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LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2023

CALL

TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 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: Jason Marsh, Chairman, Thomas Whitmoyer, Vice Chairman, Alissa Hall, Kelly Mallozzi, Chris DeCruze, Steve Lemoine, Alternate (voting)

ABSENT: Carl Massaro, Bill Mecca, Alternate

ALSO

PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officers Cynthia Katske and Kathleen McGannon, Town attorney Daniel Schopick, Town Council member Mary Isaac, BOF Chairman Lainie McHugh, Public Works Director George Estrada, Economic & Community Development Director Rina Bakalar

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1. RESOLUTION TC29-141: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Edward Gillespie, as a member of the Trumbull Education and Government Access Television Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2025 be and the same is hereby approved.
- Edward Gillespie was present and indicated his party affiliation as democrat, he has been a resident of Trumbull for 25 years.
 - His passion for community television began when he was junior in high school in Yonkers where he was part of a team that started the first community television access program in the city. In 2005 he interned for the whole community program where he wrote, produced and edited two programs that were aired across cable.
 - Most recently he was approached to volunteer, he met the team and is excited about the work that is being done and moving forward.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC29-142: Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That the submission of the funding application to the LOTCIP program for the Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvement Project at Whitney Avenue and Main Street is hereby authorized and identifies 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. (Full Resolution Attached)

Ms. Bakalar was present:

- The traffic signal and related intersection improvements at Long Hill Green are part of one project.
- \$550,000 was set aside by the BOF and Town Council in the capital fund.
- The bid it came in high, some of the equipment has escalated in price.
- It was rebid through CHRO, (CT Human Rights & Opportunities), the low bidder is at \$841,000 after adding contingency it is close to a \$1 million project.
- First Selectman Tesoro and she met with MetroCog to apply for LOTCIP funding,
- They received final approval of up to \$500,000. Normally gap funding is not awarded but it is known how critical the project is.
- No match required. It is all for construction.
- Emergency Legislation was requested.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION TC29-143: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Whitmoyer
BE IT RESOLVED, That the application to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) for the Neighborhood Assistance Act program is hereby authorized to include the Kennedy Collective, Inc. (\$150,000), Make A Wish Foundation of CT (\$28,000), Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern CT (\$64,205), and Cooperative Educational Services (\$110,000); and First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, or her designee, is hereby authorized to submit such application and sign all related forms, contracts and reports in order to implement the Neighborhood Assistance Act program. (Full Resolution Attached) (*Public Hearing May 1, 2023 Town Council*)

Rina Bakalar was present:

- This is not a grant program to the nonprofit, it is a tax credit program.
- Nonprofits send in an application, her office ensures it's in compliance with the rules and submits a collective application to DRS.
- The nonprofit uses the tax credits as a tool to seek donations for their project. If they're doing an energy project they get 100%, if doing another kind of program or service that qualifies, they get 60%.
- Mutual Housing is new a new group to this program. They have affordable housing for seniors and offices in Trumbull.

- Not all corporations qualify, they have made changes to the type of corporations, and have expanded beyond C-Corps.
- The tax credits are state credits not municipal.
- Emergency Legislation was requested.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Mallozzi, seconded by Whitmoyer the L&A Committee adjourned at 7:50 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk

FULL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION TC29-142:

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull has completed the design and received all DOT approvals for the Traffic Signal and Intersection project at Whitney Avenue and Main Street; and

WHEREAS, competitive bids were sought for the Traffic Signal and Intersection project and came in above the funding level set aside by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull sought gap funding from the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) in order to accomplish this important safety improvement; and

WHEREAS, the MetroCOG has assisted the Town in securing funding from the LOTICIP program in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in order to move forward with and complete the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the application to LOTICIP in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, and authorizes Vicki A. Tesoro as First Selectman to accept the LOTICIP funding and to sign and execute the assistance agreement and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvement project.

RESOLUTION TC29-143:

Whereas, the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) offers funding to tax-exempt organizations in the form of tax credits; and

Whereas, tax credits are given to eligible corporations that contribute funding to support specific programs and services of the tax-exempt organizations; and

Whereas, programs supporting job training, low-income residents, senior residents, residents with disabilities, child care services, or open space acquisition offer a 60 percent credit and energy conservation programs offer a 100 percent credit; and

Whereas, the 2023 application will include the Kennedy Collective, Inc. (\$150,000), Make A Wish Foundation of CT (\$28,000), Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern CT (\$64,205), and Cooperative Educational Services (\$110,000); and

Whereas, the Town of Trumbull serves as the applicant and liaison to the Department of Revenue Services on behalf of the tax-exempt organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the application to the State Department of Revenue Services for the Neighborhood Assistance Act program; and
2. That Vicki A. Tesoro, or her designee, is authorized to submit such application and sign all related forms, contracts, and reports in order to implement the Neighborhood Assistance Act program.