

March 28, 2009

MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
Saturday, March 28, 2009 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Members Present: Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Brian Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas, Michael Winkler

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

Data Processing Center

On Thursday, March 26, 2009 Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12, page 85, in the amount of \$702,090 motion carried unanimously. The meeting opened by starting directly with the already open budget review for the Data Processing Center.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Champagne joined the meeting at 9:40 AM

Council Member Herold joined the meeting at 9:45 AM.

10:00 AM Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open the public hearing.

(10:00 AM) Recess

(10:05 AM) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Nancy Herold, Brian Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas, Michael Winkler

Absent: Mark Etre, Sean O'Shea,

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no speakers at Citizens Forum

PUBLIC HEARING: (10:06 am)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2009-2010 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.

Open Public Hearing 10:06 AM

Mayor McCoy called the public hearing to order to receive comments and answer any questions from the public. The Recording Secretary read the legal notice into the record.

There were no Public Comments:

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Close Public Hearing 10:07 AM

Council Member Herold asked to have the March 30, 2009 and April 28, 2009 public hearing re-advertised for make the public aware of the hearings. Council Member Herbst suggested listing under "upcoming events" in both the Journal and Reminder. Council Member Schaefer suggested a press release to save on costs. Ms Wheelock and Mr. Luddecke will take their requests into consideration determine the best way to advertise.

Mayor McCoy requested the meeting return to the previous discussion of miscellaneous accounts requiring action.

Data Processing Center continued

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to reduce revenue code 57710 by \$30,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 12, page 85 account 10117160. Discussion took place, Council Member Anderson removed his motion. Discussion continued.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 12, page 85 account 10117160 for a total amount of \$790,380. Motion carried, Council Member Herold abstained.

Data Processing

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 5, page 21, in the amount of \$416,307, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 5, page 21, account 10117160, in the amount of \$416,307, motion carried, Council Member Herold abstained. .

Animal Control

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 31, in the amount of \$128,924, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. A general revenue discussion was held regarding non-union and union raises, information was provided to the Town Council Members by Mr. Luddecke.

11:10 AM Council Member Winkler left the table

11:15 AM Council Member Herbst left the table

11:17 AM Council Members Herbst and Winkler returned.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 6, page 31, account 10233188, in the amount of \$128,924, motion carried unanimously.

Dog License Account

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12, page 80, in the amount of \$35,112, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

11:18 AM Mayor McCoy left the table

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 12, page 80, account 22233410, in the amount of \$35,112, motion carried, Council Member Herold abstained.

Engineering

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 42, in the amount of \$267,718, motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

11:21 AM Mayor McCoy returned to the table

11:28 AM Council Member Anderson left the table.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 42, account 10341214, in the amount of \$267,718, motion carried unanimously.

11:30 AM Council Member Anderson returned

Public Works – Administration

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 32, in the amount of \$579,953, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 32, account 10340200, in the amount of \$579,953, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – General Maintenance

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Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 33, in the amount of \$1,246,202, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Herold requested the Mr. Fetko consider making a request to the state to make repairs such as guard rails and sidewalks on West Road. Mayor McCoy will send a letter placing the State on notice that he has received complaints regarding potential harm to people about the conditions on West Road including the guard rails and sidewalks.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 33, account 10340201, in the amount of \$1,246,202, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Equipment Maintenance

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 34, in the amount of \$698,102, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 34, account 10340202, in the amount of \$698,102, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Maintenance of Government Building

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 35, in the amount of \$811,162, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 35, account 10340203, in the amount of \$811,162, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Snow Removal

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 36, in the amount of \$194,740, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox made a motion to increase the total of account 10340204 to \$210,000. Motion failed, there was no second.

12:25 PM Council Member Herold left the table.

12:35 PM Council Member Herold returned.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 36, account 10340204, in the amount of \$194,740, motion carried, Council Member Fox opposed.

Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 37, in the amount of \$1,344,120, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 37, account 10340205, in the amount of \$1,344,120, motion carried unanimously.

12:40 PM Council Member Herbst left the table

Public Works – Recycling

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 38, in the amount of \$364,041, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 38, account 10340206, in the amount of \$364,041, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Condominium Refuse

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 39, in the amount of \$4,534, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Mr. Fetko requested the Town Council increase this account by \$49.00.

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Council Member Champagne seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 7, page 39, account 10340207, in the amended amount of \$5,046, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Tree Warden

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 40, in the amount of \$10,680, motion carried Council Member Thomas abstained.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 40, account 10340208, in the amount of \$10,680, motion carried, Council Member Thomas abstained.

Public Works – Leaf Collection

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 41, in the amount of \$117,695, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 7, page 41, account 10340209, in the amount of \$117,695, motion carried unanimously.

Center 375

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12, page 84, in the amount of \$240,949, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 12, page 84, account 42340704, in the amount of \$240,949, motion carried unanimously.

Capital Improvements – Town

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 11, page 74, in the amount of \$132,120, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 11, page 74, account 10780290, in the amount of \$132,120, motion carried unanimously.

1:03 PM Council Member Herold left the table.

Recess (1:30 PM)

Reconvene (1:54 PM)

Executive Administration

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 3, in the amount of \$729,111, motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to increase revenue code 51010 by \$9251.00 for a total of \$30,000. Discussion took place. Council Member Anderson removed his motion.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce revenue code 55315 from \$2750.00 to 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to open and change the copier leases in the following budgets and closed at the revised amount for total savings of \$11,879: (A hand out was provided to Town Council members)

Tab 5, page 1 Town Council account 10110110 total as revised \$16,994

Tab 5, page 3 Executive and Administration account 10112120 total as revised \$725,851

Tab 5, page 5 Registration account 10113130 total as revised \$82,706

Tab 5, page 13 Assessment account 10114144 total as revised \$164,415

Tab 5, page 15 Collector of Revenue account 10114146 total as revised \$242,440

Tab 6, page 24 Police account 10230180 total as revised \$224,087

Tab 6, page 29 building Inspection account 10232187 total as revised \$281,876

Tab 8, page 55 Social Services account 10456240 total as revised \$236,293

Tab 8, page 56 Youth Services account 10456241 total as revised \$207,819

Tab 8, page 57 Senior Center account 10457242 total as revised \$127,596

Tab 9, page 58 Recreation account 10560250 total as revised \$401,865.

2:30 PM Council Member Schaefer left the table

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Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to increase revenue code 51010 by \$2,700 for a total of \$92,700. Discussion took place. Council Member Winkler withdrew his motion.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 5, page 3, account 10112120, in the revised amount of \$723,101, motion carried, Council Member Fox opposed

Law

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 5, page 4, in the amount of \$158,635, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 5, page 4, account 10112121, in the amount of \$158,635, motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Administration

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to open tab 5, page 9, in the amount of \$411,013, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 5, page 9, account 10114140, in the amount of \$ 411,013, motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Independent Audit

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to open tab 5, page 10, in the amount of \$41,500, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 10, account 10114141, in the amount of \$41,500, motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Treasury

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 5, page 11, in the amount of \$2,355, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 11, account 10114142, in the amount of \$2,355, motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Purchasing

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 5, page 12, in the amount of \$11,080, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 5, page 12, account 10114143, in the amount of \$11,080, motion carried unanimously.

Recess (2:50 PM)

Council Member Motola, Seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday, March 30, 2009 7:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: March 30, 2009

Approved: April 21, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary

James E. Krupienski, Asst. Town Clerk

Town of Vernon**Town Council Budget Hearing**
Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - 3rd Floor, Town Hall****Page 1 of 2**

TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
		<i>Citizens' Forum</i>			
		<i>Budget Overview</i>			
12	81	Cemetery Operations	23342420	261,520	261,520
10	73	Vernon Cemetery Commission	10826302	135,483	135,483
5	19	Water Pollution Control Authority	10116157	13,461	13,461
12	83	Waste Treatment Plant Operation	41345700	5,728,145	5,728,145
10	72	Housing Authority-Sewer Subsidy	10673282	46,057	46,057
12	85	Data Processing Center	51617710	702,090	790,380
5	21	Data Processing	10117160	416,307	416,307
6	31	Animal Control	10233188	128,924	128,924
12	80	Dog Licensing Account	22233410	35,112	35,112
7	42	Engineering	10341214	267,718	267,718
7	32	Public Works - Administration	10340200	579,953	579,953
7	33	Public Works - General Maintenance	10340201	1,246,202	1,246,202
7	34	Public Works - Equipment Maintenance	10340202	698,102	698,102
7	35	Public Works - Maintenance of Government Bldg.	10340203	811,162	811,162

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7	36	Public Works - Snow Removal	10340204	194,740	194,740
7	37	Public Works - Refuse Collection and Disposal	10340205	1,344,120	1,344,120
7	38	Public Works - Recycling	10340206	364,041	364,041
7	39	Public Works - Condominium Refuse	10340207	4,534	5,046
7	40	Public Works - Tree Warden	10340208	10,680	10,680
7	41	Public Works - Leaf Collection	10340209	117,695	117,695
12	84	Center 375	42340704	240,949	240,949
11	74	Capital Improvements - Town	10780290	132,120	132,120
		<i>Revenue Discussion</i>			
		Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action:			

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5	1	Town Council	10110110	17,359	
5	17	Town Clerk	10115150	289,449	
5	2	Probate Court	10111112	14,110	
5	13	Assessment	10114144	262,682	
5	16	Revaluation	10114147	30,000	
5	18	Board of Assessment Appeals	10116155	2,700	
5	15	Collector of Revenue	10114146	252,773	
5	14	Refunds - Tax Adjustments	10114145	29,000	
5	3	Executive and Administration	10112120	729,111	723,101
5	4	Law	10112121	158,635	158,635
5	9	Finance - Administration	10114140	411,013	411,013
5	10	Finance - Independent Audit	10114141	41,500	41,500
5	11	Finance - Treasury	10114142	2,355	2,355
5	12	Finance - Purchasing	10114143	11,080	11,080

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6	27	Fire Fighting and Administration	10231183	1,091,074	
12	79	Ambulance Division	22231417	1,158,192	
6	28	Fire Marshal	10232185	87,516	
6	30	Emergency Management	10232189	43,530	
6	24	Police	10230180	5,745,329	
6	25	School Crossing Guards	10230181	64,820	
6	26	Traffic Authority	10230182	317,960	
6	29	Building Inspection	10232187	282,857	
5	22	Town Planner - Administration	10150170	235,616	
5	23	Community and Economic Development	10151171	105,881	
		Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action:			

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		<i>Citizens' Forum</i>			
		Public Hearing			
		<i>Budget Update</i>			
10	67	Pension	10670271	2,047,000	
10	68	Group Insurance	10670272	2,766,250	
10	69	Unemployment Insurance	10670273	24,000	
10	70	Municipal Insurance	10671278	696,292	
10	71	Contingency	10672280	236,000	
10	66	Social Security and Medicare	10670270	935,000	
11	76	Debt Service - Principal Payments	10883292	2,935,828	
11	77	Debt Service - Interest Payments	10883294	2,008,350	
		<i>Revenue Discussion</i>			
		Miscellaneous Budgets Requiring Action			