

Special Budget Minutes

Vernon Town Council- Special Budget Meeting

Town Hall- 14 Park Place- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Vernon, Connecticut

April 3, 2018-

Immediately following the Town Council Meeting

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:50PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Michael Wendus, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Ann Letendre and Ralph Zahner

Absent: Council Member Steve Peterson

Entered During Meeting: None

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

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM:

None.

D) PRESENTATION:

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and James Luddecke, Treasurer presented any updates since the April 2, 2018 meeting. Discussion ensued.

E) BUDGET REVIEW: MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION OR DISCUSSION:

1. **Revenue**

Discussion ensued. Treasurer James Luddecke spoke on behalf of any updates to the Connecticut State Budget. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions regarding the Vernon Transfer Station.

2. **Opportunity for Town Council Members to add or delete from the Mayor's proposed budget:**

Data Processing:

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

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to decrease Object Code 53331 by \$1,500 to eliminate the Qscend Hosting Fee. Discussion ensued. Director of Data Processing, Robert Sigan spoke and answered questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to decrease Object Code 54324 by \$8,601 for the Qscend Reporting System. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #42, Data Processing, Code 10117160, in the amount of \$1,043,314.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Building Inspection:**

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

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to decrease Object Code 58232 by \$2,000. Discussion ensued. Building Official, John LaBossiere spoke and answered question. Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Zahner made an amended motion to decrease Object Code 58232 by \$1,500. James Luddecke, Treasurer, spoke. Council Member Wakefield seconded by Council Member Zahner further amended the motion to decrease Object Code 58232 by \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield seconded by Council Member Clay made an amended motion to reflect a decrease Object Code 57810 by \$500. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 opposed, Council Member Letendre.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 6, Page #69, Building Inspection, Code 10232187, in the amount of \$420,651.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Connecticut Legal Services:**

Council Member Wakefield, 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 with 10 in favor and 1 opposed, Council Member DiDio.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Clay made a motion to decrease account by \$1,500. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 5 opposed Council Members Schaefer, DiDio, Zahner, Bush and Letendre.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #116, Connecticut Legal Services, Code 10456229, in the amount of \$0.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works-Snow Removal:**

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

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Clay made a motion to decrease Object Code 56181 Salt and Sand by 40,000. Discussion ensued. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention, Council Member Tedford.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 7, Page #94, Public Works- Snow Removal, Code 10340204, in the amount of \$242,236.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Child Guidance Clinic:**

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

opposed, Council Members DiDio, Bush and Letendre.

Council Member Clay seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to decrease account by \$100. Discussion ensued. Motion died due to tie vote and 1 abstention.

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.

**Hockanum Valley Community Council:**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #111, Hockanum Valley Community Council, Code 10456222, in the amount of \$180,000.** Motion carried with 7 in favor and 4 opposed, Council Members Letendre, Schaefer, DiDio and Bush.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Clay made a motion to deduct account by \$5,000. Discussion ensued. Motion died with tie vote and 1 abstention.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #111, Hockanum Valley Community Council, Code 10456222, in the amount of \$180,000.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Parks Maintenance:**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Clay 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 Motola, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to decrease Object Code 57590 in the amount of \$6,300 for enclosed trailer for tools. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made an amended motion to decrease Object Code 57590 by \$8,300. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close **Tab 9, Page 136, Parks Maintenance, Code 10560254, in the amount of \$731,249.** Motion carried unanimously.

**8:59PM Recess; 9:21PM Reconvened.**

F) **FINALIZE BUDGET**

**APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019**

COUNCIL MEMBER WAKEFIELD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CAMPBELL HEREBY APPROVES THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$30,704,225.00**; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$8,323,021.00**; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$53,144,204.00**, FOR A TOTAL GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF **\$92,171,450.00**. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 opposed, Council Member Zahner.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019:**

COUNCIL MEMBER WAKEFIELD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CAMPBELL HEREBY APPROVES THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$92,171,450.00** TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF

**\$92,171,450.00**, AND AUTHORIZES THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUE AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 FOR PRESENTATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/TOWN MEETING:**

COUNCIL MEMBER WAKEFIELD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CAMPBELL HEREBY APPROVES AND PRESENTS THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$92,171,450.00** TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 AT 7:00 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM OF ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AT 70 LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. THE TOWN CLERK IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PUBLISH A SUMMARY OF SAID PROPOSED BUDGET AND ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY ESTIMATES SHOWING ANTICIPATED REVENUES BY MAJOR SOURCES AND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS BY FUNCTION AND/OR DEPARTMENTS AND THE AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION, AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion carried unanimously.

**G) ADJOURNMENT:**

9:27PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:

Cassandra Minor

Recording Secretary.