

**Special Budget Minutes**  
**Vernon Town Council- Special Budget Meeting**  
**Town Hall- 14 Park Place- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**Vernon, Connecticut**  
**March 24, 2018- 9:00AM**

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

A) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

B) **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Steve Wakefield, Julie Clay, Mike Wendus, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Ann Letendre, Pauline Schaefer and Ralph Zahner.

**Absent:** Council Members Thomas DiDio, Jim Tedford, Brian Motola and Steve Peterson

**Entered During Meeting:** None

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Recording Secretary Cassandra Minor

D) **PRESENTATION:**

Finance Officer, Jeff O'Neill updated the council on previously asked questions.

9:05AM Recess; 9:07 Reconvened.

C) **PUBLIC HEARING (9:05AM)**

9:07AM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and questions.

9:07AM Clerk read the legal notice into record.

No comments from the public were made.

9:10AM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne adjourned the Public Hearing.

Returned to Special Meeting at 9:10AM

E) **BUDGET REVIEW:**

**1. Probate:**

Postponed to March 26, 2018.

**2. Hockanum Valley Community Council:**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #111, Hockanum Valley Community Council, Code 10456222, in the amount of \$180,000.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Hockanum Valley Community Council CEO, David O'Rourke spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page**

**#111, Hockanum Valley Community Council, Code 10456222, in the amount of \$180,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Child Guidance Clinic:**

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #112, Child Guidance Clinic, Code 10456223, in the amount of \$3,500. Motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #112, Child Guidance Clinic, Code 10456223, in the amount of \$3,500. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Exchange Club Clinic- Prevention of Child Abuse:**

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #113, Exchange Club - Prevention of Child Abuse, Code 10456224, in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Note: Exchange Club Clinic came up with alternative funding from another source and withdrew their budget for this proposed year.**

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to deduct \$5,000 to 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #113, Exchange Club - Prevention of Child Abuse, Code 10456224, in the amount of \$0. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. MARC, Inc, of Manchester:**

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #114, MARC, Inc. of Manchester, Code 10456226, in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #114, MARC, Inc. of Manchester, Code 10456226, in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Shelter Services:**

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #115, Shelter Services, Code 10456227, in the amount of \$3,500. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Social Services, Allison Maynard and Director of Youth Services, Michelle Hill spoke and answered questions.**

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #115, Shelter Services, Code 10456227, in the amount of \$3,500. Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Connecticut Legal Services:**

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #116, Connecticut Legal Services, Code 10456229, in the amount of \$1,500. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Wendy Wanchak spoke and answered questions.**

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #116, Connecticut Legal Services, Code 10456229, in the amount of \$1,500. Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Hartford Interval House:**

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #117, Hartford Interval House, Code 10456232, in the amount of \$2,500. Motion carried unanimously. President and CEO of Hartford Interval House, Mary Jane Foster introduced herself to the Council.**

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #117, Hartford Interval House, Code 10456232, in the amount of \$2,500.** Motion carried unanimously.

**9. YWCA Sexual Assault Services:**

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #118, YWCA Sexual Assault Services, Code 10456235, in the amount of \$2,000.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Assistant Director for Sexual Assault Crisis, a Program of the YWCA, Jen Oliver spoke and answered questions and distributed a handout summarizing the Sexual Assault Crisis services to Council Members.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #118, YWCA Sexual Assault Services, Code 10456235, in the amount of \$2,000.** Motion carried unanimously.

**10:05AM Recess; 10:22AM Reconvened.**

**10. Historical Society :**

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 9, Page #142, Historical Society, Code 10562261, in the amount of \$6,300.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Museum Director, Jean Luddy spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to deduct \$100 from Historical Society Budget. Motion carried with 5 in favor and 3 opposed, Council Members Zahner, Letendre and Schaefer.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 9, Page #142, Historical Society, Code 10562261, in the amount of \$6,200.** Motion carried unanimously.

**11. North Central District Health Department:**

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #109, North Central District Health Department, Code 10455220, in the amount of \$136,121.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of the North Central District Health Department, Patrice Sulik spoke and answered questions and distributed a Budget Review FY2018-2019 and business cards to Council Members.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #109, North Central District Health Department, Code 10455220, in the amount of \$136,121.** Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Greater Hartford Transit District :**

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #41, Greater Hartford Transit District, Code 10116158, in the amount of \$4,377.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #41, Greater Hartford Transit District, Code 10116158, in the amount of \$4,377.** Motion carried with 7 in favor and 1 abstention, Council Member Wendus.

**13. Arts Commission:**

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 9, Page #141, Arts Commission, Code 10562260, in the amount of \$4,540.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Chairman of the Arts Commission, Sandra Justin spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to deduct \$100 from the Arts Commission Budget. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 2 opposed, Council Members Letendre and Schaefer.

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 9, Page #141, Arts Commission, Code 10562260, in the amount of \$4,440.** Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Social Services :**

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #120, Social Services, Code 10456240, in the amount of \$261,321.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Social Services, Allison Maynard spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to deduct \$1,000 from the Social Services Budget. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 2 opposed Council Member Letendre and Schaefer.

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #120, Social Services, Code 10456240, in the amount of \$260,321.** Motion carried unanimously.

**15. Youth Services :**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #123, Youth Services, Code 10456241, in the amount of \$217,702.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Youth Services, Michelle Hill spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to deduct \$500 from Youth Services Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #123, Youth Services, Code 10456241, in the amount of \$217,202.** Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Town Clerk :**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #34, Town Clerk, Code 10115150, in the amount of \$273,425.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Assistant Town Clerk, Karen Daigle spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to deduct \$1,400 from the Town Clerk Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #34, Town Clerk, Code 10115150, in the amount of \$272,025.** Motion carried unanimously.

**17. Town Council :**

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #1, Town Council, Code 10110110, in the amount of \$12,165.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion

ensued. Assistant Town Clerk, Karen Daigle and Executive Assistant, Diane Wheelock spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to deduct \$2,000 from the Town Council Budget. Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Campbell withdrew said motion.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to deduct \$500 from the Town Council Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #1, Town Council, Code 10110110, in the amount of \$11,665.** Motion carried unanimously.

F) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**  
None.

G) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 26, 2018**

11:26AM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:

Cassandra Minor

Recording Secretary.