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MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the virtual special meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENT:

Ann Sather	Carl Massaro	Ashley Gaudiano
Brian Walsh	Christine El Eris	William Mecca
Jason Marsh	Jennifer Winschel	John Foreman
Joy Colon	Kelly Mallozzi	Mary Isaac
Matthew Dunn	Michael Buswell	Nicole Satin
Richard Wolf	Steven Spillane	Thomas Broderick
Tony Scinto	Jerrod Ferrari	Anthony Dorsey (Arrived at 6:07 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief administrative Officers Cynthia Katske and Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Finance Director Maria Pires, Trumbull Veterans & First Responder Building Committee Chairman Ray Baldwin, Trumbull Veterans & First Responder Building Committee members Preston Merritt, Dan Sacco Chief of Police Michael Lombardo, Bruce Silverstone, George Wiles, Wiles Architects, Economic & Community Development Director Rina Bakalar, Jeff Anderson of Downes Construction, Town Attorney John Nugent, American Legion Commander Ernie Foito, VFW Post 10059 Commander Graham Bissett, Town Director of Operations Rich Infante, Fred Petrossi and Massimo Mallozzi

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PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no one present from the public to speak.

The Chair explained the resolution which is the subject of this meeting is available to the public on the Town's website. It was considered and acted upon by the Board of Finance at its February 12, 2026, meeting, and is before the Town Council tonight for review and action.

Moved by Massaro, seconded by Winschel to read the title of the Bond Resolution in its entirety and to waive the reading of the remainder of the resolution, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Councilman Marsh read the title of the bond resolution as follows:

> RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $710,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF A NEW TRUMBULL VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $710,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (Full Resolution Attached)

Moved by Satin, seconded by Colon to adopt the resolution as introduced.

Points of discussion are as follows:

- There are no commitments made to other any other communities in terms of usage of the building. There have been discussions with elected officials from Trumbull Monroe about contributing to the center, but those are just conversations nothing concrete, both have said that they'd be interested in more robust discussion, discussion once they know the project is real and moving forward.
- Over the last year or two is that the VFW Post in Shelton, Monroe, Easton and reading have merged with the Trumbull post.
- Multiple councilmen expressed they were happy to see the project moving forward but disappointed the town must put money into the project.
- It was noted there are ongoing fundraising efforts by the building committee and the need for additional donations to reduce the town's contribution.
- $208,000 has been raised to date through fundraising by the building committee which will be used for operating expenses once the building is completed, the goal is to get t $500,000. The expectation is that the building will be self-sufficient using the rentals to cover the operating costs of the building much like Tashua Knolls golf course. They feel comfortable opening the building with $200,000.
- Continued fundraising and naming rights will reduce the $700,000 cost to the Town.
- It was confirmed the fundraising funds are under the control of the VFW.
- It was suggested that seniors in the community to be involved in the use of the facility and to encourage the other towns to contribute to the project financially.

- The committee has enough money to start construction $300,000 of the $700,000 is for contingency, if things go well, they can reduce the amount from the town to $400,000.
- The importance of the building being used by the entire community and not just the veterans was emphasized, and it was further explained the grants received to date require community use.
- Chief Lombardo supports the project and highlights the benefits for the police department and the broader community.
- Councilman Wolf noted he was a new building committee member and spoke in favor of the committee and expressed confidence in the project's success and the potential for generating revenue from other towns.
- The building's parking complies with the town's planning & zoning, but it was acknowledged there are potential issues.
- It was confirmed that any profits from the use of the building should be invested back into the building for maintenance and future needs. The importance of capital reserve was emphasized.
- Emergency legislation was requested.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Dorsey to PASS as Emergency Legislation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

The Chair declared the resolution adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss the Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
Margaret D. Mastroni, clerk

FULL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TC31-26:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $710,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF A NEW TRUMBULL VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $710,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of $710,000 is hereby appropriated by the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut (the "Town") for the planning, design, demolition, construction, renovation, equipping and furnishing of a new Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center, as more fully set forth in that certain Budget Report, dated as of January 23, 2026, prepared by Downes Construction Company, LLC, as amended from time to time, and related costs, including, but not limited to: expenses related to architectural and advisory services; engineering; oversight; permitting; demolition of existing structures earthwork, excavation and site work; topographic surveys, environmental, geological and geotechnical testing; and site remediation; installation of concrete, masonry, structural and steel improvements, thermal and moisture protection, doors, windows and finishes, kitchen equipment; installation of fire protection and sprinkler systems, plumbing infrastructure, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, electrical systems, site lighting, utilities, communications, technology, data, life-safety and security systems; ADA and other code compliance improvements; and related site and interior improvements, including roofing, hardware, hazardous-materials assessment, testing and abatement; acquisition and installation of materials, furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and construction, reconstruction and improvement of parking areas, sidewalks, driveways, storm drainage facilities and sanitary sewerage systems, landscaping, and temporary parking and storage; and legal, consulting, licensing, advertising, administrative, printing, governmental fees and expenses and costs of issuance related thereto (the "Project").

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, $710,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended from time to time (the "Connecticut General Statutes"). Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient, with other funds available for such purpose, to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, financing, legal and other costs of issuance of such bonds.

The bonds shall be in the denomination of $1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered fonn, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of 33891766-vJ such bonds, including the approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. lf the bonds are sold by negotiation, the purchase agreement shall be approved by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer.

Section 4. The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford, Connecticut and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes

then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount of the Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other tax-exempt obligations ("Tax-Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Tax-Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or her designee is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Obligations.

Section 6. The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of certain events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified, and approved.

Section 7. The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, or either of them, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents, and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution. The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, or either of them, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State loans and/or grantsin-aid of the Project, to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof, and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors, and others.