

The City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado met in Special Session on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, immediately following the 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, April 22, 2014, immediately following the 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) Public hearing for consideration of an ordinance amending the number of medical marijuana licenses that may be issued within the corporate City limits
  - a) Second reading of an ordinance amending the number of medical marijuana licenses that may be issued within the corporate City limits
- 2) Approval of resolution and authorization to commit funds for support of the TIGER grant application
- 3) Motion implementing Ordinance #1957, an Ordinance Adjusting the City of Trinidad Landfill fees, effective June 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:25 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

There were present:	Mayor Pro-Tem	Bolton, presiding
	Councilmembers	Bonato, Fletcher, Mattie, Miles, Torres
	Mayor	Reorda
Also present:	City Manager	Acre
	City Attorney	Downs
	City Clerk	Garrett

Public hearing for consideration of an ordinance amending the number of medical marijuana licenses that may be issued within the corporate City limits. Mayor Pro-Tem Bolton declared the public hearing open and called for comments for or against the ordinance. Howard Lackey addressed Council. Mr. Lackey said in listening in at the last work session he wants to have a different focus. One of the things the community needs to look at is the fact that the economic development issues are lacking at this point because we've relied on someone else to tell us what we are going to be. Mr. Lackey suggested Trinidad needs to consider becoming a regional shopping area and get the benefit of the tax revenues. One thing that has worked in the past and probably can work again is the fact that tourism is an extremely important part of the world and he suggested that the Tourism Board be approached to help with the funding for Amtrak (TIGER grant), because they more than anybody will benefit from it. He said there is a situation where the City is running short on funds, so the Tourism Board should be approached about kicking in on the deal because they have a steady source of funds from the tourism tax. He continued that Trinidad needs to be looked at as a tourist destination. Our history and quality of life are very important to get people here, whether they come by plane, train, etc. We need to think about tourism as a bigger part of the economic development plan. He reiterated the need to build up a regional shopping area, adding that we are the only shopping for 80 miles to the south. Raton used to be but is pretty much gone. People are coming up from Las Vegas, out west, and out east because of Walmart - key on that. Figure out how to get them here and how to get them in the local businesses to spend a couple of bucks. Make them feel welcome and make them come into town. Mr. Lackey said when he was on the Economic Development Board he sat on the SCEDD Board and was chairman for three years. He urged they have Planning Director Fineberg raise his hand to get money. It is a very simple process. He said he was able to generate almost \$1.3 million for Trinidad to consolidate the Industrial Park. The money could be used to complete the infrastructure. When that happens, people will come in to build their facilities. He urged involvement with SCEDD and suggested the City bring them a plan on what it wants to do and how the City wants to do it, because SCEDD has money they want to give out. He added that Trinidad is due because we haven't received money from SCEDD in probably ten years. With regard to consideration of limitations on medical and recreational marijuana, he reiterated the need for Trinidad to focus on it being a quality place to come for that particular activity. We want Trinidad to be the first stop on I-25 going north and the last stop coming south. He suggested they look at this differently and make it a tourism attraction of sorts because that's what it is. Look at fewer recreational and medical sales locations and more grow facilities. The grow facilities will have the greatest number of employees. Employment is economic development. When you have a larger grow capacity in a community, the product could go north. Trinidad could have grow facilities that export the product north and bring back the cash. He also urged Council to start thinking about this process as a development process, not only for the product that is grown here but also for the product made from the oils, etc. That's where the largest growth will be, from medical marijuana. Recreational marijuana has about a five-year window before other places in the state and other states will have it. There'll be research facilities, production facilities, and grow facilities. Every one of them will employ three to four times more people than the recreational facilities will. As a community we need to look at a different approach to economic development. This is something we've never done before. He suggested they do a little research and figure out what will be the best thing for

Trinidad. We are the first place in Colorado and the best place in Colorado. Everyone has to go through Trinidad to get somewhere else. Mayor Pro-Tem Bolton confirmed there to be no further comments, and closed the hearing.

Second reading of an ordinance amending the number of medical marijuana licenses that may be issued within the corporate City limits. The ordinance title was read aloud. A motion to approve the ordinance on second reading was made by Councilmember Miles. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mattie and carried by a majority vote upon roll call, with all Council members voting aye except Councilmember Bonato who cast a dissenting vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1958

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, COLORADO, AMENDING THE NUMBER OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSES THAT MAY BE ISSUED WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS

Approval of resolution and authorization to commit funds for support of the TIGER grant application. City Manager Acre advised that they have two letters to consider. He made a change to the original letter to read that Trinidad is making a \$10,000 commitment as an option to consider, rather than a \$25,000 commitment. He read from the letter "With this in mind, please accept this letter of support and commitment for funding for the referenced TIGER VI grant in the amount of \$10,000. Trinidad will continue to work with the other partners in SE Colorado to explore the potential for additional funding." He told Council that just before the meeting he ran it by Jim Souby who has been leading this charge and learned that they have reached their \$250,000 goal including Trinidad's suggested commitment of \$25,000. They got a private donor in Colorado Springs. He told Mr. Souby that Council was still going to be voting on it. Councilmember Fletcher asked if they need the \$25,000 from Trinidad. City Manager Acre answered that they still need the money, but that it is up to Council whether they want to commit \$10,000 or \$25,000. As of yesterday they didn't know where they were going to come up with the money. Mayor Pro-Tem Bolton said it took a grandiose effort on their part to reach that goal. Councilmember Miles asked if the City only commits \$10,000 rather than \$25,000 will the grant not be submitted. City Manager Acre said he thinks they will still submit the grant. He stated that he asked Mr. Souby what impact Trinidad committing just \$10,000 would have, but hasn't heard back from him. He reiterated that he thinks they will still submit the grant and commit \$235,000 from Colorado versus the \$250,000. City Manager Acre added that he thought by the City committing to work with the other partners in southeast Colorado to come up with the difference it illustrates that we are still committed. This just shows we can only give what we can give. Mayor Pro-Tem Bolton commented that she hates the fact that they reached the goal based on Trinidad proposing an amount and now we are backing down on it. City Manager Acre commented that they knew up front that City Council's approval was needed. He added that we are making our best effort and that's all they can expect of us. Councilmember Mattie commented that he would feel embarrassed had we committed to the \$25,000 and changed our minds, but in this instance they suggested the amount to Trinidad and have proceeded on an assumption that Trinidad would ratify the \$25,000 commitment they suggested. Mayor Pro-Tem Bolton asked if it was our suggestion or their suggestion. City Manager Acre said he wasn't involved in the discussion where the \$25,000 commitment was discussed; he said he learned about it after. City Attorney Downs said the Mayor was in his office when a call came in from Sal Pace. He said that the dollar amount was suggested to us. City Manager Acre agreed. Councilmember Mattie moved to commit \$10,000 to the TIGER grant fund with the consideration that if circumstances present themselves that we can increase that amount in conjunction with other areas we will continue to help out as much as we can. He further moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fletcher and carried by a majority vote upon roll call, with all Council members voting aye except Mayor Reorda who cast a dissenting vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 1428

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, COLORADO, ENDORSING EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AMTRAK'S SOUTHWEST CHIEF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE THROUGH THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, COLORAD

Motion implementing Ordinance #1957, an Ordinance Adjusting the City of Trinidad Landfill fees, effective June 1, 2014. Mayor Reorda moved to implement Ordinance #1957 effective June 1, 2014. Councilmember Fletcher seconded the motion. Councilmember Mattie confirmed that this is being done in consideration of the billing cycles of the hauling businesses. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business, Mayor Reorda moved to adjourn the special meeting and Councilmember Torres seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CAROL BOLTON, Mayor Pro-Tem

AUDRA GARRETT, City Clerk