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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018
7:30 P.M.

RECORDED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
18 FEB 16 PM 12:46

- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZENS FORUM

- D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

SESSION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200, (6) (B), HEREBY GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE TAX APPEALS: **CV-17-6039043-S BOSTONROCKVILLE, LLC vs TOWN OF VERNON ET AL.**, AND **CV-17-6039046-S BOSTONVERNON11, LLC vs. TOWN OF VERNON, ET AL.**, AND INVITES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL J. PURCARO, ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY MARTIN BURKE AND TOWN OF VERNON ASSESSOR DAVID WHEELER TO ATTEND.

SESSION #2

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200, (6) (E), AND PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 1-210, (b) (7), CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY INC., HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND INVITES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL J. PURCARO AND ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY MARTIN BURKE TO ATTEND.

SESSION #3

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200, (2), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER AND INVITES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL J. PURCARO AND ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DAWN MASELEK TO ATTEND.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

Presentation by Town Clerk Bernice K. Dixon relative to the newly purchased Town Clerk's Comprehensive Operating System.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years.**
(See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated February 9, 2018 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOUR (4) TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$1156.56 FOR PRIOR YEARS, AND FOURTY-EIGHT (48) TOTALLING \$64,760.33 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2018.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of James Ferguson, Jr., (U), 65 Dockerel Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said term to commence February 21, 2018 and expires June 30, 2019.** (A copy of Mr. Ferguson's resume is included in the Council packet for review. It should be noted that Mr. Ferguson is filling the expired term of Carl Slusarczyk.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2 & 6;
THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES FERGUSON, JR., (U), 65 DOCKEREL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2019.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the approve the schedule of dates for the upcoming 2018-2019 Budget Deliberations.** (See memorandum from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant dated February 14, 2018 for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MEETING DATES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018, MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018, THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018, AND MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018, ALL WITH A START TIME OF 7:30 PM, AND SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018 WITH A START TIME OF 9:00 AM. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018 BEGINNING AT 9:05 AM AND THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018 at 7:35 PM TO HEAR COMMENTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2018-2019 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. ALL BUDGET MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, TOWN HALL, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER, CHAPTER VI "ANNUAL TOWN MEETING", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES, *APRIL 24, 2018* AS THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING, TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2018-2019 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. THE *APRIL 24, 2018* PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM.

2. **Request the Town Council approve** Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of the new Finance Officer. (See attached documentation for Town Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER X, SECTION 3, AND CHAPTER XI, SECTION 1,3(A) AND 9 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY O'NEILL AS FINANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON.

3. **Request the Town Council authorize the Vernon Board of Education to spend 100% of project revenues and authorizes the local share (less reimbursements) for Vernon Center Middle School Partial Roof Replacement Project.** (Additional information will be forthcoming from James M. Luddecke, Interim Finance Officer via email.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1

RESOLVE, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF 100%, OF THE PROJECT REVENUES OR \$2,000,000.00 TO COMPLETE THE VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #2

RESOLVE, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE LOCAL SHARE OR \$650,000.00 OF THE VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT COST.

4. **Request the Town Council authorize Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro to execute all necessary paperwork to make application for and receive 2017 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.** (See memorandum from Michael J. Purcaro relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL J. PURCARO TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE THE **2017 FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FUNDING.**

5. **Request the Town Council authorize both a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting for March 6, 2018 regarding an Additional Appropriation for General Government in an amount not to exceed \$ 273,923.95 to the fiscal year 2017-2018 General Government Budget for the purpose of updating the Town of Vernon fleet.** (A copy of said legal notice and resolution will be provided by Interim Finance Director James M. Luddecke via email.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR MARCH 6, 2018 AT 7:35PM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE TOWN HALL MEMORIAL BUILDING, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO HEAR COMMENT AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION RELATIVE TO "A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$273,923.95.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

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 6, 2018** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report for the Town Clerk's Office for January, 2018 as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
2. Monthly Report for the Town of Vernon Police Department for January, 2018, as submitted by Captain of Police John Kelley.
3. Invitation from the Fire Department for their **2017 Awards Ceremony**, Monday, February 26, 2018 at Rockville High School Auditorium, 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut 06066.

Q.) ADJOURNMENT