

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 08, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Fulkerson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Council members in attendance: West, Fulkerson, Davies. ***Councilmember Miller was participating via teleconference.***
- City Staff in attendance: City Manager Karen Suiker, City Clerk Gabriel Adams

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION – No closed session scheduled.

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Davies/West) to approve the agenda as written. Passed 4-0.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 10, 2013 cc

Motion (Miller/West) to approve the minutes as amended. Passed 4-0.

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Fulkerson: North Coast Railroad Authority Board Member Selection. The ten-year Tribal membership discussion continues at HCAOG. HTA is encouraging everyone to take the bus. For \$10

Davies: RCEA Global Warming discussion, PACE program, and Electric Vehicle Plug-In stations.

West: Streetlight banner policy drafted. Still some details to review, but draft policy should be available for review by Council at June meeting.

City Manager Suiker: Announced the Law Enforcement meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 09. Sheriff Mike Downey and Supervisor Sundberg will be attending to respond to the recent rise in criminal activity in Trinidad.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Janine Volkmar – Trinidad Area Resident
Announced Westhaven Spring Fling on May 12.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proclamation 2013-03; May as National Bike Month.
2. Proclamation 2013-04; June 01, 2013 as North Coast Lemonade Day.
Pulled for announcement and introduction from RREDC representatives. (Davies/West) Passed 4-0.
3. Financial Status Reports for March 2013.
4. Announcement of the May 09th Community Meeting to Discuss Law Enforcement Issues with County Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Sheriff Mike Downey, and other Sheriff Office Personnel.
5. Resolution 2013-04; Adopting the Construction Budget for the Water Treatment Plant Construction Project, and authorizing Signature of Funding Agreement Prop 50.
6. Authorize the City Manager to Sign Contract for Services with GHD and RCAA for Bid Services for Luffenholtz Creek Sediment Reduction Project.
7. Agreement for Loan of Art Display in at the Sculpture Base at Patrick's Point Drive and Main Street.
8. Update on OWTS Project Implementation from City Planner, Trever Parker.
9. Change of Location of June 12 Council Meeting to the Trinidad School Library.

Motion (Davies/West) to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Passed 4-0.

X. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion/Decision regarding Councilmember Appointment and Swearing in if applicable.
Councilmember Fulkerson announced that Councilmember Bhardwaj decided to resign due to health issues and having to move out of the area for treatment. She was a solid member, always doing her research and providing thoughtful input. There are 2 candidates for one seat on the Council. Valle Janes and Jim Baker.

Valle Janes explained her background in Trinidad, her strengths, weaknesses, and credentials. She expressed why she has decided to offer her time to serve the city at this point in her life, and thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak.

Jim Baker explained his background in public service, education, and his history in Trinidad and Humboldt County residency. He provided background on his career as a land surveyor, and his strengths as a problem solver and realist. He also thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve.

Council comment included:
West: Thanked both candidates for offering to serve, and suggested that whoever is not selected should come back in 1.5 years when the term expires.

Miller, Davies, and Fulkerson agreed that the city is grateful that there are 2 excellent candidates.

*Motion (Miller/Davies) to appoint Jim Baker to serve the remaining 1.5 year term. **Passed 4-0.***

2. Discussion/Decision regarding Humboldt Sanitations proposal for Automated Curbside Refuse and Recycling collection.
Greg Cain, owner of Humboldt Sanitation explained their 40 year history. He bought the company in 1978, and in 1985 opened the recycling center. They operated container sites in Willow Creek and on Tribal lands. They've been recycling in Trinidad since 1970. The Trinidad Civic Club built a trailer made of plywood. They processed recyclables in McKinleyville, and one day had their trailer blow out on the side of the freeway. Humboldt Sanitation helped clean it up, and offered to haul the recyclables. From then on, Humboldt Sanitation has been hauling Trinidad's recyclables.

Brian Sollom, Operations Manager at Humboldt Sanitation explained that on January 01 they rolled out the curbside garbage and recycling collection program in McKinleyville. It has been incredibly successful. They plan to roll-out the new carts to Trinidad area residents at the end of June. The 95 gallon single-stream recycling cart will be picked up every other week, and the garbage will be picked up weekly. The blue-bag program will be discontinued at the end of June. Trinidad currently has 57 residential and commercial customers.

Council questions included:
Fulkerson: This is a bundled service, but not mandatory. I'm concerned about creating a blight problem. How do we get people to put their cans away and not leave them on the curb for days. Will HumSan dispose of old cans for customers?

Miller: Concerned with Vacation Rentals, and asked questions about the sorting facility. Sollom explained that less than 4% residual is lost in sorting, and that the material is hauled to Willits.

Davies: Will not support mandatory garbage.

Public comments included:
Connie Butler – Trinidad
I'll give up my Blue Bags to improve the health of the driver.

City Manager Suiker explained that the next step for the Council is to adopt an ordinance, Join HWMA, develop a franchise agreement with HumSan, and discontinue the Community Drop-Off Site.

No decision was made. Presentation item only.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting ended at 9:45pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Gabriel Adams
City Clerk

Julie Fulkerson
Mayor