

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Lin called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Present were Councilmembers Binnie, Miller, Heyenga, and Bhardwaj. Also present were Steve Allen from Winzler & Kelly, and Michael Blaine acting as monitor.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lin led the Pledge.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Binnie asked that his consent agenda item (#1) be removed from the agenda. No further changes were requested. Motion (Miller/Heyenga) to approve the agenda as revised passed unanimously.

**IV. MINUTES TO APPROVE** - there were no minutes to approve.

**V. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Jim Cuthbertson: questioned the usefulness of a monitor as non-elected, delaying meeting with questions; people should be allowed to speak on items.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Second Reading: Proposed ordinance to amend City Municipal Code Section 2.04.010 and 2.04.070 relating to Council meetings.

In a question for clarification, an audience member asked if residents would be given ample notice of any change in Council meeting day and time? Mayor Lin said yes.

*Motion(Binnie/Miller) to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed unanimously.***

**VII. AGENDA ITEM(S)**

1. Discussion/decision on submitting a conceptual grant application to the Clean Beach Initiative Program of the State Water Resources Control Board. (Lin/City Engineer)

Mayor Lin introduced the item reviewing the existing planning grant regarding ocean water quality in the Trinidad area. The proposed grant would implement plans in the planning grant. He introduced Steve Allen from Winzler & Kelly to explain the conceptual grant application,

Allen said that action plans to protect Trinidad's State-designated ASBS (Areas of Special Biological Significance) using funds from the planning grant would be completed in early 2008. Action plans will focus on three point sources: stormwater, wastewater, and upper watershed areas. The Clean Beach Initiative Program will be the source of implementation dollars and will focus on stormwater and wastewater sources. Two separate conceptual grant applications will be prepared, one from Winzler & Kelly (stormwater) and one from Streamline Planning (wastewater).

Allen explained that at this time there are no specific implementation plans but the general goals are to reduce stormwater runoff and to clean up what runoff there is. Possible implementations include changing drainage patterns to drive more water to Mill Creek, increasing infiltration areas throughout town, increasing infiltration areas in the harbor area, using vegetated areas to trap water, and installing special infiltration galleries (storm chambers). Also proposed is a geologic study to understand soil profiles and drainage patterns in the City. The deadline for the conceptual grant application is Jan. 31, 2007.

The State will develop a short list of potential projects from the conceptual applications submitted. There will be a funding match but the City can ask for a fee waiver so there is no cost to the City. The implementation grant will be for three years with plans implemented by 2009 and monitored through 2010 when the grant will terminate.

**Council Clarification**

1. Binnie: can water be diverted to Parker Creek? Allen: not sure; Parker Creek is not included in the Clean Beach grant at this time. Lin noted the various water quality programs operating.

2, Miller: will grant deal with interaction of stormwater and private leachfields? Allen: the groundwater/geologic study will give some data about this issue.

3. Heyenga:

a. Is Bob Brown working on a similar conceptual grant application which the Council will not see until after it is submitted? Allen: yes because we just found out that wastewater could be included, but as a separate application.

b. Will water testing be done outside the City to determine the quality of water entering the City? Allen: not by Winzler & Kelly. Monitor program by Streamline Planning and the Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) sample water outside City limits.

### **Public Questions/Comments**

1. Jim Cuthbertson:

a. ~~Homeowners are now told to divert all water off their property. Will homeowners face a burden by implementing new rules for stormwater?~~ At the time he built his house, he was instructed to direct all the runoff into the street and now it is being suggested that more of the runoff be absorbed into areas on the properties. He is concerned that homeowners may now be required to do this at their (the homeowners) expense. [S.B.] Allen: the goal is to reduce stormwater runoff but the State is focusing on cities not individual homeowners.

b. What if the State does not forgive the local match? Allen: we can either try to negotiate a match we can afford or refuse the grant.

2. Richard Johnson: what if the performance criteria are not met at the end of the grant? Allen: sampling in the beginning will establish a baseline from which we can show any improvement.

### **Council Discussion/Action**

There were no Council comments.

*Motion(Lin/Heyenga) to approve the submission of two conceptual grant applications, collaborating with HSU Marine Lab and the Trinidad Rancheria, to the State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Beach Initiative Program, and to authorize the Mayor to sign a MOU with the Marine Lab and Rancheria related to the cooperation and other documents needed for the grant application; **Passed unanimously.***

### 2. Continued discussion/decision on fire/fireworks ordinances. (Heyenga/City Attorney/Police Chief)

Heyenga introduced the item noting differences in wording from the first draft presented at a prior Council meeting. The new draft has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney and Police Chief, who added wording regarding violations and penalties. Heyenga noted that the Chief plans to submit a resolution covering fines for all types of violations at a future date.

### **Council Clarification**

1. Lin: can we enforce the ordinance before a resolution stating penalties is adopted? Heyenga: yes by signs prohibiting fires and fireworks and citing the code section.

2. Binnie: have we collected fines for any infractions? Heyenga; not sure - the Chief would know.

### **Public Questions/Comments**

1. Kurt Osborn (Pacific St. resident): the residents most affected by beach fires and fireworks still want the ordinances and have the same concerns they expressed at prior Council meetings.

2. Tom Odom: how do residents feel about barbecues? Osborn: those issues were discussed and residents thought hot coals could be a problem; wanted blanket ordinances.

### **Council Comments/Decision**

1. Bhardwaj: allowing barbecues and hibachis creates problem in defining permissible areas.

2. Lin: enforcement is an issue; with our fire history we should be conservative.

*Motion (Heyenga/Lin) to adopt the ordinances regarding fires and fireworks on Trinidad beaches as Chapter 8.30 "Prohibited fires and fireworks," and to instruct the City Clerk to codify them into the Trinidad municipal code;*

**Passed unanimously.**

### 3. Discussion/Decision on Town Hall improvement projects (Lin)

Lin introduced the item and showed a table summarizing the ranking of Town Hall projects. He noted that as of December 2006 there was \$39,000 in the government building fund.

#### **Council Clarification**

Council discussed how many projects could be funded, the importance of wiring throughout the building, restoring the redwood under the paneling, types of sound systems, and grouping related projects. Binnie asked who did the sound system for the Wharfinger Building in Eureka and Heyenga said he would find out.

#### **Public Questions/Comments**

1. Kurt Osborn: improvements such as lighting should be energy efficient.
2. Ned Simmons: Town Hall is an historic room and we should preserve the walls; the Fire Station needs backup power to run the siren and recharge batteries.
3. Jim Cuthbertson: external wall is exposed where old police station was removed - should be covered.
4. Glenn Saunders: read a letter submitted regarding importance of the electrical system and not painting over old growth redwood.
5. Tom Odom: redwood under paneling was stained and may have glue on it from the paneling; electrical system should be worked on; the floor was refinished in the early 1970's.
6. Michael Blaine: electrical system needs to be sized for sound systems, otherwise large sound systems will have a hum or trip circuit breakers.
7. Richard Johnson: refurbishing can create a demand for greater usage and hence more income; musical groups would like an embedded sound system they could use.
8. Jason Richie: read a letter from Mike Morgan.
9. Kim Binnie: noted that the floor dents easily.
10. Mike Morgan: Fire Chief checked fire code and the Civic Club door does not need to be replaced or reworked to open out. A lever-handle that unlocks the door is all that is needed.

#### **Council Discussion**

1. Miller: we need more information on sound system, perhaps using wireless microphones; we need to decide what to do with the redwood - should it be light or dark?
2. Bhardwaj: we may ruin interior wall by painting it; maybe just paint one wall.
3. Heyenga; we should remove paneling at various places to see what's under it.
4. Lin: combine electrical, lighting, and wall projects.
5. Binnie: create a committee to see what can be done and how budget may need to be adjusted.

#### **Council Decisions**

*Motion (Lin/Miller) to combine wiring, inside walls, and replacement of ceiling lights into one project and to authorize Councilmember Binnie to form a committee to investigate options and to submit a revised budget for those projects.*

**Passed unanimously.**

*Motion (Lin/Binnie) to authorize funding the exterior improvements listed in #4. **Passed unanimously.***

*Motion (Heyenga/Miller) to install appropriate "panic" door handles on the Civic Club door. **Passed unanimously.***

*Motion (Lin/Miller) to purchase chairs and chair racks [item #6 in ranking list] and set up a storage area for a budget of \$5,000. **Passed unanimously.***

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Lin adjourned the meeting at 10:05pm

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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**Dean Heyenga**  
Councilmember  
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**Chi-Wei Lin**  
Mayor