

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

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 – 7:30 PM

Mayor George Apel called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Thomas DiDio, Virginia Gingras, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Thomasina Russell, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger, and Michael Winkler

Absent:

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Bill Dauphin, 11 Olive Lane – spoke in favor of the resolution and asked Town Council members to formally affirm compensation to the Mayor.

Carl Schaefer, 1A Fox Hill Dr. – spoke against the Mayor receiving compensation outside the regular salary.

Allen Sheridan, 36 Christopher Dr. – does not support resolution and is in support of the overtime payments made to Mayor McCoy.

Jean Merz, 144 Phoenix Street – Spoke in support of the resolution and the return of overtime payments from former Mayor McCoy

7:45 PM - Council Member Hany, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to extend curfew for 15 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

James Krupienski, 59 Deerfield Drive – Spoke about the Mayor's position being underfunded, and the overtime payments to former Mayor McCoy.

William Nicholson, 86 Huntington Dr. – spoke in support of the overtime payments made to former Mayor McCoy

Harold Cummings, 32 Ravens Croft – for the record, Mr. Cummings is speaking as a citizen of the Town of Vernon and not offering a legal opinion as Town Attorney. Mr. Cummings spoke about his concerns with the proposed resolution and offered a substitute resolution.

8:04 PM – Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to extend curfew for 15 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Former Mayor Jason McCoy – spoke about the resolution and the work completed during the emergency he also provided information regarding reimbursements to the town from the Federal Government and Insurance company.

Citizen's forum closed at 8:08 PM

D.) New Business:

1. A Town Council resolution concerning notification.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the following motion for a resolution:

WHEREAS THE *CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF VERNON CONNECTICUT* STATES, IN CHAPTER 10, SECTION 1: "THE MAYOR SHALL BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE TOWN AND SHALL RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION AS SHALL BE FIXED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL;" BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL DIRECTS THAT A CERTIFIED LETTER BE SENT TO FORMER MAYOR JASON MCCOY REQUESTING THAT HE RETURN ANY COMPENSATION IN EXCESS OF THAT APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL."

Discussion took place. Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Motola made the following motion for an amended resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT NO MONETARY PAYMENTS OF ANY KIND, WHETHER FOR SALARY, STIPEND, WAGES, FRINGE BENEFITS, AND THE LIKE, EXCEPT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES PAID TO THIRD PARTIES, MAY BE MADE TO THE MAYOR EXCEPT UPON SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION OF THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL.

Discussion took place. Motion for amendment carried unanimously.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

Adjourn (8:34 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary