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LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:53 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present: Jason Marsh, Chairman, Thomas Whitmoyer, Vice Chairman, Ashley Gaudiano, Eric Paulson, Steve Lemoine, Joy Colon, Alternate Tony Scinto, Alternate

Absent: Carl A. Massaro

Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Gaudiano to take item #8 out of order.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

1. RESOLUTION TC28-58: Moved by Gaudiano, seconded by Paulson
BE IT RESOLVED, That the submission of the funding application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is hereby authorized and Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman is hereby authorized as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

EMS Chief Leigh Goodman was present and indicated this is a grant for mannequins to teach EMT's and paramedics as well as our community how to use some of the devices such as Narcan on the mannequin so they can respond appropriately. This is a non-matching grant. They simply apply and if the grant is approved, they will provide them with the mannequins at no cost to the Town. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Gaudiano to take item #7 out of order

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

2. RESOLUTION TC28-57: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Gaudiano

BE IT RESOLVED, That the submission of the funding application for the U.S. DOJ COPS Hiring Program is hereby authorized and Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman or her designee is hereby authorized as the individual to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

Chief of Police Michael Lombardo was present and explained the grant is for \$125,000 over a 3-year period. The US Department of Justice came out with this many years ago when towns added school resource officers to the school systems. In Trumbull we think of this for our community since Trumbull doesn't have many apartment complexes, we will gear this towards protection at the mall and other places in Town. 8,000,000 people go to the mall per year and have stepped up their patrols there which is an expense to the Town, and wants to continue to do so to safeguard the place. They want to have as much of a presence there as they can. The grant allows for \$125,000 in salaries and benefits to be paid back over a 3-year period. Based on the salary of a first step new officer they would use that in 2 years. It is \$125,000 for each officer they apply for. In his discussions with his staff, the First Selectman, and police commissioners they felt if they were looking into expanding the department they should take advantage of the money if it's available. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Moved by Gaudiano, seconded by Whitmoyer to take item #5 out of order
VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

3. RESOLUTION TC28-52: Moved by Scinto, seconded by Gaudiano
BE IT RESOLVED, That the filing of an application by the Town of Trumbull in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing is hereby authorized, and First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro is authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Trumbull. (Full Resolution Attached) (*Public Hearing Town Council March 2, 2020*)

Economic Development Director Rina Bakalar and Stern Village Director Harriett Polansky was present. Ms. Bakalar explained they had been awarded grants in 2016, 2018 and 2019. The 2016 is closed, are about to close the 2018 and the 2019 project is ramping up. The Town is the applicant on behalf of Stern Village. The Town manages the funding and there is a consultant that works with the Town and is paid through the grant. There is a formal RFQ process every year to select the consultant. The consultant guides the Town because it's a very robust reporting and tracking environment. The project requires extensive oversight during the construction process. Her office handles the administrative and the Finance Department does the financials. Ms. Polansky works day-to-day with who is on-site and the consultant to implement the project.

The 2020 project is different than what they have applied for before. There are on-going

renovations taking place at Stern Village. They're piecing grants together to help Stern Village and Ms. Polansky is also seeking other funding.

Ms. Polansky explained the grant is to ensure the health and safety of the Stern Village residents. They will design a system for central monitoring for fire alarms and call for aid. They have 186 residents. Each apartment currently has a pull cord for aid in the bathroom and bedroom as well as a smoke detector. The issue with this is that the fire alarms are hardwired with battery back-up, when they go off it is up to the neighbors to call 911. There have been some problems with this, some of the smoke alarms have been removed by the residents. Ms. Polansky read a letter from a resident regarding an incident at Stern Village where a resident had passed out while cooking on the stove. There was smoke, and luckily one of the neighbors had a key to the apartment and 911 was called. The letter requested assistance with the matter suggesting a direct communication to the fire department. Ms. Polansky explained they were meeting with the architect, engineers and the Fire Marshal the day after this meeting to discuss this.

Ms. Bakalar explained the grant would be used to replace the current system that auto dials into the fire department. Ms. Polansky confirmed installing the system is contingent upon the grant, they don't have the reserves for this and the grant will cover the entire cost.

Ms. Bakalar explained the project is very competitive because it's a life safety project which helps because otherwise, they wouldn't be as competitive because they had just received large allocations 2 years in a row, one of the biggest in the state last year. They were concerned as well as one of the consultants if they had gone for another aspect of the project which involved construction and/or energy efficiency that they might put them off a year or two to allow others. They may still do that, but if it's a well written grant and they have recent issues it may raise them to the top. She hadn't seen a budget for this project but believes it will fall well below the maximum ask which also makes it more competitive.

Ms. Polansky explained they will be looking into tamper-proof systems and will know more tomorrow after the meeting with the architect and engineers. They wouldn't need this system at the congregate because they have someone there 24/7. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Moved by Gaudio, seconded by Paulson to take item #6 out of order
VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

4. RESOLUTION TC28-53: Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Paulson
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Trumbull hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law. (Full Resolution Attached)

Ms. Bakalar explained this resolution is brought forward each year to be readopted. It's good practice. When they apply for HUD of grants it's required that it's a recently

certified housing policy. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Gaudiano to take item #8 out of order

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

5. RESOLUTION TC28-44: Moved by Paulson, seconded by Whitmoyer
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Veterans & First Responders Center Building Committee is hereby formed to plan, design, seek grant funding for, and oversee the construction of a new facility; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership shall consist of seven (7) members, including two (2) Town Council members, provided that such members shall not be from the same political party, and five (5) electors of the Town of Trumbull.

The Chair noted the committee has been well versed on the project and extended his gratitude to Raymond Baldwin, Jr. for his involvement. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

6. RESOLUTION TC28-59: Moved by Gaudiano, seconded by Whitmoyer
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council initiates a revision of the Charter of the Town of Trumbull as approved November 3, 1981, as revised November 4, 2003, as revised November 8, 2011, and as amended January 7, 2019, and further authorizes a six (6) member commission, to be known as the Charter Revision Commission 2020, not more than three (3) members of which shall be members of one political party. The commission shall submit a draft report not later than June 1, 2020. (2/3 vote of the entire membership required)

Attorney Schopick stated he would be serving as counsel to the commission and Ms. Katske will staff the commission.

First Selectman Tesoro explained there are several issues with the Charter, she spoke of them in both of her campaigns. One of the biggest issues is the BOE. They want to return it to a 6-member board with 4-year staggered terms. None of the issues are political they are for better government in our Town. There are other housekeeping issues that need to be addressed, such as moving from business days to calendar days to make things more efficient. The \$15,000,000 referendum has no process language and will look to add language to make the process understandable for the community. There is no objection to the referendum, it was by mistake that the process wasn't included. Mr. Scinto explained the BOE was changed because the people weren't voting for the members, the 7th seat was added in 2005 or 2006. Attorney Schopick explained there was a default seat but the state wouldn't allow it, because it wasn't known who they were voting for, (it was the person who comes in last would get the default seat).

Attorney Schopick stated the commission will have to hold a public hearing before they get into substance. If as a result of the public hearing the people bring up issues they would like addressed the commission can consider those, there will be a subsequent public hearing prior to submitting the draft report to the Town Council. The draft report is due by June 1st. The Council may have to have a special meeting in June. They would

like to have this for the November election. The number of questions is determined by the Town Council. VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-2 (AGAINST: Lemoine and Scinto)

7. RESOLUTION TC28-39: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Scinto
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town attorney is hereby authorized to settle a workers compensation claim known as Jim McGuire v. the Town of Trumbull.

Moved by Paulson, seconded by Whitmoyer to TABLE this item. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

8. RESOLUTION TC28-40: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Gaudiano
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town attorney is hereby authorized to settle a workers compensation claim known as Robert Troesser v. the Town of Trumbull.

Moved by Gaudiano, seconded by Whitmoyer to ENTER into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

The L&A Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:22 p.m. with the following people present: Chairman Jason Marsh, Vice Chairman Thomas Whitmoyer, L&A members Ashley Gaudiano, Eric Paulson, Steve Lemoine, Joy Colon, Alternate Tony Scinto, Alternate, First Selectman Vicki Tesoro, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Fred Green of CIRMA and Labor Relations Director James Haselkamp.

Moved by Gaudiano, seconded by Lemoine to END Executive Session. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously. The L&A Committee ended Executive Session at 9:38 p.m.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

9. RESOLUTION TC28-38: Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Paulson
BE IT RESOLVED, That the funding for a labor agreement between the Trumbull Police Union Local 1745, Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023 is hereby approved.

Moved by Paulson, seconded by Lemoine to enter into recess. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously. The L&A recessed at 9:40 p.m.
Recess ENDED at 9:54 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION TC28-52

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 -3 83, as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Trumbull make application to the State for up to \$ 1,500,000.00 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefor, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Trumbull in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Trumbull.

RESOLUTION TC28-53

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION
TOWN OF TRUMBULL**

WHEREAS, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Trumbull is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Trumbull hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief executive officer of the Town of Trumbull or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Trumbull and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

RESOLUTION TC28-57

Resolution- FY 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office offers competitive grants through the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) to increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies to implement community policing strategies that strengthen partnerships for safer communities and enhance law enforcement's capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime through funding for additional officers; and

WHEREAS, 2020 CHP awards will cover up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits of each newly hired or rehired full-time sworn career law enforcement officer over the three year (36-month) award period, with a minimum 25 percent local match requirement and a maximum total federal share of \$125,000 per officer position; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull as local applicant is required to maintain authorized budgeted staffing levels for the three-year grant period plus an additional 12-month period in order to comply with DOJ grant funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull as local applicant is required to pay for any other additional costs (training, equipment, remaining salary and fringe benefits not covered by grant funds, etc.) associated with hiring and maintaining each officer for the grant period plus an additional 12 months; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull intends to apply for one new officer anticipated to be hired for July 2021 under the COPS Hiring Program; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the newly hired officer would help expand Trumbull's community policing efforts at the Westfield Trumbull Mall;

NOW THEREFORE, the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the submission of the funding application for the U.S. DOJ COPS Hiring Program and authorizes Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman or her designee as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.

RESOLUTION TC28-58

Whereas, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation offers grants to first responders and public safety organizations to help supply lifesaving equipment, prevention education tools and financial resources to assist in their mission to impact the lifesaving capabilities, and the lives, of local heroes and their communities; and

Whereas, Trumbull EMS is applying for grant support to purchase three mid fidelity patient simulators to be used for broad-scope training to the value of \$26,000 with no matching funds requested. Each simulator has multiple life-like functions including pulse, blood pressure, lung and heart sounds, CPR and airway training capabilities; and

Whereas, these mannequins will have a profound impact on our initial and continuing education program, allowing EMT students and practicing EMTs to hone their assessment skills; Paramedics to practice IV skills, intubation and EKG interpretation; and all team members can practice communication and collaboration during simulation experiences; and

Whereas, the devices will enhance our Community Education programs, ensuring participants in community training events will have an opportunity to evaluate a “patient” with shallow respirations and administer life-saving naloxone, and see the difference between effective and ineffective respirations; and

Whereas, Trumbull EMS, as a department of the Town of Trumbull, will submit an application for funding to support the purchase three mid fidelity patient simulators to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant in February, 2020; and,

THEREFORE, the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the submission of the funding application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and authorizes Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.