

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BUDGET HEARING  
OF THE  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
May 7-8, 2007**

Senior Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 26 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut

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, George F. Apel, Bill F. Campbell, Daniel A. Champagne, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Jason L. McCoy, Brian R. Motola, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon; 10.

**Absent:** Council Members Mark S. Etre, Mary A. Oliver; 2.

**Also Present:** Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Finance Officer James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke and Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

Council Member Oliver was absent due to a death in her family.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

James Hoover, 155 Trout Stream Drive, stated that the Council is here "to serve the people not the department heads." He also stated the budget would pass if it were last years total plus 1 mil.

Raymond Bricault, 10 Russell Drive, stated that the Town should limit spending.

Catherine Rebai, 42 Neill Road, Board of Education chair, spoke in favor of the Board of Education budget and stated that the Board of Education was making a list of "needs" and "wants". She also requested that the public have budget questionnaires available at the polling place.

Paul Stansel, 39 Reed Street, requested that no more cuts be made to the budget.

Joe Grabinski, 623 Dart Hill Road, feels that the Council has no control over the budget after it is passed and the reserve fund should be kept at a reasonable amount. He also spoke against advanced placement courses at the high school level and felt that the Council should show some "courage" and eliminate some positions.

No other residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 7:19 p.m.

Finance Officer James Luddecke explained the ECS Non-Supplant Requirement sheet.

-Informational discussion.

A recess was taken at 8:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

**All budgetary items were opened for discussion and potential action.**

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO INCREASE REVENUE BY \$178,942. OBJECT CODE 43700 \$69,946.

43701 70,569.  
43720 48,931.  
43400 (10,504.)

The motion was carried 9 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Fox, Herbst, McCoy, Motola, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Member Champagne voting no.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO INCREASE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TRANSFER IN ACCOUNT OBJECT CODE 49900 BY \$300,000.

The motion was carried 8 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Fox, Herbst, McCoy, Motola, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Member Apel voting no. Council Member Champagne abstained.

**EXECUTIVE & ADMINISTRATION  
ACCOUNT CODE #10112120  
TAB 5 PAGE 3**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE OBJECT CODE 51030 PART-TIME WAGES \$14,000.

By unanimous consent, the motion was amended TO REDUCE  
**BUILDING INSPECTION CODE 10232187**  
TAB 6 PAGE 29  
OBJECT CODE 51010 REGULAR WAGES  
BY \$15,580.

Council Member Champagne was not present at the table to vote.

The motion, as amended, was carried 9 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Champagne was not present at the table to vote.

**LAW  
ACCOUNT CODE #10112121  
TAB 5 PAGE 4**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO REDUCE OBJECT CODE 53110 TOWN ATTORNEY \$15,000.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REDUCE BY \$10,000.

The amendment was carried 7 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Fox, Herbst, Motola, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Member Apel voting no. Council Members Champagne and McCoy abstained.

The motion, as amended, was carried 7 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Fox, Herbst, Motola, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Member Apel voting no. Council Members Champagne and McCoy abstained.

**TRAFFIC AUTHORITY  
ACCOUNT CODE #10230182  
TAB 6 PAGE 26**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 54115 UTILITY SERVICES-STREET LIGHTS BY  
\$20,000.

The motion was carried 7 to 3 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, McCoy, Motola and Simon voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst and Schaefer voting no.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 54450 RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE BY  
\$5,000  
STREET LINE PAINTING

The motion was carried 5 to 4 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 56162 SIGN PARTS & SUPPLIES BY  
\$6,000.

The motion was carried 5 to 4 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Council Member Champagne abstained.

**GENERAL MAINTENANCE  
ACCOUNT CODE #10340201  
TAB 7 PAGE 33**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 56162 SIGN PARTS & SUPPLIES BY  
\$2,000.

The motion was carried 7 to 3 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, McCoy, Motola and Schaefer voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst and Simon voting no.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 8 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER 26 PARK PLACE VERNON,CT. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting recessed at 10:29 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007**

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

**Present:** Council Members Daniel E. Anderson, George F. Apel, Bill F. Campbell, Daniel A. Champagne, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon; 8.

**Absent:** Council Members Mark S. Etre, Jason L. McCoy, Brian R. Motola, Mary A. Oliver; 4.

**Entered During Meeting:** Council Member Jason L. McCoy (7:03 p.m.), Brian R. Motola (7:17 p.m.); 2.

**Also Present:** Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Finance Officer James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke, Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

Council Member McCoy entered the meeting (7:03 p.m.)

Discussion of the Budget Revision sheet took place.

Council Member McCoy entered the meeting (7:03 p.m.)

The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

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

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO REDUCE TAB 5 PAGE 23 COMM/ECO DEVL P CODE 10151171 OBJECT CODE 58800 TRANSFER OUT PLAN OF CONSERVATION BY \$15,000.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO REDUCE BY \$12,000. The amendment was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO REDUCE TAB 5 PAGE 23 COMM/ECO DEVL P CODE 10115171 OBJECT CODE 58800 TRANSFER OUT TARGETED PROGRAMS BY \$10,000.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO REDUCE BY \$15,000. The amendment was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

The motion, as amended, was carried 8 to 2 with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Champagne, Fox, Herbst, McCoy, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Members Campbell and Motola voting no.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE TAB 6 PAGE 24 POLICE CODE 10230180 OBJECT CODE 51010 REGULAR WAGES VACANCY FACTOR, .75% BY \$30,000. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO REDUCE TAB 6 PAGE 24 POLICE CODE 10230180 OBJECT CODE 56514 MV ACCESSORIES LIGHT BAR BY \$2,200. The motion was carried 7 to 2 on a voice vote with Council Members Apel, Anderson, Fox, Herbst, Motola, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Members Campbell and McCoy voting no. Council member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO REDUCE TAB 6 PAGE 24 POLICE CODE 10230180 OBJECT CODE 57610 CARS & VANS PATROL CAR BY \$22,000. The motion was carried 5 to 4 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Schaefer, Apel, Herbst and Simon voting yes and Council Members Campbell, Fox, McCoy and Motola voting no. Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE TAB 7 PAGE 34 EQUIP. MAINT. CODE 10340202 OBJECT CODE 56261 AUTOMOTIVE FUEL DIESEL BY \$20,640. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO REDUCE TAB 7 PAGE 35 BUILDING MAINT CODE 10340203 OBJECT CODE 56250 HEATING FUEL HEATING FUEL BY \$2,800. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE TAB 7 PAGE 36 SNOW REMOVAL CODE 10340204 OBJECT CODE 56181 SAND;GRAVEL;SALT BY \$15,000. The motion was carried 9 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, Herbst, McCoy, Motola, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Member Fox voting no.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE TAB 7 PAGE 37 REFUSE REMOVAL 10340205 OBJECT CODE 56261 AUTOMOTIVE FUEL DIESEL BY \$8,832. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE TAB 7 PAGE 38 RECYCLING CODE 10340206 OBJECT CODE 56261 AUTOMOTIVE FUEL DIESEL BY \$3,901. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE TAB 11 PAGE 74 CAPITAL IMPROV. CODE 10780290 OBJECT CODE 57340 IMPROVE STREET SHIM & PAVE - #3 BY \$294,672. The motion was carried 6 to 3 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Members Campbell, Champagne and Motola voting no. Council Member McCoy abstained.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE TAB 11 PAGE 74 CAPITAL IMPROV. CODE 10780290 OBJECT CODE 57340 IMPROVE STREET PAVEMENT CRACK BY \$37,433. The motion was carried 6 to 4 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Members Campbell, Champagne, McCoy and Motola voting no.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO RESCIND THE FOLLOWING MOTION: TO INCREASE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TRANSFER IN ACCOUNT OBJECT CODE 49900 BY \$300,000. The motion to rescind was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

**EDUCATION  
CODE #10990330  
TAB 12 PAGE 78**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO REDUCE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OBJECT CODE 58000 OTHER/SUNDRY BY \$300,000.

The motion was carried 6 to 2 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Fox, McCoy, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Members Apel and Motola voting no. Council Members Champagne and Herbst abstained.

**TOWN PLANNER-ADMINISTRATION  
CODE #10150170  
TAB 5 PAGE 22**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Anderson, moved TO REDUCE OBJECT CODE 55650 CONFERENCE FEES & MEMBERSHIPS NC CT SOIL CONSERVATION SERV BY \$1,500.

The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Campbell abstained.

**DATA PROCESSING CENTER  
CODE #51617710  
TAB 12 PAGE 84**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Anderson, moved TO REDUCE OBJECT CODE 51010 REGULAR WAGES BY \$3,561.

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

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO REDUCE OBJECT CODE 51010 REGULAR WAGES BY \$30,000.

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

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Anderson, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 53800 OTHER FEES BY  
\$4,000.

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

**REFUNDS – TAX ADJUSTMENTS  
CODE #10114145  
TAB 5 PAGE 14**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Anderson, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 58200 TAX REFUNDS BY  
\$14,000.

The motion was carried 8 to 2 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, fox, McCoy, Motola and Simon voting yes and Council Members Herbst and Schaefer voting no.

**EXECUTIVE & ADMINISTRATION  
CODE #10112120  
TAB 5 PAGE 3**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 55310 TELEPHONE LINES BY  
\$6,500.

The motion was carried 9 to 1 with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, Fox, Herbst, McCoy, Motola and Schaefer voting yes and Council Member Simon voted no.

**PARK MAINTENANCE  
CODE #10560254  
TAB 9 PAGE 62**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Anderson, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 57590 OTHER EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY BRUSH HOG BY  
\$5,500.

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

**REVENUE**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO INCREASE  
ZONING COMPLIANCE REVIEWS  
BY \$3,000.

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

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO INCREASE  
ZONING PERMITS  
BY \$30,000.

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

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO INCREASE  
ENGINEERING DRIVEWAY PERMITS  
BY \$3,400.

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

**GENERAL MAINTENANCE  
CODE #10340201  
TAB 7 PAGE 33**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 56740 ASPHALT PRODUCTS BY  
\$10,000.

The motion failed 4 to 5 with Council Members Anderson, Apel, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Mayor Marmer broke the tie by voting no. Council Members Campbell and Champagne abstained.

**EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE  
CODE #10340202  
TAB 7 PAGE 34**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 54390 OTHER REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE BY  
\$1,500.

The motion failed 4 to 6 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell and McCoy voting yes and Council Members Champagne, Fox, Herbst, Motola, Schaefer and Simon voting no.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 54320 MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT REPAIRS BY  
\$2,000.

The motion was carried 6 to 4 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 56511 BY  
\$3,000.

The motion was carried 5 to 4 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Council Member Champagne abstained.

**MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS  
CODE #10340203  
TAB 7 PAGE 35**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE OBJECT CODE 57210 AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS BY \$14,000.  
POLICE-REPLACE 2 UNITS-RECORDS AREA

The motion was carried 6 to 3 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Fox, McCoy, Motola, and Fox voting yes and Council Members Campbell, Herbst and Simon voting no.

**ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
CODE #10562262  
TAB 9 PAGE 65**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO REDUCE OBJECT CODE 58710 GRANTS-CULTURAL/HERITAGE BY \$40,000.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Motola, moved A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE BY \$30,000.

The friendly amendment was carried 8 to 2 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, McCoy, Motola, Schaefer and Simon voting yes and Council Members Fox and Herbst voting no.

The motion, as amended, was carried 7 to 2 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, McCoy, Motola and Schaefer voting yes and Council Members Fox and Herbst voting no. Council Member Simon abstained.

**TREE WARDEN  
CODE #10340280  
TAB 7 PAGE 40**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola, moved TO REDUCE OBJECT CODE 54450 RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES BY \$2,000.

The motion failed 4 to 5 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Campbell, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Apel, Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Apel, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO EXTEND CURFEW UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS. The motion was carried 8 to 2 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Champagne, Fox, Herbst, Motola, Schaefer, and Simon voting yes and Council Members Campbell and McCoy voting no.

**POLICE  
CODE#10230180  
TAB 6 PAGE 24**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 57710 COMPUTER HARDWARE BY  
\$3,203.

The motion was carried 5 to 4 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Fox, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Campbell, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Council Member Champagne abstained.

**EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE  
CODE #10340202  
TAB 7 PAGE 34**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 57510 GARAGE EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY BY  
\$5,500  
TIRE MACHINE

The motion failed 5 to 6 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Champagne, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Campbell, Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Mayor Marmer broke the tie by voting no.

**EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATION  
CODE #10112120  
TAB 5 PAGE 3**

Council Member Apel, seconded by Council Member Anderson, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 51020 OVERTIME WAGES BY  
\$350.

A recess was taken at 10:36 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:44 p.m.

The motion was carried 7 to 2 on a voice vote with Council Members Apel, Anderson, Campbell, Champagne, Herbst, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox and Schaefer voted no. Council Member Simon abstained.

**FINANCE ADMINISTRATION  
CODE #10114140  
TAB 5 PAGE 9**

Council Member Apel, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 51020 OVERTIME WAGES BY  
\$3,000.

The motion failed 4 to 5 on a voice vote with Council Members Apel, Campbell, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Mayor Marmer broke the tie by voting no. Council Members Anderson and Champagne abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council member Anderson, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 55500 PRINTING & BINDING BY  
\$600.

The motion was carried 5 to 4 on a voice vote with Council Members Apel, Anderson, Campbell, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Anderson, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 57810 OFFICE FURNITURE 4-DRAWER LATERAL FILE W/CENTRAL LOCKING BY  
\$640.

The motion failed 4 to 5 with Council Members Apel, Anderson, Campbell and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Schaefer and Simon voting no. Mayor Marmer broke the tie by voting no.

**DATA PROCESSING  
CODE #10117160  
TAB 1 PAGE 21**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 58800 OTHR FIANCNG USES-TRNSFE BY  
\$18,800.

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CODE #10990300  
TAB 12 PAGE 78**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 58900 OPERATING BUDGET BY  
\$18,800.

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

**SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE  
CODE #10670270  
TAB 10 PAGE 66**

Council Member Apel, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO REDUCE  
OBJECT CODE 52200 SOCIAL SECURITY BY  
\$2,322.

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

**APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 FOR SECOND REFERENDUM**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO PRESENT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,792,879. TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS TO VOTE ON BALLOTS UTILIZING A "YES" OR "NO" ON THE BALLOT AT THE SECOND BUDGET REFERENDUM SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007 AT CENTER 375, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M., AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH A WARNING OF SAID REFERENDUM AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE REFERENDUM AND TO PHRASE SUCH ITEM IN A FORM SUITABLE FOR PRINTING ON SUCH BALLOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §7-7 AND OTHER LAWS:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF VERNON ADOPT A BUDGET FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2007 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,792,879?"

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

**APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,368,799; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,212,560; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,211,520 FOR A GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF \$73,792,879.

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

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,792,879 TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF \$73,792,879 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUES AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.

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

**SET DATE FOR REFERENDUM**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS THE DATE FOR THE REFERENDUM UPON THE BUDGET VOTE AS TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007 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 voice vote.

**ADJOURN:**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m.