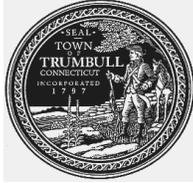


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Trumbull Town Council
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September 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., called the special meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. at the Trumbull Town Hall, Trumbull, Connecticut.

All present rose and joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENT

Suzanne S. Testani	Michael J. London
Chadwick Ciocci	Debra A. Lamberti
Carl A. Massaro, Jr.	Mary Beth Thornton
Martha A. Jankovic-Mark	Kristy L. Waizenegger
Ann Marie Evangelista	Robert J. Pescatore, Jr. (arrived at 8:08 p.m.)
Tony J. Scinto	Mark S. Altieri
Jane Deyoe	John M. Rotondo

ABSENT: Roberta A. Bellows, Daniel Helfrich, Michael Rappa, John A. DelVecchio, Jr., Jeff S. Jenkins, David R. Pia and James F. Meisner.

The Chair thanked all present for attending the special meeting and apologized for calling everyone out explaining that as he was reviewing the Charter Revision ballot questions he had recognized that the second question, the proposed Charter revision on the referendum for projects of \$15 million, approved on August 23, 2011 had been slightly misstated. During the course of discussing this revision most everyone referred to it as capital projects of \$15 million dollars or more. After closer inspection of the proposed revision, it speaks to projects exceeding \$15 million. That penny makes a significant difference of what the question should be for the voters to vote on. If the voters vote on the wrong question there could be confusion when a \$15 million bond proposal is put forth. People could have different opinions as to whether a referendum is required. Some will look at the exact language of the revision; some will look at the ballot question. The Chair stated he was happy to pick up a one cent mistake at this point in time rather than down the line.

1. RESOLUTION TC23-185: Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Ms. Testani.

BE IT RESOLVED that the ballot question no.2 of the proposed revisions of the Charter of the Town of Trumbull is hereby amended to read,

" 2. Shall there be a revision of the Charter of the Town of Trumbull to provide for a referendum on projects exceeding Fifteen Million (\$15,000,000.00) Dollars?

Yes _____
No _____ "

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give such notice and as required by law of said ballot question and at the regular municipal election, and of the registration of electors entitled to participate therein and to place said question of the ballot in said form.

Ms. Thornton extended her gratitude to the Chair. The Chair apologized for calling everyone out to this meeting.

In response to Mr. Rotondo's question, the Chair stated that the language of the proposed revisions actually says, projects exceeding \$15 million; the word capital does not appear. There is prefatory language which speaks to expenses for construction, education but is generally intended to exceed \$15 million for anything.

(Mr. Pescatore arrived at 8:08 p.m.)

Ms. Mark stated that the Charter revision process had been flawed and urged everyone in Town to vote against the charter revisions. In response to Mr. Ciocci's question, Ms Mark explained that this is just a procedural error and considers the whole process flawed to date, holding special meetings every month since March is a problem and is exhibit A of why this Charter should not be voted on at this time, but we are voting and moving ahead therefore she is urging people to vote against the charter.

In response to Mr. Altieri, the Chair stated this is a new resolution number and are voting to revise a question. The Chair explained the resolution number controlling; the intent is there to fix one ballot question.

The Chair voted.

VOTE: Resolution Adopted 11-3 (Against Thornton, Rotondo and Mark)

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Ms. Waizenegger the Trumbull Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
Town Council Clerk