

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Only one agenda item: Proposed budget for 2012-2013

IX. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Jim Cuthbertson requested that the Van Wycke trail be repaired as soon as possible.

X. AGENDA ITEM

Karen Suiker, City Manager, presented the budget proposal for fiscal year 2012-2013

Chamber of Commerce president, Dennis Koutouzos, discussed future projects and the financial needs of the Chamber for the next fiscal year. He stated that every dollar spent on tourism comes back to the City as TOT money and dollars spent by visitors at local businesses.

Patti Fleschner, representing the Museum Board of Directors, stated that the \$2,000 requested from the 2012-2013 budget will help cover operating expenses such as landscaping, utility bills and general maintenance of the common areas.

Council member comments:

Bhardwaj: Requested that both the Chamber of Commerce and Museum come back to the council after the 3/4 election in November.

Fulkerson: Requested a more formal accounting of money spent by the Chamber over the last two years. What other funding sources does the Chamber draw from? New street lights are a tremendous improvement! Council should consider joining the LGC (Local Government Commission). She will give the City Manager a list of services and associated cost to join.

Miller: Stated that he felt nervous about spending at this time. He fears that there will be fewer state and federal grants in the future, forcing the city to pay for road repairs and other projects out of the general fund. How much would it cost to accelerate the General Plan? City Manager should meet with City Planner.

Morgan: Agreed that the Chamber works hard to encourage tourism, bringing money into the local economy. Invite the City Planner to come to the next meeting to discuss planning costs.

Davies: Would like to see the Chamber's allocations vs. expenditures for the past year.

Public comment included:

Patti Fleschner: The Verizon towers provide a nice income & the contract should be renewed.

Richard Johnson: The ADU/VDU and OWTS programs are underfunded. General Plan funds should be increased.

Motion (Miller/Fulkerson) to accept the budget as proposed; allocating \$2,000 to the Museum and \$2,000 to the Chamber of Commerce and to revisit the allocations after the November election.

Motion passed by the following vote: Yes - Miller, Fulkerson. Morgan and Davies, No – Bhardwaj.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Sandra Cuthbertson
Clerk

Kathy Bhardwaj
Mayor