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

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March 21, 2015 9:00AM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Ann Letendre

Absent: Council Member Virginia Gingras, Steve Peterson, and Michael Winkler

Entered During Meeting: Fred Lehmann (9:07 AM)

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

C) PUBLIC HEARING (9:05 AM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2015-2016 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.

MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD

MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE COMMENTS

ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING

RETURN TO THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Closed: 9:06 AM

9:07 AM Fred Lehmann entered

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present the 2015-2016 Budget Overview to the Town Council. Discussion took place.

E.) TOWN COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

PROPOSED MOTION:

The Town Council adopts the following list of Rules and Procedures for the 2014-2015 Budget deliberations:

Waive all Robert's Rules of Procedure during budget deliberations;

Revenue will be discussed at the opening meeting and at the final budget meeting;

All budget accounts shall be opened and closed, with the Council making decisions on each individual budget during the allocated time frame;

Each meeting will be recessed to the next scheduled budget hearing and draft minutes will be prepared by the Clerk for each meeting to be used during final deliberations;

At the final budget hearing the Town Council may add or delete from any account previously discussed.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made the above motion to approve the list of Rules and Procedures for the 2015-2016 Budget deliberations. Motion carried unanimously.

G.) BUDGET REVIEW

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2015-2016 for various departments, divisions, and organizations to include:

1. Probate
2. Social Services
3. Youth Services
4. Senior Center
5. Animal Control
6. Dog License Account
7. Town Clerk
8. Town Council
9. Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT
10. Hockanum Valley Community Council
11. Child Guidance Clinic
12. Exchange Club – Prevention of Child Abuse
13. MARC, Inc of Manchester
14. Shelter Services
15. Connecticut Legal Services
16. Hartford Interval House
17. YWCA Sexual Assault Services
18. Hockanum Valley School Readiness
19. Rockville Public Library
20. Historical Society
21. North Central District Health
22. Greater Hartford Transit District
23. Arts Commission

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

Probate Court

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 3, account 10111112, in the amount of \$13,655, motion carried unanimously.

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Social Services

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 119, account 10456240, in the amount of \$264,611, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Social Services, Marina Rodriguez was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to decrease account 56030 by \$100. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 1 opposed (Council Member Letendre).

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to decrease account 56050 by \$200. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS (9:45 AM)

RECONVENED (9:51 AM)

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to decrease account 55010 by \$300. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 2 opposed (Council Members Schaefer and Letendre).

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 119, account 10456240, in the amount of \$264,011, motion carried unanimously.

Youth Services

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 122, account 10456241, in the amount of \$213,563, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Youth Services, Alan Slobodien was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 122, account 10456241, in the amount of \$213,563, motion carried unanimously.

Senior Center

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 125, account 10457242, in the amount of \$134,452, motion carried unanimously.

Director of the Senior Center, Paula Claydon was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 125, account 10457242, in the amount of \$134,452, motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 6 page 71, account 10233188, in the amount of \$132,804 motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control Officer, Craig Segar, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 6 page 71, account 10233188, in the amount of \$132,804 motion carried unanimously.

Dog License Account

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 12 page 161, account 22233410, in the amount of \$37,600 motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control Officer, Craig Segar, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to decrease account 56130 by \$200. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 12 page 161, account 22233410, in the amount of \$37,400 motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 34, account 10115150, in the amount of \$270,689 motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk, Bernice Dixon, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to decrease account 55010 by \$200. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 5 page 34, account 10115150, in the amount of \$270,489 motion carried unanimously.

Town Council

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 1, account, in the amount of \$12,245 motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk, Bernice Dixon, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 5 page 1, account, in the amount of \$12,245 motion carried unanimously.

RECESS (11:06 AM)

RECONVENED (11:27 AM)

Probate Court

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to re-open tab 5 page 3, account 10111112, in the amount of \$13,655, motion carried unanimously.

Judge James Purnell was available to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 3, account 10111112, in the amount of \$13,655, motion carried unanimously.

Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 108, account 10455221, in the amount of \$12,249, motion carried unanimously.

President and CEO, Todd Rose was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 108, account 10455221, in the amount of \$12,249, motion carried unanimously.

Hockanum Valley Community Council

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 109, account 10456222, in the amount of \$180,000, motion carried unanimously.

CEO of Hockanum Valley Community Council, David Engleson, was present to answer questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 109, account 10456222, in the amount of \$180,000, motion carried unanimously.

Child Guidance Clinic

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to open tab 8 page 110, account 10456223, in the amount of \$5,500, motion carried unanimously.

Youth Services Director Alan Slobodien was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 110, account 10456223, in the amount of \$5,500, motion carried unanimously.

Exchange Club-Prevention of Child Abuse

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 111, account 10456224, in the amount of \$4,000, motion carried unanimously.

Human Services Commission Chair Karen Roy-Guglielmi and Youth Services Director Alan Slobodien were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 111, account 10456224, in the amount of \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously.

MARC, Inc. of Manchester

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 113, account 10456226, in the amount of \$4,000, motion carried unanimously.

Director Carol Breslin, Quality Assurance Director of MARC Inc. of Manchester and Director of Social Services Marina Rodriguez were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 113, account 10456226, in the amount of \$4,000, motion carried unanimously.

Shelter Services

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 114, account 10456227, in the amount of \$7,200, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Social Services Marina Rodriguez and Shelter Director Bryan Flint were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 114, account 10456227, in the amount of \$7,200, motion carried unanimously.

Connecticut Legal Services

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 8 page 115, account 10456229, in the amount of \$2,000, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Wendy Wanchak from Connecticut Legal Services, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 8 page 115, account 10456229, in the amount of \$2,000, motion carried unanimously.

Hartford Interval House

Council Member Lehman, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 116, account 10456232, in the amount of \$2,500, motion carried unanimously.

Jill Nugent, Program Director of Hartford Interval House, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Lehman, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 116, account 10456232, in the amount of \$2,500, motion carried unanimously.

YWCA Sexual Assault Services

Council Member Lehman, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 117, account 10456235, in the amount of \$2,000, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Sexual Assault Services Caitlin Sorge, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Lehman, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 117, account 10456235, in the amount of \$2,000, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield left the table (1:06 PM.) Returned (1:09 PM).

Hockanum Valley School Readiness

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 8 page 118, account 10456236, in the amount of \$4,000, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Youth Services Alan Slobodien was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 8 page 118, account 10456236, in the amount of \$4,000, motion carried unanimously.

RECESS (1:18 PM)

RECONVENED (1:31PM)

Rockville Public Library

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 9 page 142, account 10562262, in the amount of \$360,000, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Hurd, acting finance committee chair, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

1:36 PM Council Member Kopec left the meeting.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 9 page 142, account 10562262, in the amount of \$360,000, motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: (1:44 PM)

RECONVEYNE: (1:46 PM)

Historical Society

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to open tab 9 page 141, account 10562261, in the amount of \$6,000, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Hurd, Historical Society treasurer, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 9 page 141, account 10562261, in the amount of \$6,000, motion carried unanimously.

North Central Health District

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 8 page 107, account 10455220, in the amount of \$136,182, motion carried unanimously.

Michael Corona, Interim Director of health of the North Central Health District was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 8 page 107, account 10455220, in the amount of \$136,182, motion carried unanimously.

Greater Hartford Transit District

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 40, account 10116158, in the amount of \$3,794, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 5 page 68, account 10116158, in the amount of \$3,794, motion carried unanimously.

Arts Commission

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 9 page 140, account 10562260, in the amount of \$6,840, motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Ouellette, Treasurer of the Arts Commission, and Sandra Justin, commissioner, were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Clay made a motion to reduce the account to \$4,500. Discussion took place. Motion failed with 1 in favor (Campbell), 1 abstention (Lehmann) and 6 against.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 9 page 140, account 10562260, in the amount of \$6,840, motion carried unanimously.

H.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

2:39 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Appleyard moved to recess the meeting until 7:30pm Monday, March 23, 2014 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

1.) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 23, 2014.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary