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LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 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: Jerrod Ferrari, Vice Chairman, Steve Spillane, Kelly Mallozzi, Carl Massaro, Tony Dorsey (arrived via teleconference at 7:51 p.m.), Mary Isaac, Alternate, Mike Buswell, Alternate

ABSENT: Jason Marsh, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officers Cynthia Katske, Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorneys Daniel Schopick and James Nugent, Town Council Chairman Ashley Gaudiano, Town Council Members Tony Scinto, Brian Walsh, John Foreman, Thomas Broderick, Chief of Police Michael Lombardo, Recycling Coordinator Mari Jackson, Chairman of the Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center Building Committee Chairman Raymond Baldwin, Jr., Vice- Chairman of the Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center Building Committee Dan Sacco and George Wiles of Wiles Associates.

By unanimous consent the L&A Committee took items #3,4,2 & 5 out of order.

1. RESOLUTION TC31-63: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Massaro

   BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED That sections 15-11 and 15-16 of the Trumbull Municipal Code are hereby repealed and replaced. (Public Hearing September 9, 2026, Town Council) (Full Resolution/Ordinance Attached)

- Chief Lombardo explained that the change addresses reckless e-bike and e-scooter use on trails, pedestrian walkways, and other non-vehicular areas within park property.
- The proposal includes prohibited vehicles such as mini-bikes, snowmobiles and ATV's.
- The current fines of $25 are insufficient; the new structure proposes $100 for a first offense and up to $250 for subsequent offenses.
- The Chief emphasized that the goal is safety and compliance rather than arrests or heavy penalties.
- For minors, particularly those under 16 or 17, the police department intends to prioritize contacting parents to provide guidance.
- The Chief and the town plan to issue joint statements on bike safety via the police and town websites and work with the PTA and school systems for education.
- It was questioned whether the ordinance applies exclusively to motorbikes in parks and concerns were raised regarding the broadness of language in section A regarding regulatory authority. Atty. Schopick clarified that much of the language is in the existing ordinance or derived from state statute, specifically referencing Chapter 248 regarding vehicle highway use.
- The inclusion of helmet laws and age requirements was questioned, and Atty. Schopick noted these are already covered by state law.
- CGS Chapter 248-Vehicle Highway Use will be distributed to the Town Council.
- The committee discussed adding language to an ordinance regarding e-bikes, specifically the requirement for bells or horns when passing others.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent (Dorsey not present to vote).

Tony Dorsey arrived at 7:51 p.m. via teleconference.

2. RESOLUTION TC31-64: Moved by Spillane, seconded by Mallozzi

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED That the Trumbull Municipal Code be and the same is hereby amended by inclusion of the following: Any person who operates any e-bike or e-scooter within the Town of Trumbull in a reckless manner with disregard for the safety of other persons using any public areas, shall be subject to a fine of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars for the first offense and Two Hundred ($200.00) Dollars for each subsequent offense, in addition to other remedies. (Public Hearing September 9, 2026, Town Council)

- The committee discussed an amendment regarding e-bike usage and potential hearing provisions for municipality-imposed fines. It was noted that a Trumbull Public Schools policy already exists regarding school property, though its specificity to e-bikes remains unconfirmed

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

3. RESOLUTION TC31-62: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Mallozzi

   BE IT RESOLVED, That Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a certain Tire Collection Program Covered Entity Agreement, which would represent the Town's participation in a statewide tire collection and recycling system.

   - Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator Mari Jackson presented the resolution for a statewide tire collection and recycling program.
   - This producer responsibility program shifts the financial and logistical costs of tire disposal from taxpayers to manufacturers.
   - Under the new program, Trumbull residents will no longer be charged the current $2.00 fee per tire at the transfer station.

   VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

4. RESOLUTION TC31-65: Moved by Isaac, seconded by Mallozzi

   BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED That the Trumbull Municipal Code be and the same is hereby amended by inclusion of the following: The Town hereby adopts a two-year moratorium on the establishment and development of any new data centers within the Town of Trumbull. (Public Hearing Town Council September 9, 2026) (Full Resolution/Ordinance Attached)

   - The ordinance is intended to allow the town to study the issue and determine future requirements or potential bans.
   - Council members raised concerns about how the term "data center" is defined to avoid conflating it with standard business server rooms.
   - Other towns in CT that have a moratorium in place are West haven, Morris and Groton. Other towns have a one -year moratorium.
   - The amount of time designated depends on how much time is necessary to research and analyze the subject.
   - There is no known authorization by the state to do this.
   - It was noted that there will not be additional water and/or electrical service needed for the town's existing data center's renovation.
   - It was confirmed P&Z could regulate.

   VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

5. RESOLUTION TC31-66: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Isaac

   BE IT RESOLVED that the $710,000 appropriation contained in the bonding authorization adopted by the Trumbull Town Council (TC31-26) at its meeting on

February 23, 2026, is hereby reduced by the cost of any value engineered items the Building Committee adds back into the construction program. (Full Resolution Attached)

- Town Attorney Nugent explained that items like a glass curtain wall were previously removed to save costs but are being added back via third-party donations
- Building Committee Chairman, Raymond Baldwin Jr., explained that reintroducing these features increases the facility's marketability for rentals and self-sustainability. He distributed the attached list of private donations & allocations and reviewed them with the committee.
- There was a lengthy discussion and debate regarding transparency, the proper use of donated funds, and whether these changes violate the original bond agreement.
- The committee voted to pass the resolution without recommendation to allow for further accounting and discussion. Chairman Gaudiano noted they would contact the Finance Director before the full council meeting for the accounting of the project's funds to date and circulate them to the council.

Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Isaac to PASS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

6. RESOLUTION TC31-61: Moved by Isaac, seconded by Mallozzi

   BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro is hereby authorized to sign the Notice of Grant Award from the Office of Policy and Management and all subsequent contracts, amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the Grant for the Nichols Fire District and Long Hill Fire District. (Full Resolution Attached)

   - Jason Mumbach, Chief of the Nichols Fire Department and Greg Sanfanandre Chief of the Long Hill Fire District were present. The two districts, in consultation with the Trumbull Center Fire Department, put in for a legislative direct grant from the state of Connecticut for two crash attenuator and are requesting authorization to accept a $300,000 state grant for two crash attenuator trucks.
   - The specialized vehicles are designed to protect emergency responders on highways by absorbing impacts at accident scenes.
   - The grant covers the cost of the equipment through the Office of Policy and Management, requiring no additional funds from the town.

   VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion Made by Massaro, seconded by Spillane the L&A Committee adjourned at 9:03 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
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Clerk

FULL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION TC31-61:

WHEREAS, the three fire districts in the Town of Trumbull, CT respond to three major limited access state highways that run through the Town of Trumbull. There are approximately ten (10) miles of Route 25, eight (8) miles of Route 15, and three (3) miles of Route 8; and

WHEREAS, the number of responding fire apparatus units is based on the location and nature of the incident. The Long Hill and Nichols Fire Departments have the closest access to the highways based on highway entrances and the state route intersections. The distance between access ramps requires there to be one vehicle stationed on the west side of town and the other on the east side of town for optimal response time; and

WHEREAS, the Trumbull Fire Departments regularly place a piece of apparatus in a "blocking" position on divided highways to allow fire, EMS, police and tow operators to render aid at motor vehicle accidents or to extinguish car fires; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2027 Legislative appropriation contains a $300,000 grant to the Town of Trumbull for the purpose of the Nichols Fire District and Long Hill Fire District, which will use the funds to purchase and equip two (2) highway blocking attenuator trucks; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the full cost of the two (2) highway blocking attenuator trucks as equipped will exceed the grant amount of $300,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, or her designee, be and the same is hereby authorized to sign the Notice of Grant Award from the Office of Policy and Management and all subsequent contracts, amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the Grant for the Nichols Fire District and Long Hill Fire District, with the condition that the Nichols Fire District and the Long Hill Fire District will pay any additional costs to purchase and outfit the two (2) highway blocking attenuator trucks above the amount of the grant as well as any additional costs associated with the grant.

RESOLUTION TC31-63:

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED THAT SECTIONS 15-11 AND 15-16 OF THE TRUMBULL MUNICIPAL CODE ARE HEREBY REPEALED AND THE FOLLOWING ADOPTED IN THEIR PLACE:

Sec. 15-11. - Parking and traffic.

(a) Parking within a Town park requires a permit issued by the Department.

(b) No person shall operate a motorized vehicle, including an e-bike or e-scooter, on any trail, pedestrian walkway, or other area not intended for vehicular use within park property, including trails, without expressed permission from the Department. (c) The use of minibikes, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, or any unregistered or unlicensed vehicles is expressly prohibited within all park property.

(d) No person shall fail to obey the directions of any Park Ranger, Police Officer, or other Town employees authorized and instructed to direct or otherwise monitor traffic within park property.

(e) No person shall operate any vehicle in park property in excess of the posted speed limit or, where not posted, in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(f) No person shall wash, clean, paint, maintain or make repairs to any motor vehicle in any park property.

(g) No person shall park a motor vehicle other than in a paved designated parking area without expressed permission from the Department. Curbside or roadside parking within park property is prohibited.

(h) Park Rangers, Police Officers, and any authorized agents shall have charge and control over all vehicular (including bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters) and pedestrian traffic on the roads, trails or drives within park property.

(i) No vehicle shall drive off the paved portion of any road area designated for vehicular access without expressed written permission from the Department.

- **Sec. 15-16. - Penalties.**

(a) The Town, Department, Park Rangers, and Police Officers may enforce all rules, regulations, and ordinances in accordance with G.S § 7-148(b)(10)(A):

Make all lawful regulations and ordinances in furtherance of any general powers as enumerated in this section, and prescribe penalties for the violation of the same not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless otherwise specifically provided by the general statutes. Such regulations and ordinances may be enforced by citations issued by designated municipal officers or employees, provided the regulations and ordinances have been designated specifically by the municipality for enforcement by citation in the same manner in which they were adopted and the designated municipal officers or employees issue a written warning providing notice of the specific violation before issuing the citation …; - C.G.S. § 7-148, Scope of Municipal Powers.

(b) Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, including any person who operates any e-bike or e-scooter in a reckless manner with disregard for the safety of other persons using any public areas, shall be subject to a fine of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars for the first offense and Two Hundred ($200.00) Dollars for each subsequent offense, in addition to other remedies. Each violation of a separate section of this chapter shall be considered a separate offense and shall not merge with a violation of any other section of this chapter. Each violation continuing more than one day shall constitute a separate offense for each day said violation continues.

(c) An authorized agent of the Department and any Police Officer may eject a person or group from park property for cause.

(d) The Department may suspend all rights, privileges or permits for the use of park property, without refund, of any Person violating any of the provisions of this chapter or regulation who:

(1) After notice by an authorized agent does not immediately cease, correct or rectify any such violation, or

(2) Repeats a violation or violations after notice by an authorized agent of a previous violation, or

(3) Fails to pay upon demand, charges and fees incurred for the use of park property and all expenses incurred by the Town caused by violation of the ordinance.

(e) The Department and any Police Officer may seize and confiscate any property within park property that is brought in or used in violation of any provision of any Town ordinance.

(f) The provisions of this section shall not affect or be deemed to limit any other penalty or remedy provided herein or by the provisions of any other applicable law, ordinance or regulation.

Resolution TC31-65:

WHEREAS the Town of Trumbull is committed to protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of all residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Trumbull Town Council believes that a sufficient time is required to research and evaluate the potential environmental, infrastructure, and public safety impacts associated with the development of any new data centers within the Town of Trumbull; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Trumbull and its residents, businesses and visitors to adopt a moratorium on the establishment of any new data center.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED THAT THE TRUMBULL MUNICIPAL CODE BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED BY INCLUSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. The Town hereby adopts a two-year moratorium on the establishment and development of any new data centers within the Town of Trumbull.
B. It is specifically understood that this moratorium shall have no impact or effect on any data centers currently existing within the Town of Trumbull.
C. For the purposes of this moratorium, the term DATA CENTER shall mean a facility, structure, or campus of structures primarily used for the storage, processing, and distribution of digital data and information, including cloud-based services and network operations.
D. This moratorium shall take effect upon the effective date of this ordinance and shall sunset twenty-four months from said effective date.

Resolution TC31-66:

WHEREAS the Town Council adopted bonding resolution TC31-26 at its Special Meeting on February 23, 2026, appropriating $710,000 in bonded funds toward the construction of the Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center; and

WHEREAS said appropriation was made after the Veterans and First Responders Building Committee had value engineered items estimated to cost approximately $436,000 out of the construction program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the $710,000 appropriation contained in the bonding authorization adopted by the Trumbull Town Council (TC31-26) at its meeting on February 23, 2026, is hereby reduced by the cost of any value engineered items the Building Committee adds back into the construction program.

Private Donations & Allocation

1. DiNardo- Aiello Foundation $100,000 - construction (town)
2. Rotary Club $50,000- construction (town)
3. Trez Foundation $25,000- building generator
4. Ret. Major Arthur O'Leary $10,000- building generator
5. City of Shelton $75,000 - curtain wall & deck
6. Synergy Healthcare $20,000- fireplace/ fire pit inserts
7. Hartford Healthcare $5,000 - construction (town)
8. Mason donation $10,000- flag pole lighting/ deck

SAVINGS

1. United Illuminating Company Three phase utility service installation $68,000 (not budgeted)
2. ADA doors $27,500

UNBUDGETED EXPENSES

1. Utility pole installation (Frontier) $75,000-$100,000
2. Parking lot alterations required by fire marshal $68,000

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