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

July 24, 2012 7:30 PM

Mayor George Apel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger, and Michael Winkler

Absent: Thomas DiDio, Virginia Gingras, Thomasina Russell

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no speakers at Citizen's forum.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:33 PM

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Sullivan made a motion to move agenda item E. public hearing for Ordinance no. 111 to before executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING AMENDING
"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 111 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE
POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS IN TOWN PARKS AND
RECREATION AREAS."

Open Public Hearing (7:34 PM)

Mayor Apel called the public hearing to order to receive comments and answer any questions from the public. The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

Public comments:

Bryan Flint, 4 Longview St., Ellington, CT spoke in support of the ordinance.

Council Member Weissberger, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Close Public Hearing (7:47 PM)

Regular meeting reconvened.

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the following motion to go into executive session:

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 1-200(2), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE

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BARGAINING AND INVITES TOWN ADMINISTRATION, JOHN D. WARD AND ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DAWN MASELEK TO ATTEND.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

THE TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT, REPRESENTED BY LOCAL UE LOCAL 222 OF THE CONNECTICUT INDEPENDENT LABOR UNION/CONNECTICUT INDEPENDENT POLICE UNION (CILU/CIPU), IN EFFECT JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRESENTED; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL TO ENTER INTO SAID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the following motion to go into executive session:

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 1-200 (6) (B), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION RELATIVE TO DOCKET NO. 1001647788, DOCKET NO. 100166577 AND DOCKET NO. 100175613, STEVEN CHIPMAN VS TOWN OF VERNON AND INVITES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND: JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND ATTORNEY JENNIFER A. HOCK OF MCGANN, BARTLETT AND BROWN, LLC.

The motion was amended to include Pat Litke to attend the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS BROUGHT BY STEVEN CHIPMAN AGAINST THE TOWN OF VERNON, DOCKET NO. 1001647788, DOCKET NO. 100166577, AND DOCKET NO. 100175613 UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. DETAILS OF SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE PUBLIC UPON ACCEPTANCE BY ALL PARTIES AND APPROVAL BY THE WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER.

Motion carried, Council Member Campbell opposed.

F.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

“AN ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS IN TOWN PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS.”

(Legal notice is in the public hearing section of this agenda along with a copy of the proposed ordinance for your review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER V, SECTIONS 4 AND 6 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, THE TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: **“AN**

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ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 111 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS IN TOWN PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS.”

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to adopt the ordinance prohibiting the possession or consumption of alcoholic liquors in town parks and recreation areas. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn (8:29 PM)

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: July 26, 2012

Approved: August 21, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle, CCTC
Assistant Town Clerk