

**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

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March 27, 2017 7:00 PM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson, Ann Letendre and Virginia Gingras.

**Absent:**

**Entered During Meeting:**

**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**

There were no comments or updates by Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer.

**E.) BUDGET REVIEW**

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2017-2018 for various departments, divisions, and organizations to include:

1. Data Processing
2. Data Processing Center
3. Recreation Administration
4. Recreation Public Celebration
5. Recreation Parks Maintenance
6. Recreation Programs Account
7. Invasive Aquatic Plant Management
8. Engineering
9. Community and Economic Development
10. Town Planner
11. Building Inspection

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

**Data Processing**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 12 page 195, account 51617710, in the amount of \$1,869,424, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Sigan, Director of Data Processing, answered questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to move \$6,000 from object code 54330, maintenance office equipment, to object code 54326, maintenance-fiber/cablin. Discussion took place, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 12 page 195, account 51617710, in the amount of \$1,869,424, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Data Processing Center**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 42, account 10117160, in the amount of \$1,040,575, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Sigan, Director of Data Processing, answered questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 5 page 42, account 10117160, in the amount of \$1,040,575, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Recreation Administration**

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 9 page 130, account 10560250, in the amount of \$361,388, motion carried unanimously.

Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 9 page 130, account 10560250, in the amount of \$361,388, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Recreation Public Celebration**

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 9 page 135, account 10560253, in the amount of \$14,500, motion carried unanimously.

Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 9 page 135, account 10560253, in the amount of \$14,500, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Recreation Parks Maintenance**

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 9 page 136, account 10560254, in the amount of \$725,074, motion carried unanimously.

Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 9 page 136, account 10560254, in the amount of \$725,074, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Recreation Programs Account**

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 12 page 176, account 26560444, in the amount of \$754,149, motion carried unanimously.

Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, and James Luddecke, Finance Officer, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 12 page 176, account 26560444, in the amount of \$754,149, motion carried unanimously.

**Invasive Aquatic Plant Management**

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 9 page 144, account 10570268, in the amount of \$14,000, motion carried unanimously.

Marty Sittler, Director of Parks and Recreation, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to close tab 9 page 144, account 10570268, in the amount of \$14,000, motion carried unanimously.

**Engineering**

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 7 page 105, account 10341214, in the amount of \$294,792, motion carried unanimously.

Dave Smith, Town Engineer, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 7 page 105, account 10341214, in the amount of \$294,792, motion carried unanimously.

**Community and Economic Development**

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 48, account 10151171, in the amount of \$130,132, motion carried unanimously.

Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator, answered questions. Discussion took place.

8:13 PM Council Member Clay left the table; 8:14 PM Council Member Clay returned.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 48, account 10151171, in the amount of \$130,132, motion carried unanimously.

**Town Planner**

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 44, account 10150170, in the amount of \$183,717, motion carried unanimously.

Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 5 page 44, account 10150170, in the amount of \$183,717, motion carried unanimously.

**Building Inspection**

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 6 page 69, account 10232187, in the amount of \$409,312, motion carried unanimously.

John LaBossiere, Town Building Official, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 6 page 69, account 10232187, in the amount of \$409,312, motion carried unanimously.

H.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

8:34 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush moved to recess the meeting until 7:00 PM Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **RECESSED REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 30, 2017.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary