

**SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET HEARING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
March 23, 2006**

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

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Brian R. Motola, Mary A. Oliver, Connie Simon, Christy N. Vale; 9.

Absent: Council Members Daniel A. Champagne, Jason L. McCoy, Pauline A. Schaefer; 3.

Entered During Meeting: Council Members Jason L. McCoy (7:05 p.m.), Pauline A. Schaefer (7:05 p.m.); 2.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Council Members McCoy and Schaefer entered the meeting (7:05 p.m.)

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the Public Hearing to order at 7:06 p.m. to receive and hear comments regarding Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget for the Town of Vernon.

The Clerk read the Legal Notice into the record and certified that the notice was published in the Journal Inquirer on March 17, 2006 and posted on the bulletin board at the Town Hall on March 17, 2006.

(A copy of the legal notice is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix A.")

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Judith Culy, 51 Baker Road, spoke in favor of the Rockville Public Library budget.

No other residents wished to speak and the Public Hearing was close at 7:10 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 present for questions and comments.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO OPEN **TAB 9 PAGE 64 HISTORICAL SOCIETY CODE 10562261** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Robert Hurd, President was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 64 **HISTORICAL SOCIETY CODE 10462261** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$4,500**. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 9 PAGE 65 ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CODE 10562262** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Robert Hurd, Board Member was available for questions and comment.

Informational folder concerning the Library was entered into the record.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Etre, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 65 **ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CODE 10462262** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$250,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 13 ASSESSMENT CODE 10114144** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

David Wheeler, Town Assessor was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 13 **ASSESSMENT CODE 10114144** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$270,921**. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 16 REVALUATION CODE 10114147** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

David Wheeler, Town Assessor was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 16 **REVALUATION CODE 10114147** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$24,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 18 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS CODE 10116155** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

David Wheeler, Town Assessor was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 18 **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS** CODE 10116155 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$2,300**. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 15 COLLECTOR OF REVENUE CODE 10114146** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Carol Nelson, Collector of Revenue was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 15 **COLLECTOR OF REVENUE** CODE 10114146 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$229,035**. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 14 REFUNDS-TAX ADJUSTMENTS CODE 10114145** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Carol Nelson, Collector of Revenue was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 14 **REFUNDS-TAX ADJUSTMENTS** CODE 10114145 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$40,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

A recess was called at 8: 20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 12 PAGE 78 EDUCATION CODE 10990330** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent, Catherine Rebai, Board of Education Chair, Peggy Jackle, Board of Education and Arthur Poole, Board of Education Finance were available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 12 PAGE 78 **EDUCATION** CODE 10990330 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$43,498,770**. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Anderson requested an updated *Object Code Report* from Finance Officer James Luddecke and Superintendent Stephen Cullinan for the March 30th budget meeting.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 11 PAGE 75 EDUCATION-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CODE 10780291** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent, Catherine Rebai, Board of Education Chair, Peggy Jackle, Board of Education and Arthur Poole, Board of Education were available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Etre, moved TO CLOSE TAB 11 PAGE 75 **EDUCATION-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS** CODE 10780291 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$68,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

REVENUE DISCUSSION:

None.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION:

None.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Motola, moved TO ADJOURN.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

RECEIVED: March 28, 2006
APPROVED: April 4, 2006

Karin Z. Pike
Asst. Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Appendix A

Town of Vernon

Town Council Budget Hearing
Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 23, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - 2nd Floor, Senior Center

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TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
		<i>Public Hearing</i>			
9	64	Historical Society	10562261	4,500	4,500
9	65	Rockville Public Library	10562262	250,000	250,000
5	13	Assessment	10114144	270,921	270,921
5	16	Revaluation	10114147	24,000	24,000
5	18	Board of Assessment Appeals	10116155	2,300	2,300
5	15	Collector of Revenue	10114144	229,035	229,035
5	14	Refunds - Tax Adjustments	10114145	40,000	40,000
12	78	Education	10990330	43,498,770	49,498,770
11	75	Education - Capital Improvements	10780291	68,000	68,000
		<i>Revenue Discussion</i>			
		Miscellaneous Budgets Requiring Action			