

**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

**April 14, 2010 – 7:00 PM**

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Michael A. Winkler

**Absent:** Sean O'Shea, Harry D. Thomas

**Entered During Meeting:**

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

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Watson Bellows, member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, commented that the Planning and Zoning Department do not need extra staff. He made suggestions about running the office more efficiently such as posting certain hours for development meetings and using consultants as necessary. He also spoke about the Town of Vernon Zoning Regulations need to be re-written. He suggested providing the Planning and Zoning Commission with resources to rewrite the regulations or finding time for the Planning and Zoning Officer to complete this task.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:18 PM.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

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

**DATA PROCESSING**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Hany made a motion to open tab 12, page 84 in the amount of \$694,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 55315 by \$3,000.00. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst and Schaefer opposed. Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to increase object code 51030 by 20,000. Discussion took place. Tie vote with 5 in favor and 5 opposed, Mayor McCoy voted in favor, motion carried. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to decrease object code 53331 by \$8,000. Discussion took place.

RECESS (8:31 PM)

RECONVENE (8:53 PM)

Council Member Campbell made a friendly amendment to keep \$1.00 in the object code. Motion failed, 4 in favor, 6 opposed. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 55340 by \$10,000.00. Discussion took place. Council member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to move the question, motion carried unanimously. Motion passed, 7 in favor, 3 opposed. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 57720 by \$2,000.

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Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 12, page 84, code 51617710 in the amount of \$701,000. Motion carried unanimously.

#### DATA PROCESSING

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 21, motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 55674 by \$3,000.00. Discussion took place. Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to move the question. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to reduce object code 55674 passed, Council Members Kurpienski, Winkler, Schaefer and Herbst opposed. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 55310 by \$1700.00. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 57720. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Schaefer and Herbst opposed. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 21, account 10117160 in the amount of \$476,817, motion carried unanimously.

RECESS (10:05 PM)

RECONVENE (10:16 PM)

#### MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open tab 8, page 50, motion carried unanimously. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to reduce object code 58700 by \$1,736 for a total of \$7264.00. Discussion took place. Council Members Anderson and Etre amended their motion to change the title of object code to "Shelter Services" in the amount of \$9,000, motion as amended carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 8, page 50, account 10456227 in the amount of \$9,000, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open tab 8, page 44, motion carried unanimously. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 58000 in the amount of \$4751.00. Discussion took place.

9:56 PM Mayor McCoy left the table.

Council member Etre, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to move the question. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to reduce object code 58000 carried, Council Members Herbst, Winkler, Krupienski and Schaefer opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to extend curfew until end of business. Motion carried Council Members Schaefer, Herbst and Campbell opposed.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 5, page 22, in the amount of \$239,820, motion carried unanimously. Council Member Herbst seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to open object code 51010 to increase by \$65,000 for a step 2 Assistant Town Planner and move the Economic Development position to Administration. Discussion took place.

10:23 PM Mayor McCoy returned.

Council Member Winkler moved to divide the question. Motion to increase object code 51010 by \$65,000 failed, Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Champagne, Etre, Hany and Motola opposed. Council Member Herbst withdrew her motion to move the Economic Development position to Administration. Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 22, account 10150170 in the amount of \$239,820, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to open tab 6, page 29, in the amount of \$267,533, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase object code 51010 by \$20,000.00 for a part time housing code inspector. Discussion took place. Council Members Herbst and Winkler amended their motion to object code 51030. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to move the question, motion carried unanimously. Motion to increase object code 51030 by \$20,000 failed, Council Members Anderson, Hany, Motola, Champagne, Etre and Campbell opposed.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 29, account 10232187 in the amount of \$267,533, motion carried unanimously

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to open tab 5, page 17, in the amount of \$250,004, motion carried, Council Members Etre, Anderson and Champagne opposed.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council member Winkler made a motion to increase object code 51010 by \$36,930. Discussion took place. Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to move the question, motion carried unanimously. Motion to increase object code 51010 by \$36,930 failed, Council Members Champagne, Campbell, Motola, Hany, Anderson and Etre opposed. Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase object code 51030 by \$32,000 for 2 part time positions. Discussion took place. Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to move the question, motion carried unanimously. Motion to increase object code 51010 by \$32,000 failed, Council Members Champagne, Campbell, Motola, Hany, Anderson and Etre opposed. Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to increase object code 51010 by \$16,000 for a part time position. Discussion took place. Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to move the question, motion carried unanimously. Motion to increase object code 51010 by \$16,000 failed, Council Members Campbell, Motola, Hany, Anderson, Champagne and Etre opposed. Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to close tab 5, page 17, account 10115150 in the amount of \$250,004, motion carried unanimously

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Hany made a motion to open tab 12, page 77, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase object code 56000 in the amount of \$3,900 to start a textbook loan program for St. Joseph's School. Discussion took place.

11:17 PM Mayor McCoy left the table

11:17 PM Council member Etre left the table.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to move the question, motion carried unanimously. Motion to increase object code 56000 by \$3,900 failed, Council Members Hany, Etre, Schaefer, Herbst, Winkler, Champagne, Krupienski opposed and Council Member Campbell abstained.

11:17 PM Mayor McCoy returned

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 12, page 77, account 10990330 in the amount of \$47,558,959, motion carried unanimously

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to approve the Town of Vernon **General Government** appropriations in the amount of **\$25,711,465**; the **Capital Improvements and Debt Service** appropriations in the amount of **\$5,492,249**; and the **Education** budget in the amount of **\$47,558,959** for a General Fund total of **\$78,762,673**. Discussion took place.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to move the question, motion carried, Council Members Herbst and Campbell abstained.

11:32 PM Council Member Schaefer left the meeting.

Motion to approve the budget failed, Council Members Campbell, Herbst, Krupienski and Anderson opposed, Mayor McCoy broke the tie by voting in opposition.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to open tab 5, page 23, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to reduce object code 58800 to \$1.00. Discussion took place. Motion passed, Council Members Winkler, Krupienski and Herbst opposed.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Motola, made a motion to close tab 5, page 23, account 10151171 in the amount of \$7,382, Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council member Motola made a motion to open tab 7, page 35, motion carried unanimously.

Council member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to decrease object code 54110 in the amount of \$20,000, motion carried unanimously. Council member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to decrease object code 54390 in the amount of \$3715.00, motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 35 in the amount of \$784,294. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to open tab 9, page 64, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council member Anderson made a motion to reduce object code 58000 by \$2000, motion failed Council Members Winkler, Champagne, Kurpienski, Motola, Hany and Herbst opposed. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to close tab 9, page 64, account 10562262 in the amount of \$300,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council member Herbst made a motion to open tab 6, page 26, motion carried, Council Member Motola and Champagne opposed.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to reduce object code 54115 by \$35,000. Discussion took place. Motion failed, Council Members Anderson, Hany, Motola, Campbell and Champagne opposed.

RECESS (11:54 PM)

RECONVENE (11:59 PM)

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 6, page 26 account 10230182 in the amount of \$327,960. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 – 2011**

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the following motion:

Approve the Town of Vernon **General Government** appropriations in the amount of **\$25,670,251**; the **Capital Improvements and Debt Service** appropriations in the amount of **\$5,492,249**; and the **Education** budget in the amount of **\$78,721,459** for a General Fund total of **\$78,721,459**.

Motion carried, Council Members Krupienski and Herbst opposed.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 – 2011**

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the following motion:

Approve the Total Estimated Revenue in the amount of **\$78,721,459** to coincide with the total recommended appropriations of **\$ 78,721,459** and to authorize the Finance Officer to adjust line items in the estimated revenues as may be deemed necessary.

Motion carried, Council Members Krupienski and Herbst opposed.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 – 2011 FOR PRESENTATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING / TOWN MEETING**

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the following motion:

Present the Town Council approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 in the amount of **\$78,721**, to the electors and qualified taxpayers at the Public Hearing / Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. 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 functions and/or departments and the amounts to be raised by taxation, at least five days before the Public Hearing.

Motion carried, Council Members Krupienski and Herbst opposed.

**Adjourn (12:11 AM)**

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary