CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All present joined in the moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair asked all present to remember Nathan Record who passed away on January 1, 2022. Nathan was an 11 year old at Hillcrest Middle School who was described by his family and friends as happy, compassionate, and funny. He loved his family and friends unconditionally and loved learning. His family have given so much to Trumbull and the greater Fairfield County community. The Chair asked all to hold them in their hearts as they navigate this tremendous loss.

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

PRESENT: Mike Buswell  Mary Isaac  Nicole Satin
         Donna Seidell  Steve Choi  Alissa Hall
         Jason Marsh  Ashley Gaudiano  Steve Lemoine
         Kelly Mallozzi  Dawn Cantafio  Christopher DeCruze
         Carl Massaro  Tony Scinto  Kevin Shively
         Thomas Whitmoyer  Dede Robinson  Joy Colon
         Bill Mecca  Lissette Colón  Olga Leiva

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officers Cynthia Katske and Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Finance Director Maria Pires, Superintendent of Schools Martin Semmel, BOE Business Manager Paul Hendrickson, BOE Facilities Director Dave Cote, Chief of Police Michael Lombardo, Public Works Director George Estrada, Town Engineer/WPCA Administrator William Maurer, EMS Chief Leigh Goodman, Andrew Weber of EMS, Economic & Community Development Director Rina Bakalar, Parks Supervisor Dmitri Paris, Highway Supervisor Rich Infante, Fleet Supervisor Doug Bogen, General Foreman Tom Baldwin, Public Works Comptroller Dayanara Aviles,

*The Chair reserves the right not to vote unless otherwise noted.
The Chair acknowledged and extended gratitude to a few groups of individuals in our community. It has been another difficult week with COVID numbers and the challenges that go along with. Last week, community volunteers from CERT, our first responders, Town Hall staff, including Police and EMS distributed COVID tests to residents and they're going to do it again this coming weekend. There were a lot of hurdles thrown from the state and they spent hours outside distributing the tests. She also thanked the teachers, staff, administrators and bus drivers who could not have possibly imagined we would be back dealing with COVID or sending children to school in the midst of COVID. She thanked them for everything they are doing to make sure that schools are running as safely as possible, and that our children and staff are safe.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were four (4) people from the public to speak. (Public Comment Attached)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Colon to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

DISCUSSION ITEM: EDIT TASK FORCE UPDATE

Andrea Fonseca, EDIT Task Force Co-Chair was present and reported the following:

- Four (4) meetings, and one (1) special meeting with a presenter, Steve Gartner on conflict resolution were held.
- This is the first update.
- A social media presence with a Facebook account was developed. A local competition was held, and recently declared two finalists to display their work on the official Facebook page.
- Task Force members identified sixteen (16) Town stakeholders to interview for qualitative data, (First Selectman, School Superintendent, BOF Chair, Chief of Police, Town Human Resources Agent, Town Council majority and minority leaders, Health Department Head, Emergency Responder, Human Services, Planning and Zoning, Food Pantry Coordinator, ADA Compliance Coordinator, Senior Center Director, Library Director.
- Task Force members were able to secure interviews for the First Selectman, Superintendent of Schools, EMS Chief, Director of Human Services, Library Director, Town Council Majority Leader, Chief of Police and Planning and Zoning Board Chair.
- The Task Force intends to continue dialogue with the town stakeholders with invitations to regularly scheduled meetings.
- Will hosting a public forum Thursday, January 13, 2022 via Zoom.
- Extended Trumbull’s relationship with Sustainable Connecticut by securing resources, with their equity coach to help address equity related issues and the importance to our community.
- With the help of this the state, the sustainable coach and the Task Force received a list of procured resources in multiple mediums to augment the collective understanding of the mission, which according to the resolution is to strengthen Trumbull’s identity as an equitable, diverse and inclusive community.
• Next Steps - Receive whole group training and education to further enhance the work of the Task Force.
• The Task Force has been able to cultivate quantitative data that exemplifies the town's demographics, housing, education, etc., to expand their understanding of the town and help with the mission and the resolution, which is to identify programmatic community and legislative practices with regard to racial, social, sexual and gender identity and diversity.
• The Task Force intends to drill down on the quantitative data, as well as reflect on the qualitative data from the community forums, the interviews with stakeholders, and monthly meetings to begin to identify these areas.

Councilman Isaac extended her gratitude to the Task Force for starting so quickly and looks forward to the questions that come up in their presentation.

Ms. Fonseca explained the qualitative data was part of their first public forum and will have their second public forum on the 13th. The data would be in the minutes.

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Colon to take TC29-28 out of order. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

1. RESOLUTION TC29-28: Moved by Marsh, seconded by Cantafio
   BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council hereby authorizes the submission of the funding application for the 2022 Justice Assistance Formula Grant Program (JAG) for efforts to prevent and reduce crime, and identifies Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application and any subsequent documents in order to accept and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

   Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 4, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

   VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

2. RESOLUTION TC29-06: Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Shively
   BE IT RESOLVED That Patrick Clark, be and the same is hereby reappointed as a member of the Pension Board for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2025.

   Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

   VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

3. RESOLUTION TC29-07: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Leiva
   BE IT RESOLVED, That Eric Paulson, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Pension Board for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2024.

   Committee Report: The Pension Committee met on January 5, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

   VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent
Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

4. RESOLUTION TC29-08: Moved by Marsh, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That Michael Miller, be and the same is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2024.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted 4-1 (AGAINST Robinson)

Councilman Massaro stated he would not support the resolution, Mr. Preusch who was in the seat and chairman for a time was a republican, a republican should be nominated.

First Selectman Tesoro confirmed Mr. Preusch resigned from the seat. Attorney Schopick explained this alternate seat is not designated as republican, there is still an alternate position open that can be filled with a republican. People need to put a name forward, the seat is not designated as either republican or democrat. Two members of the same party can be in the alternate seats. There is still another vacancy for the third seat, which has been vacant for months. The First Selectman confirmed she appointed Mr. Preusch a few years ago and that he did resign and did not want to be reappointed.

It was confirmed the one alternate seat occupied is Mr. Scinto and that he is a democrat. It was clarified this is not a first selectman appointment, it is a direct appointment by the Council.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

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Tony Scinto ✓
Kevin Shively ✓
Thomas Whitmoyer ✓

*The Chair voted

VOTE: ADOPTED 13-8 (AGAINST: Robinson, Seidell, Colón, Leiva, Lemoine, DeCruze, Massaro, Scinto)

5. RESOLUTION TC29-09: Moved by Buswell, seconded by Mecca
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee is hereby established. (Full Resolution Attached)

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

**Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Shively to pass as Emergency Legislation. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

6. RESOLUTION TC29-10: Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That Kimberly Lombardi, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee and is further appointed as its chair.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

7. RESOLUTION TC29-11: Moved by Isaac, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That John Morello, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

8. RESOLUTION TC29-12: Moved by Shively, seconded by Satin
BE IT ESOLVED, That Julie DiMarco, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.
Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

9. RESOLUTION TC29-13: Moved by Choi, seconded by Mecca
BE IT RESOLVED, That Mark Sitar, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

10. RESOLUTION TC29-14: Moved by J. Colon, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That Mike Buswell, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

11. RESOLUTION TC29-15: Moved by Buswell, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That Thomas Whitmoyer, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

12. RESOLUTION TC29-16: Moved by Isaac, seconded by Mecca
BE IT RESOLVED, That Lucinda Timpanelli, be and the same is hereby appointed as the Board of Education representative to the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

13. RESOLUTION TC29-17: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That Marc Mascola, be and the same is hereby reappointed as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2024.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted to pass without recommendation by unanimous consent.

Moved by Massaro, seconded by Robinson to amend by striking the name Marc Mascola and replacing it with Lori Rosasco-Schwartz.

Councilman Marsh spoke in favor of Mr. Mascola and noted they have heard good testimony about both candidates and conceded both are very qualified candidates. Mr. Mascola has served with distinction as the sitting alternate and has decided to continue. In keeping with past practice he should. Mr. Mascola is a republican. During his tenure, he reached out on a number of occasions to meet in in caucus with his republican BOF colleagues, and was ignored. After his term was over, he sent correspondence to the sitting BOF members asking why that was the case. Those members indicated if Mr. Mascola attended TRTC meetings, they would have met with him. He is not a member of the TRTC and that is not a prerequisite for sitting on the BOF as a Republican alternate.

Councilman Massaro explained Trumbull is fortunate to have two very good candidates for this alternate position. However it's not about disqualification or lack of qualification about either candidate. He submitted a resolution for Ms. Rosasco-Schwartz later in December. A resolution to appoint Lori Schwartz was put behind the resolution to appoint Mr. Mascola, hence the motion to amend. He has known Ms. Schwartz for a long time and supports her. Next to Elaine Hammers, she knows the budget better than anyone. She's a CPA with 38 years of finance experience, raised here in Trumbull and also raised her family in Trumbull. She testified about all her credentials. He asked his colleagues on the other side of the aisle to honor the choice of the Republican Party.

Councilman Shively explained he served with Ms. Schwartz on the Finance Committee for several years, and thinks she is an excellent candidate. She is very qualified and experienced. This doesn't have anything to do with qualifications, she is an eminently qualified person. It’s a matter of Mr. Mascola being in that position now and has served with distinction. He didn’t think there would have been such a good outcome last year with the BOE finances if he had not done the work he did. He hasn’t heard any reason to remove him. He supports Mr. Mascola.

Councilman Mecca explained he supports Mr. Mascola and looks forward to working with Ms. Rosasco-Schwartz in a different capacity. Mr. Mascola is new to the political scene and wants to serve, and would never want to discourage a new volunteer at a time when volunteering sometimes doesn't always seem to be the most rewarding, given the amount of time and scrutiny. He will vote down any changes to this resolution.

Councilman Marsh clarified in prior administrations, the democrats weren't afforded any alternate BOF, let alone the democratic alternate. Councilman Massaro’s description of
past practice was inconsistent with the town’s history, democrats’ nominees, when they were in the minority, were ignored. If Mr. Mascola is not considered republican enough that should not be a disqualifier.

Councilman DeCruze reiterated Councilman Massaro’s point, it's not a matter of qualifications, and it goes back to the point that he was not the candidate put forward by the Republican Party.

First Selectman Tesoro clarified in 2016 she was rejected as a BOF member, it was much later in that year appointed the BOF.

Councilman Isaac spoke to Councilman DeCruze’s point and explained these are important seats and should not be political. The best person that is qualified for this seat should be sitting there. She watches the meetings and reads the minutes. She has been impressed with what Mr. Mascola has brought forth. Nothing against Ms. Rosasco-Schwartz, she is a candidate that has proven himself. This is not about Republican or Democrat, it's who the best person is and who is the best candidate for the seat to bring Trumbull forward. He has already proven himself. Councilman Isaac spoke in favor of the resolution as written.

Councilman Choi explained he is in a unique position because prior to being elected to the Council, he had finished a term with the BOF. He has worked with both candidates. In reference to comments made with regard to Mr. Mascola reaching out to the republican caucus he did not feel that was appropriate to be discussed in a public forum as it discredits people. We are in a unique position that two amazing people want to help the community. It would be awesome to put them both on, but we can't. That's the difficulty. It doesn't matter the name or the political affiliation, how long they lived here, or even their job experience. What matters is do they care about the community. He thinks since they brought in an auditor recently someone with a strong audit background is needed. And that person is Lori Rosasco-Schwartz.

Councilman Shively noted there is nothing in the rules or charter that says a party decides anything. Reaching out to any side of any issue to get names for nominations is where people usually start, but it's done as a courtesy. This is not about parties. It's about somebody who has distinguished themselves and has not done anything that has given any of us cause to remove him. Hopefully, there'll be an opportunity for Ms. Rosasco Schwartz to apply her skills and expertise in other ways to the community and believes she will because she is a quantum more than qualified, and also somebody that has demonstrated a desire to serve the town in many ways over many years.

Councilman Colon echoed Councilman Shively. She has had the pleasure of working with Ms. Rosasco-Schwartz. While they didn't always agree, she was lovely and is sure she would be great in this role. We currently have two Republicans running for the same seat with one who is currently serving She looks forward to Ms. Rosasco-Schwartz serving in another capacity because she is dedicated.
Councilman Buswell stated Mrs. Rosasco-Schwartz has been involved in the municipal budget for many years now. She's always shown good judgment and believes she views things with clear eyes and is bipartisan. She fell short in the last election and immediately stepped up and volunteered to be in the alternate seat, which speaks volumes. Like many people have said, we have two good candidates. He supports Mrs. Rosasco-Schwartz for her track record and everything that she's done.

Councilman Marsh called the question.

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VOTE: Motion FAILS 10-11 (AGAINST: Isaac, Mecca, Satin, Hall, Marsh, Gaudiano, Colon, Mallozzi, Cantafio, Shively, Whitmoyer)

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*The Chair Voted
VOTE: ADOPTED 11-10 (AGAINST: Robinson, Seidell, Colón, Leiva, Lemoine, DeCruze, Massaro, Scinto, Buswell, Choi)

14. RESOLUTION TC29-18: Resolution is moot
   BE IT RESOLVED, That Lori Rosasco-Schwartz, be and the same is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2024.

   Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Shively to take Resolution TC29-32 out of order.
   VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

15. RESOLUTION TC29-32: Moved DeCruze, seconded by Cantafio
   BE IT RESOLVED, That the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Calendar Years 2022-2026 is hereby approved.

   Moved by Shively, seconded by J. Colon to waive the reading of the committee meeting minutes. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

   It was confirmed the Overview of the 5-Year Plan Process was attached to the Finance Committee minutes.

   Councilman Shively gave an overview of the process as follows:
   It is a three-step process. This resolution is only to approve the plan, this will not incur any debt or costs to the town. Some of the things in this plan will not actually come to fruition, they may be pushed out into further years. That's something that we will be decided in future meetings and the bond authorization in August. Some of the things in this plan won't be bonded this year, however they need to be in the plan, if we're going to be going out for grant funding or other sources of funding. Those sources of funding need to see it in our approved plan.
The Chair explained they would go through the plan section by section without presentations, just time for questions.

The following are the discussion points:

**PAVING**

- Councilman Colon thanked Mr. Estrada for distributing the documentation requested at the committee meeting.
- Mr. Estrada explained they do have an assessment of the condition of the subsurface, as well as drainage. All drainage is televised to identify what needs to be corrected. The one thing that will deteriorate a road is ponding, even at the subsurface. They do incorporate those corrections for paving. If we find the subsurface is solid, and don't have any major factors that would impact the pavement, then it is a less expensive mill and pave, which is what they're trying to concentrate on wherever possible so that they could extend the dollars of the paving program.
- Mr. Estrada provides the 5-Year Capital Plan to the utility companies in advance of the upcoming year, they're always at least one to two years in advance, sharing it with each of the utilities. If the utility does have any work programmed into that area, it can be taken into consideration when making the selection of the streets, whether they are delayed a year, or advanced. They do coordinate very carefully.
- Paving is predicated on the funding available for paving. Some of the roads done over the past ten years will last 20+ years. This is a new analysis of the roads that took place this year. In February he will bring to the Council a presentation with maps and a demonstration of the technology that provides the data.
- The last section of Madison Avenue is scheduled for this coming paving season. It has been done in phases to minimize the impact on that area, because obviously, it's a very long road. We have had the benefit of LOCIP funding, which is state grant money. This year, we should complete Madison Avenue to the Merritt Parkway. They left off at the Canoe Brook Lake area of Madison and will go to the Merritt from there.
- Where there are no the gas mains in an existing areas, they have the conversation with the gas company in advance of a paving season, that's when those conversations take place. If they feel that they have a sufficient market to support extension of the gas main they will suggest it into a neighborhood.
- Next month when Mr. Estrada does the presentation to the Council he will be able to demonstrate how the report down can be broken down to any PCI.
- Councilman Shively noted it's been five to six years since there's been a full paving evaluation. Mr. Estrada is fairly new to Trumbull, and is trying to get us up to speed on some things that perhaps may have fallen a bit behind. His efforts are applauded. His transparency is appreciated. Councilman Shively has experienced being able to bring a constituent request to Mr. Estrada, he's is very responsive. He's very open to people reaching out to him.
- Councilman Buswell also commended Mr. Estrada for his presentation at committee and his responsiveness.
FACILITIES
- Chief Goodman explained the grant application deadline for the radio system has been extended and will be submitting it in a couple of weeks, they usually make a decision in late April or early May, but there may be a delay.

PARKS
- Mr. Paris explained any of the work that was done at Beach’s pool early spring was really to pull the splash pad out of hibernation. The COVID crisis came and essentially shut that down for a year. They started to see more underground water breaks between the pad and the mechanical rooms. That was the effort made to put it back into operation. Somewhere in the plan the pad is for consideration for full replacement. It is well over 20 years old.

Councilman Isaac extended her gratitude to Mr. Estrada, Mr. Bogen and Mr. Paris. They were so informative the other evening and went through the plan for over two hours, line by line. It gave the Council a lot of information to work with before this meeting.

The Chair thanked all those present, Finance Director, and all of the department heads who put so much work into this. We will be back in another month or two for the one year plan.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

16. RESOLUTION TC29-19: Moved by Scinto, seconded by Lemoine
BE IT RESOLVED, That Christopher DeCruze, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the Aquatics Facilities Building Committee.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

17. RESOLUTION TC29-20: Moved by Mecca, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That Mike Buswell, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the Community Facilities Building Committee.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

18. RESOLUTION TC29-21: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That Chris Bandecchi, be and the same is hereby appointed as the Board of Education representative to the Middlebrook School Roof Building Committee.
Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted to pass without recommendation by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bandecchi was present and indicated his party affiliation as republican. He is interested in serving on the committee because as a father, a resident and a Board of Education member, he has a strong interest in ensuring that we have safe schools, and excellent facilities for our children. He thinks his background makes him well suited to serve the town. He has a background in public administration and a decade of municipal experience and a wealth of knowledge in capital projects, capital improvement projects, in federally funded projects through federal Block Grant, where he sees projects from conception to punch list. His background and skill set will serve the committee. He looks forward to representing the board on the committee and working with the other committee members to see the project through completion.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

19. RESOLUTION TC29-22: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee be and the same is hereby established. (Full Resolution Attached)

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted to amend by unanimous consent and as amended by unanimous consent.

Moved by J. Colon, seconded by Whitmoyer to amend to March 15th.

The Council discussed the report date of March 15th and voiced concern it wasn’t enough time for the committee. Attorney Schopick explained the Town Council meeting to address this is April 4th and thought the date gave enough time for the Council subcommittee to review the report. Ms. Laurel Anderson was present and indicated she is concerned about the date, to meet the date they would need to meet twice a week, not necessarily the whole time but would need to be aggressive to meet the deadline. It is tight but not impossible.

Attorney Schopick noted they anticipate one of the things that the Redistricting Committee will look at is if there is some way to reduce the number or eliminate split districts and to move the lines in such a way to minimize the number of split districts. The other is just to take into account any shifts in population throughout the town since the record from 2010 with the census of 2020. The only reason he was talking about needing 14 votes is, if in fact emergency legislation is needed to fulfill the statutory deadline. Another possibility is to hold a special meeting.

It was agreed March 15th was too early.

J. Colon withdrew her motion.
After further discussion on appropriate dates the following motion was made.
Moved by J. Colon, seconded by Leiva to amend the report date in bullet #5 to read as March 28, 2022. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Massaro to amend by adding a subsequent bullet to read as:
“Any expert advisors brought on to help or facilitate mapping of the redistricting be first approved by the Town Council.”

Councilman Lemoine explained the amendment is to avoid any conflicts during the process of redistricting. He thinks all aware there were conflicts in the past, and is trying to avoid going down that road. There were some expert facilitating people who came in during the last redistricting that had the committee not in agreement with the findings of the expert in and it caused problems within the committee. This language will avoid that. Councilman Lemoine clarified there was a problem within the Committee on agreeing with the expert’s advice.

The Council discussed the amendment could further delay the committee.

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VOTE: Motion FAILS 10-11 (AGAINST: Isaac, Mecca, Satin, Hall, Marsh, Gaudiano, Colon, Mallozzi, Cantafio, Shively, Whitmoyer)
Councilman Massaro explained why his caucus brought this resolution to the first meeting. It was because we need to have voting districts for our municipal voting districts for council with the 2020 census. As you know back in 2020 the council went from a four district model to a seven district model and he objected at that time because they were using 2010 data with very little adjustment to it. At the time, he suggested waiting until the 2020 census data was available. It will take time to look over the 2020 data, in addition, the state as determined to change House of Representative districts and we now have a fourth district in our boundary lines. So there's work to be done with that in mind, and proposed seven members instead of five that redistricting committee had in 2020. It's going to be a challenge to the members of the committee but expects they will put their best forward and propose a reasonable plan for the citizens.

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VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Whitmoyer to pass as Emergency Legislation.

**VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

20. RESOLUTION TC29-23: Moved by DeCruze, seconded by Lemoine

BE IT RESOLVED, That Tony Scinto, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.
Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and the motion failed 2-3 (Against: Shively, Satin, Mallozzi)

Councilman Lemoine found it concerning that Councilman Shively would focus more on Councilman Scinto’s style of politics, rather than his years of experience, and understanding of what it takes to create a fair and balanced district. We need Councilman Scinto’s expertise on this committee and not an assassination of his character. His constituents value his judgment by reelecting him to the council and hopes the council would focus on the good of the community and not the candidate's political style.

Councilman Massaro urged the council members across the aisle to support Mr. Scinto’s nomination. He has experience. He has some strong opinions, but that can be said of all on the council. A caucus should choose membership to serve on our committees.

Councilman Shively didn't agree with Mr. Lemoine. That political style can be characterized by defaming a volunteer offering their services to the town, something that the bipartisan Ethics Commission agreed upon, that a town volunteer was defamed and reprimanded the councilman. This is not political style. This is a political mistake. We can't afford that in this, especially in a council and a committee that has such a short time to get its work done and would not support it.

Councilman Choi explained everyone is flawed, and all made mistakes. Every day we wake up is another opportunity to redeem ourselves and to prove that we can be a better person. Above person or political party is principal. We're on a short timeframe and need expertise.

Councilman Isaac agreed we all have our own style. But we do have an Ethics Commission for specific person purpose. And we are all held to that, rewarding a person that did defame someone's character who was doing the best that they could and which had nothing to do with the matter at hand. That was not the best serving of our town. So for that reason, she will be voting no.

Councilman Lemoine reiterated Councilman Scinto was reelected by his constituents. Councilman Shively noted he ran unopposed. The voters did not have a choice

Councilman Mallozzi noted at the committee meeting when asked why he wanted to serve his response was, because Carl put me on the list. If I’m not mistaken, it didn't provide her with a compelling reason to support somebody to be on a committee.

Councilman DeCruze noted Mr. Scinto’s comment as to why he was interested in serving on the committee was made in a light hearted fashion. One of the reasons we're hearing are concerns around the ethics complaint, and it sounds like, they are going to use that point for Mr. Scinto’s placement on any committee.
Councilman Scinto explained he has had better days and noted it wasn’t probably his best day. It was one of those days. It was a Saturday morning. Whatever happened, happened, he can't change the past. This is his seventh term and he did not come in last. Are we talking about moving the town forward or are we going to keep going backwards? He had an email discussion with First Selectman Tesoro, she wanted to work together, it didn't last too long. She explained a lot of the Town Council say he is partisan. That may be true in some aspects, but many are new and they don't even know him. He still has a vote.

Councilman DeCruze noted Mr. Scinto is serving on a building committee too. The Ethics Committee did not recommend a permanent or indefinite ban from committees.

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VOTE: Motion FAILS 10-11 (AGAINST: Isaac, Mecca, Satin, Hall, Marsh, Gaudiano, Colon, Mallozzi, Cantaño, Shively, Whitmoyer)

21. RESOLUTION TC29-24: Moved by Marsh, seconded by Mallozzi

BE IT RESOLVED, That Alissa Hall, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.
Councilman Massaro stated republicans will support the choice of the Democrat Caucus as a representative to one of our committees.

Councilman Marsh stated the Democratic caucus appreciates, and would note that Miss Hall has not been accused of an ethics violation on the committee she has served on, we fully support her nomination.

Councilman Colon noted this is a moot point but they have nominated several people tonight from both sides of the aisle.

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VOTE: ADOPTED 20-1 (AGAINST: Scinto)

22. RESOLUTION TC29-25: Moved by Hall, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That Laurel Anderson, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee, and is further appointed as its chair.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.
Councilman Massaro noted for the record Mrs. Anderson was a former Democrat registrar voters for Trumbull.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

23. RESOLUTION TC29-26: Moved by Satin, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That Thomas Kelly, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.

Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

Councilman Lemoine stated Mr. Kelly is the chair of the Democratic Party in town. It's too important of a committee to have an imbalance of political parties involved with redistricting. It's not in anybody's best interest.

Councilman Isaac stated Mr. Kelly has already served very well. She watched all the meetings on Zoom. He was part of every conversation when it as for what is the best for Trumbull, not as political parties, which is what the point of this committee is. Mr. Bendecchi is the Republican town chair. It will be about who is the best to serve on the committee and Tom Kelly has shown that, that he has done the best for Trumbull serving on that committee.

Councilman Shively notes in their previous work on the previous redistricting committee, they all agreed that they should not take into consideration any party affiliations of any residents in town and specifically did not look up where town council members were to see whether they would be pushed out of the council or not be able to run again. They specifically made every effort to avoid any reference to political affiliation. Mr. Kelly was involved in that process and very much on board with that process.

The Chair noted the resolution which had Mr. Scinto’s name could have a new name added, a motion to reconsider and insert a new name could be done if that was desired or at a special meeting a new resolution could be brought forward.

Councilman Massaro pointed out that the Republican Chair was appointed this evening in his capacity as an elected member of the BOF. If there's anything political, it's drawing voting district lines and to have a party chair back on there again, underscores what Mr. Lemoine was saying earlier.

The Chair indicated in response to Councilman Choi all should be cognizant of what they post on Facebook.

Councilman Whitmoyer noted they're looking to have seven members and perhaps can revisit this quickly, but to have both leaders of the corresponding parties is a healthy thing. He thinks to have both registrar voters representatives is a healthy thing and to
have an even representation from the town council, is also healthy. So I don't know about
seven members but thinks those are six people that should definitely be considered.

Councilman Shively stated some of us are more political than others, Mr. Kelly served
with distinction and that was very nonpartisan. He sincerely hopes the Republican
Registrar of Voters will participate in this. In the previous Redistricting Committee, the
Republican Registrar of Voters refused to participate in the redistricting committee.

Councilman DeCruze stated in terms of the results of the last redistricting, in Trumbull
there's a 45% of the registered voters are Republican 55% are registered Democrat. That
works out to about a three out of seven using the closest fraction to seven Republican and
four of seven democrat. But if you looked at the individual districts, you'll notice six of
the seven lean democrat only one of the seven leaned republican as opposed to three of
the seven leaning republican and four of seven leading democrat if the districting was to
actually follow the registered constituent break down. So I'm not saying that anyone is or
isn't partisan, just that the previous redistricting did not follow the expected ratio as per
registered constituents.

The Chair noted Councilman DeCruze’s registration numbers are accurate. Typically
Trumbull sits at about 25% Democrat 25% Republican and 50% unaffiliated services. He
confirmed he ignored the unaffiliated. The Chair noted we should be 100% accurate. First
Selectman Tesoro concurred with the Chair.

Councilman Marsh stated he was not certain that this is the appropriate time for the data
dump, because it is a committee appointment vote, not the constituent breakdown in
various districts. When you leave out 50% of the voting population from the analysis,
more time is needed.

Mr. Whitmoyer called the question and was approved by unanimous consent.

Councilman DeCruze stated his data was from Tracy Vonick dated 9-27 of last year.

The Chair indicated for the benefit of everybody on the Council they will get registered
voter data from both registers and circulate that through the council clerk over the next
week, so that we're all working off the same set of data.

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The Chair voted

VOTE: ADOPTED 14-6-1(AGAINST: L. Colón, Leiva, Lemoine, DeCruze, Massaro, Scinto)

24. RESOLUTION TC29-27: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Leiva
   BE IT RESOLVED, That Mark Block, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.

   Committee Report: The Rules & Research Committee met on January 3, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

   Mr. Block confirmed he was also on another committee and this appointment would not be a hardship to attend.

   VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

25. RESOLUTION TC29-29: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Mallozzi
   BE IT RESOLVED, That $4,105 is hereby appropriated from Retained Earnings to 21100000-578801 Maintenance Services.

   Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 4, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

   It was confirmed Mr. Gaudiano in committee did say that the other boilers were evaluated, one requires glycol and did not need to be replaced, according to the expert’s evaluation one did need replacement but the other two seem to be in working order.

   VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

26. RESOLUTION TC29-30: Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That $37,926 is hereby appropriated from Retained Earnings to 21100000-581888 Capital Outlay.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 4, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

27. RESOLUTION TC29-31: Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull authorizes the execution and delivery of an Installment Payment Agreement with respect to certain telephone system equipment. (Full Resolution Attached)

Councilman Scinto recused himself at 10:24 p.m., he works for a potential competitor, Verizon.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 4, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

**Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Satin to pass as Emergency Legislation
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by J. Colon, seconded by Cantafio the Trumbull Town Council adjourned at 10:27 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni
Town Council Clerk
RESOLUTION TC29-09: BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee is hereby established to plan and oversee construction of the weight room/wellness center and related improvements at Trumbull High School; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee shall consist of two (2) Town Council members, provided that such members shall not be from the same political party, one (1) Board of Education member and four (4) electors of the Town of Trumbull.
RESOLUTION TC29-22: BE IT RESOLVED, That

1. The 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee be and the same is hereby established;
2. The said Committee shall consist of seven (7) members comprising the two (2) Registrars of Voters, two (2) Town Council members, one from each political party, and three (3) electors of the Town of Trumbull;
3. The said Committee shall recommend to the Town Council a redistricting plan comprising voting districts of substantially equal populations, including the specific boundary lines of each of those districts;
4. The said Committee shall hold its organizational meeting no later than February 1, 2022; and;
5. The said Committee shall render its final report to the Council no later than March 28, 2022.
RESOLUTION TC29-28:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management is offering one time grants for municipalities in Connecticut under the 2022 Justice Assistance Formula Grant Program (JAG) for efforts to prevent Violent Crime; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull is eligible to apply for up to $25,000 for allowable equipment, services and activities to reduce violent crime, improve police response or enhance community policing efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Trumbull Police Department will utilize grant funds to purchase two LPR traffic cameras which will be added to the existing camera network; and

WHEREAS, cameras will assist officers by monitoring traffic in a continuous manner, potentially saving lives and promoting improved public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council hereby authorizes the submission of the funding application for the 2022 Justice Assistance Formula Grant Program (JAG) for efforts to prevent and reduce crime, and identifies Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application and any subsequent documents in order to accept and implement the project.
RESOLUTION TC29-31

VOIP TELEPHONE SYSTEM 2022 LEASE/FINANCE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN TELEPHONE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL AND THE TRUMBULL BOARD OF EDUCATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull (the Governing Body) (the “Lessee”), a municipality duly organized and existing as a political subdivision, municipal corporation or similar public entity of the State of Connecticut, is authorized by the laws of the State of Connecticut to acquire, finance and lease personal property for the benefit of the Lessee, its school district and its inhabitants and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee desires to finance and lease certain equipment that will be acquired, installed and financed pursuant to Lease Number 2002930530 with Key Government Finance, Inc. (the “Lessor”), in a principal amount not to exceed $310,000, constituting personal property necessary for the Lessee to perform essential governmental functions (the “Equipment”); and

WHEREAS, in order to finance such Equipment, the Lessee proposes to enter into that certain Installment Payment Agreement (the “Agreement”) the form of which has been presented to the governing body of the Lessee at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Lessee deems it for the benefit of the Lessee and for the efficient and effective administration thereof to enter into the Agreement and the other documentation relating to the financing and leasing of the Equipment to be therein described on the terms and conditions therein and herein provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the Lessee as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. It is hereby found and determined that the terms of the Agreement, in the form presented to the governing body of the Lessee at this meeting, are in the best interests of the Lessee for the financing and leasing of the Equipment.

Section 2. Approval of Documents. The form, terms and provisions of the Agreement are hereby approved in substantially the forms presented at this meeting, with such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the First Selectman and/or the Director of Finance of the Lessee or other members of the governing body of the Lessee executing the same,
the execution of such documents being conclusive evidence of such approval; and the First
Selectman and/or the Director of Finance of the Lessee is hereby authorized and directed to
execute, and the Town Clerk of the Lessee is hereby authorized and directed to attest, the
Agreement and any related Exhibits attached thereto and to deliver the Agreement (including
such Exhibits) to the respective parties thereto, and the Town Clerk of the Lessee is hereby
authorized to affix the seal of the Lessee to such documents.

Section 3. Other Actions Authorized. The officers and employees of the Lessee shall
take all action necessary or reasonably required by the parties to the Agreement to carry out, give
effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated thereby and to take all action necessary
in conformity therewith, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any closing
and other documents required to be delivered in connection with the Agreement.

Section 4. No General Liability. Nothing contained in this Resolution, the Agreement
nor any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the Lessee as incurring a general
liability or charge upon the general credit of the Lessee or against its taxing power, nor shall the
breach of any agreement contained in this Resolution, the Agreement or any other instrument or
document executed in connection therewith impose any general liability upon the Lessee or any
charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the installment
payments payable under the Agreement are limited obligations of the Lessee, subject to annual
appropriation, as provided in the Agreement.

Section 5. Appointment of Authorized Lessee Representatives. The First Selectman
and the Director of Finance of the Lessee are each hereby designated to act as authorized
representatives of the Lessee for purposes of the Agreement until such time as the governing
body of the Lessee shall designate any other or different authorized representative for purposes
of the Agreement.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this
Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or
unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the
remaining provisions of this Resolution.
PUBLIC COMMENT: There were four (4) people from the public to speak.

1. Laney McHugh 132 Fresh Meadow Drive was present and indicated she is an elected member of the Board of finance. She is currently the chair and was present tonight to speak to resolution TC29-17 reappointing Marc Mascola as the Republican alternate to the BOF. She first met him a few years ago after he successfully survived a season of Odyssey of the Mind culminating in an epic road trip to Michigan State with Councilman Marsh and their children. And I knew that he was a nice guy, he did something for work having to do with finance, and he had expressed an interest in becoming more involved. Subsequently, he was appointed as the Republican alternate to the BOF. Marc has more than proven his skill during his tenure, and when Marc expressed his desire to be reappointed for another term, she took the opportunity to find out a bit more about him. It turns out his resume is more than impressive. He's a highly respected and accomplished finance and accounting professional for more than 25 years. His portfolio of experience is diverse in global business, and effectively operating in matrix organizations. She now understands that does not mean he dresses in Black does great black flips, or knows Keanu Reeves. But he is described by his peers as a clear thinking, result oriented leader with comprehensive technical accounting knowledge, with proven ability to translate that into operational action. He has considerable expertise in identifying and solving operational challenges, strengthening internal controls, and improving in providing improvement in financial reporting to maximize transparency. That's no easy feat. And it's definitely a skill set, welcomed to the BOF. If you look at his employment history, he's currently the Senior Director and CFO for a private management for private investment for managing $60 billion in assets. Prior to that, he was their chief accounting officer. Before that, he spent 13 years with GE as business controller for GE transportation in GE Aviation, and then the deputy controller of GE. Prior to that he was the finance director for Lydell Incorporated, which is a publicly traded Tech Manufacturing Company of more than $250 million, and he started his career with Price Waterhouse Cooper. Impressive to say the least. But it really has translated into being an asset on the BOF. He's got a unique perspective, he's down to earth. His style is clear and concise communication. And he gets along with everyone. Back in March, it was Marc, who was the one who identified early on significant surplus in the Board of Education. And several months later, he was almost to the dollar accurate. He's been an asset to our board. He's easy to work with and it is her request that the council support him and move him forward to be reappointed as our republican BOF alternate.

2. Elaine Hammers of the BOF was present and indicated was also here to speak to Town Council resolution TC29-17 &18. Over the past 35 years, she has spent about 23 of them on the BOF, eight as chair. She thinks she is qualified to have an opinion on the alternate that we need. And believes very strongly that Lori Rosasco-Schwartz is the best possible alternate they can have. From a professional standpoint, Lori has over 30 years experience in accounting and finance, having started out also with Price Waterhouse Cooper and had a number of years with multinational fortune 500 companies serving as Corporate Controller managing budgets, financial planning and analysis, and has also had some time as an auditor. Her professional background is equal to none. She has been on
the town council for eight years and served on the finance committee during that time, which as you all know, is the committee that makes recommendations on the budget to the full Town Council. She has attended BOF budget hearings as a member of the Town Council Budget Committee, and has participated in our questioning. No one knows the budget better than Laurie. She has collaborated with her to understand the financial issues and develop plans. She's always been insightful sounding board for her. She's lived in Trumbull most of her life. She is a Trumbull High graduate, as is her husband and all three of her children. She's given much back to the community. And I think she will continue to do so as our alternate. So as a republican member of the BOF she would ask the council to approve her as the alternate so that Ms. Hammers can continue to work with her as she has for the last eight years to continue to do good for the town.

3. Martin Isaac of the BOF was present and indicated he was there to support Marc Mascala. He did not know Marc prior to him becoming an alternate. He hadn't met him before and enjoyed working with him. He highly recommend that he be brought back as an alternate. In general, with the BOF, he works well on both sides of the aisle. Marc, in particular, though, he finds to be a really fresh thinker. He's kind of outside this group. You know, you may notice that a lot of the people that are on Town Council and BOF, have been board for a really long time and appreciates having that kind of a fresh perspective. Lanie talked about his experience, but I want you to understand that Eldridge Capital is one of the finest private equity firms in the country. He is CFO and senior director at this company. This is no small achievement. And he also happened to have 10 years of experience at General Electric, prior to their blow up years. He was there kind of in the glory years and had very, very large jobs at General Electric. We don't get an opportunity to work with somebody was such an incredible experience base, and is just very happy that he's decided to donate his time to the BOF. He evaluated the education budget and spent a tremendous amount of time on the education budget last year. Marc jumped in there pretty quickly, and understood what was happening. He identified a surplus prior to anybody else understanding there was going to be a surplus, he really identified it almost down to the dime. That speaks to his capabilities. He really hopes the council takes a hard look at this and brings him back. Mr. Isaac enjoyed working with him and thinks he's a great asset to the town.

4. Scott Zimov was present and spoke in support of Lori Rosasco-Schwartz as the alternate for the BOF. The Republican Party asked that Laurie be chosen as the republican alternate on the BOF, but the agenda has the democrat’s choice for the Republican alternate, which he is sure they are hoping this becomes a moot point. Equally, we have Democrats from the BOF here pushing for the candidate that they want. Like the other option, Lori is also a CPA, the differences she has been on the Town Council for eight years as an active member of the Finance Committee. He can personally attest that she took two days off each year, like the rest of the BOF members and sat through full day meetings to make sure that she knew each line item that was coming up. He would definitely put Lori's knowledge regarding the budget above almost anyone else's in the town and her background makes her a stellar BOF alternate. We would be lucky to have her. He was there really asking the Council to do the right thing this time.