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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
7:30 P.M.

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B.) ROLL CALL

C.) CITIZENS FORUM

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
17 FEB 17 PM 12:36

PUBLIC HEARING #1 (7:35 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS
RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES
KNOWN AS:

- o PARCEL #22-0043-00020
Parcel located between 17 and 19 Dailey Circle
- o PARCEL #39-0621-00093
Bancroft Place adjacent to 214 South Street
- o PARCEL #01-158A-00013
97 Main Street, Talcottville (Talcottville School)

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

NOTE: Final action to be considered during *Section I. Pending Business #1)*

PUBLIC HEARING #2 (8:00 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO ORDINANCE #B-17-01, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,245,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 135 BOLTON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT; AND THE DESIGN, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PROPERTY FOR USE AS A SENIOR CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,245,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION."

- MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
- CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD
- PRESENTATION BY TOWN OFFICIALS
- MAYOR CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS
- MAYOR CHAMPAGNE DECLARES THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED
- MAYOR CHAMPAGNE RECONVENES THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

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 Town Council to approve 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 February 6, 2017 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FIFTEEN (15) FOR CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$14,940.93, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2017.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #12, #13, #14, #15, #16 and #17, for fiscal year 2016-2017 as provided by Finance Officer and Treasurer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached. (See budget forms with explanation attached to this agenda item.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #12, #13, #14, #15, #16 AND #17 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AS PROVIDED BY JAMES M. LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER, ON THE ATTACHED BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Ray Walker, Interim Fire Marshal, 55 W. Main Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority. Said appointment to commence on February 22, 2017 and expires May 7, 2019. (Mr. Walker will fill the unexpired term of Mr. Libros until a permanent Fire Marshal is hired.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF RAY WALKER, INTERIM FIRE MARSHAL, 55 W. MAIN STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON MAY 7, 2019.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Jason D. Seecat, (D), 118 Wildwood Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Conservation Commission, said term to commence on February 22, 2017 and expires December 31, 2019. (A copy of Mr. Seecat's resume is included for Town Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 189 - TOWN CODE SECTION 10-91 & 10-92, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JASON D. SEECAT, (D), 118 WILDWOOD ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 22, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2019.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council consider the disposal of the following town owned properties by negotiated sale. The parcels under consideration are as follows: Parcel #22-0043-00020 Parcel located between 17 and 19 Dailey Circle; and Parcel #39-0621-00093 Bancroft Place adjacent to 214 South Street.** (See memorandum dated February 16, 2017 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II SECTIONS 2-26 AND 2-27, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DISPOSE OF THE ***PARCEL LOCATED BETWEEN 17 AND 19 DAILEY CIRCLE/PARCEL #22-0043-00020 AND THE PARCEL LOCATED AT BANCROFT PLACE ADJACENT TO 214 SOUTH STREET/PARCEL #39-0621-00093, BY NEGOTIATED SALE.***

2. **Request the Town Council consider the disposal of the following town owned property by negotiated sale. The parcel under consideration is: Parcel #01-158A-00013 the parcel known as 97 Main Street, Talcottville.** (See memorandum dated February 16, 2017 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 2-26 AND 2-27, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SELL PARCEL #01-158A-00013 THE PARCEL KNOWN AS 97 MAIN STREET, TALCOTTVILLE THROUGH NEGOTIATED SALE.

J.) NEW BUSINESS

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

(ACTION – PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN SECTION “E”)

1. Report on the action taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission at its meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017, relative to 8-24 referrals.
2. Town Council deliberation and decision on adoption of the ordinances.
3. Mayor Daniel A. Champagne recommends the appropriation and action on the proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED MOTION #1:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS THE PROVISIONS OF BOND ORDINANCE B-17-01, “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,245,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 135 BOLTON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT; AND THE DESIGN, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PROPERTY FOR USE AS A SENIOR CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,245,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.”

PROPOSED MOTION #2:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES THAT A REFERENDUM BE HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER XII, SECTION 12 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, TO BE HELD ON MARCH 28, 2017, TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE FOLLOWING ENTITLED ORDINANCE:

“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,245,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 135 BOLTON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT; AND THE DESIGN, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PROPERTY FOR USE AS A SENIOR CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,245,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.”

THE WORDING OF THE QUESTION SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF VERNON APPROPRIATE \$3,245,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 135 BOLTON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT; AND THE DESIGN, RECONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PROPERTY FOR USE AS A SENIOR CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,245,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

VOTERS APPROVING SAID ORDINANCE SHALL VOTE “YES” AND VOTERS OPPOSING SAID ORDINANCE SHALL VOTE “NO”. VOTING SHALL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 AM AND 8:00 PM, AT CENTER 375,

375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE (ROUTE 30), VERNON, CONNECTICUT. PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED VOTERS, BUT ARE QUALIFIED TO VOTE AT REFERENDA, SHALL ALSO VOTE AT CENTER 375, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE (ROUTE 30), VERNON, CONNECTICUT, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 AM AND 8:00 PM. ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. THE TOWN CLERK SHALL CAUSE NOTICE OF SAID REFERENDUM TO BE PUBLISHED AND POSTED.

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 **FEBRUARY 7, 2017** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

3. Monthly Report for the Town Clerk's Office for the month of January, 2017 as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
 4. **REMINDER:** Invitation to the **2016 Awards Ceremony** for the Town of Vernon Fire Department. Please rsvp.
 5. Monthly Report for the Vernon Police Department for the month of January, 2017 as prepared by John Kelley, Captain of Police.
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Q.) ADJOURNMENT