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

March 25, 2010 – 7:00 PM

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Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry D. Thomas, Michael A. Winkler
Absent: Daniel Champagne, Sean O'Shea
Entered During Meeting:
Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Carl Schaefer 1A Fox Hill Drive spoke about the addition of a depreciation expense in the WPCA budget. He requested the depreciation line item be put into the municipal section of the budget.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:10 PM

PRESENTATIONS

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:

1. Fire Fighting Administration
2. Ambulance Division
3. Fire Marshal
4. Emergency Management
5. Police
6. School Crossing Guards
7. Traffic Authority
8. Greater Hartford Transit District

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

Fire Fighting Administration
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 6, page 27, in the amount of $1,135,437, motion carried unanimously.
Discussion took place.
Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 27, account 10231183 in the amount of $1,135,437, motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Division
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Hany made a motion to open tab 12, page 78, in the amount of $1,168,542, motion carried unanimously.
Discussion took place. Council Member Etre asked Administration to determine why the cost of the copiers are so high.
Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 12, page 78, account 22231417 in the amount of $1,168,542, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Marshal
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to open tab 6, page 28, in the amount of $94,856, motion carried unanimously.
Discussion took place.
Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 6, page 28, account 10232185 in the amount of $94,856, motion carried unanimously.

RECESS (8:26 PM)

RECONVENE (8:41 PM)

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to re-open tab 6, page 27, in the amount of $1,135,437, motion carried unanimously.
Discussion took place. Council Member Anderson, Seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to increase object code 51030 fire chief wages by $8,382 in order for him to assume additional duties of creating a risk management plan for the volunteers bringing the total object code to $25, 614.00.
Discussion took place.
Council Member Thomas, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 6, page 27, account 10231183 in the amount of $1,143,829, motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 30, in the amount of $44,660, motion carried unanimously.
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 30, account 10232189 in the amount of $44,660, motion carried unanimously.

Police
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Hany made a motion to open tab 6, page 24, in the amount of $5,766,910, motion carried, unanimously.
Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to move $62,000 from object code 51010 to object code 57610 for the purchase of new vehicles. Council Member Anderson made a motion to move the 3 line items in object code 51010 listed as $10,000 and 30,000 from one of the officer positions to object code 57610. Council Members Herbst and Schaefer withdrew their motion.

RECESS (9:08 PM)

RECONVENE (9:17 PM)

Discussion continued. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to amend account 10230180 object code 51010 regular wages by deducting $10,000. Motion carried

unanimously. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to add $10,000 into account 10230180, object code 57610 for a total of $27,705. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 6, page 24, account 10230180 in the amount of $5,766,910, motion carried unanimously.

School Crossing Guards
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 25, in the amount of $64,820, motion carried unanimously.
Discussion took place.
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 25, account 10230181 in the amount of $64,820, motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Authority
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 26, in the amount of $327,960, motion carried unanimously.
Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst requested Administration send a letter to the state regarding the danger of crossing Peterson Road.
Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 6, page 26, account 10230182 in the amount of $327,960, motion carried unanimously.

Greater Hartford Transit District
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 20, in the amount of 3,647, motion carried unanimously.
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 5, page 20, account 10116158 in the amount of $3,647, motion carried unanimously.

RECESS (9:34 PM)

This meeting was recessed until Saturday, March 27, 2010.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary