

January 15, 2019

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

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January 15, 2019 - 7:30 PM

Mayor Daniel Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

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, Steve Peterson, Ann Letendre and Ralph Zahner

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Council Member Julie Clay at 7:45 PM

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM

None

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council authorize the disposal of fixed assets for the Rockville Public Library.** (See memorandum dated January 4, 2019 from Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FOR THE ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY AS DISCLOSED ON THE FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL REQUEST FORMS.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to approve the disposal of fixed assets for the Rockville Public Library. Library director, Jennifer Johnston, spoke and answered questions. Motion carried unanimously.

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:41 PM Council Member Wakefield, made the following motion to go into Executive Session #1:

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

There was no second to the motion, and Council Member withdrew said motion.

7:43 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made the following motion:

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THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (B) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

Motion carried unanimously.

7:45 PM Council Member Clay entered the meeting, into Executive Session.

8:21 PM Executive Session ended.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made the following motion:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ACCEPTS THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT AS PRESENTED BY ADMINISTRATION BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THE POLICE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY UNITED ELECTRICAL RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA, U.E. 222, CONNECTICUT INDEPENDENT LABOR UNION, CILU LOCAL #47.

Council Member Wakefield was absent from the table for the reading of the motion, but returned at 8:22 PM prior to the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING
None

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

- Congratulations to Craig's Restaurant. Craig's was one of the featured restaurants selected to participate in the Governor's Inaugural Ball.
- Congratulations to the Walsh Family on the redesign and upgrade of their Route 83 McDonald's restaurant. McDonald's is implementing a new business model and the Vernon store is among the first to feature it.
- The mayor recently attended a meeting about crumbling foundations in condominium complexes, an informative event for property owners, held at Rockville High School.
- On January 15th, all council members were invited to a Regional Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education in partnership with the Boards of Education in Vernon, Ellington and Tolland. It was a very successful event, attended by our local legislators. A special thank you to Council Members Julie Clay, Bill Campbell, Laura Bush and Tom Didio for their participation.
- The budget process is in full swing here in Vernon. Michael Purcaro and Jeff O'Neill have been working with department heads to implement "zero based budgeting" and other cost-effective solutions. Commission meetings have been scheduled in the next few weeks for Human

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Services and Capital Improvements. Budget books will be delivered no later than March 15, 2019 for the council's review.

- Open House at the Rockville Public Library is scheduled for January 31, 2019 from 3-6PM. Come and participate in the pop-up book sale, children's programs, meet the staff, and share your ideas about the future of the Rockville Public Library with our new Director Jennifer Johnston.
- The Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Referendum took place on January 15th and passed.
- The Town owned property located at 133 Tunnel Road is under contract and the purchase price is more than the Town of Vernon paid for it. The buyer will move forward with their due diligence and work through the Planning and Zoning process.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Tedford, made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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 January 3, 2019 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWENTY-TWO (22) PRIOR YEAR(S) TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$2,497.84 AND THIRTEEN (13) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$1,959.08 AS REFERENCED IN THE LETTER FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED JANUARY 3, 2019.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Judith M. Hany, (R), 12 Franklin Park East, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Capital Improvements Committee, said appointment to commence January 16, 2019 and expires August 30, 2021.** (A copy of Ms. Hany's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10-61 - 10-63, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH M. HANY, (R), 12 FRANKLIN PARK EAST, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 16, 2019 AND EXPIRES AUGUST 30, 2021.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Stephen H. Ransom, Jr., (R), 23 Olive Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Design Review Advisory Commission, said appointment to commence on January 16, 2019 and expires December 31, 2021.** (A copy of Mr. Ransom's resume is included for Council review.)

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PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #268, TOWN CODE SEC. 10-105 - 10-108 THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN H. RANSOM, (R), 23 OLIVE LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE JANUARY 16, 2019 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2021.

H.) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**
None

I.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

1. **Update on the Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade and the January 15, 2019 referendum in progress until 8:00 PM. This item may require further action based on the result.** (Robert Grasis, Director of the Water Pollution Facility will be present for updates and questions.)

The Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade referendum passed, so no new motions were required.

J.) **NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

2. **Request the Town Council authorize the disposal of fixed assets for the Vernon Department of Public Works.** (See memorandum dated January 8, 2019 from Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AS DISCLOSED ON THE FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL REQUEST FORMS.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to approve the disposal of fixed assets for the Department of Public Works. Mayor Champagne spoke. Motion carried unanimously.

K.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**
None

L.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**
None

M.) **IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.**
None

N.) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
None

O.) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **DECEMBER 18, 2018** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Tedford, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. FOIA 2019 approved Town Council meeting dates.

Adjourn (8:28 PM)

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: January 22, 2019

Approved: February 5, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary