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**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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.

Discussion took place.

3:32 PM Council Member Krupinski 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:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary