

SUMMARY MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Heyenga called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Present were Councilmembers Marlow, Bowman, Lin, and Cuthbertson. No staff were present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Heyenga led the Pledge.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Cuthbertson/Heyenga) to approve the agenda as submitted passed unanimously.

IV. AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. Discussion/Decision regarding participation in Coastal Commission hearing on appeal of U.S. Cellular decision. (Heyenga)

Heyenga introduced the item and reviewed the materials contained in the packet and memos from the City Attorney and City Planner received that day. He noted that the Coastal Commission staff was writing a report on the appeal but that report would not be available until later in the week.

Council questions:

Lin asked who benefited from this Council meeting.

Heyenga raised the issue of the confidential memo from the City Attorney and whether the Council wished to waive its privilege so we could share it with the public.

Motion (Cuthbertson/Lin) to waive privilege and release the City Attorney's memo of Oct. 30 to the public.

Passed unanimously.

Bowman felt the Coastal Commission on Nov. 15 will just decide to hold a future meeting.

Public comments:

Pat Morales: the issue is with the Coastal Commission and we should let it decide.

Kathy Bhardwaj: this meeting was not well publicized and we should let the Coastal Commission decide.

Brad Twoomey: are any more special meetings on this issue planned? No Councilmembers had any plans for another meeting at this time.

Stan Binnie: felt that the City Planner did not submit all materials, i.e. the blue binder prepared by the Friends of Trinidad Head.

Council comment/action:

Heyenga: we could authorize the Planner to write a memo if there are new issues raised by Coastal Commission staff in their report.

Bowman: the decision on a future Coastal Commission hearing has already been made.

Cuthbertson: our attorney thinks the Commission will set another meeting; we don't need to send anyone at this time but answer in writing only.

Lin: the new Council may have different ideas; who decides if the Coastal Commission staff report raises new issues?

Motion (Heyenga/Cuthbertson) to authorize the City Planner to determine if the Coastal Commission staff report raises new issues and to respond to those issues in writing before Nov. 10. Based on perceived lack of support for the motion Heyenga withdrew it.

Motion (Cuthbertson/Lin) to not send staff at this time and reevaluate options after the Nov. 15 meeting; to review the Coastal Commission staff report and decide then if we need to respond to it.

Motion passed 4-1: Yes - Marlow, Bowman, Lin, Cuthbertson. No - Heyenga

V. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Several audience members spoke on issues related to U.S. Cellular, the appeal, and the Council decision regarding U.S. Cellular. No Items From the Floor on issues not on the agenda were raised.

VI. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items, but Councilmembers noted that we may have a special meeting on the Coastal Commission's staff report on the U.S. Cellular decision appeal.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Heyenga adjourned the meeting at 5:11pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Dean Heyenga
Mayor

Chi-Wei Lin
Mayor Pro-Tem