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**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
SENIOR CENTER 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
26 PARK PLACE
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

A) ROLL CALL:

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Mark Etre, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Nancy E Herold, Peggy A. Jackle, Brian R. Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Diane Wheelock, Michael A. Winkler

Absent: Daniel Champagne

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield, Technical Advisor Christopher Prue

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No speakers

B) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

C) PRESENTATION:

1. Christopher Clark, Town Administrator will be present with information defining the project.

Town Administrator Christopher Clark gave a historical overview of the project beginning in 2005 to present. His overview included information regarding the new location for the Intermodal Center at Court House Square.

2. Vicki Shotland, Executive Director and Sandra Sheehan, Director of Grants and Contract Administration from the Greater Transit District will address the issue of grant monies.

Ms. Shotland and Ms. Sheehan from the Greater Hartford Transit District presented information to Council Members about the grant to build an Intermodal Center in Rockville. The grant is a 80/20 split (80% Federal Transit Authority, 20% Town of Vernon) awarded from the Federal Transit Authority Grant Program Section 5309, 5318, Bus and Bus Facilities in the amount of 6.2 million to be allocated over 4 years as follows: 2006 1.4 mil, 2007 1.5 mil, 2008 1.6 mil, and 2009 1.7 mil. A hand-out describing projects the funding can be used for was provided to Town Council members. Ms. Sheehan also discussed the process for changing the site of the Intermodal center to Court House Square.

Town Administrator Christopher Clark shared a map designating the different sections of Vernon and Rockville with Council Member Winkler.

3. Randy Anagnostis, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Rockville Downtown Association will speak to site selection and the concept plan for this initiative.

Mr. Anagnostis presented to Town Council Members information regarding the research RDA completed for alternative locations to the 55 West Main St. Site of the Intermodal Center. He shared a rendering of the future Downtown Rockville revitalization which includes the Intermodal Center. He provided Council Members with an updated schematic of the future downtown Rockville, Council Members should use this version instead of the outdated version in their packets.

4. Economic Development members Jeffrey Cohen, Peter Olsen, and Bob Kleinhans, Town Planner Leonard Tundermann, and Economic Development Coordinator Marina Rodriguez will be present with comments and to answer questions from the Town Council and members of the public.

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Mr. Cohen presented information to Town Council Members regarding the support for this project from the Economic Development Commission.

5. U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney or his designee will be in attendance.

D) NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. The Town Council hereby agrees to authorize the Building Official to waive permit fees for the home improvements in the Village and Orchard Street areas.** (Memorandum from Town Administrator Christopher Clark is in the packet. Specific addresses will be provided to Town Council members at the meeting. A request has been made by the Town Council that the Vernon Non Profit Board members be present to provide additional information and to answer questions).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO WAIVE THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES RELATIVE TO HOME IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE AND ORCHARD STREET AREAS IN VERNON. THE ADDRESSES OF THE PROPERTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS: VILLAGE STREET NUMBERS 44, 45, 47, 52, 72, 76 ORCHARD STREET NUMBERS 26, 30. THE TOWN COUNCIL IS APPROVING THIS ACTION BECAUSE OF ITS PARTIAL FUNDING OF THIS PROJECT.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle, made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to waive permit fees for home improvements to the above named addresses in Village and Orchard Street areas of Vernon. Mr. Richard Stroiney, Executive Director of the Vernon Non-Profit Housing Development Corp, provided information regarding grants they received to revitalize properties. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Request that the Town Council schedule a special meeting and Public Hearing relative to "A Resolution Regarding the Transfer of Funds from Roadway Improvements to Partially Fund the Third Phase of the Local Match for the Intermodal Transportation Center in the Amount of \$103,691.00".** (Information is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

REQUEST THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO "A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO PARTIALLY FUND THE THIRD PHASE OF THE LOCAL MATCH FOR THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,691.00", AND THAT SAID PROCUREMENT BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, ARTICLE XII, SUBSECTION 9 ENTITLED "PURCHASING" SAID PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT 7:40 AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD AT 7:50 ON JUNE 3, 2008, SECOND FLOOR, VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON CONNECTICUT.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to request the Town Council schedule a special meeting and public hearing relative to "A Resolution Regarding the Transfer of Funds from Roadway Improvements to Partially Fund the Third Phase of the Local Match for the Intermodal Transportation Center in the Amount of 103,691.00." Town Planner Tundermann presented information to Town Council Members regarding the project. Economic Development Coordinator Marina Rodriguez presented information to Town Council Members regarding the project. Town Administrator Clark also provided information regarding the project. Discussion took place.

RECESS (10:15 PM)

Meeting reconvened at 10:27 PM

EXTENSION OF CURFEW (10:25 PM)

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to extend curfew until 10:40 PM. Motion carried, Council Members Etre and Herbst opposed.

New Business #2 continued:

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Council Member Winkler made a motion to move the question on the floor, motion carried, Council Members Campbell, Anderson and Wheelock opposed.

The above Motion to request Town Council to schedule a special meeting and public hearing regarding the Intermodal Transportation Center failed, Council Members Wheelock, Anderson, Motola, Campbell, Herold and Jackle opposed.

ADJOURNMENT (10:38 PM)

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: May 29, 2008

Approved: June 3, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary



James E. Krupienski, Asst.