

MINUTES  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

Wednesday March 25, 2009 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Council Members Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Nancy Herold, Sean O'Shea, and Pauline Schaefer

Entered During Meeting:

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

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no speakers at Citizen's forum

Citizen's forum closed at 7:07 PM

PRESENTATION:

James Luddecke, Finance Office and Treasurer and Mayor Jason L. McCoy to present Budget 2009-2010 overview to the Town Council prior to the beginning of deliberations.

Mayor McCoy provided opening remarks with information regarding the 2009-2010 budget. Mr. Luddecke also presented information and answered questions regarding the 2009-2010 budget and called attention to the charts behind tabs 1 and 4, the object code comparison behind tab 3 and collection rates behind tab 1, page 3. Discussion took place.

Mayoral request:

The Mayor hereby requests that each Department Head in attendance present an overview of their department budget to the Town Council prior to their budget discussion.

A. TOWN COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET CONSIDERATION.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst, made the following motion:

ADOPTED MOTION:

The Town Council adopts the following list of Rules and Procedures for the 2009-2010 Budget deliberations:

Waive all Robert's Rules of Procedure during budget deliberation;

Revenue will be discussed at the opening meeting and at the final budget meeting;

All budget accounts shall be opened and closed, with the Council making decisions on each individual budget during the allocated time frame;

At the final budget hearing the Town Council may add or delete from any account previously discussed.

Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. BUDGET REVIEW**

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2009-2010 for various departments, divisions and organizations to include:

1. Cemetery Operations
2. Vernon Cemetery Commission
3. Water Pollution Control Authority
4. Waste Treatment Plant Operation
5. Housing Authority – Sewer Subsidy
6. Data Processing Center
7. Data Processing
8. Animal Control
9. Dog License Account
10. Engineering
11. Public Works - Administration
12. Public Works – General Maintenance
13. Public Works – Equipment Maintenance
14. Public Works – Snow Removal
15. Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal
16. Public Works - Recycling
17. Public Works – Condominium Refuse
18. Public Works – Tree Warden
19. Public Works – Leaf Collection
20. Center 375
21. Capital Improvements - Town

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

**Cemetery Operations**

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to open tab 12, page 81, in the amount of \$261,520 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 12, page 81, account 23342420, in the amount of \$261,520 motion carried unanimously.

**Vernon Cemetery Commission**

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open tab 10, page 73, in the amount of \$135,483 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 10, page 73, account 10826302, in the amount of \$135,483 motion carried unanimously.

**Water Pollution Control Authority**

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open tab 5, page 19, in the amount of \$13,461 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 5, page 19, account 10116157, in the amount of \$13,461 motion carried unanimously.

**Waste Treatment Plant Operation**

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open tab 12, page 83, in the amount of \$5,728,145 motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place.

**RECESS (8:40 pm)**

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The meeting was recessed until March 26, 2009 for lack of quorum.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary