

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

March 29, 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, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson and Ann Letendre

Absent: Council Member Kim Appleyard

Entered During Meeting: Council Member Virginia Gingras

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

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

No one spoke at Citizen's Forum.

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 28, 2016 meeting. There were no updates.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

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

1. Police
2. School Crossing Guards
3. Traffic Authority
4. Social Services
5. Youth Services
6. Senior Center
7. Animal Control
8. Dog License Account
9. Cemetery Operations
10. Vernon Cemetery Commission
11. Town Clerk
12. Town Council
13. Town Planner – Administration (carried from 3-24-16 meeting)

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

Police

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 6 page 51, account 10230180, in the amount of \$6,220,762, motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, James Kenny, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

7:08 PM Council Member Gingras entered meeting.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 6 page 51, account 10230180, in the amount of \$6,220,762, motion carried unanimously.

School Crossing Guards

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 6 page 58, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120, motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, James Kenny, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 6 page 58, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120, motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Authority

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 6 page 59, account 10230182, in the amount of \$356,000, motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, James Kenny and Finance Director, James Luddecke, were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 6 page 59, account 10230182, in the amount of \$356,000, motion carried unanimously.

Social Services

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 8 page 121, account 10456240, in the amount of \$257,310, motion carried unanimously.

Acting Director, Kristie McFadden and Finance Director, James Luddecke were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 8 page 121, account 10456240, in the amount of \$257,310, motion carried unanimously.

Youth Services

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 8 page 124, account 10456241, in the amount of \$209,580, motion carried unanimously.

Youth Services Director, Michelle Hill, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 8 page 124, account 10456241, in the amount of \$209,580, motion carried unanimously.

Senior Center

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 8 page 127, account 10457242, in the amount of \$142,208, motion carried unanimously.

Interim Director, Sela Saunders, was present to answer questions. No discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 8 page 127, account 10457242, in the amount of \$142,208, motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 6 page 73, account 10233188, in the amount of \$131,804, motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control Officer, Craig Segar, was present to answer questions. No discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 6 page 73, account 10233188, in the amount of \$131,804, motion carried unanimously.

Dog License Account

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 12 page 163, account 22233410, in the amount of \$35,850, motion carried unanimously.

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

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 12 page 163, account 22233410, in the amount of \$35,850, motion carried unanimously.

Cemetery Operations

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 12 page 171, account 23342420, in the amount of \$321,804, motion carried unanimously.

Alan West, Superintendent, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 12 page 171, account 23342420, in the amount of \$321,804, motion carried unanimously.

Vernon Cemetery Commission

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 10 page 161, account 10826302, in the amount of \$188,603, motion carried unanimously.

Alan West, Superintendent, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 10 page 161, account 10826302, in the amount of \$188,603, motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 34, account 10115150, in the amount of \$266,442, motion carried unanimously.

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

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 34, account 10115150, in the amount of \$266,442, motion carried unanimously.

Town Council

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open tab 5 page 1, account 10110110, in the amount of \$12,165, motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk, Bernice Dixon and Finance Officer, James Luddecke were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 1, account 10110110, in the amount of \$12,165, motion carried unanimously.

Town Planner – Administration

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 44, account 10150170, in the amount of \$168,793, motion carried unanimously.

Town Planner, Marina Rodriguez, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to add \$10,000 to line item #57150, land acquisition, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 44, account 10150170, in the amount of \$178,793, motion carried unanimously.

H.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

9:21 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush moved to recess the meeting until 7:00 PM Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 31, 2016.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary