

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- Mayor Lin called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Council members in attendance: Binnie, Bhardwaj.
- Miller, Fulkerson – **Absent**.
- City Staff in attendance: City Clerk, Gabriel Adams; Police Chief, Ken Thrailkill.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code, Section 54957: Public Employment.
 - a. City Attorney

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Lin reported that the Council unanimously selected **Paul Hagen** to be the new City Attorney.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion (Binnie/Bhardwaj) to approve the agenda as submitted. **Passed 3-0.***

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 09, 2007 cc

*Motion (Binnie/Bhardwaj) to approve the minutes as amended. **Passed 2-0.** Lin was absent.*

May 23, 2007 cc

*Motion (Bhardwaj/Binnie) to approve the minutes as amended. **Passed 3-0.***

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Binnie - Parks and Recreation, Streets

Trails: The steps at the foot of the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail were repaired by TPW.

Streets: Mr. Saunders requested that the flowering cherry trees present along many of our City streets be pruned and that funds be made available to cover the expense. After some research, I learned that the trees were purchased and planted by the Patrick's Point Garden Club. The Garden Club had an agreement with the City to maintain and care for them. Concerns regarding these trees should be conveyed to the Garden Club, not the City.

Tsurai: Regarding the drainage problem – In May, the Council decided to seek a second opinion regarding the solution to this problem. Met with Joe & Axel Lindgren (TAS), Tom Gates (Yurok Tribe), and Giovanni Vadurro (LACO Associates engineering firm). It was determined that a topographic survey would help determine the best approach to getting rid of excess water saturating the bluff.

The City made contact with Mike Sebring, owner of the property at the end of Groth Lane. He and his wife will be in Trinidad in early July. We plan to meet with them at that time to discuss the project.

Bhardwaj – Health & Human Services, Planning

Health: Nothing to report.

Planning: Mike Morgan was appointed as Chair of the Planning Commission. City Planning was awarded a \$300,000 clean beaches grant from the State to trace source pollution at the beach. Septic repair funding will be available for qualifying residents as part of the grant. Septic ordinance will be brought to the Council at a future meeting.

Lin – Water, Town Hall

Water: Water customers who appear to have a second dwelling unit on their property but not paying a second base rate will be notified that they will be required to do so beginning July 1 – unless they can prove that the unit is not being used.

City Hall: 1) Councilmember Miller has resigned. Resignation will be effective July 1, and a vacancy notice will be posted to recruit his replacement. 2) Building Official Scott Kelly of Spencer Engineering has declined to renew his contract this year. The City will post notices to recruit his replacement as well.

Miller – Finance - **Absent**

Fulkerson – Public Safety - **Absent**

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk/IWMC – Adams:

Reported on the PARSAC meeting in May 30-31 in Sacramento. Reported the Fish Festival recycling program results.

City Attorney – Guttero: **Absent.**

Police Chief – Thrailkill – Announced arrests, service calls, and statistics.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

(Three (3) minute limit per Speaker unless Council approves request for extended time.)

Mike Morgan – Trinidad

Reported on the electrical system update of Town Hall. New exit lights are installed, and new outlets have been installed on the south wall. Lighting improvements are scheduled to begin in early July.

X. CONSENT AGENDA – No consent agenda items.

XI. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion/Decision regarding the Trinidad Civic Club's request for financial assistance. (Lin).

Mayor Lin explained that the Council received a request from the Trinidad Civic Club for financial assistance to cover their annual operating expenses. The Civic Club has long been an essential element of the City and the greater community. The Club has provided the room, kitchen, and other facilities for community functions. The Memorial Lighthouse, created and maintained by the Civic Club, has become a symbol for the North Coast. It helps bring in local business and revenue to the City. I support their proposal.

No public comment.

Binnie and Bhardwaj both agreed to support the proposal.

*Motion (Bhardwaj/Binnie) to approve allocating \$3,000 from the City's 2007-2008 general fund budget to assist the Trinidad Civic Club in covering their operating expenses. **Passed 3-0.***

XII. COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- **Council meeting ended at 7:50pm.**

Submitted by:

Gabriel Adams
City Clerk

Approved by:

Chi-Wei Lin
Mayor