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MINUTES

November 5, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:07 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	Jeffry Jenkins (8:24 p.m.)	Michael London
Michael Rappa	John Rotondo	Carl Massaro
Suzanne Testani	John DelVecchio, Jr.	Chad Ciocci
Jane Deyoe	Mark Altieri	Dan Helfrich
Robert Pescatore, Jr.	Martha Mark	Tony Scinto
Mary Beth Thornton	Matt Reale	
Cheryl Bochet	Kathleen Bivona	

ABSENT: Paul Kennedy, Debbie Lamberti

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Ms. Mark, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend the October 5, 2009 Minutes by correcting the vote on item 6, Resolution TC22-230 to reflect Ms. Mark's opposition to the motion. The corrected vote is 12-4-0 (Opposed: Testani, London, Pescatore, Mark). Minutes unanimously adopted as amended.

Presentation by the ACE Foundation was postponed.

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC22-236: Moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of David Galla of 6300 Main Street as a member of the Golf Course Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2011.

Committee report: R&R Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 14-2-1 (Opposed: Scinto, Pescatore; Abstention: Deyoe)

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC22-237: Held in Committee

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC22-238: Moved by Ms. Mark, seconded by Mr. Marconi

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$310,000 is hereby appropriated for the costs associated with the implementation of a Geographic Information System, and authorizing the issue of \$310,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Mr. Jenkins arrived at 8:14 p.m.

Committee report: Finance Committee met October 27, 2009 and voted 3-0-2 (Abstention: Deyoe, Lamberti) to recommend.

Tax Assessor Ross Murray stated that as mentioned in the committee report, there will be an ongoing cost of approximately \$4,850 annually to keep the system up to date.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 4. RESOLUTION TC22-239: Moved by Ms. Bochet, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$85,000 is hereby appropriated from WPCA retained earnings to Professional Services 20100000-522202.

Committee report: Finance Committee met October 27, 2009 and voted 3-1-1 (Opposed: Deyoe; Abstention: Lamberti) to recommend.

Paul Kallmeyer, WPCA Commissioner and former Director of Public Works, explained there is a critical path that this approval will go through. The clean water produced by the plant must meet certain standards in order to get the DEP to allow its discharge. Getting that critical permit approved was the path used by the WPCA to choose this vendor.

Two of the five vendors had no experience with this type of work. Another vendor has indirectly done two prior projects with the Town; they worked for a developer. Both of those projects failed. Two firms, both of which are highly regarded and employ very skilled employees, got together in a joint venture; however, neither have recent experience with the DEP. Working with the DEP to receive their approval is critical. Another firm has worked on 9 projects with the DEP; however, Wright-Pierce has worked on over 25 projects with them and the DEP has hired them as a consultant for some projects. They have the horsepower and necessary contacts to get the project done. The WPCA felt that a good firm working with the DEP could easily save the difference in fees. It's a national law that the sewage and storm water must be separated.

Approval of this appropriation is not a commitment to build a plant. It is only for a study to determine if it is in the town's long term financial best interest to build a plant. The study is expected to take about 6 months. Right now we have a liability because our sewerage goes through the Bridgeport plant and discharges into the Sound. If we separate ourselves and have a clean discharge into Long Island Sound, we will reduce our liability.

VOTE: Adopted 17-1 (Opposed: Ciocci)

Item 5. RESOLUTION TC22-240: Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Helfrich to make this emergency legislation.

VOTE: Carried unanimously

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC22-241: Moved by Mr. Helfrich, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Trumbull Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the roof replacement at Jane Ryan School.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

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

VOTE: Carried unanimously

Item 7. RESOLUTION TC22-242: Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Mr. London

RESOLVED, that the Jane Ryan Roof Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the roof replacement at Jane Ryan School.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and amended by adding the letter “e” to the word “hereby” and by inserting the word “School” after “Ryan” in the first line. Passed unanimously as amended.

Chair accepted the committee report as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended.

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Helfrich to make this emergency legislation.

VOTE: Carried unanimously

Item 8. RESOLUTION TC22-243: Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. London

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the roof replacement at Jane Ryan School.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by Ms. Deyoe to make this emergency legislation.

VOTE: Carried unanimously

Item 9. RESOLUTION TC22-244: Moved by Ms. Testani, seconded by Mr. Rotondo

WHEREAS, pursuant to CGS Sec. 4-66c, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Trumbull make an application to the State for \$82,000 in order to undertake the Renovation and Expansion of the Trumbull Animal Shelter and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Trumbull Town Council

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Urban Act, CGS Section 4-66c.
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Trumbull in an amount not to exceed \$82,000 is hereby approved and that First Selectman Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr. is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Trumbull.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Pescatore to amend #2 by inserting the word “the” before First and by amending the 3rd line to read as: “Selectman of the Town of Trumbull is directed to execute and file such”.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 10. RESOLUTION TC22-245: Moved by Ms. Bivona, seconded by Mr. Rotondo

BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr. is hereby authorized to apply and sign for on behalf of the Town of Trumbull a Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$80,000 for expansion of the parking lots at Beach Park and Indian Ledge Park.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Pescatore to amend by changing the first line to read: BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull is hereby authorized.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 11. RESOLUTION TC22-246: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. Rotondo

BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr. is hereby authorized to apply and sign for on behalf of the Town of Trumbull a Small Town Economic

Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$43,000 for installation of new flooring at the Teen Center at Indian Ledge Park.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by Mr. London to amend by changing the first line to read: BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull is hereby authorized.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 12. RESOLUTION TC22-247: Moved by Mr. DeVecchio, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr. is hereby authorized to submit an application for funding under the Office of Policy and Management Municipal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and understand that funding under this program is from Connecticut's allocation of funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend. Moved by Ms. Deyoe seconded by Mr. Pescatore to amend by changing the first line to read: BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull is hereby authorized.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted as amended 17-1 (Opposed: Ciocci)

Item 13. RESOLUTION TC22-248: Withdrawn

Item 14. RESOLUTION TC22-249: Moved by Ms. Deyoe, seconded by Ms. Testani

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle a workers compensation claim known as Scott Schovenec v. Town of Trumbull.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 17-1 (Opposed: DeVecchio)

Item 15. RESOLUTION TC22-250: Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Rotondo

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle a matter known as Marion Fallon v. Town of Trumbull, Docket No. CV-06-4017324-S.

Committee report: L&A Committee met October 26, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 17-0-1 (Abstention: Pescatore)

Dan Marconi stated that this is his last meeting and that it has been an honor and pleasure to be part of this group and that it has been a particular pleasure to work with First Selectman Ray Baldwin. Today is Dan and Jean Marconi's 37th anniversary and they received warm congratulatory applause from the Council and members of the audience.

Chairman Mark Altieri thanked all the candidates that participated in the election process. He offered his congratulations and luck to those that won. It has been his honor and privilege to have served as the Chairman for the past 6 years. He thanked all of the Council people who managed to exhibit patience during his tenure. Chairman Altieri thanked the Clerk, Lorrie Lusebrink, for the great organizational skills that helped make things run smoothly. The Town Council and members of the audience warmly applauded.

First Selectman Raymond Baldwin stated that he has been fortunate to have had 3 careers in town as a Police Officer, Attorney and First Selectman. He has enjoyed his time serving as First Selectman and will miss it very much. He will miss the interaction, both good and bad, with Council members and the public. He will miss working with all the dedicated employees, staff, educators, volunteers and citizens that make Trumbull so special. Most of all, he will miss being able to make such a profound and positive difference on the town he loves. We have accomplished much together over the past 8 years and he offers his best wishes to those who will continue to serve. He requested that Mr. Herbst and his administration be given the same courtesy and consideration that has been given to him. First Selectman Baldwin was given a standing ovation by the Town Council and members of the audience.

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Testani. With no further business to discuss, this last meeting of the Twenty-Second Council was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk