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September 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The second special meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 9:31 p.m. by Chairman Mark Altieri. All present joined in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Dan Marconi	Cheryl Bochet	Kathleen Bivona
Michael Rappa	John Rotondo	Carl Massaro
Suzanne Testani	Paul Kennedy	Dan Helfrich
Jane Deyoe	Debbie Lamberti	Tony Scinto
Robert Pescatore, Jr.	Mark Altieri	
Mary Beth Thornton	Martha Mark	

ABSENT: Jeffry Jenkins, John DelVecchio, Jr., Matt Reale, Michael London, Chad Ciocci

* Chairman Mark Altieri exercised his right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC22-224: Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That not more than \$35,000,000 Town of Trumbull general obligation refunding bonds are hereby authorized for issuance and sale.

Bond Counsel John Stafstrom of Pullman & Comley explained that state statute requires a refunding of bonds must come before the town's legislative body, but not the Board of Finance. However, information pertaining to the refunding will be provided to the Board of Finance at their meeting later this week on an "information only" basis.

Attorney Stafstrom explained that the town's financial advisor would help determine which of the town's outstanding bonds should be refunded up to \$35 million. Interest rates are very low right now and timing is very sensitive due to the fluctuations in rates.

Financial Advisor Matt Spoerndle of Phoenix Advisors explained the maturity dates of the bonds selected for refunding will be tied to their current maturity dates.

Attorney Stafstrom explained that state statute says that the maturity date cannot be

extended beyond the original maturity date. The savings comes from issuing the bonds at a rate that is lower than the interest rate when they were originally issued.

Mr. Spoerndle explained that subject to market conditions and estimated projections; he estimates the refunding will generate anywhere between \$1 mil - \$1.4 mil in debt service savings over the course of the issue.

Some of the factors that are considered in selecting which outstanding bonds will be refunded are call dates on the outstanding bonds, the efficiency of the escrow to pay off the debt service up to the defeasance date and where the yields and coupon rates are. After looking at all the town's outstanding callable bonds, those with the most efficient thresholds of percent savings, it was determined, based on their coupons and call dates that the 2002-2003 bonds are the most efficient to refund at this time.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to make this emergency legislation.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Testani. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk