

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

March 24, 2016 7:00 PM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Michael Winkler, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford and Steve Peterson

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Council Members Virginia Gingras and Ann Letendre

Also Present: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Christopher Prue

7:05 PM Council Member Gingras entered meeting.

C) PUBLIC HEARING (7:05 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2016-2017 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.

MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

CLERK READ THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD

MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVED COMMENTS

ADJOURNED THE PUBLIC HEARING

RETURNED TO THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

No one spoke at the public hearing.

Closed: 7:06 PM

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 22, 2016 meeting.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2016-2017 for various departments, divisions, and organizations to include:

1. Registration
2. Elections - General
3. Elections - Primary
4. Elections - Referendum
5. Engineering

6. Community and Economic Development
7. Town Planner – Administration (moved to 3-29-16 meeting)
8. Building Inspection
9. Public Works – Administration
10. Public Works – General Maintenance
11. Public Works – Equipment Maintenance
12. Public Works – Maintenance of Government Buildings
13. Public Works – Snow Removal
14. Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal
15. Public Works – Recycling
16. Public Works – Condominium Refuse
17. Public Works – Tree Warden
18. Public Works – Leaf Collection
19. Center 375

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

Registration

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 10, account 10113130, in the amount of \$82,200, motion carried unanimously.

Republican Registrar of Voters, John Anderson and Democrat Registrar of Voters, Chris Prue, were present to answer questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce line item #54460, rentals, by \$2,725. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5 page 10, account 10113130, in the amount of \$79,475, motion carried unanimously.

Elections – General

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 13, account 10113131, in the amount of \$42,700, motion carried unanimously.

Republican Registrar of Voters, John Anderson and Democrat Registrar of Voters, Chris Prue, were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 13, account 10113131, in the amount of \$42,700, motion carried unanimously.

Elections – Primary

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 15, account 10113132, in the amount of \$1, motion carried unanimously.

Republican Registrar of Voters, John Anderson and Democrat Registrar of Voters, Chris Prue, were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 5 page 15, account 10113132, in the amount of \$1, motion carried unanimously.

Elections – Referendum

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 17, account 10113133, in the amount of \$6,500, motion carried unanimously.

Republican Registrar of Voters, John Anderson and Democrat Registrar of Voters, Chris Prue, were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 15, account 10113133, in the amount of \$6,500, motion carried unanimously.

Engineering

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 105, account 10341214, in the amount of \$299,530, motion carried unanimously.

Town Engineer, David Smith, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

7:30 PM Council Member Letendre entered the meeting.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 103, account 10341214, in the amount of \$299,530, motion carried unanimously.

Community and Economic Development

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 48, account 10151171, in the amount of \$129,273, motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Coordinator, Shaun Gately was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 5 page 48, account 10151171, in the amount of \$129,273, motion carried unanimously.

Building Inspection

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 6 page 69, account 10232187, in the amount of \$404,944, motion carried unanimously.

Building Inspector, Karl Schiessl, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 6 page 69, account 10232187, in the amount of \$404,944, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works - Administration

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 78, account 10340200, in the amount of \$692,802, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 7 page 78, account 10340200, in the amount of \$692,802, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – General Maintenance

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 82, account 10340201, in the amount of \$1,323,950, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 82, account 10340201, in the amount of \$1,323,950, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Equipment Maintenance

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 86, account 10340202, in the amount of \$754,718, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 86, account 10340202, in the amount of \$754,718, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Maintenance of Government Buildings

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 7 page 90, account 10340203, in the amount of \$775,755, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to increase line item #54460, rental of buildings at Center 375 by \$700. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 90, account 10340203, in the amount of \$776,455, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Snow Removal

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 7 page 94, account 10340204, in the amount of \$186,970, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 7 page 94, account 10340204, in the amount of \$186,970, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 96, account 10340205, in the amount of \$1,016,571, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 96, account 10340205, in the amount of \$1,016,571, motion carried unanimously.

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Public Works – Recycling

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 99, account 10340206, in the amount of \$333,323, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 99, account 10340206, in the amount of \$333,323, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Condominium Refuse

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 102, account 10340207, in the amount of \$4,724, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 7 page 102, account 10340207, in the amount of \$4,724, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Tree Warden

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 7 page 103, account 10340208, in the amount of \$15,150, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 7 page 103, account 10340208, in the amount of \$15,150, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Leaf Collection

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 7 page 104, account 10340209, in the amount of \$123,289, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans and Finance Officer James Luddecke were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 7 page 104, account 10340209, in the amount of \$123,289, motion carried unanimously.

Center 375

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 12 page 191, account 42340704, in the amount of \$331,425, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans and Finance Officer James Luddecke were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 12 page 191, account 42340704, in the amount of \$331,425, motion carried unanimously.

H.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

9:12 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Appleyard moved to recess the meeting until 9:00 AM Saturday, March 26, 2016 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 26, 2016.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Prue
Recording Secretary