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

April 1, 2014 8:08 PM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Virginia Gingras, Julie Clay, Brian Motola, Steve Wakefield, Steve Peterson, Bill Campbell, John Kopec, Michael Winkler and Ann Letendre

Absent: Council Member Kim Appleyard

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

C) CITIZENS FORUM

None.

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 31, 2014 meeting.

E.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION OR DISCUSSION

1. Revenue
2. Opportunity for Town Council to add or delete from the Mayor's proposed budget

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Letendre, made a motion to open tab 11 page 265 Capital Improvements account 10780290. Motion carries unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Letendre, made a motion to increase \$400,000 to account 57340 Improve/Reconstruct-Streets. Motion failed with 4 in favor and 6 against.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Letendre, made a motion to amend the amount to \$200,000 to account 57340 Improve/Reconstruct-Streets. Motion failed with 3 in favor and 7 against.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Wakefield, made a motion to reduce Town Wide Space Needs Study account 57200 to \$0. Motion carried with 3 opposed and 7 in favor.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Wakefield, made a motion to move \$25,000 from account 57200 into account 57340. Motion carries with 8 in favor and 2 against.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to close tab 11 page 265 Capital Improvements account 10780290 in the amount of \$765,565. Motion carries unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to open tab 5 page 7 Executive & Administrative account 10112120 in the amount of \$684,995. Motion carries unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to reduce account 53820 by \$13,250. Motion failed with 3 in favor and 7 opposed.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to reduce 53820 by \$250. Motion carries unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell, made a motion to close tab 5 page 7 Executive & Administrative account 10112120 in the amount of \$684,245. Motion carries unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to open tab 5 page 1 Town Council Account 10110110 in the amount of \$12,245. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to close tab 5 page 1 Town Council Account 10110110 in the amount of \$12,245. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: 9:05PM
RECONVENE: 9:18PM

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to open tab 9 page 237 account 10562260 Arts Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Peterson, made a motion to reduce 53420 Performers Fees to \$3,500. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec asked for an amendment to reduce the account 53420 to \$4,500. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 3 opposed.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to close tab 9 page 237 account 10562260 Arts Commission in the amount of \$ 5,524. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to open tab 12 page 326 Data Processing Center account 51617710. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell, made a motion to remove \$4,000 from account 51030 Part-Time Wages. Motion failed with 3 in favor and 7 opposed.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to close tab 12 page 326 Data Processing Center account 51617710 in the amount of \$1,648,113. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell, made a motion to set the budget.

RECESS: 9:45PM

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell, made a motion to extend curfew. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE: 10:16PM

F.) **FINALIZE BUDGET**

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,247,160; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,414,860; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 51,291,956; FOR A TOTAL GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF \$ 84,953,976.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made the above motion to approve the Town Of Vernon General Government Appropriations in the amount of \$27,247,160, the Capital Improvements and Debt Service Appropriations in the amount of \$6,414,860, the Education Budget in the amount of \$51,291,956, for a General Fund Total of \$84,953,976. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015:

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 84,953,976; TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF \$ 84,953,976, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUE AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the estimated revenue in the amount of \$84,953,976. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOR PRESENTATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/TOWN MEETING:

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE AND PRESENT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,953,976 TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014 AT 7:00 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM OF ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AT 70 LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. THE TOWN CLERK IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PUBLISH A SUMMARY OF SAID PROPOSED BUDGET AND

ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY ESTIMATES SHOWING ANTICIPATED REVENUES BY MAJOR SOURCES AND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS BY FUNCTION AND/OR DEPARTMENTS AND THE AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION, AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson made the above motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$84,953,976. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn 10:25PM

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

**Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary**