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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

March 29, 2014 9:00AM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Julie Clay, Brian Motola, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Bill Campbell, John Kopec, and Michael Winkler

Absent: Council Members Steve Peterson and Ann Letendre

Entered During Meeting: Virginia Gingras

Also Present: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM (9:03 AM)

Tanjua Damon-Merrow, 138 Grove Street, wants the Council to be prudent with the education budget and approve what is really needed.

Citizen's Forum closed at 9:05 AM

D) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented updates since the March 27, 2014 meeting.

E) BUDGET REVIEW

1. EDUCATION
2. EDUCATION – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Education

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 12 page 275, account 10990330, in the amount of \$51,495,456, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

(9:10 AM) Council Member Gingras arrived.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to move the revenue adjustment by \$100,000, from Tuition-Next Step Program to the General Government Revenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$203,500. Motion carried 8 in favor and 1 opposed.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 12, page 275, account 10990330, in the amount of \$51,291,956. Motion carried (inaudible).

Education – Capital Improvements

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to open tab 11, page 270, account 10780291, in the amount of \$0.00, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 11, page 270, account 10780291 in the amount of \$0.00, motion carried unanimously.

F) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION

No action taken.

G) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 31, 2014

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to recess. Motion carried unanimously at 10:20 AM

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary