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RULES & RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 29, 2015

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Chairman Tony Scinto, Vincent DiMasi, Jr., Mark Block, Ann Marie Evangelista, Alternate and Thomas Whitmoyer, Alternate

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Michael London, Jason Marsh, and William Mecca

ALSO

PRESENT: Chief of Staff Lynn Arnow, Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Ms. Rosasco Schwartz.

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1. RESOLUTION TC26-2: Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. DiMasi
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$6,137 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Social Services 01050000-501101 Salaries FT, \$2,965, Senior Center 01050600-501101 Salaries FT, \$3,172.

Ms. Arnow stated this item was approved by the BOF. The \$6,137 appropriation represents the gap between converting two part time salaries to one full time position as it was in the past. First Selectman Herbst recommends this. The primary reason is based on the inherent inefficiencies of having all part time staff. The scheduling of the bus drivers is more flexible and efficient now. Having one full time person scheduling the drivers will be more efficient and consistent front desk coverage.

Ms. Arnow confirmed for the committee the position would be a 35-hour, 5 days per week, position with benefits. The \$6,000 is the funding gap including the benefits for this fiscal year. This position will be in the next fiscal year budget. The position would be filled using

the Human Resource certified list of qualified candidates. With the current part time positions there are times when someone enters the senior center and no one is at the front desk, which is a concern. At other times the director covers the front desk in the part-timers' absence. Due to recent security assessments and efficiencies the importance of having adequate coverage at the senior center is clear.

Mr. Whitmoyer questioned the last sentence of the memorandum from Mr. Haselkamp provided as back-up. The committee agreed it may have been a typo and should have read, "this may be a way" v. "there may be a way".

Mr. Whitmoyer questioned if there was another source of funding that the appropriation could come from. Ms. Arnow explained the funds would still need to come from a salary line item. There will be an assessment made during the next budget process and hopes to be able to apply those savings. In a recent audit it was found that when one of the part timers is out at the same time the director is, the bus drivers are used to back fill the front desk coverage. This impacts the bus schedule and happens quite often. The director is in favor of the change.

Ms. Arnow explained for Ms. Thornton the senior center is open 5 days a week not 7. Ms. Thornton noted that she thought people may want the center open 7 days a week. Ms. Arnow stated this would be part of the building committee's research. Ms. Arnow confirmed for Ms. Rosasco-Schwartz that there would be a need for \$12,000 in the next fiscal year budget unless there are savings realized from the restructuring of the bus service and are confident there will be.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. Resolution TC26-11: Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Ms. Evangelista.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment of _____ of _____, be and the same, is hereby approved as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term extending to the first Monday of 2018.

Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer to amend by inserting the name Ted Chase and the address 27 Francis Street.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Ted Chase of 27 Francis Street was present and indicated his party affiliation as unaffiliated. Mr. Chase has been involved in the Trumbull Lacrosse program and has been a resident since 1998. Through his volunteering with TYL he has been able to get to know many people in Town. He has learned how the Town works. His background in banking is a good fit for the board as well as his experience in running the youth program.

VOTE: As amended CARRIED unanimously.

3. Resolution TC26-12: Moved by Mr. Whitmoyer, seconded by Ms. Evangelista

BE IT RESOLVED, That Vicki Tesoro of 133 Beechwood Avenue, be and the same, is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term to the first Monday of December 2018.

Ms. Vicki Tesoro of 133 Beechwood Avenue was present and indicated her party affiliation as democrat. Ms. Tesoro stated she has been a town resident for 25 years, and a community volunteers for over 20 years. She has served on the Town Council for the last 4 years, was on the Town Council Finance committee for those 4 years and has a master's degree in taxation.

Mr. Massaro confirmed for the committee that there is only one BOF alternate seat open. The alternate seats do not have party designation. Currently there is an unaffiliated alternate, a republican alternate and this vacancy.

VOTE: Motion 1-3-1 (IN FAVOR: Whitmoyer) (ABSTENTION: Evangelista)

4. RESOLUTION TC26-13: Moved by Mr. DiMasi, seconded by Ms. Evangelista)
BE IT RESOLVED, That Richard Deecken of 6233 Avalon Gates, be and the same is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2020.

Mr. Richard Deecken of 679 Garden Street was present and indicated he has served on Planning & Zoning for 5 years, one year as chairman and also served on Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission for 4 years. Two of those years he served on P&Z and the IWWC simultaneously as the P&Z representative to the IWWC. He has bipartisan support from P&Z for this seat and is awaiting his appointment so they can confirm him as the P&Z IWWC representative. He has the support of both commissions' chairmen. The vacancy was created by Mr. Ronoccia finishing his term. Ms. Arnow confirmed this for Ms. Thornton and added the term ended in December 2015. There are two vacancies for this board. The vacancy created by Mr. Martin leaving is RESOLUTION TC26-20.

Moved by Mr. Whitmoyer, seconded by Mr. Block to amend by replacing the address listed with 679 Garden Street and the year to read as 2018.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE: As amended unanimously.

5. RESOLUTION TC26-14: Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. DiMasi.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Timothy Cantafio of Tait Road, be and the same, is hereby approved as an alternate member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2019.

Moved by Mr. Whitmoyer, seconded by Mr. DiMasi to amend by adding the number 72 in front of Tait Road. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Cantafio was not present at this meeting. It was noted that the council does not require an interview for reappointments.

VOTE: Motion as amended CARRIED unanimously.

6. RESOLUTION TC26-15: Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. DiMasi.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the First Selectman to reappoint Thomas Lee of 29 Cobblers Hill Road, be and the same, is hereby approved as a member of the Ethics Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2020.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

7. RESOLUTION TC26-16: Moved by Mr. Whitmoyer, seconded by Ms. Evangelista.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the First Selectman to appoint Mark Gurevitz of 26 Copper Kettle, be and the same, is hereby approved as a member of the Ethics Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2019.

Mr. Mark Gurevitz of 26 Copper Kettle was present and indicated his party affiliation as unaffiliated. He has lived in Trumbull since 1991. Mr. Gurevitz worked at the Hartford and has since retired. He currently has a business as an arbitrator for insurance disputes. At this time he would like to get involved in his community and serve his town. He believes he has the experience to serve on the Ethics Commission based on his position as senior vice president at the Hartford where he was very involved in code of conduct issues. As an insurance lawyer he also supervised the employment law function and was involved for many years with the Hartford's ethics commission. He would very much like the opportunity to serve.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

8. RESOLUTION TC26-17: Moved by Mr. DiMasi, seconded by Mr. Block.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the First Selectman to appoint Larry Fullerton of 44 Old Sawmill Road, be and the same, is hereby approved as an alternate member of the Ethics Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2017.

Ms. Arnow confirmed for the committee that this is a reappointment.

Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer to amend to read as reappoint.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE: Motion as amended CARRIED unanimously.

9. Resolution TC26-18: Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. Block.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment of James Meisner of 133 Beechwood Avenue of 62 Driftwood Lane, be and the same, is hereby approved as a member of the Pension Board for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2019.

Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer to amend the resolution to reads as 62 Driftwood Lane and strike 133 Beechwood Avenue.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE: Motion as amended CARRIED unanimously.

10. Resolution TC26-19: Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Ms. Evangelista.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment of Lori Ann Boveroux of 23 Center Road, be and the same, is hereby approved as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2019.

Lori Ann Boveroux of 23 Center Road was present and indicated her party affiliation as republican. She was on the ZBA when she lived in Fairfield. She is an educator first and became interested in zoning when she was teaching zoning curriculum in an engineering class at the high school level. She has her master's degree in planning & zoning. This is something she has always been interested in. Her husband encouraged her to serve on this board because he knows this is in her blood. Ms. Boveroux has lived in Trumbull since 2007 and looks forward to serving.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

11. Resolution TC26-20: Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment of Larry LaConte of 1349 Huntington Turnpike, be and the same, is hereby approved as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2018.

Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. DiMasi to amend the date to 2017.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Larry LaConte of 1349 Huntington Turnpike was present and indicated his party affiliation as republican. He has lived in Trumbull since 1970. He has vast experience in construction, and the stock market. He has worked in the mortgage and real estate field for the last two years. He has experience with working with the various departments at City Hall in Bridgeport and at the state level. His term will begin 2016. The Chair noted it is a 5 year term.

VOTE: Motion as amended CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the R&R Committee adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk