



# City of Crescent City

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## MINUTES

### City Commission Regular Meeting

February 11, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

**Present.** Mayor Joe Santa; Commissioner Harry Banks; Commissioner Barbara Scholl; Commissioner Judy West; Commissioner Marcus Hardy; Jay Asbury, Esq., City Attorney; and Patrick Kennedy, City Manager

The regular meeting of the City Commission was held February 11, 2016 at City Hall. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Santa.

**Approval of Minutes.** Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner West, to approve the Minutes of the City Commission Meeting of January 14, 2015. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Student of the Month.** Scott Bishop from Middleton-Burney Elementary was presented the Student of the Month award by Commissioner West.

**FCCLA Week Proclamation.** Ms. Emily Rigdon of CCJSHS and May Sailor President of FCCLA explained what the purpose of FCCLA was and how it leads to personal growth for students and their involvement in the community.

Motion was made by Commissioner Banks to approve the Proclamation, second by Commissioner West. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Mayor Santa read the proclamation and proclaimed that the week of February 7-13, 2016 to be Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Week.

**Regular Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:15.**

### CRA Board Meeting

**The CRA Board meeting was called to order at 7:15.**

**CRA Advisory Committee Vacancies.** Commissioner Banks nominated Angel Duke to replace Marcus Hardy and Commissioner West nominated Diane Sykes to replace Joan Hagedorn on the CRA Board. Both parties accepted the nominations. Commissioner Banks moved to accept Angel Duke and Diane Sykes to the CRA Board, second by Commissioner Hardy. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Update on Community Center.** The working group for the Community Center are still making plans and hope to bring a more defined plan to the next Commission Meeting.

**Update on the Redevelopment Plan for the Miller Property.** Patrick Kennedy stated that a “Kick Start” was needed on this project. He has met with the Planning and Zoning and needs to meet with the CRA Advisory Committee this month to work on a strategy. After discussion a suggestion was made to meet as a City to make a 5 year plan.

**The CRA Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:23.**

## **Regular Commission Meeting re-opened at 7:23.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**City Hall Roof Evaluation** Patrick Kennedy reminded the Commission and the audience that were advised by outside legal counsel that it is not worth going after the old contractor, Lewis Walker Roofing, for its failure to properly install the roof system back in 2007. Too much time had passed and too many other judgments were ahead of us against the same contractor.

The City hired a professional architecture firm that specializes in roof systems, A/R/C Associates, to perform an evaluation of the roof. They recommended that the roof be replaced rather than continue to repair it, and gave an estimate of \$ 66,798. with a 10% contingency totaling \$73,477. Patrick suggested the City put it out for bid and to keep an architect to oversee the work along with the Building Inspector. After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner Scholl to do so. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Chief of Police position.** Patrick Kennedy stated he interviewed the five finalist for the Chief of Police position with the help of Assistant Chief James Griffith of Palatka and outgoing Crescent City Police Chief, Robert Johnson. After a comprehensive back ground check with the help of Sheriff Hardy, Patrick recommended the position be filled by Angelo Damiano who resides in Crescent City. Mr. Damiano needs a Florida Certification (which he is already registered for) and a complete physical before he could be hired. After discussion it was decided the Commission would meet on March 3<sup>rd</sup> giving Mr. Damiano time to complete his certification and each Commissioner would have a one on one interview with Mr. Damiano. Interviews will start at 10:00 am and progress at one hour intervals. After interviews are completed the Commission will hold a special meeting at 5:30pm to vote whether or not to hire Angelo Damiano as Crescent City's Chief of Police.

### **Update on Storm Water Projects, Potable Water Improvements, Natural Gas Pipeline Relocation and other City current and future Capital Projects.**

- Patrick Kennedy updated the City Commission and the audience on ongoing infrastructure project. Work on the Lake Stella and Randolph Street stormwater improvements is progressing well and could be completed within the next 90 days.
- Potable Water Improvements on Randolph Street, S. Prospect Street and the southwest section of the city is also coming along and when completed, the City's water system will be off asbestos pipes completely and water pressure and flow should improve.
- Natural Gas Pipeline Relocation in San Mateo along US17 is wrapping up. We have a couple change orders for some parts and equipment to help repair the new line in the event of a break and to add a regulator station at the gate station that will allow us to control the line pressure without the need of FGT's assistance and without interfering with Palatka Gas Authority's pressure. FDOT is happy that we were \$200,000.00 under budget and we are optimistic these will be approved.
- Street Sweeper has been purchased and is being built now.
- The City received a \$500,000.00 grant from the St. Johns River Water Management District's new Cost Share program for REDI communities for stormwater Improvements along Crescent Lake.
- The City received a verbal approval of \$375,000.00 from Fish & Wildlife for the final phase of the improvements to Margary Neal Nelson Sunrise Park.

- Budget numbers are being prepared for Eva Lyons Park's basic design concept and Mr. Kennedy hopes to present this information at the March meeting.
- The new bathrooms at Harry Banks Park bathrooms are under construction and look about 30% complete.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Proclamation 16-01 - Tree City USA and Arbor Day Recognition** Mayor Santa presented a proclamation that March 11, 2016 will be the City Of Crescent City's Arbor Day and urges all citizens to celebrate this day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Motion was made by Commissioner Bank, second by Commissioner West to approve Proclamation 16-01 to make March 11, 2016 Crescent City's Arbor Day. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Monthly Police Report.** Chief Johnson stated that Crescent City had a good month with 4 Type-1 crimes and 129 calls for service in the month of January; with 2 arrests, 3 Affidavits, 5 Citations and 117 traffic stops. Chief Johnson reported that the police department was working on Community Appearance, and had a "Code Red" training at the Elementary school that went well. Chief stated that he now had 5 officers with one in the last phase of training.

**Monthly Code Enforcement Report.** Code Enforcement Officer Michael Frank reported there were 30 active cases, 6 new cases opened and 11 cases closed in January. Codes Officer Frank recommended abatement in the amount of \$500.00 for the property located at 913 N Summit St (Bank of America). Suggested waiting 1 week before cleanup begins to see if the owner will step up before we move forward. Motion was made by Commissioner Scholl to approve the abatement of \$500.00, second by Commissioner Banks - Roll call vote – all ayes.

Michael Frank also announced **CRESCENT CITY SPRING CLEAN UP 2016** and gave a schedule for drop off and pickup points and dates.

Next Code Enforcement Board meeting: February 23, 2016, 5:30 at City Hall.

## VISITOR AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION.

Becky Slobodian - VINTAGECARE Senior Living invited the Mayor/Commissioners to an open house on February 18, 2016 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm, 203 South Moody Road, Palatka, Fl.

Bill Stout - Crescent City Yacht Club- Announced RED/WHITE and BOOM will be held Saturday, June 25, 2016 and requested the City allow them to close Central Avenue between Lake Street and the boat ramp area vehicle traffic. Mr. Kennedy clarified that the road closure will take place the Friday night prior. Commissioner Scholl made the motion to close this block to vehicle traffic as requested, second by Commission West - Roll call vote – all ayes.

Angel Duke approached the Commission to thank you for being placing her on the CRA Advisory Committee. She also mentioned that the City had a good turnout for Black History Month celebration during the weekend of the Martin Luther King holiday. She also announced another event on February 20, 2016 at Mulholland House to celebrate A. Phillip Randolph, where she will be making a presentation. Starts at 2:00 pm.

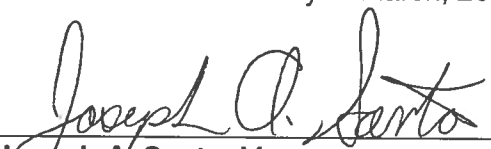
Diane Sykes – also advised the Commission that there will be another Black History Month celebration at Harry Banks Park on February 20, 2016 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.


Commissioner Judy West announced that she is working on a BIKETOBERFEST event for the city, to be held October 15, 2016. She is still working on the plan details but would like to block off Central Ave. from the red light at Summit St to the Crescent Lake Boat Ramp, and limit it to Motor Cycle Traffic only. Will bring more information as plans are made.

Jay Betts, owner of the Laundromat at the corner of Magnolia and Summit is having permit problems with Bob Dorlon and he is not the only one unhappy with the service Mr. Dorlon is providing with regard to permits. Mr. Kennedy will talk with Mr. Dorlon about this.

There being no further business and no other visitor or citizen communication, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**APPROVED** this 10th day of March, 2016.

  
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Joseph A. Santa, Mayor

  
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Patrick Kennedy, City Manager