

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
7:30 P.M.

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

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200(6) (B), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING **AFSCME 1471 VS TOWN OF VERNON**; THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND EDWARD F. O'DONNELL OF THE FIRM SIEGEL O'CONNOR, O'DONNELL AND BECK PC, TO ATTEND.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to present a Proclamation to the Vernon Housing Authority Director, Jeffery Arn and Commissioners Michael O'Neil, Ray Powers and Peter Olson declaring "**Fair Housing Month**" in Vernon for April 2014.

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne reports to the Town Council on a variety of subjects.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for the approval Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years. (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated March 6, 2014 is included in the Council packet.)**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWO (2) OVERPAYMENTS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$681.18 AND FIFTEEN (15) CURRENT YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2690.32, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MARCH 6, 2014.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion relative to monthly update from Finance Officer James M. Luddecke relative to Revenue and Expenditures for FY 2013-2014 as of July 31, 2013.**

NO PROPOSED MOTION

- 2. Request the Town Council authorize a bid waiver for Engineering Services from Communication Design Associates in an amount not to exceed \$16,500 relative to the evaluation of current AV equipment and acoustics for the Town Council Chambers. (See memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor dated February 25, 2014 relative to same.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM COMMUNICATION DESIGN ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,500.00.

3. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to sign the Agreement entitled "First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement dated June 6, 2013 between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Vernon for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the Reconstruction of South Street utilizing Federal Funds under the Urban component of the Surface Transportation Program."** (See memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor and the Vernon Town Council dated March 14, 2014 regarding same.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ENTITLED ***"FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 6, 2013, BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE URBAN COMPONENT OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM."***

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 OF MARCH 4, 2014, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report for February, 2014 for the Office of the Town Clerk, as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
 2. Year to Date for the Board of Education, as submitted by Michael Purcaro, Business Manager.
 3. Reply letter from Dr. Mary P. Conway, Superintendent of Schools dated March 4, 2014 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, relative to Public Act 13-60.
 4. Invitation dated March 10, 2014 to all Town Council Members, Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administrator John D. Ward for the Annual Vernon Police Department Awards Ceremony on March 26, 2014.
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Q.) ADJOURNMENT