

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 02, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Rotwein called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Council members in attendance: West, Ladwig, Miller, Baker, Rotwein.
- City Staff in attendance: City Manager Dan Berman, City Clerk Gabriel Adams.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM

Council will vote on limiting total time and individual times per Brown Act §54954.3. (b) (1).

At this time, members of the public may only comment on an item appearing on the agenda. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Council:

- *Individual comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less.*
- *Comments should be directed to the Council as a whole and not directed to individual Council Members.*

Public comments included:

Walt Lara, Sr.: Yurok Tribal Elder. Worked for many years to protect the Tsurai Village site. We don't want the Memorial Lighthouse there and would like to see it moved somewhere else. Honor the past.

Chris Peters: Long standing connection to the village. Great Grandfather was Trinidad Pete. Moved to Klamath but always maintained a connection to this village. Explained his ancestral lineage to this area. Memorial Lighthouse should go. The Native people will fight this until it is gone.

Axel Lindgren III (by phone): Move the Lighthouse to a different location. Disappointed with the City's actions. This is not an emergency. Support protecting the village and honoring the past. Our family graves are more important than the Memorial Lighthouse will ever be.

Stephanie ?: Yurok Tribal Member. This is disrespectful to the Native people. Do the right thing. Move the Memorial Lighthouse somewhere else. You are in a place of privilege.

Issac Kenny: Yurok Tribal Member: My kids went to Trinidad School. The entire State of California was taken from Native people. The School teaches and practices empathy. We learn from the younger generation. Indigenous people are the best city planners. The city is doing great things, but don't bury your heads in the sand. Relocate the Memorial Lighthouse.

Shannon Elders: Support relocating the Memorial Lighthouse.

IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. *Conference with legal counsel regarding active litigation. Tsurai Ancestral Society vs. City of Trinidad. Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9 (a)*

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & CLOSED SESSION REPORT – *Nothing to report.*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Gabriel Adams
City Clerk

Susan Rotwein
Mayor