

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 09, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Fulkerson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Council members in attendance: Bauman, Miller, Bhardwaj, Fulkerson, Davies.
- City Staff in attendance: City Manager Karen Suiker, City Clerk Gabriel Adams, City Engineer Josh Wolf

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Davies/Miller) to approve the agenda as written. Passed unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 12, 2012 cc

Motion (Davies/Bhardwaj) to approve the minutes as amended. Passed unanimously.

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Fulkerson: Presented a photo slideshow recognizing city staff and the work they accomplish.

Davies: RCEA meeting update - Solar installation incentives being offered through loans, and projects underway involving plug-in stations for electric vehicles.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Steve Ruth – Trinidad

Questions regarding appeal fee ordinance that will be discussed at the Jan.23 meeting: 1) How many appeals were there in 2011 & 2012, 2) were they successful?, and 3) how much did they cost the city. If successful, the appeal fee should be refunded.

Patti Fleschner – Trinidad

Thanked the City for the \$2000 contribution to the library/museum this year.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Financial Status Reports for November 2012.
2. Sheriff Activity Report for December 2012.
3. Authorize staff to advertise Azalea and Pacific Project.
4. Authorize City Manager to Sign the Draft Harbor Lands Lease Agreement.

Motion (Bhardwaj/Davies) to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

X. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Swearing in of new Councilmember Maria Bauman.
City Clerk Adams read Bauman the oath of office
2. Discussion/Decision to adopt Resolution 2013-01; Requesting Changes to the Road Classification Map.
City Engineer Josh Wolf explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) identifies functional classification as a key item in transportation data. Streets and highways are grouped into classes according to the service they provide. The California Road System (CRS) maps display functional classification which is used in determining Federal funding to maintain the roads. These maps are used in determining Federal funding to maintain the roads. Federal funds for a number of federal highway programs are apportioned and allocated to the local agencies based on the public road mileage in each jurisdiction.
The FHWA groups roadways into seven classifications:

1. Interstate
2. Other Freeways and Expressways
3. Other Principal Arterial
4. Minor Arterial
5. Major Collector
6. Minor Collector
7. Local

Incorporated cities are responsible for reviewing the California Road System (CRS) maps maintained by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and initiating requests for changes to the functional classification of local streets and roads under their jurisdiction. The procedure for changing the functional classification of a street on the CRS maps involves seeking concurrence from Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) and submitting a request form to Caltrans with a City Council resolution approving the submittal.

In reviewing the City's current roadway network and comparing it to the CRS maps, it is apparent that several changes to the CRS map should be made to put the City in a better position to obtain Federal funding. The recommended changes are summarized in the following table:

Street Name	From	To	Existing Classification	Proposed Classification
Main Street	Westhaven Drive	Trinity Street	6-Minor Collector	5-Major Collector
Trinity Street	Main Street	Edwards Street	6-Minor Collector	5-Major Collector
Edwards Street	Trinity Street	Bay Street	6-Minor Collector	5-Major Collector
Bay Street	Edwards Street	western end of road	7-Local	5-Major Collector

Main Street, Trinity Street, Edwards Street and Bay Street are the main thoroughfare through town and connects US 101 (classified as a Principal Arterial) to Trinidad State Beach, Trinidad Head (designated as California Historic Landmark), and the Trinidad Pier and Harbor. Therefore changing their classifications to Major Collector is consistent with FHWA guidelines.

Public comment included:

Brad Twoomey – Trinidad

Concerned with inconsistencies between the General Plan ordinances and the Highway Classifications.

Councilmember Fulkerson reassured the public that no matter how the streets get federally classified, the city will retain control of the streets.

*Motion (Davies/Miller) to adopt Resolution 2013-01 requesting specific changes to the Federal Functional Road Classification Map. **Passed unanimously.***

3. Unmet Transit Needs public hearing.

City Manager Suiker explained that each year HCAOG conducts a citizen participation process to assess unmet transit needs within Humboldt County. The annual process helps HCAOG properly apply funds provided through the Transportation Development Act. Member entities conduct separate hearings to receive constituent comments from their jurisdictions. Comments will be forwarded to HCAOG for inclusion into the Unmet Needs Report of Findings each year.

Public comment included:

Steve Ruth – Trinidad

I'm impressed with the amount of public transportation Humboldt County has compared to how few people I see riding the bus.

Council comments included:

Bhardwaj: Thanked HCAOG for adding Sunday service.

Davies: Would like to have a more suitable storage system available at the Trinidad Bus Stop, similar to the one installed at the 6th Avenue stop in Westhaven.

Fulkerson: Even though the buses aren't full when they come and go from Trinidad, there's enough ridership in the more populated areas to keep HTA running and supporting itself.

Comments will be forwarded to HCAOG.

4. Discussion/Decision regarding Council Committee Assignments

City Manager Suiker explained that at the meeting in December, 2012, the Council authorized the Mayor to compile a list of recommended appointments for Council consideration at the January 2013 meeting. The list has been established and is up for consideration.

Motion (Miller/Davies) to adopt the following Committee Assignment list. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE	REP/ALTERNATE
California Coastal National Monument	Dwight
Park/Library/Museum Collaboration Committee	Maria
HCAOG Humboldt County Association of Governments	Julie / Dwight
Humboldt Mayors	Julie
HTA Humboldt Transit Authority	Julie / Dwight
Tsurai Mgmt Plan Implementation	Tom / Dwight
RCEA Redwood Coast Energy Authority	Tom
RREDC Redwood Regional Economic Development Corp.	Julie / Maria
Humboldt Waste Management Authority	Dwight
Indian Gaming Funds	Dwight / Tom
HCCVB Humboldt County Convention & Visitors Bureau	Mike, ex officio
Humboldt County Hazard Mitigation	Miller/Fulkerson
OES Office of Emergency Services	Mike, ex officio

5. Discussion/Decision regarding Reappointment of 2 Planning Commissioners.

City Manager Suiker explained that there are two vacancies on the Trinidad Planning Commission as of January 1, 2013 due to expiring terms. Both current Commissioners Pinske and Becker have indicated their interest in reappointment. The vacancies were posted at town hall through the month of December, and no letters of interest from other candidates have been submitted.

There was no public comment.

Council thanked Pinske and Becker for continuing their service.

Motion (Miller/Bhardwaj) to appoint Mike Pinske and Gale Becker to the Planning Commission for another 4 year term.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting ended at 7:55pm.

Submitted by:

Gabriel Adams
City Clerk

Approved by:

Julie Fulkerson
Mayor