



City of Crescent City

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MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

February 9, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Present. Mayor Brett Peterson; Commissioner Harry Banks; Commissioner Marcus Hardy; Commissioner Barbara Scholl; Commissioner Judy West; Patrick Kennedy, City Manager and Jay Asbury, City Attorney.

The regular meeting of the City Commission was held February 9, 2017 at City Hall. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brett Peterson.

Students of the Month. Niarah Cooke was selected as the February Student of the Month from Miller Middle School.

Approval of Minutes. Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West, to approve the Minutes of the City Commission Meeting of January 12, 2017. Roll call vote – all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 17-01 – Second Reading. AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY SETTING THE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TIME TO 6:00 PM ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH; PROVIDING FOR THE EXCEPTION REQUIRED BY CITY CHARTER FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS THAT FOLLOW AN ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner West, to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 17-01 as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

CDBG – 2nd Public Hearing. Fred Fox, of Fred Fox Enterprises, announced the second and final Public Hearing for the upcoming CDBG Grant Application. The application will include three activities: paving of Clemmons Lane; resurfacing Bay Street and refurbishing the overgrown, lowland area in Harry Banks Park and expand the soccer and baseball fields if possible. The total grant requested will be \$650,000 with no match required from the City.

There being no questions from the audience, the CDBG Public Hearing was concluded.

Resolution 17-01 Authorizing the Implementation of the Long Term and Short Term Objectives of the Crescent City Community Development Plan. Fred Fox explained that the DEO requires a resolution stating that the City of Crescent City will apply for the Grant and use the funds for the three activities as stated in the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner Hardy, to accept Resolution 17-01 as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Resolution 17-02 Authorizing the Submission of an Application for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant Program to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Federal Fiscal Year 2016. Fred Fox explained that this resolution is authorizing the submission of the application and authorizing Mayor Peterson to execute the documents.

Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner Hardy, to accept Resolution 17-02 as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Eva Lyons Park Items. Patrick Kennedy began the update by reporting the probability of exceeding the estimated budget of \$168,000 by approximately \$15,625. The initial \$85,000 is covered by a FRDAP Grant, County contribution and a Rotary Grant. Any expenses in excess will be paid from the Better Place Plan Fund.

The concrete and fencing for the tennis court is underway and should be completed by next week. We do not have a rebound board yet but we might be able to save on cost by making our own with staff and volunteers.

The gazebo project is underway but there is a change order of an additional \$3,350 due to changing the stage to a wider design and adding a second set of concrete stairs with a railing.

The playground system is complete and a baby swing is on order.

The electric is almost finished. The tennis court area will not be sufficiently lighted for night-time play but could be expanded at a later date. The electrical housing has been improved esthetically and complies with current codes. There is an additional housing that might be usable for a sign at Crescent Lake in the future.

Remaining items that were included in the grant application include refreshing the vintage shuffle board courts, adding one or two handicap parking spaces, trash cans, bleachers and picnic tables.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner Scholl, to authorize an increase of the total budget to \$185,625. Roll call vote – all ayes.

The layout for striping the tennis court and pickleball court was discussed. Commissioner Hardy and Patrick Kennedy recommended that the layout be changed to one tennis court and two pickleball courts next to each other. This would allow independent play without the confusion of overlapping lines. All were in agreement.

A Gazebo roof style needs to be selected. Several styles and colors were presented for consideration.

Motion by Commissioner West, second by Commissioner Banks, to select Galvalume 5v natural galvanized finish. Roll call vote – all ayes.

A wood sculpture carved from the large tree trunk remaining in the park was next for consideration. Local chainsaw artist Sam Knowles submitted several sketches and quoted a budget of \$2,000 to \$3,000. Another local artist presented an idea to create a table for City Hall from the trunk.

Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner Banks, to table any further discussion until additional information and submittals from additional artists could be obtained. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Commissioner West expressed concern about the possibility of vandalism on any sculpture or art in the park.

Diane Sykes, Chestnut Street suggested waiting on any decision until park vandalism is under control.

Resolution 17- 03 Authorizing Execution of the FDOT SCOP Grant Agreement for Walnut Reconstruction Project. Patrick Kennedy reviewed the DOT Grant to pave Walnut Street from 308 to Grove Avenue on the east side of Harry Banks Community Park. This is the first year the City was able to directly apply for a Small County Outreach Program (SCOP).

Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner Hardy, to accept and approve Resolution 17-03 as presented. Motion passed - all ayes.

Resolution 17-04 Requesting a reduction in the St. Johns River Water Management District Permit Application Fees. Patrick Kennedy explained that in order to receive a reduction of permit fees for the upcoming storm water project, the SJRWMD now requires a formal resolution verifying the required criteria is met.

Motion by Commissioner West, second by Commissioner Banks, to accept and approve Resolution 17-04 as presented. Motion passed - all ayes.

Monthly Police Report – Chief Angelo Damiano. Chief Damiano reported that there were 277 calls for service in January. 43 traffic stops had a 90% enforcement rate. Carlos Duran and Chad Ward will be participating in an upcoming Field Training Officers Program. Patrol miles totaled 1,800 for the month.

Monthly Code Enforcement Report. Michael Frank reported that there currently are 36 active cases and 37 liens. In January, 14 cases were opened, 16 cases closed, 14 courtesy notices issued, 1 notice of Violation/Hearing sent out and one pending abatement.

Many business signs have been cleaned or replaced as part of the Code Enforcement vision workshop last May.

VISITOR AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION.


Bill Stout, Park Street representing the Crescent City Yacht Club, requested approval from the City for the permit for their annual Red, White & Boom fireworks event. Permission is also sought to close the boat ramp and Central Avenue between Park Street and Lake Street. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2017.

All were in agreement to support this event.

There being no further business and no other visitor or citizen communication, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED this 9th day of March, 2017.


Brett W. Peterson, Mayor


Patrick Kennedy, City Manager