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LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 31, 2016

The Chair called the Legislation & Administration Committee to order at 7:45 p.m. all present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called the roll and recorded as follows:

Present: Chairman Enrico Costantini, Vice-Chairman Jack Testani, Joseph Pifko, Jason Marsh, Thomas Whitmoyer, and William Mecca, Alternate.

Absent: Edna Colucci and Mark Block, Alternate

Also

Present: Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Chief of Staff Lynn Arnow, Director of Labor Relations James Haselkamp, Town Attorney Jared Schwartz, and Town Council members Mary Beth Thornton and Dawn Cantafio.

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1. RESOLUTION TC26-59: Moved by Testani, seconded by Pifko.
BE IT RESOLVED, That funding for a labor agreement between the Town of Trumbull and the Trumbull Police Union Local 1745, Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 is hereby approved.

Moved by Pifko, seconded by Marsh to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending labor and contract negotiations. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

The L&A Committee entered into executive session at 7:47 p.m. with the following People present: L&A Committee members Enrico Costantini, Chairman, Jack Testani, Vice Chairman, Joseph Pifko, Jason Marsh, Thomas Whitmoyer, William Mecca, Alternate, Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Town Council members Mary

Beth Thornton, Dawn Cantafio, Director of Labor Relations James Haselkamp and Chief of Staff Lynn Arnow.

Moved by Pifko, seconded by Marsh to end executive session at 8:07 p.m.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE: Motion Carried unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC26-61: Moved by Marsh, seconded by Testani.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senior/Community Center and Library Study Committee is renamed the Trumbull Community Center Building Committee.

Moved by Testani, seconded by Pifko to amend the resolution by adding the words “and building” after the phrase “BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senior/Community Center and Library Study”. This was amended due to a typographical error on the agenda.

The resolution as amended will read as; “BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee is renamed the Trumbull Community Center Building Committee. Vote: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by Marsh, seconded by Mecca to further amend the resolution by adding the word “Study”. The resolution would read as: “BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee is renamed the Trumbull Community Center **Study** and Building Committee.”

Mr. Marsh explained the purpose of the amendment is to remove the perception that something will be built, the council has not approved the construction or appropriated funds to date. Mr. Massaro stated in March 2015 this was discussed at length and is how the committee ended up with its long name. It was to make it clear it was a study committee not a building committee. The building committee rules outline a building committee as designing and constructing. He understands the study aspect and is not objecting. As the council chairman and regarding the committee’s work he holds them to the building committee rules whether you call them a building committee or a study and building committee.

Mr. Pifko noted that nothing is built until the Town Council approves. It was his understanding the committee was to present a plan and a cost to the council. A building committee is held to the rules while a study committee has freer range.

Mr. Massaro stated there is a lot that would need to come to the council for approval such as, hiring an architect, approving a design, and location all of which is outlined in the building committee rules. Mr. Massaro stated removing the word senior from the committee’s name is intended to shorten the name. Mr. Mecca stated the community may think the focus has changed to a community center. The Chair stated the committee’s

focus was always to focus on both aspects and when the committee presents their findings to the council it would be defined. Originally the library was also involved. It has been determined they would not be part of the center and it makes sense to remove library from the committee's name. The structure was always considered to be used for a number of different purposes by the community.

Mr. Pifko stated most of the successful models they have looked at have been community centers with senior centers within them. Once something is called a senior center it is labeled as such. Our demographics of our current center are on the upper end as opposed as other centers that don't have the word senior attached. Those centers are different in that they have a concentration of seniors using the center during the day and the community uses the center as well.

Mr. Mecca stated the March meeting had public input that questioned whether they wanted a new senior center at all and stated this is a step in the right direction. Ms. Cantafio stated the First Selectman recently referred to this as a Community Center. Mr. Costantini spoke in favor of shortening the name, many times people refer to the committee as the first few words and drop the rest of its name and may be why people have referred to the committee as a senior center, this resolution shortens the name appropriately.

Mr. Pifko stated the center will be open to whole community. The name change indicates what the center is. Ms. Arnow stated much of the original name of the committee came from the POCD, where the public had indicated that they would like to consider combining the library, community and senior center as one.

Mr. Pifko explained for Mr. Whitmoyer the quarterly report of the committee is on this June agenda. Mr. Massaro explained he is not wedded to any particular name and asked if there were other suggestions, noting he L&A Committee's vote is a recommending vote. Mr. Testani stated the spirit of the resolution is to shorten the name and would speak against the amendment to add the word study.

VOTE: Motion to add the word "Study" FAILED 2-3 (AGAINST: Testani, Costantini and Pifko).

VOTE: As amended CARRIED 3-2 (AGAINST: Marsh and Whitmoyer)

3. RESOLUTION TC26-62: Moved by Mecca and seconded by Marsh.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Cindy Katske of 129 Meadowview Drive, be and the same is hereby appointed a member of the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee.

Ms. Cynthia Katske of 129 Meadowview Drive was present and indicated her party affiliation as democrat. She has attended many of the building committee meetings, has followed the process closely and has been very interested in serving and giving back to

the Town. She serves as a community member on the BOE's Policy Committee and has been a member for approximately 1½ years. When there was a vacancy on this committee she was eager to put her name forward.

VOTE: Motion FAILED 2-3 (AGAINST: Testani, Costantini and Pifko).

4. RESOLUTION TC26-63: Moved by Pifko, seconded by Marsh.
BE IT RESOLVED, That David Preusch of 19 Woodcrest Road is hereby appointed a member of the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee.

Mr. Testani moved, seconded by Mr. Pifko to amend the resolution to read as, "BE IT RESOLVED, That David Preusch of 19 Woodcrest Road is hereby appointed a member of the Trumbull Community Center Building Committee."

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. David Preusch of 19 Woodcrest Avenue was present and indicated the resolution should read as Avenue not Road. His party affiliation is republican. Mr. Preusch is a practicing architect, he takes an interest in things that are being built in the Town. Currently he is in his third year of service on P&Z, previously had served for 3 years on ZBA, and has represented Trumbull for a year on the Bpt. Regional Planning Agency Board. When there is a need for people with professional expertise in their town and there is an opportunity to help people should do so. The level of building and design in Trumbull could be elevated, when one speaks the language of design and construction they should serve. He thinks he can be helpful, the committee has served with dedication and sincerity and believes people with professional experience are always needed on a committee.

Moved by Pifko, seconded by Whitmoyer to amend the resolution to read Avenue not Road. Vote: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED as amended 3-2 (AGAINST: Marsh and Whitmoyer)

5. RESOLUTION TC26-64: Moved by Mecca, seconded by Pifko.
BE IT RESOLVED, That an agreement granting temporary construction easement to the State of CT in veteran's memorial Park is hereby approved and First Selectman, Timothy M. Herbst, is authorized to execute said agreement and all necessary documents related thereto.

Attorney Schwartz was present and explained this resolution represents a limited construction easement for construction of a bike path by the State for the Pequonnock River Trail. Atty. Schwartz reviewed the map with the committee. The area will be restored after they are complete. The easement is a limited easement and will be extinguished after construction is complete. The Town is receiving \$7,200 in connection with this easement. \$1,200 of that represents the reseeded & repairs to the temporary sedimentation. What is being accepted by this resolution is not the easement language

but the acceptance agreement that Town signs and will then start the negotiation with regards to easement language. The next step will be the negotiation of the easement language. The agreement is signed to make sure the town is protected and the State does not take more than they absolutely need to complete the project. Attorney Schwartz stated under the statutory language the State could take the area, pay the Town the money without the Town having the ability to negotiate the language of the easement.

After further review and discussion, the committee requested confirmation this is part of the Rails to Trails project connecting to Bridgeport and where the bike path goes from the Vietnam Memorial. Attorney Schwartz indicated the proposed bike path will not affect the memorial; the bike path is behind it. After further discussion the committee noted there is a resident veteran that tends to the memorial on a daily basis and would like to know if it would be possible for running water be installed in the area. The committee requested further information and clarification on this matter from the Town Engineer, Mr. Smeriglio for the full council meeting.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Whitmoyer, seconded by Testani the L&A Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk