

SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 24, 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. Also present was Chief Thraikill.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilmember Bowman led the Pledge.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Cuthbertson/Heyenga) that item #4 be moved up and be heard after item #2 since the applicant was present. Motion passed 3-2. Yes: Cuthbertson, Bowman, Heyenga. No: Marlow, Lin.

Cuthbertson explained that he had completed an investigation of the issues in item #5 and would report his findings at the November meeting. He suggested removing the item from the agenda. Lin concurred.

Motion (Cuthbertson/Lin) to remove item five from the agenda. Passed unanimously.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR - there were no items from the floor.

V. CONSENT AGENDA - there were no consent agenda items

VI. AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. Citizen Award Presentation (Police Chief)

Chief Thraikill reviewed the events resulting in citizens coming to assist him in subduing a suspect. He then gave Citizens Awards to: John Laos, Anthony Lewis, and Louis Ruprecht. Also receiving awards were James Tatterson, David Vollman, Sharon Vollman and Matthew Rivas.

2. Discussion/Decision on draft Management Plan for 12.5 acres of City property. (Cuthbertson/Heyenga)

Cuthbertson introduced the item, explaining that this Council had worked with the Management Plan process for some years.

Council clarification:

Marlow asked about the four options outlined in a previous email newsletter. Heyenga reviewed the four options Council had in dealing with any submitted draft document.

Lin questioned the purpose of this agenda item and if we were going to make any decisions. Cuthbertson said that although the Council had been kept in the dark for much of the Management Plan process, we had at least two drafts to review and it was an appropriate time to comment on the public draft.

Public comments:

Pat Morales: the Council should make a motion first to let the public know what we intended and then vote.

Kathy Bhardwaj: hearing Council comments would be useful.

Richard Johnson: there is still a lot of work to do to implement the Plan; we need a process for community input and feedback; comments from the Planning Department were useful.

Tom Odom: this is a good time to discuss the Plan; the Ancestral Society should be able to do what they want with the village site, but the General Plan never included the entire area as the village site.

Stan Binnie: comments submitted by the public were good; we must reduce the amount of subsurface water, which stimulates plant growth and encourages shallow root systems.

Council discussion/action:

Cuthbertson: we must discuss and act on the Plan at public meetings; sovereignty is an important issue; the current draft doesn't describe how prior Councils tried to work with the Tsurai Ancestral Society; inaccurate history needs to be corrected; the village and grave sites were never considered to be the entire 12.5 acres; we can develop a good working relationship and have a win-win process; public comments should be taken to the Management Plan team for incorporation into the Plan, even if a rewrite is necessary; should ask for an audit of the Plan's costs.

Lin: Draft Plan has many deficiencies and more work needs to be done; view issues are not addressed and a mechanism to protect view shed is needed; lacks a vision for the village and the many important benefits of the restored village are not stated; need to develop a team to implement projects.

Bowman: the Plan's proposal to make vegetation management decisions is not fair; sovereign immunity is a major issue and if it is waived the Plan may be workable; binding arbitration might be a useful way to settle disputes.

Marlow: is the Team's work done? Lin and Heyenga stated that more meetings are planned and the Team's work is not done.

Heyenga: read a prepared statement which was included in the record.

Motion (Cuthbertson/Heyenga) to direct the City's representatives to forward tonight's discussion to the Management Plan Team for inclusion in the Plan, and to put history sections together at the back of the Plan.

Passed 3-2. Yes: Cuthbertson, Heyenga, Bowman. No: Marlow, Lin.

Additional comments:

Bowman: Bob Hallmark submitted a history of the property from 1943-1978 and his comments should be included in the Plan.

Marlow: all letters and comments, including Hallmark's should be in an appendix.

4. Discussion/Decision regarding the maintenance and water drainage on Pacific Street and potholes on Azalea Street. (Cuthbertson)

Cuthbertson introduced the item, reviewing the Council's promise to residents to pave and maintain the streets. Maintenance has been poor and drainage from the City street is the City's responsibility.

Council comments:

Heyenga asked for the engineer's memo and Marlow distributed copies to the Council.

Public comments:

Pacific Street resident **Kurt Osborn** reviewed the history of maintenance and drainage issues, including steps taken by homeowners at their expense to deal with drainage problems. He noted that future funding for paving is uncertain but we need a longer lasting fix than the present berm which, at his house, is cracking apart.

Mike Morgan: used to live next door to the Osborns and drainage was a problem; water needs to be diverted.

Tom Odom: asked why it is taking years to solve the problem. Marlow explained that the City engineer looked for a solution to divert water without damaging other properties.

Adora King: isn't this a problem between homeowners? Mr. Osborn explained that drainage was a problem even before the new house was built at the north end of the street.

Council discussion/action:

Council discussed the City Engineer's proposal for extended berms to carry water past the houses and divert it to the east side of Pacific Street. Also discussed was putting crushed rock on Pacific Street and how to deal with potholes on Azalea St. Regrading the street and the issue of locating and possibly relocating utilities were also

discussed. Lin noted that the estimate to build and pave the streets was \$330,000, which the State allocated but never sent.

Motion (Heyenga/Cuthbertson) to do the following:

1. Authorize work on Pacific Street as described by the City Engineer in the memo of Oct. 24.
2. Spread crushed rock on Pacific and Azalea Streets.
3. Allocate up to \$3,000 for the work.
4. Perform annual maintenance as needed until the streets can be paved

Passed unanimously.

Additional comments: Cuthbertson asked when work could begin and Marlow said as early as this week.

3. Discussion/Decision on establishing a process to determine the projects and priorities for Town Hall improvements and beautification. (Lin)

Lin introduced the item noting that separate projects for Town Hall had been submitted and we should compile a complete list of projects and prioritize them.

Council comments:

Heyenga agreed with the concept, noting that in a few years Town Hall's centennial would be celebrated and we should have the building fixed up for that occasion.

Marlow asked if any of the projects would be considered capital improvements. Lin said possibly.

Cuthbertson: a new sound system should be a priority.

Public comments:

Tom Odom: three projects are stage improvements, new stage lighting, and a panic door for the Civic Club room.

Richard Johnson: developing a list of projects is a good idea.

Council discussion/action:

Cuthbertson: we should encourage ideas even if there is not cost estimate.

Marlow noted that Lin's proposal included prioritizing the proposals by November 28 and that might not be realistic. Lin agreed.

Motion (Lin/Heyenga) to solicit ideas from Councilmembers and residents for Town Hall improvement and beautification projects, including a "ball park" estimate and justifications; projects will be submitted to the City Clerk between October 24 and November 17. Passed unanimously.

VII. COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Heyenga announced that tomorrow, Wednesday October 25, at 5:30pm the Council will hold a special closed session followed by an open session. The subjects of the meeting are issues related to the destruction of the police vehicle in the accident over the weekend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Heyenga adjourned the meeting at 9:51pm

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Dean Heyenga
Mayor

Chi-Wei Lin
Mayor Pro-Tem