



CITY OF CRESCENT CITY

MAYOR ISAIAH WRIGHT
COUNCIL MEMBER RAY ALTMAN
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE SHAMBLIN

MAYOR PRO TEM CANDACE TINKLER
COUNCIL MEMBER JASON GREENOUGH

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY
FLYNN CENTER BOARD CHAMBERS
981 H STREET
CRESCENT CITY, CA 95531

MONDAY

JANUARY 5, 2026

6:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

Call to order Mayor Wright called the closed session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call Council Members present: Council Member Ray Altman, Council Member Jason Greenough, Council Member Steve Shamblin, Mayor Pro Tem Candace Tinkler, and Mayor Isaiah Wright
Staff members present: City Manager Eric Wier, City Attorney Martha Rice, and City Clerk/Administrative Analyst Robin Altman

- **Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation (Gov. Code § 54957.6.9(d)(2):** Government Claim of Bre's Boutique; Government Claim of Gordon Pfeffer; Government Claim of Alba Lopez

There were no comments from the public on closed session items.

Closed session adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Call to order Mayor Wright called the open session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call Council Members present: Council Member Ray Altman, Council Member Jason Greenough, Council Member Steve Shamblin, Mayor Pro Tem Candace Tinkler, and Mayor Isaiah Wright
Staff members present: City Manager Eric Wier, City Attorney Martha Rice, City Clerk/Administrative Analyst Robin Altman, Interim Fire Chief Bill Gillespie, Public Works Director Dave Yeager, and Police Chief Richard Griffin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Wright.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Council Member Greenough, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tinkler with Council Member Shamblin abstaining, the City Council of the City of Crescent City denied the Government Claims of Bre's Boutique, Gordon Pfeffer, and Alba Lopez.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS - None

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The following residents addressed the Council:

Roger Gitlin: stated he feels some Council comments on signage have been disparaging against local businesses.

Sam Strait: spoke in support of businesses having signs and wanted the Council to be in support as well.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Warrant Claims List

- *Recommendation: Receive and file the warrant claims list for the period November 29, 2025 through December 12, 2025 and period December 13, 2025 through December 26, 2025.*

2. Council Minutes

- *Recommendation: Approve and adopt the December 15, 2026 minutes of the City Council of the City of Crescent City.*

3. Payroll Report

- *Recommendation: Receive and file the biweekly payroll reports for the period ending December 13, 2025 paid December 19, 2025 and period ending December 17, 2025 paid January 2, 2026.*

4. Measure S Oversight Committee Appointments

- *Confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Measure S Oversight Committee: Shawna Hyatt, Dana Reno, and Ernie Perry*

Council Member Shamblin asked for item 4 to be pulled for further discussion.

There were no comments from the public on 1-3 on the consent calendar.

On a motion by Council Member Greenough, seconded by Council Member Tinkler, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 polled vote, the City Council of the City of Crescent City adopted the consent calendar consisting of items 1-3 as presented.

Council Member Shamblin spoke about the appointment of someone on the fire department to the Measure S Oversight Committee and felt it was a conflict of interest and not good optics. City Attorney Rice stated that volunteer firefighters have served on the City Council multiple times. When there were times they needed to recuse themselves, they did. Measure S is an advisory committee and does not make any policy decisions. If anything comes up that a Committee Member needs to recuse themselves, they would do so. Mayor Wright stated that Mr. Reno being a volunteer firefighter is not a problem for him. Mayor Pro Tem Tinkler stated that the Measure S Oversight Committee meetings always have representatives from the departments that are being served. Stated that due to the amount of oversight being done, there would be no decisions made that would not serve the community properly. Council Member Greenough stated that someone who has volunteered to save lives should also be able to serve the community in other ways as well.

Roger Gitlin: stated that in a small community, it is very difficult to get people to serve on committees.

On a motion by Council Member Greenough, seconded by Council Member Altman, and carried on a 4-1 vote with Council Member Shamblin voting no, the City Council of the City of Crescent City confirmed the Mayor's appointments to the Measure S Oversight Committee: Shawna Hyatt, Dana Reno, and Ernie Perry.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Public Hearing: Cannabis Regulations Update

- *Recommendation: Open public hearing*
- *Hear staff report*
- *Technical questions from the Council*
- *Receive public comment*
- *Close public hearing*
- *Further Council discussion*
- *Waive full reading, read by title only and adopt, Ordinance No. 860, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY AMENDING CHAPTER 17.95, COMMERCIAL CANNABIS REGULATIONS, OF TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CRESCENT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE*

Mayor Wright opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

City Attorney Rice went over the changes that were made to the ordinance and were covered at the meeting where it was introduced. Council Member Greenough cautioned against protectionism and disagrees with limiting the number but does like the accountability aspect of the ordinance. Council Member Shamblin explained his experience with this topic as a Planning Commissioner. Council Member Altman supports the amendment to the ordinance; in interest of progress would like the Council to approve the ordinance.

Mayor Wright closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

On a motion by Council Member Altman, seconded by Council Member Tinkler, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 polled vote, the City Council of the City of Crescent City waived full reading, read by title only and adopted, Ordinance No. 860, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY AMENDING CHAPTER 17.95, COMMERCIAL CANNABIS REGULATIONS, OF TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CRESCENT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

CONTINUING BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Letter of Support for True North Organizing Network

- *Recommendation: Hear staff report*
- *Technical questions from the Council*
- *Receive public comment*
- *Further Council discussion*
- *Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for a California Regional Investment Initiative grant application being submitted by True North Organizing Network on behalf of the Crescent City Harbor District for a beneficial sediment reuse pilot project*

City Manager Wier reported to the Council that this is a grant opportunity that is coming before the Harbor. This will be a pilot project that will reuse the dredging from the Harbor. Mike Bahr of

CSS was reported to the Council that they are the contracted grant writers for the Harbor. This is a unique grant opportunity for the Harbor; he detailed the grant itself and the process in which the application process takes place. True North Organizing Network stepped forward to serve as the required nonprofit entity to submit the application on behalf of the Harbor. Council Member Greenough spoke in opposition to this letter of support as there was no information was in the agenda packet that outlined the funding. City Manager Wier stated that due to the timing of when this request, staff did not have more time to get additional information into the agenda packet. Mr. Bahr stated that the grant funding is in the amount of \$500,000 for the Harbor. This is for a pilot project to study the impact of removing dredge material from the Harbor and depositing it elsewhere so it can migrate to the beaches. Mayor Pro Tem Tinkler asked if the pilot project is the same study as is being done in larger bays in California? Asked if the money will be used for a study? Mr. Bahr stated that yes, the permit fee to do the pilot project is in the amount of \$250,000. The other half of the grant money will be used to conduct the study of the beach after the material is placed on the beach. Council Member Shamblin clarified that the study will make sure the material is not toxic. Council Member Greenough asked how the money would be divided up among the participating agencies. Mr. Bahr outlined how the funds would be allocated and clarified funding has not been allocated yet, this is just the application process. Council Member Greenough asked how much True North would receive from this grant funding; Mr. Bahr stated they would be receiving 10% of the funds for grant management, including accounting services. Mayor Wright asked for clarification that this would be only for our sediment; Mr. Bahr stated it would.

Sam Strait: sediment has always been an expensive project for the Harbor as it's been difficult to find places to dispose of it. Spoke in support of this project and encouraged the Council to support it as well.

Roger Gitlin: is concerned with the last-minute request to add to the agenda with little information. Asked if there was another way to do this study and is concerned with the overall project information/details.

Council Member Greenough asked if the special meeting on the 14th could include this item to make a more informed decision. Mayor Wright spoke of his concern that this is a pilot project and if Crescent City gets selected, the permit for the study of the sediment is very important. Mayor Pro Tem Tinkler stated that one cannot move forward without this study. Would like to see this letter of support be approved as there is no harm in sending a letter of support. Council Member Greenough stated that the problem with permit approval is with the State of California and the Coastal Commission. City Manager Wier stated the purpose behind this pilot project is to prove that the sediment will not have a negative impact to the beaches. Spoke about the benefit of reusing this material. Mr. Bahr stated that Coastal Commission as well as the State Water Resources Control Board are already involved in this program. He outlined the way the sand is studied and would be done over periods of time. Council Member Altman stated letters of support are good for the Harbor and is good for the fishing industry. There is no harm in sending a letter of support, details aren't necessary when there is no financial risk to the City.

On a motion by Council Member Tinkler, seconded by Council Member Altman, and carried unanimously on a 4-1 polled vote with Council Member Greenough voting no, the City Council of the City of Crescent City authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of support for a California Regional Investment Initiative grant application being submitted by True North Organizing Network on behalf of the Crescent City Harbor District for a beneficial sediment reuse pilot project.

Council Member Greenough made a substitute motion to have this item on a future agenda for more information; motion failed for lack of a second.

7. 2026 Council Board and Committee Appointments

- *Recommendation: Hear staff report*
- *Technical questions from the Council*
- *Receive public comment*
- *Further Council discussion*
- *Confirm the Mayor's appointments to 2026 Boards and Committees*
- *Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2026-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY APPOINTING ONE MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE TO THE BORDER COAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS*

City Manager Wier explained the annual process for Boards and Committees. Mayor Pro Tem Tinkler appreciated her appointment to BCRAA as she has learned a lot from being on the Board.

Sam Strait: stated that the person that is on BCRAA Board should be aware that the airport has a short lifespan as it doesn't currently support itself.

On a motion by Council Member Greenough, seconded by Council Member Shamblin, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 polled vote, the City Council of the City of Crescent City approved and adopted Resolution No. 2026-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY APPOINTING ONE MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE TO THE BORDER COAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and confirmed the Mayor's appointments to 2026 Boards and Committees.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- **Reports, Concerns, Referrals, Council travel and training reports – None**
- **Legislative Matters – None**
- **City Manager Report and City Council Directives –** City Manager Wier reported on the following:
 - Recent storms and how the City was impacted and how staff managed it.
 - He outlined what items will be on the agenda for the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.
 - A delegation from Rikuzentakata will be arriving next week with a Taiko performance at Elk Valley Casino with performers from Rikuzentakata. The delegation will be taking tours as well as hearing presentations about local projects.
 - Applauded Fire Chief Gillespie for stepping in as interim while recruitment for a permanent Fire Chief is conducted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m. to the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Crescent City on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Flynn Center Board Chambers, 981 H Street, Crescent City, CA 95531.

ATTEST:



Robin Altman, City Clerk/Administrative Analyst