

Special Budget Minutes

Vernon Town Council- Special Budget Meeting

Town Hall- 14 Park Place- 3rd Floor

Vernon, Connecticut

March 29, 2018- 7:00PM

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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, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Ann Letendre, Laura Bush, Pauline Schaefer, Julie Clay and Steve Peterson.

Absent: Council Members Wendus and Zahner

Entered During Meeting: Council Member Motola at 8:47PM

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

D) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer presented updates since the March 26, 2018 meeting.

7:02 Recess; 7:05 Reconvened

C) PUBLIC HEARING (7:05PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2018-2019 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.

7:05PM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and questions.

7:05PM Clerk read the legal notice into record.

No comments from the public were made.

7:07PM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne adjourned the Public Hearing.

Returned to Special Meeting at 7:07PM

D) PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne commented on the change that the Tuesday April 3, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting is relatively short. Administration has decided to finish the budget deliberations at that meeting and cancel the Saturday April 7, 2018 Special Meeting.

E) BUDGET REVIEW:

1. Public Works – Administration:

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open Tab 7, Page #78, Public Works- Administration, Code 10340200, in the amount of \$702,723. Motion carried

unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #78, Public Works- Administration, Code 10340200, in the amount of \$702,723.** Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Works – General Maintenance

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 7, Page #82, Public Works, General Maintenance, Code 10340201, in the amount of \$1,393,894.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #82, Public Works, General Maintenance, Code 10340201, in the amount of \$1,393,894.** Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Works – Equipment Maintenance

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 7, Page #86, Public Works-Equipment Maintenance, Code 10340202, in the amount of \$767,488.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #86, Public Works-Equipment Maintenance, Code 10340202, in the amount of \$767,488.** Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Works – Maintenance of Government Buildings

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 7, Page #90, Public Works- Maintenance of Government Buildings, Code 10340203, in the amount of \$829,146.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans and Frank Zitkus spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #90, Public Works- Maintenance of Government Buildings, Code 10340203, in the amount of \$829,146.** Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Works – Snow Removal

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 7, Page #94, Public Works- Snow Removal, Code 10340204, in the amount of \$282,236.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #94, Public Works- Snow Removal, Code 10340204, in the amount of \$282,236.** Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 7, Page #96, Public Works, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Code 10340205, in the amount of \$1,045,121.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions.

8:28PM Council Member Bush left table; 8:40PM returned.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #96, Public Works, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Code 10340205, in the amount of \$1,045,121.** Motion carried unanimously of present members.

7. Public Works – Recycling

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 7, Page #99, Public Works- Recycling, Code 10340206, in the amount of \$344,544.** Motion carried unanimously of present members. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #99, Public Works- Recycling, Code 10340206, in the amount of \$344,544.** Motion carried unanimously of present members.

8. Public Works – Condominium Refuse

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to open **Tab 7, Page #102, Public Works- Condominium Refuse, Code 10340207, in the amount of \$4,803.** Motion carried unanimously of present members.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #102, Public Works- Condominium Refuse, Code 10340207, in the amount of \$4,803.** Motion carried unanimously.

9. Public Works – Tree Warden

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 7, page #103, Public Works- Tree Warden, Code 10340208, in the amount of \$15,150.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 7, page #103, Public Works- Tree Warden, Code 10340208, in the amount of \$15,150.** Motion carried unanimously.

10. Public Works – Leaf Collection

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 7, Page #104, Public Works- Leaf Collection, Code 10340209, in the amount of \$112,925.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #104, Public Works- Leaf Collection, Code 10340209, in the amount of \$112,925.** Motion carried unanimously.

11. Center 375

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 12, Page #192, Center 375, Code 42340704, in the amount of \$462,135.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions.

8:47PM Council Member Motola entered meeting.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 12, Page #192, Center 375, Code 42340704, in the amount of \$462,135.** Motion carried unanimously.

8:54PM Recess; 9:05PM Reconvened.

12. Fire Fighting Administration

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 6, Page #60, Fire Fighting Administration, Code 10231183, in the amount of \$669,805.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Fire Chief, Steve Eppler spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to deduct \$400 from the Computer Maintenance account. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 3 opposed, Council Members Letendre, Bush and DiDio.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to deduct \$50 from Painting supplies account. Motion failed with 5 in favor 6 opposed, Council Members Letendre, Bush, Schaefer, DiDio and Wakefield (tie-breaker vote in favor cast by Mayor Daniel Champagne).

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close **Tab 6, Page #60, Fire Fighting Administration, Code 10231183, in the amount of \$669,405.** Motion carried unanimously.

13. Public Safety – Fire Hydrants

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 6, Page #77, Public Safety- Fire Hydrants, Code 10231190, in the amount of \$732,432.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Fire Chief, Steve Eppler spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 6, Page #77, Public Safety- Fire Hydrants, Code 10231190, in the amount of \$732,432.** Motion carried unanimously.

14. Ambulance Division

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 12, Page #167, Ambulance Division, Code 22231417, in the amount of \$1,255,268.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Fire Chief, Steve Eppler and EMS Coordinator, Jean Gauthier spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 12, Page #167, Ambulance Division, Code 22231417, in the amount of \$1,255,268.** Motion carried unanimously.

15. Fire Marshal

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open **Tab 6, Page #66, Fire Marshal, Code 10232185, in the amount of \$158,085.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Fire Marshal, Ray Walker spoke and answered questions.

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 6, Page #66, Fire Marshal, Code 10232185, in the amount of \$158,085.** Motion carried unanimously.

16. Emergency Management

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 6, Page #74, Emergency Management, Code 10232189, in the amount of \$52,374.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Emergency Management Director, Michael Purcaro spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to deduct \$200 from Object Code 555010. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to deduct \$900 from Object Code 55315. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 6, Page #74, Emergency Management, Code 10232189, in the amount of \$51,274**. Motion carried unanimously.

F) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

None.

G) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO April 2, 2018**

10:04PM 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.