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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013
7:30 P.M.

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- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZENS FORUM

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor George F. Apel to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

Mayor George F. Apel to present Proclamations to members of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department for their efforts on behalf of the Town during Blizzard Charlotte.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds for Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator February 11, 2013 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOURTEEN (14) OVERPAYMENTS FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,874.63 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2013.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #27 - #29, as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached to this agenda.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #27 - #29 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

- C 3. Request the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing to be held March 19, 2013 at 7:35 PM for the 2013 Small Cities, Community Development Block Grant Funding.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CDBG FUNDING, HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, SAID HEARING TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:35 PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

- C 4. Request the Town Council authorize the disposal of fixed assets and other items for the Department of Parks and Recreation and Finance Administration as disclosed on the fixed assets disposal forms submitted by Finance Office, James M. Luddecke.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND FINANCE ADMINISTRATION AS DISCLOSED ON THE FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL REQUEST FORM.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of J. Michael O'Neil, (R), 101 Rambling Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Housing Authority.** (See the letter dated February 14, 2013 from Peter Olson, Chairman of the Vernon Housing Authority Board requesting said appointment. Included for your review is Mr.O'Neil's resume.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8, SECTION 5 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF J. MICHAEL O'NEIL, (R), 101 RAMBLING ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO BEGIN MARCH 1, 2013 AND EXPIRES FEBRUARY 28, 2018.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

1. **Update and discussion relative to the monthly report from Finance Director James M. Luddecke for Revenue and Expenditures - 2012-2013.**

NO MOTION REQUIRED

2. **Request the Town Council set fixed compensation for Registrar of Voters**
(A copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor George F. Apel and the Town Council dated January 10, 2013 and follow up memorandum dated February 14, 2013 are included for Council review.) **(THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED ON FEBRUARY 5, 2013 UNTIL FEBRUARY 19, 2013).**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF VERNON AND CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO HOME RULE THE SUBJECT OF LOCAL VOTER REGISTRAR COMPENSATION; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE REGISTRARS' TOTAL COMPENSATION FOR ALL REGISTRAR RELATED FUNCTIONS, BE SET AT THE AMOUNT OF \$ 27,000.00 PER YEAR, PLUS COMPENSATION FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AS REQUIRED BY CONN. GEN. STATUTES. 9-6 AND 9-6A WITH ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION OF

ANY KIND COMING BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR PRE-APPROVAL.

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council hereby approve the Vernon Republican Town Committee's nomination of Julie Clay, (R), 81 Ravenscroft, Vernon, Connecticut as a Town Council member.** (A copy of a letter of recommendation by the Vernon Republican Town Committee, dated February 14, 2013, and a copy of Ms. Clay's resume are included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE VERNON REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE'S NOMINATION OF JULIE CLAY, (R), 81 RAVENSCROFT, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 AND EXPIRING NOVEMBER 10, 2013.

2. **Request the Town Council approve dates for budget deliberations.** (See memorandum dated February 11, 2013 to Mayor George F. Apel, John D. Ward, Town Administrator and the Vernon Town Council from Executive Assistant, Diane Wheelock.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MEETING DATES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS: Saturday, March 23, 2013 and Saturday, March 30, 2013 BOTH WITH A START TIME OF 9:00 AM; Monday, March 25, 2013, Wednesday, March 27, 2013 and Thursday, March 28, 2013 ALL WITH A START TIME OF 7:30 PM. FURTHER, Wednesday, April 3, 2013, START TIME OF 7:30 PM AS A BACK UP DATE SHOULD THE COUNCIL NEED ADDITIONAL TIME. ALL BUDGET HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER, CHAPTER VI, "ANNUAL TOWN MEETING", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES, APRIL 23, 2013 AS THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING, TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2013-2014 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. THE APRIL 23, 2013 PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM, LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT
06066 BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2013 AND THAT
MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

P.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS,
CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION

1. Monthly Activity Report for EMS – January, 2013, as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.
2. Monthly Activity Report for Town Clerk – January, 2013 as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
3. Letter of Resignation from Judy Hany, Town Council Member dated February 6, 2013.