

Special Budget Minutes

Vernon Town Council- Special Budget Meeting

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March 26, 2018- 7:00PM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Steve Wakefield, Thomas DiDio, Mike Wendus, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Ann Letendre, Pauline Schaefer, Steve Peterson and Ralph Zahner.

Absent: Council Member Julie Clay

Entered During Meeting: Council Member Motola at 7:03PM and Council Member Bush at 7:01PM

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

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM:

None.

D) PRESENTATION:

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer to presented updates since the March 24, 2018 meeting

E) BUDGET REVIEW:

1. Probate:

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion open **Tab 5, Page #3, Probate, Code 1011112, in the amount of \$13,655.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Probate Judge, James Purnell spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #3, Probate, Code 1011112, in the amount of \$13,655.** Motion carried unanimously.

2. Data Processing Center:

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 12, Page #196, Data Processing Center, Code 51617710, in the amount of \$1,951,269.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Finance Officer Jeff O'Neill and Director of Data Processing, Robert Sigan spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 12, Page #196, Data Processing, Code 51617710, in the amount of \$1,951,269.** Motion carried unanimously.

3. Data Processing:

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #42, Data Processing, Code 10117160, in the amount of \$1,053,415.** Motion carried unanimously. Director of Data Processing, Robert Sigan spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #42, Data Processing, Code 10117160, in the amount of \$1,053,415.** Motion carried unanimously.

4. Recreation Administration:

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 9, Page #130, Recreation Administration, Code 10560250, in the amount of \$371,572.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Parks and Recreation Director, Marty Sitler spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Zahner made a motion to reduce Object Code #55010 to \$100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to close **Tab 9, Page #130, Recreation Administration, Code 10560250, in the amount of \$371,005.** Motion carried unanimously.

5. Recreation Public Celebration:

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 9, Page #135, Public Celebration, Code #10560253, in the amount of \$14,500.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Parks and Recreation Director, Marty Sitler and Executive Assistant, Diane Wheelock spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 9, Page #135, Public Celebration, Code #10560253, in the amount of \$14,500.** Motion carried unanimously.

6. Recreation Parks Maintenance:

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 9, Page #136, Parks Maintenance, Code #10560254, in the amount of \$739,549.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Parks and Recreation Director, Marty Sitler spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close **Tab 9, Page #136, Parks Maintenance, Code #10560254, in the amount of \$739,549.** Motion carried unanimously.

7. Recreation Programs Account:

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 12, Page #177, Recreation Programs Account, Code 26560444, in the amount of \$754,149.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Parks and Recreation Director, Marty Sitler spoke and answered questions.

8:24PM Council Member Bush left table; 8:27PM returned.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close **Tab 12, Page #177, Recreation Programs Account, Code 26560444, in the amount of \$754,149.** Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 member absent from the table, Council Member Bush.

8. Invasive Aquatic Plant Management:

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 9, Page #144, Invasive Aquatic Plant Management, Code 10570268, in the amount of \$14,000.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Parks and Recreation Director, Marty Sitler spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 9, Page #144, Invasive Aquatic Plant Management, Code 10570268, in the amount of \$14,000.** Motion carried unanimously.

9. Engineering:

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to open **Tab 7, Page #105, Engineering, Code 10341214, in the amount of \$304,700**. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Town Engineer, David Smith spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Zahner made a motion to reduce Object Code #54330 by \$685. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to deduct \$63,200 from Object Code #55101. Discussion ensued. Motion failed with 1 in favor and 10 opposed, Council Members Zahner, Schaefer, DiDio, Motola, Wendus, Wakefield, Bush, Campbell, Tedford and Letendre.

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to deduct \$400 from Object Code #55010. Discussion ensued. Motion failed with 3 in favor and 8 opposed, Council Members DiDio, Motola, Wendus, Wakefield, Bush, Campbell, Tedford and Letendre.

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to deduct \$150 from Object Code #56500. Discussion ensued. Motion failed with 2 in favor and 9 opposed, Council Members, Schaefer, DiDio, Motola, Wendus, Wakefield, Bush, Campbell, Tedford and Letendre.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #105, Engineering, Code 10341214, in the amount of \$304,015**. Motion carried unanimously.

8:55PM Recess; 9:09PM

10. Community and Economic Development:

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #48, Community and Economic Development, Code 10151171, in the amount of \$131,468**. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Economic Development Coordinator, Shaun Gately spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #48, Community and Economic Development, Code 10151171, in the amount of \$131,468**. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Town Planner :

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #44, Town Planner, Code 10150170, in the amount of \$180,594**. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Town Planner, Marina Rodriguez spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Zahner made a motion to deduct \$500 from Object Code #55500. Discussion ensued. Finance Officer, Jeff O'Neill spoke and answered questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to deduct \$500 from Object Code #55660. Discussion ensued. Finance Officer, Jeff O'Neill spoke and answered questions. Motion carried with 9 in favor and 2 opposed, Council Members DiDio and Letendre.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to deduct \$1,000 from Object Code #56010. Discussion ensued. Finance Officer, Jeff O'Neill spoke and answered questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #44, Town Planner, Code 10150170, in the amount of \$178,594**. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Building Inspection:

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open **Tab 6, Page #69, Building Inspection, Code 10232187, in the amount of \$422,151**. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued. Building Official, John LaBossiere spoke and answered questions.

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close **Tab 6, Page #69, Building Inspection, Code 10232187, in the amount of \$422,151**. Motion carried unanimously.

F) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

None.

G) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 29, 2018**

9:46PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:

Cassandra Minor

Recording Secretary.