall may have a meeting with the public, but he does not want it called a "town hall meeting." Council Member Slert liked the idea of having a dialogue with the public to get meaningful input. Mayor Schellong said we should have a town hall meeting and will look into it and bring this back. Council Member Murray abstained from an opinion.

Richard Miles, city resident, said he wants a real New England style town hall meeting and that Gateway meetings are held at the Cultural Center. He stated no one focuses on all the problems we have in this town.

10. Consider and appoint a Planning Commissioner to fulfill the term of Kathryn

Murray, which expires in May 2009, and take action as necessary and appropriate

Will Caplinger, City Planner, reported and stated that although we advertised for an alternate, it is not authorized. Each of the four applicants spoke, beginning with Richard Miles.

Richard Miles stated we need someone who will ask questions and feels that he has a better understanding of the law because of his experience as a law librarian and his attendance at the meetings. He wants to hire Robert Black's legal assistant to serve as the legal assistant to the Planning Commission. He also wants an architect who will make this city stand out, a landscape ordinance update, and asked what the motives of other applicants were.

Richard Enea, the second applicant, spoke about his knowledge of ordinances of the General Plan, his previous experience on the Planning Commission, and his willingness to carry on for the city.

Grant Scholes, the third applicant, stated he has been in the community for 4 ½ years and has been involved in the community and Chamber of Commerce. He stated he sees the vitality we have and a lot of positive things happening to the community and he wants to see that our traditions are preserved and make this a place where people want to come and visit. He stated he feels the issues are important enough for him to take the time to learn what has to be done.

The fourth applicant, Mr. Garcide, was not able to be present.

During the public comment portion of this item, Richard Miles withdrew his application and nominated Richard Enea as the replacement Planning Commissioner. Mr. Miles stated that "he has seen Richard attend meetings of the Planning Commission and anyone who uses his evenings to go to those meetings deserves to sit on the commission, and he can't say it about the other gentleman."

Discussion followed and Council Member Murray made a motion to appoint Richard Enea as the Planning Commissioner to fulfill the term of Kathryn Murray, which expires in May 2009; the motion was seconded by Council Member Burns and so carried unanimously, 5-0. There were no other nominations.

11. Introduce and waive the first reading of a Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA08-01), set the date for a public hearing, second reading and adoption, and take action as necessary and appropriate

Council Member Westfall recused herself from this item because she owns property within 500 feet of the location.

Will Caplinger, City Planner, gave a report on the former A Street Clinic property.

Kirk Roberts, city resident and Planning Commissioner, said he sees no reason to reduce the density at this time, because it can be done as a variance. He wants the city to look at the new plan.

Natalie Fahning, city resident, is against the project for environmental reasons and lack of research.

Richard Miles, city resident, wants the council to hire Robert Black's assistant to help the Planning Commission because Mr. Caplinger is making decisions that should be reviewed by an attorney and it is wrong to change the character of the community.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, asked whether the property is zoned for seven properties and complained about changing zoning and would like to see more information.

Discussion followed. Council Member Burns made a motion to set January 5, 2009 as the date for a public hearing; the motion was seconded by Council Member Murray and so carried, 4-0, with Council Member Westfall abstaining.

12. Consider and approve the revised job classifications and salary ranges for Waste Water Treatment Plant positions, approve Resolution 2008-43 and 2008-44, and take action as necessary and appropriate

Mike Young, Interim City Manager, reported. Council Member Westfall asked if the WWTP were to become a cooperative, what would happen to the employees and Mr. Young said he did not know.

Richard Miles, city resident, said he hopes the council will do this tonight because we need to get everybody on board because we could be fined for not having an operator 5 position, and we also need to fill the 2 and 3 positions.

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the revised job classifications and salary ranges for Waste Water Treatment Plant positions and approve Resolutions 2008-43 and 2008-44; the motion was seconded by Council Member Westfall and was carried unanimously, 5-0. Council Member Murray said it is very important to have quality people in quality positions and that includes paying them well and she would like to include paying the Police Department well.

13. Consider and approve a cost of living adjustment for contract employees, approve Resolution 2008-45, and take action as necessary and appropriate

Mike Young, Interim City Manager, reported this was in the budget. Council Member Westfall stated she approves of this.

Council Member Murray made a motion to approve a cost of living adjustment for contract employees, and approve Resolution 2008-45; the motion was seconded by Council Member Slert and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

14. Consider a new fee schedule and fee structure for the pool, and take action as necessary and appropriate; schedule a public hearing for adoption

Matt Hildebrandt, Pool Director, reported the pool is going to have a spa and sauna. He asked for the single entrance fee to be left as it is, but to raise the adult an annual passes. Also recommended is a small increase in the swimming lesson program since it has been nine years since the last raise, and increase the pool rental rate. Brookings charges \$100 per hour and Matt is suggesting \$75 per hour, plus a \$5 increase to the Crescent City Swim Club. For locker rentals, he is asking more than just a small increase. Council Member Burns asked whether physical therapists are going to use the therapy pools since they are a spa/sauna. Matt stated he has tried to compare costs for therapists, but Brookings and Eureka have pools specifically used for therapy, so comparisons aren't available. Discussion followed.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about his hope the city will charge the physical therapists more and suggested hiring a part time person to do the same thing that physical therapists are doing. He also spoke about shower facilities for the homeless and tourists.

Jody Mangum, city resident, spoke about CDBG money not coming through for the pool, recession, locker costs, and therapist billing rates. Mayor Schellong stated CDBG money was put toward the pool.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, said he did not understand what Matt was saying about a three-part process and spoke about San Diego with mesh bags with clips with hangers for kids.

Council Member Burns mentioned the therapist charges to insurance companies is more than \$5 per visit so what they pay out is a pittance in comparison to what they are charging. We are providing a public pool and private people are using it to ear money and are benefiting from use of the public pool. A public hearing was set for the January 5, 2009 council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

Legislative Matters – None

Reports, Concerns, Referrals, Council travel and training reports – In accordance with Gov't Code § 54954.2(a), City Council Members may make brief announcements or brief reports on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda

Mayor Schellong asked about a waiver of the Cultural Center fees for the Chamber Dinner and that will be on the January 5, 2009 agenda.

CITY MANAGER DIRECTIVES – None

The meeting adjourned back into Closed Session at 9:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk

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

Crescent City Housing Authority

CALL TO Authority Member Tynes called the meeting to order at
9:25 p.m.
ROLL CALL Present: Authority Members Schellong, Burns, Westfall, Slert, and
Murray
Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of November 17, 2008
2. Approval of warrant claims list for the period November 17, through December 15, 2008

Agency Member Burns made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; the motion was seconded by Agency Member Murray, and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

HOUSING DIRECTOR'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

SUSIE MENDEZ, SECRETARY

**MINUTES
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Crescent City Redevelopment Agency

CALL TO ORDER Agency Member Schellong called the meeting to order in regular session at 9:26 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Agency Members Schellong, Burns, Westfall, Slert, and Westfall

Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of November 17, 2008**
- 2. Approval of warrant claims list for the period November 18, through December 15, 2008**

Agency Member Burns made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; the motion was seconded Agency Member Murray and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – None

BUSINESS ITEMS – None

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEMS – None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Dianne Nickerson, Secretary