

ACTION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Heyenga called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Councilmembers Marlow, Bowman, Lin, and Cuthbertson. Staff present were Police Chief Thrailkill and City Accountant Deborah Brooks. Also present was Bob Wick from the Bureau of Land Management.

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- *Motion (Marlow/Lin) to send item 6 to the Planning Commission. Failed 2-3. Yes: Marlow, Lin. No: Bowman, Heyenga, Cuthbertson.*
- Marlow asked that the Consent Agenda item be removed to the regular agenda for discussion.
- *Motion (Heyenga/Lin) to approve the agenda as revised. Passed unanimously.*

IV. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Glenn Saunders

1. There are too many agenda items.
2. He introduced the new Councilmembers.
3. Noted the need for a 12 month financial statement.

Sylvia De Rooy

Inquired about the relationship of the \$17,000 police budget deficit and the investigation of Richard Salzman.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

By Council action the one consent agenda item was discussed as the first regular agenda item.

VI. AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. Approval, preparation, and submission of grant to implement the Regional Bike Transportation Plan. (Heyenga) *Motion (Heyenga/Cuthbertson) to approve the preparation and submission of a grant to implement the Regional Bike Transportation Plan in Trinidad. Passed 4-1. Yes: Bowman, Heyenga, Lin, Cuthbertson. No - Marlow.*

1. Continued discussion/decision on approval of budget for FY 2006-2007.

1a. Approval of transfer from the General Fund to cover deficit of the COPS Fund of Police Department's FY 2006-2006 budget. (Cuthbertson/Lin)

Accountant Brooks corrected the item stating that the deficit actually occurred in FY 2004-2005 and had never been resolved. Lin pointed out that the actual amount of the deficit was \$16,695, which was verified by Brooks.

Motion (Cuthbertson/Bowman) to move \$16,695 from the General Fund to the COPS fund to remove the deficit. Passed 4-1. Yes: Bowman, Heyenga, Lin, Cuthbertson. No - Marlow.

1b. Approval of \$2.000/hr salary increase for City employees.

Cuthbertson noted that the \$2.00/hr increase had been factored into the draft budget to ensure the budget could still be balanced.

Motion (Cuthbertson/Lin) to approve the \$2.00 salary increase for FY 2006-2007 retroactive to July 1, 2006. Passed unanimously.

1c. Approval of funding for new police car.

Cuthbertson noted that the Council had approved the purchase of a new police car in April, 2006 with funding from the Water Fund and that the car had been delivered but not yet paid for.

Motion (Heyenga/Bowman) to rescind the action of April, 2006 approving purchasing the police car with Water Department funds. Passed unanimously. Brooks said that using funds from one budget category to

purchase an item for another budget category was easier if the funds were of the same time, i.e. both General Funds or both enterprise funds.

*Motion (Heyenga/Cuthbertson) to purchase the new police car using money from the General Fund with the money to be repaid from the COPS fund at 7% simple interest and with a contract for that repayment to be submitted to the Council at the first meeting in September. **Passed unanimously.***

1d. Approval of the budget for FY 2006-2007

*Motion (Cuthbertson/Lin) to approve the 2007-2007 budget as revised. **Passed unanimously.***

1e. Additional budget items

Richard Johnson reviewed two actions that need to be completed for fiscal responsibility:

- a. Develop a capital appropriations plan.
- b. Develop a budget review and change plan.

2. Continued discussion/decision to direct the City Attorney to investigate possible violations of government and/or ethics code by a Councilmember making false accusations against another Council member. (Lin)
Lin introduced the item noting that he wants the historical record to be correct and that rather than the City Attorney a citizens committee could investigate the issues.

*Motion (Lin/Marlow) to direct the City Attorney to conduct an investigation to determine possible violations of government and/or ethics codes by council member Cuthbertson making false accusations against council member Lin, to report back the results of the investigation when it is completed, and to authorize a maximum of \$750 for the investigation. **Failed 2-3. Yes: Marlow, Lin. No- Bowman, Heyenga, Cuthbertson.***

[At this point the Council took a five minute break and by consensus agreed to take Item #5 after the break.]

3. Continued discussion/decision regarding proposed interpretive signs on Trinidad Head. (Marlow)

Marlow introduced the item and Bob Wick from the Bureau of Land Management explained the proposal. Wick asked that someone from the community be appointed to work with the BLM and others to develop text and graphics for the sign.

*Motion (Marlow/Cuthbertson) authorizing the BLM to contact the City Planner to initiate the permitting process for proposed interpretive signs on Trinidad Head and authorizing Councilmember Marlow to represent the City on the BLM. **Passed unanimously.***

4. Continued discussion/decision regarding recording all city council meetings. (Cuthbertson)

Cuthbertson introduced the item. Council and audience discussion centered on the technical capabilities and requirements for a new system.

*Motion (Heyenga/Bowman) to authorize Councilmember Lin arrange for a demonstration of a new sound system and to authorize up to \$750 for the demonstration. **Passed unanimously.***

5. Continued discussion/decision on how to establish a citizens committee to develop guidelines for organizing and conducting council meetings. (Marlow)

*Motion (Marlow/Cuthbertson) to direct the City Clerk to compile, over the next 10 days, a list of citizens for this committee. **Passed 4-1. Yes: Marlow, Bowman, Lin, Cuthbertson. No- Heyenga.***

Marlow noted that after the list is compiled he would bring the issue of committee organization and responsibilities to the Council at a future meeting.

6. Discussion/decision regarding trimming or removal of an evergreen tree on City property. (Cuthbertson)

Cuthbertson introduced the item. Discussion focused on the 10 conditions recommended by the City Planner and vegetation management proposals in the draft Management Plan for the 12.5 acres in which the tree is located.

Motion (Cuthbertson/Bowman) to approve the request to limb, not top or cut down, the tree and to approve the ten conditions recommended in the staff report. Passed 3-2. Yes: Bowman, Heyenga, Cuthbertson. No-Marlow, Lin.

[At this point the Council agreed to hear item #9 and to carry all other items over to a future meeting.]

9. Discussion/decision to schedule a town meeting to discuss the draft Management Plan. (Heyenga)
Heyenga introduced the item. Discussion focused on the format for such a meeting and producing copies of the Plan for the public.

Motion (Heyenga/Lin) to schedule a special City Council town meeting for September 6 to introduce the Management Plan to the public, to identify issues, and to discuss questions with residents; to make twenty-five copies of the complete Plan available to residents at City expense . Passed unanimously.

Heyenga agreed to arrange for the twenty-five copies.

VII. COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Heyenga noted that a date for the rescheduled U.S. Cellular appeal hearing was September 18. He had confirmation from all but Councilmembers Marlow and Lin and asked them to check their calendars for availability on that date.

The following items were carried over to a future agenda:

Continued discussion/decision on proposal to apply for Recreational Trails Grant to fund handrail on Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail. (Heyenga)

Discussion/decision regarding issues and options on water rate structure. (Lin)

Discussion/decision on policy regarding City staff attendance at meetings. (Heyenga)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Dean Heyenga
Mayor
08/23/06

Chi-Wei Lin
Mayor Pro-Tem