

AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009
7:30 P.M.

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CITIZEN'S FORUM

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VERNON TOWN CLERK
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B.) PUBLIC HEARING

C.) PRESENTATION

1. Mayor Jason L. McCoy to present Congratulatory Citations to the Vernon 11-12 year old Girls Softball Tournament Team members and their coaches for bringing the District #8 Championship home to Vernon.
2. Mayor Jason L. McCoy to present Citations of Appreciation to the Vernon Volunteer Firefighters for their assistance to the Board of Education and the Fire Marshal's Office during the days leading up to the opening of Vernon's Schools for the new school year 2009-2010.
3. Mayor Jason L. McCoy to present Citations of Appreciation to the Vernon Volunteer Firefighters who assisted the Vernon Parks and Recreation Department in preparing Horowitz Pool for its summer opening.
4. Mayor Jason L. McCoy to update the Town Council on various topics.

D. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- C 1.** **Request for Tax Refunds Prior Years and Current Year.**
(A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated September 28, 2009 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES SIX (6) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$2221.35 FOR PRIOR YEARS AND TWENTY (20) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$1256.52 FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2009.

- C 2.** **Request the Town Council authorizes Mayor Jason L. McCoy to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education Grant for the Youth Service Bureau in the amount of \$ 6,250.00.** (A copy of a memorandum from Alan Slobodien, Director of the Youth Service Bureau to Town Council Members dated 10-03-2009 and a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Town Council Members dated 10-03-2009 are included in the packet for your review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE APPLICATION BY THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR A GRANT FROM THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,250.00 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SAID APPLICATION.

- C 3. Request the Town Council renew the Town of Vernon Elderly and Disabled Property Tax Relief Program § 12-129N, to September 30, 2011.** The Property Tax Relief for elderly or disabled property owners is up for re-adoption. The Director of Finance James Luddecke and Town Assessor David Wheeler will be present and available to answer any questions on the matter.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND ITS ELDERLY AND DISABLED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. §12-129N, ENTITLED "OPTIONAL TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN HOMEOWNERS AGE 65 OR OVER OR WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED AS ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEARS UNTIL AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

- C 4. Request the Town Council renew the Town of Vernon Freeze Property Tax Relief Program to September 30, 2011.** (The Property Tax Relief for elderly is up for re-adoption. The Director of Finance James Luddecke and Town Assessor David Wheeler will be present and available to answer any questions on the matter.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE ELDERLY FREEZE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM AS ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve a budget transfer for the demolition of #8, #11 and #12 Ward Streets.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE RE-DESIGNATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT, TRANSFERRING \$120,900.00 FROM THE CRRA SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS TO A DESIGNATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES 8, 11 AND 12 WARD STREET.

E.) IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

F.) PENDING BUSINESS

G.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Update from Vernon Superintendent Richard Paskiewicz and Board of Education Member and Budget Steering Committee Chairman George Apel regarding the 2009-2010 budget.**

2. **Request that the Town Council approve participation in CROG'S RFP for a Trash Authority.** (Enclosed is a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator, dated 10/2/09 to Mayor McCoy and the Town Council).

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES TO: (1) ALLOW THE TOWN TO EXPRESS ITS PRELIMINARY INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FORMED BY THE CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, THE "CENTRAL CONNECTICUT SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY;" AND (2) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO PAY A FEE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) TO HELP DEFRAID THE PROFESSIONAL FEES NECESSARY TO DRAFT A MODEL ORDINANCE WHICH THE TOWN MAY ADOPT, IF THE TOWN DECIDED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED AUTHORITY.

3. **Update and discussion with Jay Malczynski, Esq. and Jeffrey Zyjeski, Esq., of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc.** (This is just a discussion there are no documents included in the agenda.)

4. **Update to the Town Council from the Ordinance Review Task Force regarding their progress on the review of all of Town of Vernon Ordinances.** (A copy of a memorandum from Jason L. McCoy, Mayor to the Members of the Ordinance Review Task Force, Attorney Martin Burke and Town Clerk Bernice Dixon dated 09-30-09 and a letter from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant to Task Force dated 08-28-09 are included for Council review.)

H.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

I.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

Amendment to Ordinance No. 242

On August 18, 2009, the Town Council voted to send the Proposed Ordinance to a Public Hearing on September 15, 2009. Said public hearing was held and citizen commentary was received. The proposed ordinance is before you for your consideration. (Please see the enclosed memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator, dated October 2, 2009, to Mayor Jason L. McCoy, the memorandum from John D. Ward concerning the Committee Membership, a Map of the District showing the Commercial property in question). BLRWPCA members and Representatives of Fuss & O'Neil will be present to discuss the status of the project, engineering details, and the district, along with Mr. David Ignatowicz, Director of the Town of Vernon's Water Pollution Control Authority.

PROPOSED MOTION:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER V SECTION 4 AND 6 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #242 TO AUTHORIZE THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO ADD PROPERTIES TO THE JURISDICTIONAL AREA**".

J.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

K.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

L.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200(6) (D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL CLAIM. THE TOWN COUNCIL INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TOWN ATTORNEY HAROLD CUMMINGS, AND TERRY MCCARTHY, TOWN ENGINEER TO ATTEND.

M.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Senior Center Report for August 2009, submitted by Penny Rand, Senior Center Director.
2. Copy of letter from Deputy Mayor Brian Motola and Town Council to Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk dated September 16, 2009 regarding future Ordinance revisions.
3. Vernon Police Department report for August 2009, submitted by Captain Stephen Clark.
4. Building Department monthly report for August 2009 as submitted by B. Peter Hobbs, Building Official.
5. Copy of letter from Mayor Jason McCoy to Governor M. Jodi Rell dated September 15, 2009 regarding the potential use of DOT electronic highway signs to welcome home military units.
6. Memorandum from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant to Mayor Jason L. McCoy dated October 1, 2009 regarding cost savings on TOV Verizon bills.
7. Letter from Chester W. Morgan to Mayor Jason L. McCoy dated September 22, 2009 regarding an article dated September 2009, relative to the National Guard Bureau's Counterdrug Program "Stay on Track". 1SG Dan Morgan, US Army is a graduate of Rockville High School and former Town Council Member Chester Morgan's son.
8. Ambulance Report for September 2009, submitted by EMS Coordinator, Jean Gauthier.