

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET MEETING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
March 16, 2006**

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

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Council Members Daniel E. Anderson, Bill F. Campbell, Mark S. Etre, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Jason L. McCoy, Brian R. Motola, Mary A. Oliver, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon, Christy N. Vale; 11.

Absent: Council Members Daniel A. Champagne; 1.

Also Present: Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer, Finance Officer 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 7:17 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

James Luddecke, Finance Officer and Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. presented the 2006-2007 Budget overview to the Town Council prior to the Budget discussion.

The Mayor announced that the *Mayor's Budget* would be on the Town website by the end of the following week.

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.

TOWN COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET CONSIDERATION

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved that:

1. THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING LIST OF RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS:

- (A.) REVENUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE OPENING MEETING AND AT THE FINAL BUDGET MEETING;
- (B.) ALL BUDGET ACCOUNTS SHALL BE OPENED AND CLOSED, WITH THE COUNCIL MAKING DECISION ON EACH INDIVIDUAL BUDGET DURING THE ALLOCATED TIME FRAME;

2. AT THE FINAL TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2006 THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY ADD OR DELETE FROM ANY ACCOUNT.

3. THE TOWN COUNCIL SETS THE DATE FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED TOWN OF VERNON 2006-2007 TOTAL BUDGET CONSISTENT WITH THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XII, SECTION 6, AS MARCH 23, 2006, VERNON SENIOR CENTER 2ND FLOOR, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON CONNECTICUT, AT 7:05 P.M.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member McCoy, added a Friendly Amendment to #2 of the motion to add the words "based on a motion and second only."

Number 2 of the motion, as amended, now reads: AT THE FINAL COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2006 THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY ADD OR DELETE FROM ANY ACCOUNT BASED ON A MOTION AND SECOND ONLY.

The amendment was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

The motion, as amended, was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

BUDGET REVIEW:

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO MOVE UP THIS EVENING'S BUDGET SESSION TO THE SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH BUDGET MEETING AND ITEMS 17 THROUGH 28 ON SATURDAY'S BUDGET AGENDA WOULD BE MOVED TO THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH.

Discussion took place.

The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

REVENUE DISCUSSION:

None.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION:

None.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Etre, moved TO ADJOURN.

The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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APPROVED: April 4, 2006

Karin Z. Pike
Asst. Town Clerk/Recording Secretary