

ACTION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Heyenga called the meeting to order at 7:30. Present were Councilmembers Marlow, Bowman, Lin, and Cuthbertson. Chief Thrailkill was also present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Heyenga led the Pledge.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Before discussion on the agenda Mayor Heyenga apologized for removing three agenda items submitted by Councilmember Lin.

Motion (Cuthbertson/Heyenga) to leave #1 first failed 3-2. Yes: Cuthbertson, Heyenga. No: Marlow, Bowman, Lin

Motion (Cuthbertson/Bowman) to move item #1 to the end of the agenda, move up item #3, move item #2 to next to last, and to continue #5 to a future meeting passed. Yes: Marlow, Bowman, Cuthbertson. No: Heyenga, Lin

IV. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Kathy Bhardwaj: When should the City pay for research requested by a Councilmember?

Mary Wilbur: Council should get on with business; obey the Brown Act

Brad Twoomey: Comments on cell communications facilities on Trinidad Head

Pat Morales: Various criticisms

Carol Rowe: Who is the City Attorney's client and what is the basis for confidentiality?

Sungnome Madrone: Complimented Councilmembers for roles in fixing Van Wycke Trail

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Nicholson & Olson, CPA, contract for auditing services for FY 2005-2006.

Motion (Lin/Cuthbertson) to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted passed unanimously.

VII. AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. Discussion/decision regarding developing MOU with Humboldt North Coast Land Trust and Humboldt County Library regarding new branch library. (Heyenga)

Motion (Heyenga/Bowman) to authorize Mayor Heyenga and Councilmember Lin to develop one or more MOU's with representatives of the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust and the Humboldt County Library, and to bring the draft MOU('s) back to the Council for discussion and action passed unanimously.

2. Discussion/Decision regarding policy on changing Council meeting procedures. (Heyenga)
*Motion (Marlow/Lin) to the extent allowed by law or Council Resolution, the Mayor may conduct meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. **Passed 3-2. Yes:** Marlow, Bowman, Lin. **No:** Heyenga, Cuthbertson.*

*Motion (Heyenga/Cuthbertson) to adopt the following Council policy. **Passed 3-2. Yes:** Bowman, Heyenga, Cuthbertson. **No:** Marlow, Lin.*

It is the policy of the Trinidad City Council that any changes to Council meeting procedures, agenda sequence, parliamentary protocol, or any other decisions affecting the conduct of Councilmembers, staff, or the public during Council meetings be implemented by policy, Resolution, or Ordinance after public discussion and Council action.

3. Discussion/decision on Council policy regarding parking changes. (Heyenga)
Motion (Heyenga/Cuthbertson) to approve the Council policy as stated in the Council packet was withdrawn.

*Motion (Heyenga/Bowman) to approve the following Council policy. **Passed. Yes:** Bowman, Heyenga, Lin, Cuthbertson. **Abstain:** Marlow*

It is the policy of the City Council that any proposed changes to ADA parking on public property or city streets be brought before the City Council or Planning Commission for discussion and action.

4. Discussion/decision regarding a change in water billing procedures and water rate increases. (Cuthbertson)
Council took no action on this item. Councilmember Lin agreed to bring a revised water rate structure to a future meeting for discussion and action.
5. Item #1 (Fires/fireworks on beaches) was continued to a future meeting.

VIII. COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cuthbertson: request for budget workshop

Council agreed on a budget workshop for 10:00am, Thursday, July 27. At that workshop the Council will deal with the minutes carried over from tonight's meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Heyenga adjourned the meeting at 11:37pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Dean Heyenga
Mayor
07/27/06

Chi-Wei Lin
Mayor Pro-Tem