

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor Fulkerson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Council members in attendance: West, Miller, Fulkerson, Baker, Davies.
- City Staff in attendance: City Manager Karen Suiker, City Clerk Gabriel Adams, City Engineer Rebecca Crow.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION – No closed session scheduled.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion (Miller/West) to approve the agenda as written. Passed 5-0.*

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 13, 2013 cc**

*Motion (Baker/Davies) to approve the minutes as amended. Passed 4-0-1. Miller was absent.*

**VI. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Baker: COT Watch committee has ended its regular meetings, and would like to begin scheduling quarterly public information meetings. Agreed to work with City Manager to develop a meeting structure.

Fulkerson: RREDC; Continued discussion to find another airline to service Humboldt County. All the current problems are caused at SF, not Arcata. Excellent report in the MR Union about the billboards along the 101 Safety Corridor.

Davies: Continued discussions regarding electric car testing and plug-in stations.

West: HCAOG; Safety corridor project was approved, but the billboard removal has become the new issue. Imagine Humboldt, and 101 bike path also discussed, along with the ending of the 2014 State transportation bond that will drop the county's transportation budget 50%.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Kathleen Lake** – Trinidad, Ocean Ave.

Asked the Council to review and evaluate the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office performance relative to contract deliverables. She believes the terms of the contract are not being met, and the service provided is below standard. She also believes that "low-level" issues aren't being dealt with, and the .5 Officer position is not being delivered, nor accounted for. She provided a few examples of her experiences with the SO, and urged the Council to prioritize public safety.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Financial Status Reports for October 2013.
2. Staff Activities Report for October/November 2013.
3. Law Enforcement Activity Reports.
4. Authorize City Manager to sign an Amended Service Agreement with ADH for the Stormwater Improvement Project.
5. Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-04, and Resolution 2013-07: Updating Dog Licensing Fees.
6. Approval of the Humboldt Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 Update.

*Motion (Baker/Miller) to approve the consent agenda as written. Passed unanimously.*

**X. DISCUSSION AGENDA**

1. Receive Comments on ASBS Stormwater Improvement Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. City Engineer Rebecca Crow explained that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15072 and Public Resources Code Section 21092, the City of Trinidad is accepting

comments on the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the ASBS Stormwater Improvement Project from November 19, 2013 to December 18, 2013. This project is intended to collect, treat, and infiltrate City stormwater runoff, thereby reducing pollutants entering Trinidad Bay.

The noticing of the CEQA comment period included language that both verbal and written comments would be accepted at the December 11, 2013 City Council. Although there is no legal requirement to provide for an additional public meeting format beyond the Planning Commission hearing, this will afford the public an additional opportunity for delivery of comments. The noticing of the comment period advised that there would be no action taken in response to comments presented at the Council meeting. The sole purpose of this agenda item is to accept written and or verbal comments and forward the same to the Planning Commission for their consideration at the December 18, 2013 hearing.

Documents relating to this project are available for review at Town Hall.

*There was no public comment.*

2. Discussion/Decision regarding Planning Commissioner Appointment

City Manager Suiker explained that in late October the city announced a vacancy of one seat on the Planning Commission left by the resignation of Grace Rotwein. The term remaining to be served is through December 2014.

The Planning Commission is currently served by 4 members:

Richard Johnson – Dec.2014

Chuck Vanderpool – Dec.2014

Mike Pinske – Dec.2016

Gale Becker – Dec.2016

As of the December 02 deadline, (2) applications were received. One from city resident **Diane Stockness**, and the other from Trinidad area resident **Sarah Sanders**.

City Ordinance 2.20.050 states that “the members of the commission shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the city council.”

City Ordinance 2.20.090 states that “...in the event there are no acceptable applicants from the city limits, the city council may appoint up to two members who need not be residents of the city of Trinidad, but reside within the greater Trinidad area...”

There was no public comment.

Mayor Fulkerson suggested nominating resident Diane Stockness to the fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission.

*Motion (Miller/West) to appoint Diane Stockness to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission to serve the 1-year term through December 2014. **Passed unanimously.***

3. Presentation from Humboldt Waste Management Authority Executive Director.

City Manager Suiker explained that at the City Council meeting of July 31, 2013, the Council adopted an ordinance to provide for flow control of solid waste within the City limits. Flow control is required to be considered for membership in the Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA). The City Council first adopted a Resolution in 2008 requesting membership consideration into HWMA and subsequently reaffirmed its desire to join HWMA in January of 2010. During the more recent discussion of the flow control ordinance, the Council members indicated they would like to receive an updated presentation about the HWMA, especially given the period of time since this was initially discussed, and given the change in council membership that has occurred since.

Suiker introduced Jill Duffy, Executive Director of HWMA. Duffy presented the history, background, and a general introduction of HWMA and how it serves the County. Her presentation included the following information:

1. History
2. Services to member agencies
3. Purpose of the JPA
4. Organizational Chart
5. Landfill Disposal Locations
6. Cummings Road Landfill History and Closure Process
7. Programs Overview and Diversion Programs
8. HHW Collection Events
9. Member Jurisdiction Services
10. Budget Summary
11. AB939 Funding
12. Current Projects

Duffy also highlighted the City of Eureka's food waste diversion pilot project that has been able to divert over 650 tons of food waste this year.

Public comments included:

**Adora King** – Trinidad

Asked the city if greenwaste could be collected.

Council comments included:

**Miller:** Reviewed the advantages of joining.

**Fulkerson:** Questions about sorting services for the single and dual stream recyclables collecting.

*No decision was made. Presentation item only.*

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**- Meeting ended at 8:51pm.**

**Submitted by:**

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**Gabriel Adams**  
City Clerk

**Approved by:**

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**Julie Fulkerson**  
Mayor