

The City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado met in Special Session on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 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, June 11, 2013, 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 –
 - a) 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 – Finance Director position
 - b) For a conference with the City's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Discussion regarding Syncora and ARPA litigation
- 2) Authorization to retain special legal counsel for representation in the Syncora litigation
- 3) Resolution of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, supporting rebranding of Southern Colorado as an economic development tool

The meeting was called to order at 3:51 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

There were present:	Mayor	Baca Gonzalez, presiding
	Councilmembers	Bolton, Bonato, Mattie, Miles, Shew, Velasquez
Also present:	City Manager	Acre
	City Attorney	Downs
	City Clerk	Garrett

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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I, Les S. Downs, City Attorney for the City of Trinidad, do hereby attest that the executive session held on this 11th day of June, 2013, was permissible under CRS Section 24-6-402 (4)(b).

As City Attorney, it is my opinion that the discussion of the matter announced in the motion to enter into executive session constituted a privileged attorney-client communication. Therefore, it is my recommendation that no further record be kept of this executive session.

Les S. Downs
City Attorney

Authorization to retain special legal counsel for representation in the Syncora litigation. Councilmember Bolton made a motion to authorize the retention of the law firms of Stelzner, Winter, Warburton, Flores, Sanchez & Dawes and Newnam Land as special legal counsel for special representation in the Syncora litigation. For the record, Mayor Baca Gonzalez identified the litigation as Syncora Guarantee, Inc. vs. the City of Trinidad, Colorado, Civil Action No. 13-CV-01332-REB-KMT in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Shew and carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

Resolution of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, supporting rebranding of Southern Colorado as an economic

development tool. City Manager Acre pointed to some background material at Council's seating places. He reminded Council that this was an effort started in the first part of May in Trinidad, led by Lou Mellini and Jay Cimino of Colorado Springs. It is an effort to try to get people off of the highway to spend some time in these communities. There are ten interchanges identified, including one in Walsenburg. City Manager Acre said with two meetings in as many months they have gotten a resolution drafted that he believed each entity will pass sometime this week. The effort is to start with some awareness now through our existing channels. They talked about creating an application for use on the web and phones to tell people what's going on in each of the communities. Their first action item was to get our Chambers of Commerce to coordinate with each other to advertise to people what is going on in each of the communities to try to attract people into staying as they travel up the highway. City Manager Acre pointed to a budget that was included in the packet of information that was also talked about at the preceding meeting. Councilmember Bonato and Mayor Baca Gonzalez were also in attendance at that meeting. Realizing budgets are already set for this year, they set a goal to work to get businesses to help finance this effort as well and take a look at existing ways of getting information out. He added that it was suggested that the Tourism Board should also be included. He concluded that the resolution shows that we are trying to work together as a larger region to encourage economic development to happen in our area. A motion to adopt the resolution supporting rebranding of Southern Colorado as an economic development tool was made by Councilmember Bolton and was seconded by Councilmember Bonato. Roll call was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1413

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, COLORADO, SUPPORTING REBRANDING OF SOUTHERN COLORADO AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL

Prior to adjournment, City Manager Acre reminded Council that he would be attending the CML conference next week, leaving Tuesday afternoon. City Planner Louis Fineberg will cover the Council meeting that evening. City Attorney Downs will be also attending the conference, however leaving on Wednesday, after the Council meeting, and Tara Marshall will be attending as part of the Best and Brightest Program. Mayor Baca Gonzalez will be attending as well. Councilmember Bonato asked if a date was ever provided for the next I-25 Economic Development Coalition meeting. City Manager Acre said one was not yet provided, and Mayor Baca Gonzalez added that her understanding was that they wanted to make sure Mayor Bach was able to attend so they were coordinating with his office. She said it is anticipated that they will receive word so that it can be scheduled. Councilmember Bonato encouraged Council Members to attend the next meeting if possible. City Manager Acre said this effort has gotten the attention of Senator Udall and the Governor. Councilmember Mattie commented that it creates a bridge and says we are part of Colorado. Councilmember Bolton added that this is a great grass-roots effort.

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 and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

BERNADETTE BACA GONZALEZ,
Mayor

AUDRA GARRETT, City Clerk