

The City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado met in Special Session on Thursday, November 15, 2012 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 Thursday, November 15, 2012 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 discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees – Acting City Manager consideration
- 2) Consideration of appointment of Louis Fineberg as Acting (Interim) City Manager
- 3) EXECUTIVE SESSION – For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) – Union Negotiations

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

There were present:	Mayor	Baca Gonzalez, presiding
	Councilmembers	Bolton, Bonato, Mattie, Miles, Shew
Also present:	Acting City Manager	Gagliardi
	Interim City Attorney	Downs
	City Clerk	Garrett
Absent:	Councilmember	Velasquez

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Larry Carnes addressed Council. He said he would like to speak up as a concerned citizen regarding the funding of the various (non-profit) entities in the community that do so much good for us. Mr. Carnes spoke of his personal affiliations with these types of entities. He said there are many good people devoting much time, many as volunteers, doing good for the community. Realizing the budget is tight, he urged Council to be as generous as possible without adversely affecting the other services the City provides. Secondly, regarding their consideration of Louis Fineberg's appointment as Interim City Manager, Mr. Carnes said he has great admiration for Mr. Fineberg and thinks he does a great job as City Planner. He reminded that the former City Attorney was asked to take on the duality of responsibilities as City Manager and he hopes history doesn't repeat itself. A person was put in a position of having to do two jobs and he thought in that scenario it was a very unrewarding experience for the community. He said he hoped if Mr. Fineberg is put into the position Council will take into consideration what we have seen in past and that the responsibilities will be handled in such a way that the responsibilities won't be more than one person can reasonably be expected to do. He concluded that with that experience and his background having seen these things happen throughout his career, he urged caution if they appoint Mr. Fineberg as Interim City Manager that they take into account that one person can only do so much as do it well.

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Consideration of appointment of Louis Fineberg as Acting (Interim) City Manager. Councilmember Shew made a approve the appointment of Louis Fineberg as Acting (Interim) City Manager and enter into the employment agreement for the same (prepared by legal counsel). Mayor Baca Gonzalez advised that once executed the agreement is a matter of open record. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mattie and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

City Council recessed the special meeting to conduct the work session.

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negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) – Union Negotiations. A motion to enter into executive session for the stated purpose was made by Councilmember Mattie and Councilmember Shew seconded the motion. Roll call was taken on the motion which carried unanimously. The executive session ensued at 4:40 p.m. and was electronically recorded pursuant to the Colorado Open Meetings Law. At 5:45 p.m. the executive session concluded and the special meeting resumed.

There being no further business, Councilmember Mattie moved to adjourn the special meeting and Councilmember Bolton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

ATTEST:

BERNADETTE BACA GONZALEZ,
Mayor

AUDRA GARRETT, City Clerk