



# City of Crescent City

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## MINUTES

### City Commission Regular Meeting

April 14, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

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

**Absent.** Commissioner Barbara Scholl

The regular meeting of the City Commission was held April 14, 2016 at City Hall. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Santa.

**Students of the Month.** Cameron Wright was selected as the March Student of the Month and Francisco Verde-Robles was selected as the April Student of the Month. Both students were from Middleton-Burney Elementary.

**Approval of Minutes.** Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner Hardy, to approve the Minutes of the City Commission Meeting of March 3, 2016. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner Hardy, to approve the Minutes of the City Commission Meeting of March 10, 2016. Roll call vote – all ayes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Eva Lyon Park Improvements.** Patrick Kennedy updated everyone on a Putnam County Parks & Recreation meeting that he and Commissioner School attended. They requested a Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to compliment the State Grant already approved. The Parks & Recreation Committee would be able to make a recommendation at the beginning of May. Patrick Kennedy reported that the list of items that need improvement included tennis courts, basketball, soccer, multi-purpose shuffle board and a stage for the gazebo totaling \$169,000. As all projects have not been funded for immediate completion, Patrick Kennedy requested the improvements be prioritized so work could be scheduled as funds become available.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation 16-04 – National Law Enforcement Week.** Mayor Santa presented a proclamation that the City of Crescent City will recognize the week of May 15 through May 21, 2016 as ***National Law Enforcement Week*** and urges the citizens to show their support and appreciation of our law enforcement officers. Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West to approve Proclamation 16-04. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Recognition of Chief Robert Johnson, Retired.** Retiring Crescent City Chief of Police Robert Johnson was honored with a plaque in appreciation of over 25 Years of Service to the City.

**Swearing in and formal introduction of the new police chief - Angelo Damiano.** The new Chief of Police, Angelo Damiano was sworn in by Mayor Santa.

**Crescent City Woman's Club – Aging in Place and Community Center.** Barbara Herzig, President of the Crescent City Woman's Club presented information on their current project which specifically targets the needs of our senior citizens. There are concerns and problems including being able to stay in their own home safely, the lack of specialty doctors locally and the lack of public transportation. Ms. Herzig encouraged the Commission to support any programs that could aid these, and other, concerns for the elderly.

Patrick Kennedy added that on Tuesday the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended changes to the Land Development Code that will allow Accessory Apartments.

Jary Hardy spoke of a program available thru Affordable Health Care, and arranged by doctor's offices, to transport people to the doctor's office and pharmacies. She suggested contacting your primary care physician for more details.

**South Putnam Fitness Center – Contribution Request.** This agenda item was withdrawn at the request of Dr. William Lockhart, Chairman of the Putnam Health & Fitness Center.

**Engineering Services Agreement – SJRWMD REDI Crescent Lake Outfall Improvements.** Jason Shepler of Mittauer & Associates presented the Engineering Agreement and pointed out that even though there is a grant to cover most of the \$500,000 estimated project expense, there will be an out-of-pocket to the City of \$45,000 for engineering design, permit applications and a topo survey. These funds would be paid out of the Better Place Plan funds.

Michael Frank, 83 Lake Shore Drive questioned if the Engineering Services Agreement included construction oversight to conclusion. Jason Shepler confirmed that it did.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West, to approve the Mittauer & Associates Engineering Services Agreement as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**FDOT Small County Outreach Program.** Patrick Kennedy explained that the program is available to rural areas of opportunity and focuses on road related projects including paving unpaved roads. Grant applications opened on March 24<sup>th</sup> and will close on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since there are several areas of need, Patrick requested the Commission prioritize between repaving Walnut Street, resurfacing and restriping Central Avenue and paving Clemmons Lane. After discussion it was decided that due to anticipated increase in use of the park, the paving of Walnut Street would be the most needed.

Motion by Commissioner West, second by Commissioner Hardy, to submit an application for a grant to pave Walnut Street. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**Proposed Contract for Renewal of Building Permit and Inspections Services.** Safebuilt (formerly Independent Inspections, Ltd.) has submitted their contract for renewal. Some fees have been reduced for plan reviews, roof overs and sheds. Patrick Kennedy recommended renewal with the suggestion of increasing service coverage when the scheduled inspector is unavailable.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West, to approve the Safebuilt contract renewal as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes.

### **VISITOR AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION.**

Diane Sykes, 304 Chestnut Street complimented the City and volunteers Mr. Brooks and Mr. West for their work on the tree lights in the medians.

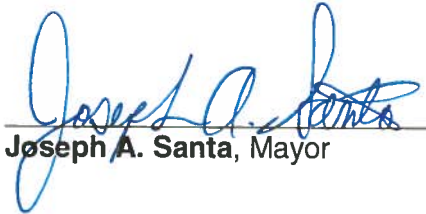
Michael Frank, 83 Lake Shore Drive complimented the Commissioners and City Manager for their diligence and efforts on the City budget and finances. Also, regarding the options and priorities of the community center that has been discussed recently, Mr. Frank's professional opinion as an architect and planner is the best option is to build a new community center on Central Avenue. Further, he would like to see a motion, this month or next, to demolish the current structure and construct a new, single story, community center. Mr. Frank asked for the Commissioner's opinion and was told that Commissioners are not allowed to comment on items not on the agenda. Mr. Franks requested that the issue be put on the next Commission Meeting agenda to which all Commissioners agreed.

Brett Peterson, 315 Chestnut Street asked if a monthly Police Report would be available next month. Patrick Kennedy responded that it would.

Diane Sykes, 304 Chestnut Street wanted to point out that since the Commission agreed to make a decision on a Community Center next month, Sunrise Park should be removed from consideration since it is not within the CRA boundary and ineligible for any CRA funds.

There being no further business and no other visitor or citizen communication, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**APPROVED** this 12th day of May, 2016.

  
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Joseph A. Santa, Mayor

  
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Patrick Kennedy, City Manager