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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

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Monday, March 30, 2009 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Nancy Herold, Brian Motola, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Michael Winkler

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Harry Thomas 7:05 PM

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

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Polly Schaefer, 1A Fox Hill Drive – Spoke regarding the Journal Inquirer article about Town of Vernon employee salaries.

Phyllis Winkler spoke about the Board of Education budget. She requested the Town Council return the cuts made to the board's original budget.

Citizens forum closed at 7:10 PM

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to keep the 10:30 curfew. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herbst asked to move the following sections to the end of the budget: Pension, Group Insurance, Unemployment Insurance, Municipal Insurance, Contingency, Social Security and Medicare, Debt Service – Principal Payments and Debt Service – Interest Payments. Council Members agreed.

Council Member Schaefer requested that the Council hear from the Collector of Revenue Services tonight since it was her last day with the Town. Council Members agreed.

PUBLIC HEARING: (7:05 PM)

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

Open Public Hearing 7:15 PM

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open the public hearing to receive comments and answer any questions from the public. Mayor McCoy called the public hearing to order. The Recording Secretary read the legal notice into the record.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments

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

Close Public Hearing 7:17 PM**PRESENTATION:**

James Luddecke, Finance Officer to update the Town Council. Mr. Luddecke provided information regarding the firm chosen for the 2009 fiscal year audit. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the following motion:

MOTION:

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPOINTS THE FIRM OF KOSTIN, RUFFKES & COMPANY, LLC, OF 76 BETTERSON PARK ROAD, FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT AS AUDITORS TO AUDIT THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT #917 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,900 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 AUDIT.

Motion carried unanimously.

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. BUDGET REVIEW:

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

1. Education
2. Education – Capitol Improvements
3. Social Services
4. Youth Services
5. Senior Center
6. North Central Health District
7. Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut
8. Hockanum Valley Community Council
9. Child Guidance Clinic
10. Exchange Club – Prevention of Child Abuse
11. Hockanum Industries
12. MARCH, Inc. of Manchester
13. Tri-Town Shelter Services
14. Connecticut Legal Services
15. Hartford Interval House
16. YWCA Sexual Assault Services
17. Hockanum Valley School Readiness
18. Arts Commission
19. Historical Society
20. Rockville Public Library
21. Recreation Administration
22. Recreation Public Celebration
23. Recreation Parks Maintenance
24. Recreation Programs Account
25. Greater Hartford Transit District
26. Registration

- 27. Elections – General
- 28. Elections – Primary
- 29. Elections - Referendum

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

Education

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 12 page 78, in the amount of \$45,835,932 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 12 page 78, account 10990330 in the amount of \$45,835,932 motion carried unanimously

Education – Capitol Improvements

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 11, page 75, in the amount of \$0 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 11, page 75, account 10780291, in the amount of \$0 motion carried unanimously.

Social Services

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 8, page 55, in the amount of \$236,293, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 8, page 55, account 10456240, in the amount of \$ 236,293, motion carried unanimously.

Youth Services

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 8, page 56, in the amount of \$207,819 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member O'Shea, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to increase object code 51030 to \$4000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 8, page 56, account 10456241, in the amount of \$211,819, motion carried unanimously.

(9:05 PM) Council Member Thomas left the table.

(9:05 PM) Mayor McCoy left the table

Senior Center

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 8, page 57, in the amount of \$127,596, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to close tab 8, page 57, account 10457242, in the amount of \$127,596, motion carried unanimously.

(9:08 PM) Mayor McCoy Returned

North Central Health District

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 8, page 43, in the amount of \$117,592 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 8, page 43, account 10455220, in the amount of \$117,592, motion carried unanimously.

9:18 PM Council Member Motola left the table

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open Tab 8, pages 44 – 54 beginning with Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut and ending with Hockanum Valley School Readiness. Motion carried unanimously

9:20 PM Council Member Motola returned.

Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 44, in the amount of \$17,000 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 44, account 10455221, in the amount of \$17,000 motion carried unanimously.

Hockanum Valley Community Council

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 45, in the amount of \$165,000 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase the account by \$3,000. Discussion took place. Council Member Winkler made a motion to move the amendment, Motion carried unanimously. Motion to increase the account by \$3,000 failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Schaefer, Anderson, O'Shea, Campbell, and Champagne opposed. Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 45, account 10456222, in the amount of \$165,000 motion carried unanimously.

Child Guidance Clinic

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 46, in the amount of \$11,000 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 46, account 10456223, in the amount of \$11,000 motion carried unanimously.

Exchange Club – Prevention of Child Abuse

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 47, in the amount of \$8,000 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 47, account 10456224, in the amount of \$8,000 motion carried unanimously.

Hockanum Industries

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 48, in the amount of \$6,500 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to increase this account by \$500.00 to \$7,000. Council Members Etre, Motola, Schaefer, Campbell and Champagne opposed. Council Members Anderson, O'Shea, Herold, Winkler and Fox favored. Council Member Herbst abstained. Mayor McCoy broke the tie by voting in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 48, account 10456225, in the amended amount of \$7,000 motion carried unanimously.

MARCH, Inc. of Manchester

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 49, in the amount of \$4,000 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 49, account 10456226, in the amount of \$4,000 motion carried unanimously.

Tri-Town Shelter Services

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 50, in the amount of \$9,000 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 50, account 10456227, in the amount of \$9,000 motion carried unanimously.

Connecticut Legal Services

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 51, in the amount of \$4,000 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 51, account 10456229, in the amount of \$4,000 motion carried unanimously.

Hartford Interval House

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 52, in the amount of \$2,500 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 52, account 10456232, in the amount of \$2,500 motion carried unanimously.

YWCA Sexual Assault Services

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 53, in the amount of \$1,500 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 52, account 10456235, in the amount of \$1,500 motion carried unanimously.

Hockanum Valley School Readiness

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 8, page 54, in the amount of \$4,000 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 8, page 54, account 10456236, in the amount of \$4,000 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close Tab 8, pages 44 – 54 beginning with Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut and ending with Hockanum Valley School Readiness with amended budgets. Motion carried unanimously

Arts Commission

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 9, page 63, in the amount of \$11,840 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 9, page 63, account 10562260, in the amount of \$11,840 motion carried, Council Member Winkler abstained.

Historical Society

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 9, page 64, in the amount of \$5,000 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 9, page 64, account 10562261, in the amount of \$5,000 motion carried unanimously.

Rockville Public Library

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 9, page 65, in the amount of \$300,000 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 9, page 65, account 10562262, in the amount of \$300,000 motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Administration

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 9, page 58, in the amount of \$401,865 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 9, page 58, account 10560250, in the amount of \$401,865 motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Public Celebration

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 9, page 61, in the amount of \$ 15,600 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Andreson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 55910 by \$1,600. Motion failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Schaefer, Anderson, O'Shea, Herold, Champagne, Winkler and Fox opposed.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 9, page 61, account 10560253, in the amount of \$15,600 motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Parks Maintenance

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 9, page 62, in the amount of \$572,310 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 9, page 61, account 10560254, in the amount of \$572,310, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Programs Account

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12, page 82, in the amount of \$585,600 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 12, page 82, account 26560444, in the amount of \$585,600 motion carried unanimously.

Greater Hartford Transit District

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 20, in the amount of \$3,851 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 20, account 10116158, in the amount of \$3,851 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to rescind the previous motion and extend curfew until after Elections has been completed. Motion carried, Council Member Herbst opposed

Collector of Revenue Services

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 5, page 15, in the amount of \$252,440 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to deduct \$683.00 out of object code 53800. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 13, account 10114146, in the amount of \$252,090, motion carried unanimously.

Registration

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 5, in the amount of \$82,706 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 5, page 5, account 10113130, in the amount of \$82,706. Motion carried, Council Member Herold abstained.

Recess (11:05 PM)

Council Member Schaefer, Seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to recess the meeting until April 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary