

CITY OF CRESCENT CITY

Mayor Jason Greenough
Council Member Raymond Altman
Council Member Isaiah Wright

Mayor Pro Tem Blake Inscore
Council Member Beau Smith

MINUTES SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

Call to order Mayor Greenough called the closed session to order at 5:01 p.m.

Roll call Council Members present: Council Member Ray Altman, Council Member Beau Smith, Council Member Isaiah Wright, Mayor Pro Tem Blake Inscore, and Mayor Jason Greenough
Staff present: City Manager Eric Wier, City Attorney Martha Rice, Human Resources Administrator Sunny Valero and Finance Director Linda Leaver

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- **Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Gov. Code § 54957.6), **City Representative:** Eric Wier, **Employee Organizations:** Clerical Employees of Crescent City, Crescent City Management Employees Association, and Crescent City Employees Association
- **Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation** (Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)) **Alice Brown v. State of California, et al., Case No. 18-CV-7826-EMC, William Paul v. City of Crescent City, et al., N.D. Cal (20-CV-01967-CRB), Magan L. Natha and Sarla M. Natha v. City of Crescent City (CVPT-2021-1184)**

OPEN SESSION

Call to order Mayor Greenough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call Council Members present: Council Member Ray Altman, Council Member Beau Smith, Council Member Isaiah Wright, Mayor Pro Tem Blake Inscore, and Mayor Jason Greenough
Staff present: City Manager Eric Wier, City Attorney Martha Rice, City Clerk/Administrative Analyst Robin Patch, Human Resources Administrator Sunny Valero, Finance Director Linda Leaver, City Engineer Jon Olson, Public Works Maintenance Manager Jason Wylie, Information Services Administrator Fritz Ludemann, Housing Authority Executive Director Megan Miller, Fire Chief Bill Gillespie, and Police Chief Richard Griffin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Greenough

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Rice reported no actions were taken on closed session items. But will reconvene after the Council meeting adjourns.

Moment of Silence for the military service members recently lost in Afghanistan

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Roger Gitlin: asked for the Lighthouse Way bike lane to be on an upcoming agenda.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Police Chief Commendations – IT Administrator Fritz Ludemann and Police Officer Alex Pearson

Chief Griffin announced that both Police Officer Pearson and IT Administrator Ludemann were instrumental in having a good, detailed investigation that resulted in an arrest. This particular case was a difficult one for those involved.

Mayor Greenough asked for item 9 to be moved in the interest of time for Dr. Stutz. Council was consensus to move for discussion next.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

9. COVID-19 Update and Possible Action

- *Recommendation: Receive updates from the City Manager regarding operational changes for City facilities and services, COVID-19 precautions for employees and the public at City facilities, COVID-19 testing options for employees, and local Public Health Orders*
- *Technical questions from the Council*
- *Receive public comment*
- *Further Council discussion*
- *Support Local Public Health Order Requiring Face Coverings be Worn in Workplaces and Public Settings*
- *Take action as necessary and appropriate*

Council Member Wright left the meeting at 6:30 p.m. due to illness.

Dr. Stutz stated that more of our community members are vaccinated which is a good thing to see. Presently, we have over 100 active cases right now, it may be leveling off at this point, but the numbers are still high for Del Norte. Currently, there are a total of 13 people hospitalized at Sutter Coast and there have been three additional deaths over the weekend. City Manager Wier asked Dr. Stutz to talk about the mask mandate as the Council has it to make a decision on tonight. Dr. Stutz stated that other Public Health doctors said this was a big piece that helped their communities lower the rate of transmission and the case level tapering off. He encouraged the community to refrain from having large gatherings at this time to help slow the transmission of COVID. The mandate will be in place until the cases get under control and the hospital stops being overwhelmed by patients. Council Member Altman asked if all of the deaths were unvaccinated people; Dr. Stutz stated that yes, that is accurate. Council Member Altman asked if there has been anyone who has died from being vaccinated locally? Dr. Stutz stated that no, he hasn't encountered one, even when he was in Siskiyou County. In his group of colleagues of ER physicians there have been serious illnesses and deaths associated with the vaccine, but they are very rare. There have been fewer than 10 that could have been attributed to the vaccine, but this is very difficult to determine because other co-morbidities exist usually. Council Member Altman asked about the Celebrations of Life that have been happening indoors that he has chosen not to go to because of the spread; Dr. Stutz stated that it is very difficult, and there are some

spiritual/community importance to them, so he won't tell anyone to not consider going, there are safe ways to do them. City Manager Wier stated that another policy decision for the Council to consider is mandatory weekly COVID testing for employees. Human Resources Administrator Valero stated that the mandatory testing has been happening in other cities such as Arcata. It is possible to have it done for City employees with an agreement with OptumServe. The City would have to work through any ADA issues as not all employees will be able to do the testing. City Manager Wier stated there would be a caveat that there would be no cost to the employee, and they would be paid for their time to get tested. Council Member Smith asked how the testing is going to be done between the vaccinated and unvaccinated, and the differences in quarantine? City Manager Wier stated the City has relied on Public Health and their recommendation of quarantine. Regarding testing, since the Delta Variant can infect vaccinated too, everyone will get tested regardless of vaccination status. Mayor Greenough feels testing once a week until the surge is over; Mayor Pro Tem Inscore agrees with a limited time with consultation with Public Health advising to discontinue when necessary. The Council was in consensus for employees to test once a week until the Del Norte Public Health Officer states it's no longer necessary, at no cost to the employees and done during their work schedule; City Manager Wier stated that for CCPD, overtime will have to be approved as the night shift cannot work with the testing schedule.

The following citizens addressed the Council

Thomas Barnes: appreciated Dr. Stutz's comments; is astounded at the "sheer lunacy" to have the employees tested at taxpayer expenses. It reduces the productivity of staff.

Roger Gitlin: nothing is free; stated that the Bill for mandating vaccinations was pulled due to public outcry. Stated the testing should not be mandatory, but voluntary.

Mayor Pro Tem Inscore stated this is in the best interest of the employees has nothing to do with being in California or leaning into hysteria; Mayor Greenough stated that if this was a mandate to have people vaccinated, it would be different discussion. It's a small thing to ask of City employees to do weekly testing. Dr. Stutz said what the Council is considering is in extreme circumstances that calls for extreme measures and now is the time to do it. Del Norte is the worst County in the entire State for COVID positivity rating. Dr. Stutz wouldn't normally recommend this, however it's a short period of time and limited. The Council was in consensus for testing and masking of City employees. The Council also expressed consensus support of the Local Public Health Order requiring face coverings be worn in workplaces.

Natalie Fahning: thanked staff for all they are doing to keep people safe and for the Council's discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Hearing: Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Crescent Ocean Grown, LLC Conditional Use Permit for a Cannabis Cultivation Operation

- *Recommendation: Open public hearing*
- *Hear staff report on the Conditional Use Permit application*
- *Technical questions from the Council*
- *Receive public comment*
- *Further Council discussion*
- *Close public hearing*
- *Adopt Resolution 2021-49, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OCEAN GROWN LLC FOR A CANNABIS CULTIVATION OPERATION AT 900 FRONT STREET*

Mayor Greenough opened the public hearing at 7:30p.m. City Attorney Rice stated that the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit for Crescent Ocean Grown, LLC to conduct a cannabis cultivation operation at 900 Front Street at the August 12, 2021 Planning Commission meeting Public Hearing. An appeal of the Planning Commission's decision was made by City resident, Roger Gitlin, the City Council must hold a second public hearing to decide whether the Planning Commission came to the correct decision on granting the CUP. This hearing is considered a quasi-judicial hearing, meaning that the Council is not sitting as policymaker, but to judge whether the application of Crescent Ocean Grown LLC meets the criteria and the standards set forth in the Crescent City Municipal Code Section 17.95. The decision of the Council must be based upon its findings and the findings must be supported by the evidence based on the facts found in the application, all of the agenda packet materials and any testimony that is given this evening. City Attorney Rice stated it is important to understand the difference between a legislative function and a judicial function. The legislative function took place when the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 819 which established the rules and regulations for cannabis businesses located within the City (CCMC CH. 17.95) and the question tonight is whether this application meets those requirements. To make a decision not supported by the facts and the evidence is called an abuse of discretion and can be challenged in court. Garry Rees, Planning Consultant from SHN Consulting, went over the application for cannabis cultivation and how they have followed all of the requirements to have their application approved at the Planning Commission level. The facility will be using an existing building located at 900 Front Street which was formerly a bar called The Turf Club. The business will be in operation 24 hours a day, however employees will be at the location between 8am-5pm. Mr. Rees went over the Operations Plan in brief that was attached to the staff report. He reported to the Council that the cannabis flower would be transported off site by licensed distributors and sold offsite to cannabis retailers. The following improvements will be made to the existing building: the installation of a mantrap at the entrance of the building as a required security feature, construction of interior walls to divide the building into separate spaces for cultivation, storage, and security; installation of carbon scrubbers for odor management; installation of storage cabinets for pesticides, fertilizers, equipment, and business records; installation of two steel fire exit doors, installation of security cameras; installation of motion sensor outdoor lighting; energy efficiency improvements: 4-ton air conditioner, dehumidifiers, CO2 regulators, transition to LED lighting (within two years) and irrigation wastewater recycling storage. The proposed use will involve the cultivation of cannabis, which is consistent with the General Plan Designation of Visitor and Local Commercial and conditionally permitted in the Waterfront Commercial Zoning District. This project complies with the requirements for indoor cultivation as outlined in the CCMC 17.95; Mr. Reese went over each one. There were also conditions of approval for the project which Mr. Reese outlined in detail. Council Member Altman asked if there would be any windows on the building; Mr. Rees stated there are windows along Front Street, but the owner will be closing them off. Council Member Altman asked about the signage – if this is not retail, why the need for a sign; Mr. Rees said they have the right to do so under the municipal code; Council Member Altman stated it is not agreeable to have a sign with a big pot leaf on it; Mr. Rees said that the sign will be on I Street and is a sign only with the name, no graphics. Council Member Smith asked if it was zoned agriculture; City Attorney Rice said that the ordinance zoned certain spots for indoor cultivation of cannabis, it's not just any agriculture, it's very specific to indoor cultivation of cannabis. Council Member Smith asked about water recycling system, is that for the Clean Water Act? Mr. Rees explained that as an energy efficiency measure and water reduction/conservation measure the applicant is proposing to recycle/reuse the irrigation water as much as possible. There is a possibility that it will be discharged to the WWTP which then will require an Industrial Discharge Permit to be obtained from the City. The applicant is not doing the water recycling as a condition from the Clean Water Act, it's to conserve water. Council Member Smith asked if any of the water would be considered hazardous materials; Director Olson stated that whenever an application is received that could affect the WWTP there is a very rigorous review to make sure there will be no negative effects to our WWTP. Mayor Pro Tem Inscore asked if the discharge will be evaluated from the beginning of the operation; Director Olson stated it would.

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Steven Jackson: The Turf Club's sign was there for years, the sign for the new business is fine and they should be allowed to do so. WWTP smells bad so a cannabis cultivation business should not be an issue.

Roger Gitlin: lives near the WWTP and does not smell it very often; would like another location for this cannabis manufacturing operation.

Ernie and Linda Perry: (submitted comment via email) wrote in opposition to the proposed location, the odor it will emanate, and the low fines associated with odor violations.

Natalie Fahning: spoke in opposition to the cannabis manufacturing shop right across from Beachfront Park. Asked for a different location.

Mayor Greenough stated he does not see grounds to deny this use permit; the application was well done they are following the law to the letter. Council Member Altman the community has said they want new business, this is an old bar that is vacant, boarded up and will be used; Council Member Smith stated that he was not on the Council when the Commercial Cannabis ordinance was adopted; he is not in support of cannabis manufacturing. Mayor Pro Tem Inscore stated that all questions and comments should have been brought before the Council when the Commercial Cannabis Ordinance was being drafted. This is not something that was rubber stamped – this has been a two-year process to include the Planning Commission. There have been multiple public meetings and there were no opponents for this use. His concern now is that because the municipal code can be changed, how would it impact this specific business and use permit if a future Council changes the municode; would their use permit be revoked if it's changed? City Attorney Rice stated that no, it would be legal non-conforming use. Council Member Smith asked if the Police Chief thinks it will change anything; Chief Griffin stated that it will improve their calls for service as it's currently a vacant building that will now be used. Right now, there is a problem with homeless, defecation, vandalism etc. There will not be any more calls for service than when The Turf Club was in business. The option of leaving a vacant building is a bigger problem. Mayor Pro Tem Inscore asked regarding enforcement, the City should go above and beyond in being proactive. The odor issue – how many times will the odor be confronted until the use permit gets revoked. City Attorney Rice stated that the goal of code enforcement is to get compliance and cooperation, and it depends on how egregious the offense is. If there is no willingness or ability to correct the issue, revocation can be addressed. Mr. Rees stated that nuisance abatement can be used, you don't have to wait for the annual review. This applicant is doing what they can to address odor control.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Inscore, seconded by Council Member Altman, and carried unanimously on a 3-1 polled vote with Council Member Smith voting no and Council Member Wright being absent, the City Council of the City of Crescent City adopted Resolution No. 2021-49, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OCEAN GROWN LLC FOR A CANNABIS CULTIVATION OPERATION AT 900 FRONT STREET

Mayor Greenough called a 10-minute recess at 8:50; Council returned in session at 9:00 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Council Meeting Minutes

- *Recommendation: Approve the August 2, 2021 and August 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes of the City Council.*

4. Warrant Claims List

- *Recommendation: Receive and file the warrant claims list for the period August 7, 2021, through August 27, 2021.*

5. Payroll Report

- *Recommendation: Receive and file the biweekly payroll reports for the period ending August 14, 2021, paid August 20, 2021 and for the period ending August 28, 2021, paid September 3, 2021.*

6. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV2/3 – Updated Resolution

- *Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-53, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ROUND 2 AND 3 (CDBG-CV2 AND CV3) NOFA DATED DECEMBER 18, 2020*

7. Amendment No. 3 to Contract with Jacobs for Influent Gate Engineering, Bidding, and Construction Management Services

- *Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to sign Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Operations, Maintenance and Management Services of the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the City of Crescent City, California with Operations Management International, Inc. to include engineering, bidding, and construction management services related to a new influent gate at the facility*

8. AutoZone Permanent Easement for Wayfinding Sign

- *Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-50, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR SIGNAGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL*

Mayor Pro Tem Inscore asked for item 7 to be pulled for discussion, Council was in consensus.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Inscore, seconded by Council Member Altman, and carried on a 4-0 polled vote with Council Member Wright absent, the City Council of the City of Crescent City adopted the consent calendar consisting of items 3-6, & 8 as presented.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Inscore stated that within the consultant's scope of work, under task 2 said that existing drawings and cad files from May of 2015 will be used as a base and the consultant will not be producing specifications for this project. Does not want to rely on something that is six years old. Director Olson stated that he worked closely with Jacobs for the scope of work and to reduce costs was to not create a large specification book. It's not that there won't be specifications, there will be, it'll just be in the plans. Additionally, we will use standard specifications. City Manager Wier stated that there will be specific plans in the construction; the proposal could be amended to address Mayor Pro Tem Inscore's concerns. Director Olson stated that the previous set of plans for the influent gate will be used by Jacobs to draw up new plans.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Inscore, seconded by Council Member Smith, and carried on a 4-0 polled vote with Council Member Wright being absent, the City Council of the City of Crescent City authorized the City Manager to sign Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Operations, Maintenance, and Management Services of the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the City of Crescent City, California with Operations Management International, Inc. to include engineering,

bidding, and construction management services related to a new influent gate at the facility with the condition to include language indicating that specifications are included in the plans that they produce.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Moved to the top of the meeting.

9. COVID-19 Update and Possible Action

- *Recommendation: Receive updates from the City Manager regarding operational changes for City facilities and services, COVID-19 precautions for employees and the public at City facilities, COVID-19 testing options for employees, and local Public Health Orders*
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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

10. Code Enforcement

City Clerk/Administrative Analyst Patch gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of code enforcement for the City with a focus on weed abatement.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Debt Policy 2021

- *Recommendation: Hear staff report*
- *Technical questions from the Council*
- *Receive public comment*
- *Further Council discussion*
- *Adopt Resolution No. 2021-51, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY AMENDING THE CITY'S DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY*

Finance Director Leaver reported to the Council that the last time the Debt Policy was before the Council was in December of 2020; it is best practice to regularly review and update the policy when necessary. Director Leaver explained the following changes to the Debt Policy as recommended by Urban Futures, Inc; removing sections to simplify the document: methods of financing projects, types of debt, debt terms and credit enhancements (they were definitions not policies); changing the previous policy that the City "may" hire a financial advisor to the City "shall" hire appropriate financing/debt consultants prior to issuing debt; removing the previous policy that debt service payments made from the General Fund to be no more than 5% of General Fund revenues; and removing sections on conflicts of interest and procurement of services as they are included in the City's Conflict of Interest and Procurement policies already.

There were no public comments

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Inscore, seconded by Council Member Altman, and carried on a 4-0 polled vote, with Council Member Wright absent, the City Council of the City of Crescent City adopted Resolution No. 2021-51, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY AMENDING THE CITY'S DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY

12. Development of an Emergency Response Plan Based on the Recently Completed Water Risk and Resiliency Study

- *Recommendation: Hear staff report*
- *Technical questions from the Council*
- *Receive public comment*
- *Further Council discussion*
- *Authorize the City Manager to sign Stover Engineering Task Order 19 to develop an Emergency Response Plan to the Risk and Resiliency Assessment*
- *Adopt Resolution No. 2021-52, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY*

Director Olson presented to the Council that the FY 2021-22 budget did not include an allocation to complete the required Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Kennedy-Jenks in cooperation with Stover Engineering proposes to complete the ERP in the required time based on the Risk and Resiliency Assessment (RRA) and the City's existing emergency response documents. The proposed ERP will include refinement/development of action plans, procedures, and strategies for improving the resiliency of the system, response and recovery time, and deliver an America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) 2018 compliant ERP to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The FY 2020-21 budget for the RRA was \$40,000. Actual cost of the assessment was \$13,950.50 leaving \$26,049.50 unused. It will cost \$55,000 from the Water Fund to complete this mandatory emergency response plan. Therefore, a budget amendment is required. Staff recommends rolling over the unused \$26,050 from FY 2020-21 plus an additional \$28,950 for a total budget of \$55,000 for the Emergency Response Plan. This expense will come out of the Water Fund reserve. Mayor Pro Tem Inscore asked if by rolling over the unused portion with this budget amendment, will it impact anything else in the Water Fund? Director Olson stated that since there are sufficient reserves in the Water Fund, there will be no impacts. However, there are some upcoming big CIP projects that the Council will discuss at a future date to determine what needs to be financed.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Inscore, seconded by Council Member Altman, and carried on a 4-0 polled vote, with Council Member Wright absent, the City Council of the City of Crescent City authorized the City Manager to sign Stover Engineering Task Order 19 to develop an Emergency Response Plan to the Risk and Resiliency Assessment, and adopted Resolution No. 2021-52, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY

13. League of California Cities 2021 Annual Conference Resolutions

- *Recommendation: Hear staff report*
- *Technical questions from the Council*
- *Receive public comment*
- *Further Council discussion*
- *Consider and take a position on the resolutions for the voting delegate, Mayor Pro Tem Inscore, to represent the City at the 2021 League of California Cities Annual Conference*

City Manager Wier reported to the Council that resolutions are presented annually at the League of California Cities Annual Conference. This year, the two resolutions are 1. RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ("CAL CITIES") CALLING ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES FOR A FAIR AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BRADLEY BURNS 1% LOCAL SALES TAX FROM IN-STATE ONLINE

PURCHASES, BASED ON DATA WHERE PRODUCTS ARE THAT FULFILMENT CENTERS HAVE ON HOST CITIES BUT ALSO PROVIDES A FAIR SHARE TO CALIFORNIA CITIES THAT DO NOT AND/OR CANNOT HAVE A FULFILLMENT CENTER WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION. and 2. A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR CUPC TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION TO INSPECT RAILROAD LINES TO ENSURE THAT OPERATORS ARE REMOVING ILLEGAL DUMPING, GRAFFITI AND HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS THAT DEGRADE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND RESULTS IN INCREASED PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS FOR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ABOUT THE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. The Council discussed the two resolutions at length and was in consensus for Mayor Pro Tem Inscore to vote yes on both at the League Annual Conference so that the two matters may be heard on a larger scale.

There were no public comments.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- **Legislative Matters** – Mayor Pro Tem Inscore reported that SB455 was expected to garner a lot of conversation as it was a transportation bill that had language added to mandate vaccinations. However, the bill was removed from legislation, but is a good example of needing to pay attention to bills being heard. City Manager Wier stated that AB 339 regarding the Brown Act and current exemptions for meeting in person.
- **City Manager Report and City Council Directives** – City Manager Wier reported that City Staff is working with Tedd Ward and DNSWMA regarding the cemetery cleanup project along with Daphne Cortese of Del Norte Mission Possible. Project is still in discussions for the feasibility of having it completed safely; Del Norte County Environmental Health Department has been involved in the discussion as well.
 - Report from Director Wendt
 - Healthcare District Funded Swimming Lessons Update
 - City Manager Wier reported that the Healthcare District has funded over 255 swimming lessons.
 - Report from Police Chief Griffin
 - School Backpack Program
 - Chief Griffin reported to the Council that the School Backpack Program is up and running again this year, even though there wasn't as much promotion of the program this year, the community came forward with funding.
 - Police Department Vehicle Purchase
 - CCPD has a new truck added to the fleet and will be badged with CCPD logos as well as lighting equipment. The truck will be instrumental in picking up bicycles as well as shopping carts. This purchase was made possible from Measure S funds. The blacked-out SUVs will be changed to resemble the other police vehicles.
 - EVOC Training Course
 - Taser / Body Camera
 - Body cameras are live now and shows officers locations on a map. It has the option to show live feed from the body camera when it is on. The camera automatically activates if the officer draws their weapon. Everything is audited and tracked; sharing videos with the District Attorney is available as well as for IT Administrator Ludemann should he need to do any video redaction he can do so from his office instead of having to go to the PD.

- If an officer deploys their taser or draws it, Chief Griffin will get an alert.
- Report from Director Olson
 - Library Parking Lot Repair Project

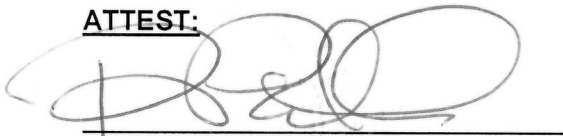
Director Olson reported to the Council that the problem in the library parking lot is with the Monterey Cypress trees. A few days before issuing the contract to Hemmingsen for safety repairs, a large limb from one of the trees fell into the parking lot. An Arborist came out to inspect the trees and advised they have core rot within them. The trees need to be removed; therefore, staff will be reevaluating how to get that done.

➤ **Reports, Concerns, Referrals, Council travel and training reports – None**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Greenough adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m. to closed session. The closed session adjourned at 11:00 p.m., City Attorney Rice reported no actions were taken on closed session items. The meeting was adjourned to the regular meeting with the City Council of the City of Crescent City scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom, Crescent City, CA 95531.

ATTEST:



Robin Patch
City Clerk/Administrative Analyst