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LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 25, 2016  
MINUTES

Chairman Enrico Costantini called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Enrico Costantini, Chairman, Jack Testani, Vice Chairman, Joseph Pifko, Thomas Whitmoyer, Edna Colucci, Jason Marsh, Mark Block, Alternate and William Mecca, Alternate.

Absent: None

Also

Present: First Selectman Timothy Herbst, Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Director of Labor Relations James Haselkamp, Parks & Recreation Director Stuart McCarthy, (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Town Clerk Suzanne Burr-Monaco, Town Council members, Richard Kascak, Jr., Mary Beth Thornton, Lisa Valenti, Matt Caron, and Dawn Cantafio.

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Moved by Mr. Testani, seconded by Mr. Pifko to take RESOLUTION TC26-09 out of order.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

1. RESOLUTION TC26-9: Moved by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Mr. Testani  
BE IT RESOLVED, That an agreement for an Early Retirement Offering between the Town of Trumbull and the UPSEU Local 424 Supervisors (MATHAS) is hereby approved.

Moved Mr. Testani, seconded by Mr. Pifko to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing labor relations.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously. The L&A Committee ENTERED into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:05 p.m. with L&A members Enrico Costantini, Chairman, Jack Testani, Vice Chairman, Joseph Pifko, Thomas Whitmoyer, Edna Colucci, Jason Marsh, Mark Block, Alternate and William Mecca, Alternate, First Selectman Timothy Herbst, Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Director of Labor Relations James Haselkamp, Parks & Recreation Director Stuart

McCarthy, Town Council Members, Richard Kascak, Jr., Mary Beth Thornton, (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Lisa Valenti, Matt Caron and Dawn Cantafio.

Moved by Ms. Colucci, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer to END Executive Session.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously. The L&A ended executive session at 7:28 p.m.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Testani, seconded by Mr. Pifko to take RESOLUTION TC26-10 out of order.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC26-10: Moved Ms. Colucci, seconded by Mr. Testani.  
BE IT RESOLVED, That an agreement for an Early Retirement Offering between the Town of Trumbull and the DPW Supervisors' Union is hereby approved.

Moved Mr. Whitmoyer, seconded by Mr. Mecca to ENTER into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor relations.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously. The L&A Committee ENTERED into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:29 p.m. with L&A members Enrico Costantini, Chairman, Jack Testani, Vice Chairman, Joseph Pifko, Thomas Whitmoyer, Edna Colucci, Jason Marsh, Mark Block, Alternate and William Mecca, Alternate, First Selectman Timothy Herbst, Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Director of Labor Relations James Haselkamp, Parks & Recreation Director Stuart McCarthy, Town Council Members, Richard Kascak, Jr., Mary Beth Thornton, Lisa Valenti, Matt Caron and Dawn Cantafio.

Moved by Mr. Whitmoyer, seconded by Mr. Pifko to END Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Mr. Testani to take RESOLUTION TC26-25 out of order.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously. (Mr. McCarthy arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

3. RESOLUTION TC26-25: Moved by Mr. Whitmoyer, seconded by Mr. Pifko  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Day Commission is hereby disbanded.

Mr. McCarthy explained the recommendation is to run Trumbull Day as a Town event utilizing the Town's professional staff. Using public funds requires public bidding of the two main components of the event, fireworks and the carnival. The bulk of the event is the coordination of the Police Dept., EMS, Fire and Parks & Rec. The most significant component for the commission was the vendors.

Mr. McCarthy explained for Mr. Marsh there will be more volunteer opportunities this year.

Mr. Marsh spoke against holding the event in the fall and noted last year's event was not successful. Mr. Costantini respectfully disagreed as he had worked the event last year. Ms. Thornton

questioned the new date and stated it was an annual event that everyone looked forward. She believes a second look is needed. Mr. Block stated there had been a steady decline for the past 12-15 years and spoke favorably of the Fall Festival held last fall. There was a reenergizing of the event. Mr. Pifko stated it had been difficult to get volunteers for the event in past years and spoke in favor of volunteers working with the Parks & Rec. Dept. This may help bring back the vitality for Trumbull Day that was seen years ago.

Mr. McCarthy summarized for Mr. Testani as follows:

- There was great cooperation with the Athletic Department for field use. Moving forward there is a date established and the Athletic Department will better able to schedule sports events.
- It was a very good family event. This year they will book the carnival vendor much sooner, they are going out to bid in a week or two.
- Last year's food was tremendous. They learned from the year before there were too many food vendors. Many of those food vendors said they would not return if there were to be as many food vendors because they could not turn a profit.
- The fireworks were tremendous.

These are good elements to build upon.

Last year's forecast was poor, the day of the event the weather started poor and got worse as the day went on. Mr. McCarthy explained for Mr. Marsh that it is nearly impossible to schedule a rain date, although they had last year, due to the nature of the event and the penalty fee for moving the date (particularly for the fireworks) moving the event to a different date is something that should always be avoided.

Mr. Marsh spoke against disbanding the committee without the commitment for more community involvement as they have in Orange, CT. Mr. Whitmoyer spoke in favor of Westport's annual July event. Mr. McCarthy confirmed for Mr. Whitmoyer Westport's Park & Recreation Department and Police Department organized the event. Westport's PAL sponsored the fireworks; they sold tickets, hired the fireworks co., and held all of the insurance. There are many opportunities for volunteers and with the advance time for this year's event they will be able to generate those opportunities.

Ms. Colucci extended her gratitude to Mr. McCarthy. The end goal is to have a successful Trumbull Day. Mr. Mecca echoed Ms. Colucci's comments. Mr. McCarthy stated the date of the event would be published after they the carnival bid is awarded.

Mr. McCarthy explained for Ms. Thornton Trumbull Day was previously associated with the Barnum Festival. Trumbull changed the date and its association with that festival. Mr. McCarthy confirmed for Mr. Testani that they have been and will be in communication with the Chief Lombardo. They will get the word out about the event as follows: press releases, reaching out to the Rotary Club and all of the other groups directly, the Parks & Recreation online presence has been enhanced and will use that opportunity to publicize the event, (i.e. email blasts). There will be a specific volunteer coordinator for the event.

Mr. Massaro stated Trumbull Day was previously part of the Bridgeport area events. It is logical when a community event such as a carnival is held to have the fireworks on that day. Last year was the first year it was moved from June to September. Trumbull was the last town to have a Trumbull Day-Barnum Festival related event. Fairfield, Stratford and Shelton's are long gone. Trumbull should have a community event. Mr. Massaro stated that once school is out in Trumbull so is half the Town, so many go on vacation. The lifestyle of Trumbull residents has changed over the past 20-30 years. The previous date became obsolete for the lifestyle in town. Everyone should have a positive attitude, pull together and make it happen.

Mr. Whitmoyer spoke against the resolution as it is written, it could be taken as community involvement is not wanted and would like to amend to include a volunteer group.

Mr. Massaro confirmed for Mr. Costantini that the Trumbull Day Commission was charged with planning and running the event. Mr. Costantini stated procedurally the commission would have to be disbanded in order to allow the Town to run it. Mr. Marsh spoke in favor of an amendment to include a community component. Ms. Colucci concurred with Mr. Costantini. Ms. Valenti spoke in favor of the Town taking over the event and stated it is all or nothing. She had served on the commission and noted the financial aspect was less than desirable. Block agreed with Ms. Valenti and noted the community involvement is an important component and enhances the community enthusiasm for the event. Mr. Pifko agreed with Ms. Valenti and added volunteers handling the whole event and the financials is cumbersome. Under professional guidance, such as Mr. McCarthy running the event and with an outreach to the community, the community will become part of it. Mr. Marsh agreed with Ms. Valenti that the "all or nothing" is part of the issue and does agree the Town should have the responsibility to administer the event. Ms. Collucci added the community should also be included.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 5-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Whitmoyer)

4. RESOLUTION TC26-22: Moved by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer  
BE IT RESOLVED That the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut hereby approves the Town Clerk of the Town of Trumbull's application to participate in the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Municipal Filing Pilot Program for the 2017 election cycle. (Full Resolution Attached).

Ms. Burr-Monaco explained they are applying for a pilot program that would send the filings to the State. Many were taken from the office several years ago and spoke in favor of all the filings going to one repository. This program would attempt that. The filings would be available electronically where anyone would be able to view them. It is a limited pilot program and is not sure if Trumbull will be included. They have to go through this process first. The program will be for the 2017 municipal cycle and at the end of the year the State will make a determination. How the communities are chosen for the program will be determined by the State.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Ms. Colucci the L&A Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni  
Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTION TC26-22

RESOLUTION TC26-22: BE IT RESOLVED That the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut hereby approves the Town Clerk of the Town of Trumbull's application to the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Municipal Filing Pilot Program, and;

WHEREAS on June 30, 2015, the Governor signed into law Special Act No. 2015-14 , *An Act Establishing A Pilot Program for Municipal Campaign Finance Filings*;

WHEREAS the Special Act establishes a pilot program for the State Elections Enforcement Commission to provide assistance to the town clerks of up to twenty municipalities with the completion of some or all of their filing repository duties for the 2017 election cycle;

WHEREAS the application to participate in the pilot program requires the approval of the municipality's legislative body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut that the Town Clerk of the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut may apply to participate in the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Municipal Filing Pilot Program for the 2017 election cycle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this signed resolution be forwarded to the State Elections Enforcement Commission as part of the Town of Trumbull's application.