

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET MEETING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
March 19, 2005**

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

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the Roll as follows:

Present: Council Members Pat S. Beron, Thomas C. Colbert, Mark S. Etre, Marie A. Herbst, Robert Kleinbans, Christy N. Vale, John D. Ward; 7.

Absent: Council Members Bill Fox, Jason L. McCoy, Mary A. Oliver, Pauline A. Schaefer, Emily M. Westerberg; 5.

Entered During Meeting: Council Members Bill Fox (9:05 p.m.), Pauline A. Schaefer (9:08 p.m.), Emily M. Westerberg (9:06 p.m.); 3. *

Exited During Meeting: Council Member Beron (11:55 a.m.); 1.

Also Present: Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer, Finance Director James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke, and Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 9:04 a.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.

Council Member Fox entered the meeting (9:05 a.m.)

BUDGET REVIEW:

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

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 58 **SOCIAL SERVICES CODE 10456240** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote.

Director Paula Claydon was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 58 **SOCIAL SERVICES CODE 10456240** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$213,760**. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote.

* a.m.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 59 **YOUTH SERVICES CODE 10456241** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried 8 to 0 on a voice vote.

Director Alan Slobodien was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 59 **YOUTH SERVICES CODE 10456241** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$166,704**. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Westerberg entered the meeting (9:06 a.m.)

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 44 **VISITING NURSES & HEALTH SERVICES OF CT CODE 10456222** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer entered the meeting (9:08 a.m.)

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Westerberg, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 44 **VISITING NURSES & HEALTH SERVICES OF CT CODE 10456222** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$33,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Beron abstained.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Fox, 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.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 45 **HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CODE 10456222** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$140,368**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 46 **CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC CODE 10456223** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 46 **CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC CODE 10456223** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$11,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 47 **EXCHANGE CLUB – PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE CODE 10456224** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$7,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 48 **HOCKANUM INDUSTRIES CODE 10456225** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 48 **HOCKANUM INDUSTRIES CODE 10456225** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$5,500**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 49 **MARC, INC. OF MANCHESTER CODE 10456226** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 49 **MARC, INC. OF MANCHESTER CODE 10456226** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$4,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 50 **TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES CODE 10456227** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 50 **TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES CODE 10456227** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$23,000**. The motion was carried 9 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, Schaefer, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting yes and Council Member Etre voting no.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 51 **CONNECTICUT LEGAL SERVICES CODE 10456229** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.
Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Westerberg, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 51 **CONNECTICUT LEGAL SERVICES CODE 10456229** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$2,500**. The motion was carried 9 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Beron, Colbert, Fox, Herbst, Kleinhans, Schaefer, Vale, Ward and Westerberg voting yes and Council Member Etre voting no.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 52 **HARTFORD INTERVAL HOUSE CODE 10456232** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 52 **HARTFORD INTERVAL HOUSE CODE 10456232** IN THE AMOUNT **\$2,500**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 54 YWCA **SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES CODE 10456235** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Beron, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 54 **YWCA SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES CODE 10456235** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$1,500**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 55 **HOCKANUM VALLEY SCHOOL READINESS CODE 10456236** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 55 **HOCKANUM VALLEY SCHOOL READINESS CODE 10456236** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$2,500**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Due to a conflict of interest, Council Member Herbst was not present at the table for the vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 56 **POTTER'S HOUSE CODE 10456237** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 56 **POTTER'S HOUSE CODE 10456237** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$6,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 53 **NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CODE 10456233** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Westerberg, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 53 **NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CODE 10456233** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$0**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 8 PAGE 57 **GENESIS CENTER CODE 10456289** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Alan Slobodien and Paula Claydon were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Beron, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 8 PAGE 57 **GENESIS CENTER CODE 10456289** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$0**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 6 PAGE 27 **FIRE FIGHTING AND ADMINISTRATION CODE 10231183** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Fire Chief Robert Kelley was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 27 **FIRE FIGHTING AND ADMINISTRATION CODE 10231183** IN THE AMOUNT **\$870,482**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 12 PAGE 82 **AMBULANCE DIVISION CODE 22231417** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Fire Chief Robert Kelley was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Beron, moved TO CLOSE TAB 12 PAGE 82 **AMBULANCE DIVISION CODE 22231417** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$599,131**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 6 PAGE 29 **FIRE MARSHAL CODE 10232185** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Fire Marshal David J. Roth was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Westerberg, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 29 **FIRE MARSHAL CODE 10232185** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$66,405**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO OPEN TAB 6 PAGE 31 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CODE 10232189** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Emergency Management Director Michael Purcaro was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 31 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CODE 10232189** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$41,790**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Kleinhans was not present at the table to vote.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Westerberg, moved TO OPEN TAB 6 PAGE 24 **POLICE CODE 10230180** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Police Chief Rudolph Rossmly, Lt. John Collins and Sgt. Kevin Fleming were available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO **INCREASE OBJECT CODE 57610 CARS & VANS BY \$88,000**.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Beron, **PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE MAIN MOTION BY \$66,000**. The motion was carried 6 to 5 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Beron, Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Ward voting yes and Council Members Colbert, Etre, Kleinhans, Vale and Westerberg voting no. Due to a tie vote, Mayor Ellen L. Marmar, M.D. broke the tie voting yes.

The vote on the Main Motion now being: TO **INCREASE OBJECT CODE 57610 CARS & VANS BY \$22,000**. was carried 6 to 4 on a Roll Call vote with Council Members Beron, Fox, Herbst, Schaefer, Ward and Westerberg voting yes and Council Members Colbert, Etre, Kleinhans and Vale voting no.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO **INCREASE OBJECT CODE 57840 CAMERAS BY \$1,200**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Kleinhans, moved TO **INCREASE OBJECT CODE 57873 OTHER SAFETY EQUIPMENT BY \$4,292**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO **DECREASE OBJECT CODE 57873 BY \$3,499. SPECIFICALLY:**

-SPEECHGUARD ELECTRONIC LANGUAGE TRANSLTR \$950.

-GUNSHOT TRAUMA KITS @ \$84.95 X 30 \$2,549.

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 57870 WEAPONS BY \$3,499.** The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 24 **POLICE CODE 10230180** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$5,025,392.** The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Kleinhans was not at the table to vote.

Council Member Beron exited the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 6 PAGE 25 **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS CODE 10230181** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Fire Chief Robert Kelley was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 25 **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS CODE 10230181** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$58,823.** The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 6 PAGE 26 **TRAFFIC AUTHORITY CODE 10230182** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Westerberg was not present at the table to vote.

Fire Chief Robert Kelley was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 26 **TRAFFIC AUTHORITY CODE 10230182** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$267,960.** The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Westerberg, moved TO OPEN TAB 9 PAGE 61 **RECREATION ADMINISTRATION CODE 10560250** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried 8 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Herbst was not present at the table to vote.

Director Bruce Dinnie was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 61 **RECREATION ADMINISTRATION CODE 10560250** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$392,445**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO OPEN TAB 9 PAGE 62 **RECREATION PROGRAMS CODE 10560251** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Director Bruce Dinnie was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Etre, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 62 **RECREATION PROGRAMS CODE 10560251** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$245,150**.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 9 PAGE 63 **RECREATION AQUATICS CODE 10560252** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Director Bruce Dinnie was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 63 **RECREATION AQUATICS CODE 10560252** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$104,400**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN TAB 9 PAGE 64 **RECREATION PUBLIC CELEBRATION CODE 10560253** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Director Bruce Dinnie was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 64 **RECREATION PUBLIC CELEBRATION CODE 10560253** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$4,800**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

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

Director Bruce Dinnie was available for questions and comments.

Council Member Colbert, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 65 **RECREATION – PARKS MAINTENANCE CODE 10560254** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$468,063**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

REVENUE DISCUSSION:

No discussion took place.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION:

None.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Kleinhans, seconded by Council Member Colbert, moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Received: March 22, 2005
Approved: April 5, 2005
Vernon Town Council

Karin Z. Pike
Asst. Town Clerk

