

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET MEETING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
March 28, 2006**

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

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Council Members Daniel E. Anderson, Bill F. Campbell, Daniel A. Champagne, Mark S. Etre, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Brian R. Motola, Connie Simon; 8.

Absent: Council Members Jason L. McCoy, Mary A. Oliver, Pauline A. Schaefer, Christy N. Vale; 4.

Entered During Meeting: Council Members Jason L. McCoy (7:15 p.m.), Mary A. Oliver (7:13 p.m.); 2.

Also Present: Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer (entered 8:34 p.m.), Finance Officer James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke and Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. announced that the \$1.2 mil Bond from the State of Connecticut for renovation of the Town Hall third floor would be on the State's Bond agenda for Friday, March 31, 2006. She also stated that the program concerning the Over 65 Tax Relief Program would require funding of \$60,000., not \$100,000. therefore, deducting \$40,000. off the proposed budget. Mayor Marmer again stated that the Mayor's message and budget are on the Town website and that booklets explaining the budget would be sent out to each household prior to the Referendum.

Council Member McCoy entered the meeting (7:15 p.m.)

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 7:15 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 (entered 8:34 p.m.) and Finance Officer James Luddecke were available for questions and comments.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 41 ENGINEERING CODE 10341214** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Tim Timberman, Town Engineer was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 41 **ENGINEERING** CODE 10341214 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$262,931**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 22 TOWN PLANNER-ADMINISTRATION CODE 10150170** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Tom Joyce, Town Planner was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 22 **TOWN PLANNER-ADMINISTRATION** CODE 10150170 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$229,894**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 23 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CODE 10151171** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Neil Pade Economic Development Coordinator/Asst Town Planner was available for questions and comment.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 23 **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** CODE 10151171 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$130,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 32 PUBLIC WORKS-ADMINISTRATION CODE 10340200** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 32 **PUBLIC WORKS-ADMINISTRATION** CODE 10340200 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$550,503**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 33 PUBLIC WORKS-GENERAL MAINTENANCE CODE 10340201** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 33 **PUBLIC WORKS-GENERAL MAINTENANCE CODE 10340201 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,249,264.** The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 34 PUBLIC WORKS-EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CODE 10340202** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 34 **PUBLIC WORKS-EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CODE 10340202 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$719,226.** The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 35 PUBLIC WORKS-MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING CODE 10340203** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 35 **PUBLIC WORKS-MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING CODE 10340203 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$847,154.** The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 36 PUBLIC WORKS-SNOW REMOVAL CODE 10340204** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Town Administrator, Laurence R. Shaffer entered the meeting (8:34 p.m.)

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 36 **PUBLIC WORKS-SNOW REMOVAL** CODE 10340204 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$221,640**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Anderson requested a comparison of Heating Fuel/Diesel costs regarding the General Government vs. Board of Education for the next budget meeting.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 37 PUBLIC WORKS-REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL CODE 10340205** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 37 **PUBLIC WORKS-REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL** CODE 10340205 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$1,262,092**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 38 PUBLIC WORKS-RECYCLING CODE 10340206** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 38 **PUBLIC WORKS-RECYCLING** CODE 10340206 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$393,139**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 39 PUBLIC WORKS-CONDOMINIUM REFUSE CODE 10340207** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Champagne, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 39 **PUBLIC WORKS-CONDOMINIUM REFUSE** CODE 10340207 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$5,265**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 7 PAGE 40 PUBLIC WORKS-TREE WARDEN CODE 10340208** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 7 PAGE 40 **PUBLIC WORKS-TREE WARDEN** CODE 10340208 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$11,680**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO OPEN **TAB 12 PAGE 83 CENTER 375 CODE 42340704** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 12 PAGE 83 **CENTER 375** CODE 42340704 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$210,143**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 11 PAGE 74 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-TOWN CODE 10780290** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

George Fetko, Director Public Works and Bruce Dinnie, Director Parks and Recreation were available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO CLOSE TAB 11 PAGE 74 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-TOWN** CODE 10780290 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$1,069,615**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 11 PAGE 76 DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS CODE 10883292** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Officer James Luddecke was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 11 PAGE 76 **DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS** CODE 10883292 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$2,755,942**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 11 PAGE 77 DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST PAYMENTS CODE 10883294** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Officer James Luddecke was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 11 PAGE 77 **DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST PAYMENTS CODE 10883294 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$694,134**. The motion was carried 9 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Champagne, Etre, Fox, Herbst, Motola, Oliver and Simon voting yes and Council Member McCoy voting no.

Council Member Etre requested that the Administration look into a recommendation concerning the flexibility given to the Administration concerning the purchase of used equipment for the Town.

REVENUE DISCUSSION:

None.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION:

None.

ADJOURN:

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

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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APPROVED: April 4, 2006

Karin Z. Pike
Asst. Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

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TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
		<i>Citizens' Forum</i>			
7	41	Engineering	10341214	262,931	262,931
5	22	Town Planner - Administration	10150170	229,894	229,894
5	23	Community and Economic Development	10151171	130,000	130,000
7	32	Public Works - Administration	10340200	550,503	550,503
7	33	Public Works - General Maintenance	10340201	1,249,264	1,249,264
7	34	Public Works - Equipment Maintenance	10340202	719,226	719,226
7	35	Public Works - Maintenance of Government Building	10340203	847,154	847,154
7	36	Public Works - Snow Removal	10340204	221,640	221,640
7	37	Public Works - Refuse Collection and Disposal	10340205	1,262,092	1,262,092
7	38	Public Works - Recycling	10340206	393,139	393,139
7	39	Public Works - Condominium Refuse	10340207	5,265	5,265
7	40	Public Works - Tree Warden	10340208	11,680	11,680
12	83	Center 375	42340704	210,143	210,143
11	74	Capital Improvements - Town	10780290	1,069,615	1,069,615

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11	76	Debt Service - Principal Payments	10883292	2,755,942	2,755,942
11	77	Debt Service - Interest Payments	10883294	694,134	694,134
		<i>Revenue Discussion</i>			
		Miscellaneous Budgets Requiring Action			