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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015
7:30 P.M.

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

- D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION
- E.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:35 PM)

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
15 OCT 15 PM 4:42

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO
***"AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$220,000.00 TO THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF
133 TUNNEL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT"***

MAYOR CHAMPAGNE CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE

MAYOR CHAMPAGNE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

MAYOR CHAMPAGNE DECLARES THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED

MAYOR CHAMPAGNE RECOMMENDS ACTION ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**TOWN COUNCIL SHALL RECESS THE REGULAR MEETING UNTIL
COMPLETION OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN CLERK TO READ THE LEGAL NOTICE

MAYOR CHAMPAGNE CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MODERATOR

MAYOR CHAMPAGNE CLOSES NOMINATIONS FOR MODERATOR, AND
COMMENCES VOTE ON NOMINEE AND DECLARES MODERATOR

MODERATOR ASKS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS TAKE PLACE

VOTE ON RESOLUTION PRESENTED

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$220,000.00 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET, ACCOUNT 10780290.57155, TO FUND THE PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PARCEL LOCATED AT 133 TUNNEL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

MODERATOR CALLS FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN

ADJOURN THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAYOR TO CALL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING BACK TO ORDER

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for the approval of Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year(s).** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated October 7, 2015 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (1) ONE PRIOR TAX REFUND TOTALLING \$211.57 AND (23) TWENTY-THREE CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1326.57, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED OCTOBER 7, 2015.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Susan Reudgen, (R), 61 East Street, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission; said term to commence October 21, 2015 and expires December 31, 2015.** (A copy of Ms. Reudgen's resume is included in the Council packet for review. Ms. Reudgen is completing the unexpired alternate term of Mr. Reveron.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN REUDGEN, (R), 61 EAST STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE OCTOBER 21, 2015 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2015.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Robin C. Lockwood, (U), 121 Huntington Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Design Review Advisory Commission, said term to commence on October 21, 2015 and expires December 31, 2016.** (Ms. Lockwood is completing the term vacated by Terence Monahan. A copy of Ms. Lockwood's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #268, TOWN CODE SEC. 10-105 - 10-108 THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF ROBIN C. LOCKWOOD, (U), 121 HUNTINGTON DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN REGULAR MEMBER OF THE DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 21, 2015 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment #63 for budget year 2014-2015, as provided by Finance Officer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment form attached to this agenda.**

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #63 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #2, #3, #4, and #5 for fiscal year 2015-2016 as provided by Finance Officer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached to this agenda.**

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #2, #3, #4 AND #5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the bid waiver requested by Chief James Kenny relative to the acquisition of sixteen (16) body worn camera systems and two (2) camera docking stations for the Police Department.** (See the memorandum dated October 14, 2015 from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator and the Police Department submission 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 HEREBY WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR COSTS INVOLVING THE ACQUISITION OF SIXTEEN (16) BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEMS AND TWO (2) CAMERA DOCKING STATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FROM **ISLAND TECH SERVICES**, 980 SOUTH 2ND STREET, RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,322.00; AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT(S) TO THAT EFFECT.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the resolution designating Medicaid reimbursements for Special Education**". (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE RESOLUTION DESIGNATED AS "MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION", AND DATED OCTOBER 20, 2015.

3. **Request the Town Council authorize the transfer of available funds, in the amount of \$90,000.00, from the Board of Education Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund budget to the Education Reserve for Capital Non-Recurring Expenditure Account.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TRANSFER OF AVAILABLE FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000.00 FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO THE EDUCATION RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT, AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PURSUANT WITH THE RESOLUTION SO ESTABLISHED FOR THE EDUCATION RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT.

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 **OCTOBER 6, 2015** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. **REMINDER:** Flyer relative to the "**Seniorhood Fair**", a senior, adult and caregiver resource fair, on October 24, 2015 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Vernon Center Middle School.
2. Letter from the Government Finance Officers Association recognizing James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer with a *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting*.

Q.) ADJOURNMENT