

SUMMARY MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
MAY 09, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Lin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilmembers Marlow, Bowman, and Heyenga. Councilmember Cuthbertson was absent. No staff were present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Lin led the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Bowman/Marlow) to approve the agenda as submitted passed unanimously.

IV. AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. Discussion/Decision regarding procedure to process U.S. Cellular application. (Lin)

A. To consider sending application to the Planning Commission

Mayor Lin introduced this item explaining the reasons he thought the modified application was a new approach and should be sent to the Planning Commission. Heyenga handed out a memo (attached) from the City Planner explaining the City Attorney's opinion that the issue did not have to go to the Planning Commission but that City ordinances allowed the Council to modify appealed decisions.

Public comment included:

Kathy Bhardwaj – Trinidad

Said that procedures should be done in a consistent way.

Brad Twoomey – Trinidad

Planning Commissioner thought the original application should have gone to the Planning Commission first and not the Council.

Council comments:

Bowman: wants to know what the BLM thinks about the issue before he makes a decision on any application.

Marlow: wants as much information as possible, including Planning Commission comments and information from the BLM.

Heyenga: the City Attorney and City Planner made it clear that this modified application is not a new one and does not have to go to the Planning Commission; the Council should hear the issue and make a decision.

Lin: once an applicant modifies a design he needs to start over.

Applicant comment:

Tom McMurray, representing US Cellular, noted that the original project application was redesigned to address concerns of the public and the Coastal Commission. He also asked whether the application could be processed or would they have to wait until "something else happens," e.g. a report from the BLM.

*Motion (Marlow/Lin) to send the revised application to the Planning Commission for consideration. **Passed 3-1.***

Yes: Marlow, Bowman, Lin. **No:** Heyenga

Bowman noted that the applicant now had two choices: go with the original appeal to the City Council or take the revised proposal to the Planning Commission.

B. To consider postponing the hearing scheduled for May 15.

Heyenga pointed out that the Planner's memo states that the deadline for sending public notices for a hearing on May 15 has passed, so no hearing could be held on that date anyway. The Council agreed that no action was necessary on this issue.

2. Discussion/Decision on participating in World Ocean Conference. (Lin)

Lin introduced the item describing the Conference in Long Beach this September. The reason for the special meeting was that if Trinidad is participating a 300-word abstract is due to the Conference organizers by this Friday, May 12. He expressed an interest in attend the Conference.

Public comment included:

Patti Fleschner – Trinidad

Would the Mayor speak at the Conference? Lin said yes - the topic would be integrated management of ocean water near Trinidad.

Stan Binnie – Trinidad

It is important for Trinidad to be represented.

Richard Johnson - Trinidad

Trinidad is a pilot program for the State; we can benefit from attending.

Council comments:

Heyenga: even though the State has created yet another bureaucratic committee as an attempt to solve important problems, Trinidad could benefit from attending the Conference. Travel, lodging, and other expenses for the Conference should not exceed \$1000 and the City should make the investment by paying for the Mayor to attend. He suggested the Harbor fund as a source.

Bowman: the Harbor fund has the money and is a logical source of funding

*Motion (Heyenga/Bowman) to authorize the Mayor to attend the World Ocean Conference and to authorize up to \$1000 from the Harbor fund to cover expenses. **Passed unanimously.***

V. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR - there were no items from the floor.

VI. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Lin adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Dean Heyenga
Councilmember
05/10/06

Chi-Wei Lin
Mayor