

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET MEETING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
April 5, 2005**

RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 31, 2005

Senior Center 2nd Floor, Conference Room, 26 Park Place, Vernon, CT

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the Roll as follows:

Present: Council Members Pat S. Beron, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Pauline A. Schaefer, Christy N. Vale, John D. Ward, Emily M. Westerberg; 7.

Absent: Council Members Thomas C. Colbert, Mark S. Etre, Robert Kleinhans, Jason L. McCoy, Mary A. Oliver; 5.

Entered During Meeting: Council Members Thomas C. Colbert (6:36 p.m.), Mark S. Etre (7:29 p.m.), Robert Kleinhans (6:37 p.m.), Jason L. McCoy (7:17 p.m.), Mary A. Oliver (7:27 p.m.); 5.

Also Present: Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer, Finance Officer James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke, Town Clerk Bernice K. Dixon, Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Ryan McCormick, 125 South Street Unit 2, spoke regarding funds going towards Shenipsit Lake.

No other residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 6:35 p.m.

MAYORAL REQUEST:

The Mayor requested that each Department Head in attendance present an overview of their department Budget to the Town Council prior to their Budget discussion.

BUDGET REVIEW:

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer and Finance Officer James Luddecke were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO OPEN TAB 5 PAGE 19 **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY CODE 10116157** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Colbert entered the meeting (6:36 p.m.)

Water Pollution Control Director David Ignatowicz was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 19 **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY CODE 10116157** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$12,168**. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Colbert abstained.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 12 PAGE 85 **WASTE TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION CODE 41345700** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote.

Water Pollution Control Director David Ignatowicz was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Beron, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 12 PAGE 85 **WASTE TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION CODE 41345700** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$4,501,681**. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans entered the meeting (6:37 p.m.)

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO OPEN TAB 10 PAGE 75 **HOUSING AUTHORITY-SEWER SUBSIDY CODE 10673282** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Water Pollution Control Director David Ignatowicz was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 75 **HOUSING AUTHORITY-SEWER SUBSIDY CODE 10673282** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$46,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Scahefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 12 PAGE 87 **DATA PROCESSING CENTER CODE 51617710** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Data Processing Director Robert Scofield was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 12 PAGE 87 **DATA PROCESSING CENTER CODE 51617710** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$500,994**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 5 PAGE 21 **DATA PROCESSING CODE 10117160** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Data Processing Director Robert Scofield was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Westerberg, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 21 **DATA PROCESSING CODE 10117160** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$293,142**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 5 PAGE 3 **EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATION CODE 10112120** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. and Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer were available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Beron, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 3 **EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATION CODE 10112120** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$541,028**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO OPEN TAB 5 PAGE 4 **LAW CODE 10112121** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. and Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer were available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 4 **LAW CODE 10112121** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$145,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO OPEN TAB 10 PAGE 70 **PENSION CODE 10670271** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Director James Luddecke was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO **AMEND** THE PENSION BUDGET, INCREASING ACCOUNT 10670271-50921 BY \$24,164. TO **\$565,374**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 70 **PENSION CODE 10670271** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$1,509,133**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 10 PAGE 71 **GROUP INSURANCE CODE 10670272** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Director James Luddecke was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 71 **GROUP INSURANCE CODE 10670272** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$3,041,512**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 10 PAGE 72 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE 10670273** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Director James Luddecke was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 72 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE 10670273** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$17,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 10 PAGE 73 **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE CODE 10671278** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Director James Luddecke was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 73 **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE CODE 10671278** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$679,276**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 10 PAGE 74 **CONTINGENCY CODE 10672280** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Director James Luddecke was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 74 **CONTINGENCY CODE 10672280** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$256,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO OPEN TAB 10 PAGE 69 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Director James Luddecke was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 69 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$827,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

REVENUE DISCUSSION:

By unanimous consent, TAB 12 PAGE 81 **BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE 10990330** WAS OPENED FOR DISCUSSION.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO **AMEND THE EDUCATION BUDGET, INCREASING ACCOUNT 10990330-58900 FROM \$42,058,049 TO \$42,081,773 AN**

INCREASE OF \$23,724. TO COVER THE EMPLOYER PENSION CONTRIBUTION ADJUSTMENT.

The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 12 PAGE 81 **BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE 10990330** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$42,081,773**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy entered the meeting (7:17 p.m.)

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO OPEN TAB 11 PAGE 77 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CODE 10780290** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Oliver entered the meeting (7:27 p.m.)

Council Member Etre entered the meeting (7:29 p.m.)

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO RECESS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING. The motion was carried unanimously 12 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting recessed at 7:36 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO **REDUCE OBJECT CODE 57620 TRUCKS BY \$285,000 TO ENABLE A LEASE/PUCHASE AGREEMENT FOR NEW DUMP TRUCKS/LARGE EQUIPMENT INSTEAD OF PURCHASE**. The motion failed 4 to 8 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Etre, Kleinhans, McCoy and Vale voting yes and Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Oliver, Schaefer, Ward and Westerberg voting no.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO **REDUCE OBJECT CODE 57610 CARS & VANS FIRE MARSHAL SUV BY \$10,000**.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Beron, seconded by Council Member Kleinhans, moved TO **AMEND THE MAIN MOTION TO REDUCE OBJECT CODE 57610 CARS & VANS FIRE MARSHAL SUV BY \$20,000**. The motion failed on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Kleinhans, McCoy, Oliver and Vale voting yes and Council Members Etre, Fox, Herbst, Schaefer, Ward and Westerberg voting no. There being a tie, Mayor Ellen L. Marmar voted no.

The original motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Colbert, Etre, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, McCoy, Oliver, Schaefer, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting yes. Council Member Beron abstained.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO **REDUCE OBJECT CODE 57610 CARS & VANS FIRE MARSHAL SUV BY \$10,000. IN ORDER TO ENABLE A LEASING PROGRAM INSTEAD OF PURCHASING**. The motion failed 4 to 7 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Colbert, Etre, Kleinhans, and Vale voting yes and Council Members Beron, Fox, Herbst, Oliver, Schaefer, Ward and Westerberg voting no. Council Member McCoy abstained.

By unanimous consent, TAB 11 PAGE 77 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CODE 10780290** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$855,460**.

By unanimous consent, TAB 6 PAGE 31 **EMERGENCY MANGEMENT CODE 10232189** WAS OPENED FOR DISCUSSION.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO **REDUCE OBJECT CODE 55330 COMMUNICATIONS BY \$12,500**. The motion was carried 11 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Etre, Fox, Herbst, McCoy, Oliver, Schaefer, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting yes and Council Member Kleinhans voting no.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 31 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CODE 10232189** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$41,790**.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN TAB 6 PAGE 24 **POLICE CODE 10230180** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 12 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO **REDUCE OBJECT CODE 57810 OFFICE FURNITURE BY \$2457. STACKABLE CHAIRS**. The motion was carried 11 to 1 with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Etre, Herbst, Kleinhans, McCoy, Oliver, Schaefer, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting yes and Council Member Fox voting no.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Kleinhans, moved TO **INCREASE OBJECT CODE 57610 CARS AND VANS BY \$66,000**. The motion failed 4 to 8 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Etre, Kleinhans, McCoy and Vale voting yes and Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Oliver, Schaefer, Ward and Westerberg voting no.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO **REDUCE OBJECT CODE 51020 OVERTIME WAGES BY \$10,000**.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO **AMEND THE MAIN MOTION TO \$5,000. OVERTIME**. The motion, as amended, was carried unanimously 12 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Members Etre and Schaefer exited the meeting (10:05 p.m.)

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO **REDUCE OBJECT CODE 56920 FIREARM SUPPLIES BY \$2,500**.

Council Member Beron, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO **AMEND THE MAIN MOTION TO \$1250**. The amendment was carried 7 to 2 on a voice vote with Council Members Beron, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, McCoy, Vale, and Ward voting yes and Council Member Colbert and Oliver voting no. Council Member Westerberg abstained.

The main motion, as amended, was carried 8 to 1 with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, McCoy, Oliver, Vale, Ward voting yes and Council Member Kleinhans voting no. Council Member Westerberg abstained.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO **REDUCE OBJECT CODE 57710 COMPUTER HARDWARE BY \$1,200**. The motion failed 4 to 6 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Colbert, Fox, Oliver and Westerberg voting yes and Council Members Beron, Herbst, Kleinhans, McCoy, Vale and Ward voting no.

By unanimous consent, TAB 6 PAGE 24 **POLICE CODE 10230180** WAS CLOSED IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$4,989,193**.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO **REDUCE THE CONTINGENCY FUND 53RD WEEK PAYDAY BY \$34,600**. The motion was carried 8 to 2 on a voice vote with Council Members Beron, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, Oliver, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting yes and Council Members Colbert and McCoy voting no.

Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO EXTEND CURFEW UNTIL CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 45 **HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CODE 10456222** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO **INCREASE OBJECT CODE 58700 GRANTS/HUMAN SERVICES BY \$4,000**. The motion was carried 7 to 3 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Beron, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, Oliver, Vale and Ward voting yes and Council Members Colbert, McCoy and Westerberg voting no.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 45 **HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CODE 10456222** IN THE AMOUNT OF \$144,368. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member McCoy moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 47 **EXCHANGE CLUB PREVENT CHILD ABUSE CODE 10456224** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO **INCREASE OBJECT CODE 58700 GRANTS-HUMAN SERVICES BY \$1,000**. The motion was carried 6 to 4 on a Voice vote with Council Members Fox, Kleinhans, McCoy, Oliver, Vale and Ward voting yes and Council Members Beron, Colbert, Herbst and Westerberg voting no.

Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 47 **CODE 10456224 EXCHANGE CLUB PREVENT CHILD ABUSE** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$8,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, THE COUNCIL MOVED TO OPEN TAB 5 PAGE 5 **REGISTRATION CODE 10113130** FOR DISCUSSION.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO **REDUCE CODE 57810 OFFICE FURNITURE-12 TABLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, THE COUNCIL MOVED TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 5 **REGISTRATION CODE 10113130** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$73,543**.

Council Member Beron, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 9 PAGE 65 **PARKS MAINTENANCE CODE 10560254** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Beron, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO **REDUCE CODE 56180 LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES BY \$3,000.** The motion failed 1 to 9 on a Roll Call vote with Council Member Beron voting yes and Council Members Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, McCoy, Oliver, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting no.

By unanimous consent, TAB 9 PAGE 65 **PARKS MAINTENANCE CODE 10560254** WAS CLOSED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$468.063.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO OPEN TAB 5 PAGE 16 **REVALUATION CODE 10114147** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO **REDUCE CODE 53800 OTHER FEES BY \$5,000.** The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 16 REVALUATION CODE 10114147 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting recessed at 11:05 p.m. to enable Finance Director James Luddecke finalize the figures for the 2005-2006 Budget.

The meeting reconvened at 11:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 – 2006

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,204,493; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,593,386; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF 42,081,773 FOR A GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF \$68,879,652. The motion was carried 7 to 3 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Oliver, Ward and Westerberg voting yes and Council Members Kleinhans, McCoy and Vale voting no.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 – 2006

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO APPROVE THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,879,652 TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF \$68,879,652 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUES AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY. The motion was carried 9 to 1 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, Oliver, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting yes and Council Member McCoy voting no.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 – 2006 FOR
PRESENTATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO PRESENT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 -2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,879,652 TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GYMNASIUM, CENTER 375, 375 HARTFORD TNP, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE TOWN CLERK 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. The motion was carried 7 to 3 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Oliver, Ward and Westerberg voting yes and Council Members Kleinhans, McCoy and Vale voting no.

CALL FOR REFERENDUM UPON THE BUDGET PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 7-7 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, SAID SECTION THAT ALLOWS THE TOWN TO REMOVE ANY ITEM ON THE CALL OF A TOWN MEETING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS, HEREBY SENDS TO REFERENDUM A PETITION FOR BUDGET REFERENDUM WHICH ALLOWS FOR QUALIFIED PERSONS TO VOTE ON PAPER BALLOTS OR BY BALLOT LABELS UTILIZING A "YES" OR "NO" VOTE ON THE VOTING MACHINES ON A DAY NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) OR NO MORE THAN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AFTER THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING AND SUCH CLERK SHALL PHRASE SUCH ITEM IN A FORM SUITABLE FOR PRINTING ON SUCH PAPER BALLOTS OR PAPER LABELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, SECTION 7-7 AND OTHER LAWS;

"SHALL THE TOWN OF VERNON ADOPT A BUDGET FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2005 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,879,652?"

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, McCoy, Oliver, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting yes.

CALL TO SET THE DATE FOR THE TOWN REFERENDUM

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS THE DATE FOR THE REFERENDUM UPON THE BUDGET VOTE AS TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. AT CENTER 375, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, McCoy, Oliver, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting yes.

The Mayor notified the Council that the Explanatory Text would be taken up at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

Received: April 7, 2005
Approved: May 3, 2005
Vernon Town Council

Karin Z. Pike
Asst Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

