

March 27, 2010

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

March 27, 2010 – 10:00 AM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Harry D. Thomas,

Absent: Pauline Schaefer, Sean O'Shea

Entered During Meeting: Michael A. Winkler, Marie Herbst (10:27 AM)

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

CITIZEN'S FORUM

No speakers at Citizen's forum.

Citizen's forum closed at 10:07 AM

PUBLIC HEARING

Open Public Hearing (10:08 AM)

Mayor McCoy called the public hearing to order to receive comments and answer any questions from the public. The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

Public comments:

No public comments

Close Public Hearing (10:10 AM)

Mayor McCoy closed the public hearing.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jason L. McCoy and James Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present Budget 2010-2011 overview to the Town Council prior to the beginning of deliberations.

Mayor McCoy informed Town Council Members that the Equestrian Center may not be coming to Vernon due to the fact they need 2,000 parking spots. There will be a turning lane installed on Route 83 in front of Scranton Motors. Home Depot is moving forward with their plans. Town Administrator Ward presented information regarding the latest Budget Mitigation plan passed by the Senate. Mr. Luddecke presented a summary of revenue. Discussion took place.

MAYORAL REQUEST:

The Mayor hereby requests that each Department Head in attendance present a brief overview of their department's budget to the Town Council prior to budget discussion.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2010-2011 for various departments, divisions and organizations to include:

North Central Health District
Water Pollution Control Authority
Waste Treatment Plant Operation
Housing Authority – Sewer Subsidy
Data Processing Center
Data Processing
Executive and Administration
Law
Finance – Administration
Finance – Independent Audit
Finance – Treasury
Finance – Purchasing
Capital Improvements – Town
Social Security and Medicare
Pension
Group Insurance
Unemployment Insurance
Municipal Insurance
Contingency
Debt Service – Principal Payments
Debt Service – Interest Payments

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

North Central Health District

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to open tab 8, page 43, in the amount of \$118,461, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Mr. Beirn will put a link to the restaurant inspections in the North Central Health District posted on CTNow.com. Mayor McCoy requested Council Member Anderson follow up with Local Health Director Blitz regarding NCHD being set up as a link within QSend.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to close tab 8, page 43, account 10455220 in the amount of \$118,461, motion carried unanimously.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 5, page 19, in the amount of 13,641, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 19, account 10116157 in the amount of \$13,641, motion carried unanimously.

Waste Treatment Plant Operation

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 12, page 82, in the amount of \$5,615,919, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Etre made a suggestion to include separate sections on the sewer use bills for the different fees for sewer use and collection. He also suggested the Waste Treatment Plant look into synchronous condensing grid stabilizing generators and report back to Town Council Members prior to the final budget meeting on April 7. Council Member Anderson suggested the WPCA consider creating a sub-committee to review WPCA Ordinances and Revenue Streams.

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Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 12, page 82, account 41345700 in the amount of \$5,615,919, motion carried unanimously.

Housing Authority – Sewer Subsidy

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 10, page 71, in the amount of \$46,440, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 10, page 71, account 10673282 in the amount of \$46,440, motion carried unanimously

Data Processing Center/ Data Processing

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to open tab 12, page 84, in the amount of \$694,000, and tab 5, page 21, in the amount of \$486,557, motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to add \$2.00 to object code 51010 for the Analyst Assistant Network and Analyst Technical Support positions for a total of \$256,273. Motion carried, Council Member Herbst opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to reduce object code 54324 by \$2.00 for a total of \$92,998. Council Members Winkler and Herbst opposed, Council Member Krupinski abstained. Council Member Campbell requested a list of specific trainings include in object code 55674.

RECESS (1:44 PM)

RECONVENE (2:05 PM)

Council Member Krupinski requested clarification and updated pages on the following object codes: tab 5 page 21: 55331, 55310, 55330, 55674 and Tab 12, page 84: 53040, 53331, 54110, 53800, 57710, 55320, 57792, and 54324.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 12, page 84, account 51617710 in the amount of \$694,000, and tab 5, page 21, account 10117160 in the amount of \$486,557, motion carried unanimously

Executive and Administration

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to open tab 5, page 3, in the amount of \$694,078, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Krupinski requested Administration provide an updated salary for the Mayor based on non-Union cola increases by the April 7, 2010 meeting.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 5, page 3, account 10112120 in the amount of \$694,078, motion carried, Council Members Anderson, Motola, Thomas, Krupinski and Hany opposed – tie vote, Mayor opposed.

Law

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Hany made a motion to open tab 5, page 4, in the amount of \$160,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

3:30 PM Council Member Krupinski left the room

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 4, account 10112121 in the amount of \$160,000, motion carried unanimously

Finance – Administration

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 5, page 9, in the amount of \$409,780, motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion took place.

3:32 PM Council Member Krupienski returned.

3:40 PM Council Member Anderson left the room.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 9, account 10114140 in the amount of \$409,780, motion carried, Council Member Herbst abstained.

Finance – Independent Audit

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 5, page 10, in the amount of \$45,375, motion carried unanimously.

3:43 Council Member Anderson returned

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 10, account 10114141 in the amount of \$45,375, motion carried unanimously

Finance – Treasury

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 5, page 11, in the amount of \$2,180, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 11, account 10114142 in the amount of \$2,180, motion carried unanimously

Finance – Purchasing

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 5, page 12, in the amount of \$10,580, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 5, page 12, account 10114143 in the amount of \$10,580, motion carried unanimously

Capital Improvements – Town

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 11, page 72, in the amount of 0, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to close tab 11, page 72, account 10780290 in the amount of \$0, motion carried unanimously

RECESS (4:09 PM)

This meeting was recessed until Wednesday March 31, 2010 - 7:00 PM.

Council Member Motola, made a motion to recess.

Received: March 31, 2010

Approved: May 4, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle
Assistant Town Clerk

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Appendix A

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF VERNON

**PUBLIC HEARINGS
AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ON PROPOSED BUDGET
MARCH 22, 2010; MARCH 27, 2010;
and APRIL 27, 2010**

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that the Town Council will hold a Budget Public Hearing on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Town Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut. The Second Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Town Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut. The Annual Town Meeting and Third Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Rockville High School, 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut. Electors and Qualified Taxpayers are invited to attend and provide the Mayor and Town Council with written or oral comments and ask questions concerning the Town's proposed budget for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

The entire proposed budget, including budget summary, can be inspected from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday in the Town Clerk's Office, Memorial Building, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut.

The Town Council, by Bernice K. Dixon, CCTC, Vernon Town Clerk

Dated at Vernon, Connecticut, this 18th day of March, 2010.
Journal Inquirer
March 20, 2010

Appendix B

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LEGAL NOTICE

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A summary of proposed expenditures and anticipated revenues are as follows:

TOWN OF VERNON, CT
APPROPRIATIONS
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011

Description	Actual FY 2008-09	Approved Budget FY 2009-10	Revised Budget FY 2009-10	6 Months Expended FY 2009-10	Estimated Expended FY 2009-10	Department Request FY 2010-11	Mayor Recommend FY 2010-11	Increase (Decrease) Column 7-2
General Government:								
General Government	\$3,030,806	\$2,748,176	\$3,058,852	\$1,346,910	\$3,039,483	\$3,047,418	\$2,741,847	(\$6,329)
Community Development	333,007	326,497	338,366	207,451	321,124	307,701	277,701	(48,796)
Public Safety	7,403,589	7,738,505	7,995,379	3,942,860	7,603,656	8,145,100	7,831,120	92,615
Maintenance and Development	5,681,843	5,635,974	5,678,902	2,440,450	5,656,540	5,482,248	5,447,348	(188,629)
Human Services	906,592	926,300	941,059	506,532	918,553	944,490	943,159	16,859
Parks, Recreation and Culture	1,309,429	1,306,615	1,327,609	698,888	1,330,219	1,350,605	1,319,743	13,128
Town Wide	6,300,581	6,786,082	6,960,841	3,988,405	6,752,098	7,136,656	7,136,656	350,574
Total General Government	24,965,847	25,468,149	26,304,888	13,151,496	25,821,673	26,414,218	25,697,574	229,425
Capital Improvements & Debt Service:								
Capital Improvements-Town	294,603	76,120	81,580	242,914	242,914	1,494,232	0	-76,120
Capital Improvements-Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt service	4,568,317	4,709,665	4,785,251	2,983,234	4,695,665	5,497,425	5,497,425	787,760
Total Capital improve./Debt service	4,862,920	4,785,785	4,838,831	3,226,148	4,938,579	6,991,657	5,497,425	711,640
Education	46,227,219	45,835,932	45,835,932	18,790,585	45,835,932	47,758,959	47,558,959	1,723,027
*** Grand Total ***	\$76,045,986	\$78,089,866	\$76,977,571	\$35,168,229	\$76,396,184	\$81,164,834	\$78,753,958	\$2,664,092

Description	Actual FY 2008-09	Approved Budget FY 2009-10	6 Months Expended FY 2009-10	Estimated Expended FY 2009-10	Department Request FY 2010-11	Mayor Recommend FY 2010-11	Incr (Decr) Over FY 2008-10
Education:							
Salaries and Wages	\$31,438,617	\$30,273,718		\$30,273,718	\$30,624,930	\$30,624,930	\$351,212
Employee Benefits	3,900,929	5,951,748		5,951,748	7,532,558	7,332,558	1,380,810
Professional and Technical Services	748,032	828,852		828,852	1,080,872	1,080,872	252,020
Property Services	1,581,047	1,603,117		1,603,117	1,417,098	1,417,098	(166,019)
Other Purchased Services	5,338,069	5,125,342		5,125,342	4,955,660	4,955,660	(163,882)
Supplies and Materials	2,278,858	1,640,288		1,640,288	1,797,994	1,797,994	157,706
Capital Equipment / Outlay	614,067	412,867		412,867	349,847	349,847	(63,020)
Other / Sundry	317,000	0		0	0	0	0
Total Education	\$46,227,219	\$45,835,932	\$18,790,585	\$45,835,932	47,758,959	47,558,959	1,723,027
Mayor Recommended Revisions						(200,000)	
Total Proposed Education Budget						\$47,558,959	

TOWN OF VERNON, CT
REVENUE ESTIMATES
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011

Description	Actual Revenue FY 2008-09	Revenue Estimates FY 2009-10	6 Months Collected FY 2009-10	Estimates Collected FY 2009-10	Revenue Estimates FY 2010-11	Increase (Decrease) Column 5 - 2
General Property Tax Levies	\$52,186,924	\$53,965,435	\$34,660,011	\$53,738,794	\$57,194,028	\$3,228,593
Licenses and Permits	406,025	437,348	237,316	389,400	415,300	(22,048)
Intergovernmental Revenues	21,194,696	19,822,170	5,159,585	20,568,757	19,377,352	(444,818)
Charges for Services	1,421,307	1,082,150	504,770	1,301,437	1,016,100	(64,050)
Fines and Penalties	10,088	10,630	4,313	8,200	11,200	570
Gifts and Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Money and Property	296,447	184,400	26,030	122,275	126,285	(58,115)
Other Revenues	332,852	345,303	183,797	342,042	374,083	28,780
Transfers In	576,876	242,430	9,980	237,117	237,610	(4,820)
Total Revenues	\$76,425,815	\$76,089,866	\$40,785,802	\$76,768,022	\$78,753,958	\$2,664,092

TOWN OF VERNON, CT
ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011

Description	Actual FY 2008-09	Budget FY 2009-10	Revised Budget FY 2009-10	6 Months Expended FY 2009-10	Estimated Expended FY 2009-10	Department Request FY 2010-11	Mayor Recommend FY 2010-11	Increase (Decrease) Column 7-2
Waste Treatment Plant	\$5,764,656	\$5,708,145	\$5,708,145	\$2,249,462	\$6,574,763	\$5,615,919	\$5,615,919	\$92,226
Center 375	206,097	240,849	240,849	272,777	416,607	233,654	233,654	(7,250)
Total Enterprise Activity	\$5,970,753	\$5,948,994	\$5,948,994	\$2,522,239	\$6,991,370	\$5,849,573	\$5,849,573	-\$99,521

* WPCA Recommended

Copies of the summary of proposed appropriations and anticipated revenues are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut.

Dated at Vernon, Connecticut this 15th day of March, 2010.

The Town Council, by Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk

Journal Inquirer
March 16, 2010