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

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:
Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry D. Thomas, Michael A. Winkler
Absent: Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Sean O'Shea,
Entered During Meeting:
Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

C) NEW BUSINESS:
1. The Town Council is requested to waive collection of the Open Burn Permit Fee – Vernon Code 5-17(4).

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the following motion:

MOTION:

WHEREAS, A DECLARATION OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY WAS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR ON AUGUST 25, 2011 DUE TO THE SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS PREDICTED TO AFFECT THE STATE AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE IRENE; AND

WHEREAS, MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON IN ANTICIPATION OF HURRICANE IRENE'S LIKELY IMPACT ON AUGUST 27, 2011;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY WAIVES COLLECTION OF THE OPEN BURN PERMIT FEE PURSUANT TO VERNON CODE 5-17(4), FOR THE TIME PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEBMER 22, 2011.

Discussion took place. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion for a friendly amendment that was accepted by the maker and seconder of the original motion to extend the date to October 3, 2011.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

WHEREAS, A DECLARATION OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY WAS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR ON AUGUST 25, 2011 DUE TO THE SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS PREDICTED TO AFFECT THE STATE AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE IRENE; AND

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Discussion continued. Council Member Winkler requested the fire marshal call the citizens who inquired about the permit fees and inform them of the waiver. Council Member Schaefer requested the fire marshal inform citizens of brush drop off areas at the recycling center and legion field along with placing them at the street with a "free" sign. Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Krupienski moved the question, Motion carried unanimously. Motion as amended carried unanimously.

Adjourn (7:18 PM)

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary