

The City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado met in Special Session on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 immediately following work session at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall pursuant to the following call:

CITY OF TRINIDAD
TRINIDAD, COLORADO

SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 immediately following work session at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

The following items are on file for consideration of City Council:

- 1) Executive Session – For a conference with legal counsel for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4)(b), regarding legal procedures under Chapter VI, Section 6.2, of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Trinidad
- 2) Action on procedures for hearing requested by City Manager pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 6.2, of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Trinidad, including setting hearing date

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Rino, presiding
Councilmembers Baca Gonzalez, Bolton, Bonato, Pando, Shew, Velasquez

Also present: City Clerk Garrett

Councilmember Bonato noted the absence of City Attorney Beatty. Terry Sears asked to be recognized as he had signed up to speak. Mayor Rino recognized Mr. Sears. Councilmember Baca Gonzalez called for point of order. With due respect, she advised of her objection to proceeding with the special meeting. She pointed out that the objection from one Council member operates to prevent the special meeting from proceeding. She reminded of the ruling at the February 28th special meeting which effectively stopped that meeting from occurring. She elaborated that she feels the notice for the special meeting fails to meet the requirements of the City Charter and ordinance Section 2-15(6) that states the order of business and lists the agenda item placement. In the Charter, Chapter 5, Section 5.16, provides that all regular and special meetings of Council shall be open to the public and citizens shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Moreover she said the past practice has been for City Council members to be provided a confidential memo outlining the issues and the matters to be discussed in executive session prior to any executive session occurring. No such memo was provided in the packets on Friday, March 9th. She concluded that she believed that it is therefore reasonable and proper to post this matter, whatever it is, for consideration at their next regular meeting on March 20th, thereby ensuring compliance with our Charter and our ordinances. It will also permit Council time to prepare for the executive session on March 20th. Mayor Rino acknowledged the objection and declared the meeting adjourned. Councilmember Pando moved for the adjournment and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Shew. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

ATTEST:

JOHN RINO, Mayor

AUDRA GARRETT, City Clerk