

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
7:00 P.M.

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

D.) PUBLIC HEARINGS (7:05 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS
RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSITION OF **35 VILLAGE STREET, VERNON,
CONNECTICUT**. (A copy of the legal ad is included in the Council packet.)

E.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

1. Presentation of Proclamation from Mayor Jason L. McCoy to the students and teachers of the RHS GREEN TEAM. This group of students and teachers received the CLP Live Green Grant Award.
 2. Presentation of Proclamation from Mayor Jason L. McCoy to Geraldine Strong, Daughters of the American Revolution, in honor of Constitution Week.
 3. Presentation of Proclamation from Mayor Jason L. McCoy to Walter Mealy for his years of support and service to the Town of Vernon and it's citizens.
 4. Presentation of the 9/11 commemorative poem "Out of the Ashes", by the authors, Logan LeDuc and Mikaela Adams, two seniors from Rockville High School. These two young ladies were chosen to represent all the students in the Vernon Public School System at our September 11, 2011 Moment of Remembrance.
 5. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy to the Town Council on various topics.
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F.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds Prior Years and Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated September 9, 2011 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (9) NINE OVERPAYMENTS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALLING \$20,156.98 AND (49) FORTY NINE OVERPAYMENTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR TOTALLING \$11,549.54 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2011.

- C 2. Request the Town Council authorize the liquidation and reappropriation of fiscal year 2009-2010 encumbrances in the amount of \$206,022.26 to fiscal year 2010-2011.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated September 14, 2011 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator re: same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE LIQUIDATION AND REAPPROPRIATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 ENCUMBRANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$206,022.26 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET AS DETAILED IN THE ATTACHED TABLE.

- C 3. Request the Town Council authorize the Town Administrator to execute all documents relative to Contract #985 for the purchase of two (2) new Pierce Velocity Pumper Trucks and one (1) new Pierce Non-Walk-In Heavy Duty Rescue Truck from Firematic Supply Co., Inc. and develop financing for same.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated September 14, 2011 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT # 985 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW PIERCE VELOCITY PUMPER TRUCKS AND ONE (1) NEW PIERCE VELOCITY NON-WALK-IN HEAVY DUTY RESCUE TRUCK, FROM FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO., INC., 651 BROOK STREET, ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND AND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY ONE DOLLARS (\$1,479,761.00);

FURTHER, THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION IS TO DEVELOP A FINANCING SOLUTION, INCLUSIVE OF A LEASE PURCHASE PLAN FOR THE TWO (2) PUMPER TRUCKS AND THE HEAVY DUTY RESCUE TRUCK, AND TO SUBMIT FOR TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL;

FURTHERMORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF THE 1989 PUMPER TRUCK AND THE 1985 HEAVY DUTY RESCUE TRUCK, WITH THE PROCEEDS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, AND DESIGNATED TO EQUIP FIRE TRUCKS.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of Raymond W. Powers, (D), 21 Court Street, Apt 3-D., Vernon, Connecticut, to the Vernon Housing Authority Board of Commissioners - Tenant Representative, said term to commence on September 21, 2011 and expire on February 28, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Power's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 5 AND CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §8-41, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND W. POWERS (D), 21 COURT STREET, APT 3-D, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, TO THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - TENTANT REPRESENTATIVE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 AND EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2016.

- C 5. Request the Town Council authorize the emergency repair of the Talcottville Road Sewage Pumping Station and waive the bid for Kovacs Construction Corporation.** (See memorandum from David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control to Water Pollution Control Authority dated August 18, 2011 relative to same.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE TALCOTTVILLE SEWAGE PUMPING STATION FORCE MAIN AND AUTHORIZES THE DIRECTOR, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, TO EXECUTE THE REPAIR OF THE PUMP STATE BY THE FIRM: KOVACS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, 297 WHITE STREET, DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,222.00.

- C 6. Request the Town Council authorizes Mayor Jason L. McCoy sign any and all documents relative to State of Connecticut, Social Services Block Grant FY 10/1/2010 - 09-30-2011 contract amendment in the amount of \$10,218.00 for an extension of six months totaling \$30,654.00.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY EMPOWERS MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO ENTER INTO AND AMEND CONTRACTUAL INSTRUMENTS IN THE NAME OF AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR A SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AFFIX THE CORPORATE SEAL.

- C 7. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy or his designee apply for a \$50,000 grant through the State Department of Emergency Management for a hazard mitigation plan relating to the snowstorm of January, 2011.** (A copy of a memorandum dated September 14, 2011 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator as well as the letter of intent from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Douglas Glowacki, DEMHS dated June 14, 2011 are included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY EMPOWERS MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO FILE GRANT DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS APPLICATION AND ITS ACCEPTANCE.

- C 8. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy, or his designee to submit application to CROG for a STP Urban Grant for the reconstruction of South Street in the amount of \$400,000.00.**
(The Grant is still being written and will be available upon request.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THEIR SUPPORT OF THE TOWN'S APPLICATION TO THE CAPITAL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE STP-URBAN ACT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET FROM VERNON AVENUE TO WEST STREET. THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS APPLICATION AND ITS ACCEPTANCE.

- C 9. Request the Town Council authorize the designation of funds for 55 West Main Street renovations.** (See the memorandum dated September 15, 2011 from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to John D. Ward relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION OF \$55,000.00 IN THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE TOP FLOOR OF 55 WEST MAIN STREET FROM AVAILABLE RESOURCES WITHIN THE ACCOUNT. AS OUTLINED IN THE TABLE BELOW, THE FUNDING SOURCES CONSIST OF A DESIGNATION OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION INFRASTRUCTURE SURCHARGE; AND A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REFUND FOR ROUTE 30 / WILSHIRE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

- C 10. Request the Town approve the Town Loan for Refuse and Recycling Containers.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated September 15, 2011 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES AND AUTHORIZES A SIX-YEAR LOAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$319,500.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 5,400 REFUSE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS; AND ACCORDINGLY AMENDS THE SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN CONTAINERS AND THE REVISED COST.

- C 11. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to execute revised grant contract documents with the State of Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism for the Historic Preservation of the Second Floor Memorial Building.** (See memorandum dated September 16, 2011 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT CONTRACTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR GRANT NO. 18155 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACT CONSTRUCTION GRANT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE SECOND FLOOR IN THE MEMORIAL HALL BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00).

- C 12. Request the Town Council approve a Non-Union Employees General Wage Increase with an effective date of July 1, 2011.** (See memorandum from Mayor Jason L. McCoy dated September 15, 2011 to the Vernon Town Council.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 5.2, HEREBY AUTHORIZES THAT ALL NON-UNION EMPLOYEES AND PERMANENT PART-TIME NON-UNION EMPLOYEES BE GIVEN A GENERAL WAGE INCREASE OF TWO AND ONE HALF PER CENT (2.5%), EFFECTIVE AND RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2011.

G.) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

H.) PENDING BUSINESS

I.) NEW BUSINESS

J.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

K.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

L.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, PULLED CONSENT ITEMS FROM F) AND PULLED ITEMS FROM O) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, ETC

M.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF **AUGUST 16, 2011** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2011** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2011** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

N.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200(6)(D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF TOWN-OWNED REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS 129 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD, 8,11,12 WARD STREET, 35 VILLAGE STREET, 55 LAWRENCE STREET AND 13 MORRISON STREET, AND INVITES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JOHN D. WARD, (ASSESSOR DAVID WHEELER) AND TOWN ATTORNEY HAROLD CUMMINGS TO ATTEND.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 1-200 (6) (B) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION RELATIVE TO THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY AND INVITES TOWN ATTORNEY, HAROLD R. CUMMINGS; TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, JOHN D. WARD; ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, PETER GRACZYKOWSKI; AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, ROBERT KLEINHANS TO ATTEND.

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

1. Memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, dated August 12, 2011 regarding Notice of Interest waiver, 21 Lantern Lane.
2. Town Clerk Monthly report for August 2011, as submitted by Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk.
3. EMS Monthly report for August 2011, as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.

4. Senior Center **Senior Moments** Newsletter for September 2011, as submitted by Senior Center Director Paula Claydon.
5. Monthly Activity Report Building Department for August, 2011, as submitted by Harry Dan Boyko, Building Official.
6. Letter dated August 31, 2011 from Terrence B. Chetelat to Mayor Jason L. McCoy re: Journal Inquirer article and expression of thanks.
7. Thank you letter from Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Conway to Mayor Jason L. McCoy dated September 12, 2011.
8. Monthly Activity Report – July/August, 2011, Youth Services Bureau as submitted by Alan M. Slobodien, Director.
9. Youth Services Bureau at RHS Report – July/August, 2011 as submitted by Alan M. Slobodien, Director.
10. Vernon Youth Services Bureau – 2011 Youth Counselor Summer Report as Submitted by Alan M. Slobodien, Director.
11. Youth Services Bureau Summer 2011 Report – as submitted by Ann Scharin, Project Coordinator and Vernon School Readiness Coordinator.