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

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016
7:30 P.M.

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

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VERNON TOWN CLERK
16 APR 15 PM 12:11

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- D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - E.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:40 pm)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ACT CONCERNING PANHANDLING"

- MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
- CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD
- MAYOR CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE COMMENTS
- MAYOR CHAMPAGNE DECLARES THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED
- RETURN TO THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

(NOTE: Final action to be considered during Section L – Action on Ordinances Previously Presented)

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Presentation of the Winner's Trophy to the Town of Vernon Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Robert Sigam, Director of Information Technology for the Fidelco Bowling Tournament held earlier this year. Presentation to be made by John Garapolo, Chairman.

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 Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated April 6, 2016 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) TAX REFUND FOR PRIOR YEAR TOTALLING \$37.28 AND FOUR (4) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS FOR TOTALLING \$255.85, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 6, 2016.

- C 2. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Pat Larensen, (R), 90 Butternut Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Historic Properties Commission, said term to commence on April 20, 2016 and expires on April 19, 2019.** (A copy of Ms. Larensen's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 185 (TOWN CODE SEC. 2-122) THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PAT LARENSEN (R), 90 BUTTERNUT LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 20, 2016 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 19, 2019.

- C 3. **Request the Town Council approved budget amendments #21, #22, #23, #24, #25 and 26# for fiscal year 2015-2016 as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached to this agenda. (See budget amendment forms with explanation attached to this agenda.)**

PROPOSED MOTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #21, #22, #23, #24, #25 AND #26 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY JAMES M. LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER.

- C 4. **Request the Town Council approve the tax abatements of town owned properties outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue dated March 30, 2016. (A copy of same is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT STATE STATUTE 12-81 MOVES TO ABATE TAXES FOR 18 CHESTNUT STREET UNIQUE ID #40-0109-0046A, 5 BROOKLYN STREET UNIQUE ID #41-0119-00001, AND 104 EAST MAIN STREET UNIQUE ID #40-0117-00006 AS PRESENTED IN THE MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 30, 2016.

- C 5. **Request the Town Council approve the placement of properties totaling \$187,364.01 on the Suspense Tax Ledger as listed on the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue dated April 6, 2016. (A copy of same is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION:

BY THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN CONNECTICUT STATE STATUTE 12-165, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK", THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PLACEMENT OF PROPERTIES TOTALING \$187,364.01 CONTAINED ON THE SUSPENSE TAX LEDGER REPORT AS PROVIDED BY TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, DATED APRIL 6, 2016.

H.) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

1. Update on agenda item from the December 1, 2015 Town Council agenda (New Business #1) and April 5, 2015 Town Council agenda (Pending Business #2) relative to the purchase of streetlight fixtures from Eversource, the conversion to LED Streetlights at a cost of \$912,462, contracting a vendor and financing the same. (See attached memorandum dated April 15, 2016 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council relative to same. Also included are "Eversource Business Procedure", "Agreement for Service Under Rate 117 – Partial Street Lighting Service", and the "Purchase and Sale Agreement", for your review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PROPOSED POLE AGREEMENT, THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENTT AND AGREENMENT FOR SERVICE UNDER RATE 117.

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Request the Town Council approve the job description for the *part time DPW Mechanic Laborer* as recommended by Assistant Town Administrator, Dawn Maselek. (A copy of the new job description is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.1 (B), ENTITLED "JOB DESCRIPTIONS", HEREBY ADOPTS THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF ***PART TIME DPW MECHANIC LABORER*** IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AS PRESENTED.

2. Request the Town Council approve conveyance of parcel from 343 Hartford Turnpike LLC to the Town of Vernon, Old Dobson Road. (See memorandum from David A. Smith, Town Engineer dated March 30, 2016 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE ACQUISITION AND CONVEYANCE OF LAND FROM 343 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, LLC TO THE TOWN OF VERNON, OLD DOBSON ROAD AS OUTLINED IN THE QUIT CLAIM DEED AND SCHEDULE A AND HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO FILE RECORD OF THIS LAND ACQUISITION WITH THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE.

3. **Request the Town Council consider the request of Jose Correia for an Easement located at 95 & 87 Trout Stream Drive.** (See memorandum dated April 14, 2016 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council as well as a history of documents relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY GRANTS THE EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY JOSE CORREIA LOCATED AT 95 & 87 TROUT STREAM DRIVE WITH THE FOLLOWING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LIMITATIONS, ***“THE EASEMENT BE UNRESTRICTED AND UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THE PUBLIC, AND THAT A SIGN WHICH SAYS “TOWN OF VERNON PUBLIC ACCESS” BE PLACED IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY”.*** THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE SAID EASEMENT WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

ACTION: PUBLIC HEARING HELD EARLIER RELATIVE TO THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED ***“AN ACT CONCERNING PANHANDLING”.***

PROPOSED MOTION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, SECTIONS 4 & 6 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, HEREBY MOVES TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED ***“AN ACT CONCERNING PANHANDLING”.***

OR

PROPOSED MOTION #2

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, SECTIONS 4 AND 6 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, HEREBY MOVES TO REJECT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "**AN ACT CONCERNING PANHANDLING**".

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 **APRIL 5, 2016** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET – SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **MARCH 31, 2016** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report for March, 2016 for the Vernon Police Department as submitted by John Kelley, Captain.
 2. Monthly Report for March, 2016 for the Vernon Town Clerk as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
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Q.) ADJOURNMENT