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MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET MEETING
SENIOR CENTER 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
26 PARK PLACE
TUESDAY, March 11, 2008
6:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Nancy E Herold, Peggy A. Jackle, Pauline Schaefer, Diane Wheelock

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Daniel Anderson (6:40 PM), Brian Motola (6:46 PM), Michael Winkler (6:43 PM)

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Finance Officer James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield, Technical Assistant Christopher Prue

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No Citizens wished to speak at citizen's forum. Citizen's forum closed at 6:38 PM

PRESENTATION:

Treasurer and Mayor Jason L. McCoy presented the Budget 2008-2009 overview to the Town Council along with his budget.

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.

PROPOSED MOTION:

1. **THAT TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING LIST OF RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS:**
 - (A.) **REVENUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE OPENING MEETING AND AT THE FINAL BUDGET MEETING;**
 - (B.) **ALL BUDGET ACCOUNTS SHALL BE OPENED AND CLOSED, ~~WITH THE COUNCIL MAKING DECISION ON EACH INDIVIDUAL BUDGET DURING THE ALLOCATED TIME FRAME;~~**
 - (C.) **WAIVE ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER FOR THE DURATION OF BUDGET PROCEEDINGS.**
 - (D.) **ADDITIONAL MEETINGS MAY BE ADDED AS NEEDED.**
2. **~~AT THE FINAL TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING OF APRIL 2008, THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY ADD OR DELETE FROM ANY ACCOUNT. – MOTION STRICKEN~~**

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to approve the above rules and procedures for budget consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

B. BUDGET REVIEW:

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2008-2009 for various departments, divisions and organizations to include:

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

See attached budget sheets

Social Services:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 8 page 56, in the amount of \$230,172. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. An increase of 3% funding was added to help residents in need of emergency services. These funds were cut in the past.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 8 page 56, account 10456240, in the amount of \$230,172, motion carried unanimously.

Youth Services:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 8 page 57, in the amount of 208,259. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. No substantial changes other than wages.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 8 page 57, account 10456241, in the amount of 208,259, motion carried unanimously.

Senior Center:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 8, page 58, in the amount of \$125,731. Motion carried unanimously.

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Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 8, page 58, account 10457242, in the amount of \$125,731, motion carried unanimously.

North Central Health District:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 8 page 43, in the amount of \$113,941. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 8, page 43, account 10455220, in the amount of \$113,941, motion carried, Council Member Etre opposed.

Visiting Nurses Health Services:

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member Herold made a motion to open tab 8, page 44, in the amount of \$21,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member Herold made a motion to close tab 8, page 44, account 10455221, in the amount of \$21,000, motion carried unanimously.

Hockanum Valley Community Council:

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member Herold made a motion to open tab 8, page 45, in the amount of \$170,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member Herold made a motion to close tab 8, page 45, account 10456222, in the amount of \$170,000, motion carried unanimously.

Child Guidance Clinic:

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

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

Exchange Club – Prevent Child Abuse:

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

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

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member Herold made a motion to close tab 8, page 48, account 10456225, in the amount of \$6,500, motion carried unanimously.

MARC Inc. of Manchester:

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member Herold made a motion to open tab 8, page 49, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to increase the amount of funding to the original requested amount of \$4000.00. Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Fox, Herbst, Herold and Winkler voted in favor. Council Members Wheelock, Motola, Jackle, Etre, Champagne, and Schaefer opposed. Mayor McCoy voted yes, motion passed 7-6.

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

Tri-Town Shelter:

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

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member Herold 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 Herold seconded by Council Member Fox made a motion to open tab 8, page 51, in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herold seconded by Council Member Fox made a motion to close tab 8, page 51, account 10456229, in the amount of \$3,000, motion carried Council Member Etre opposed.

Hartford Interval House:

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

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

Council Member Herold seconded by Council Member Fox made a motion to close tab 8, page 53, account 10456235, in the amount of \$1,500, motion carried unanimously.

Hockanum Valley School Readiness:

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

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

Arts Commission:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 9, page 64, in the amount of \$11,140. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 9, page 64, account 10562260, in the amount of \$11,140, motion carried unanimously.

Historical Society:

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

This motion was left open for discussion at the March 19, 2008 budget meeting.

Rockville Public Library:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 9, page 66, in the amount of \$300,000. Motion carried unanimously.

This motion was left open for discussion at the March 19, 2008 budget meeting.

Recreation Administration:

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Council Member Winkler seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 9, page 59, in the amount of \$396,246. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to close tab 9, page 59, account 10560250, in the amount of \$396,246, motion carried Council Member Herbst abstained.

Recreation Public Celebration:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 9, page 62, in the amount of \$16,800. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to close tab 9, page 62, account 10560253, in the amount of \$16,800, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation – Parks Maintenance:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 9, page 63, in the amount of \$576,415. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 9, page 63, account 10560254, in the amount of \$575,315, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Programs Account:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12, page 83, in the amount of \$578,624. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to close tab 12, page 83, account 26560444, in the amount of \$578,624, motion carried unanimously.

RECESS (9:15 PM)

Mayor McCoy called for a 5 minute recess.

Meeting Reconvened 9:30 PM

9:36 PM After recess, Mayor McCoy and 2 Council Members (winners of a drawing of names) were presented with a t-shirt for Earth Day by Bruce Dinnie, Director Recreation Department.

Greater Hartford Transit District:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 20, in the amount of \$2,806. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 20, account 10116158, in the amount of \$2,806, motion carried unanimously.

Town Council:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 1, in the amount of \$17,869. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 1, account 10110110, in the amount of \$17,869, motion carried unanimously.

Registration:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 5, page 5, in the amount of \$87,305. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place regarding creating a new voting district.

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The Town Council requested that the Registrar of Voters submit a written plan of action to the town council for their consideration.

Council Member Winkler seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 5, page 5, account 10113130, in the amount of \$87,305, motion carried unanimously.

Elections General:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 6, in the amount of \$24,050. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 6, account 10113131, in the amount of \$24,050, motion carried unanimously.

Elections – Primary:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 7, in the amount of \$3,400. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 7, account 10113132, in the amount of \$1.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Elections – Referendum:

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 8, in the amount of \$9,900. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 8, account 10113133, in the amount of \$9,900, motion carried unanimously.

Revenue Discussion:

Discussion took place at the beginning of the meeting.

Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action:

None

RECESS: 10:22 PM

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to recess the meeting until March 12, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: March 14, 2008

Approved: May 6, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary



James E. Krupiensi, Asst.

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		<i>Citizens' Forum</i>			
		<i>Budget Overview</i>			
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8	57	Youth Services	10456241	208,259	208,259
8	58	Senior Center	10457242	125,731	125,731
8	43	North Central District Health	10455220	113,941	113,941
8	44	Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT	10455221	21,000	21,000
8	45	Hockanum Valley Community Council	10456222	170,000	170,000
8	46	Child Guidance Clinic	10456223	11,000	11,000
8	47	Exchange Club - Prevention of Child Abuse	10456224	8,000	8,000
8	48	Hockanum Industries	10456225	6,500	6,500
8	49	MARC, Inc. of Manchester	10456226	3,000	4,000
8	50	Tri-Town Shelter Services	10456227	9,000	9,000
8	51	Connecticut Legal Services	10456229	3,000	3,000
8	52	Hartford Interval House	10456232	2,500	2,500
8	53	YWCA Sexual Assault Services	10456235	1,500	1,500

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9	64	Arts Commission	10562260	11,140	11,140
9	65	Historical Society - To be discussed on 3/19	10562261	5,000	
9	66	Rockville Public Library - To be discussed on 3/19	10562262	300,000	
9	59	Recreation Administration	10560250	396,246	396,246
9	62	Recreation Public Celebration	10560253	16,800	16,800
9	63	Recreation - Parks Maintenance	10560254	576,415	575,315
12	83	Recreation Programs Account	26560444	578,624	578,624
5	20	Greater Hartford Transit District	10116158	2,806	2,806
5	1	Town Council	10110110	17,869	17,869
5	5	Registration	10113130	87,305	87,305
5	6	Elections - General	10113131	24,050	24,050
5	7	Elections - Primary	10113132	3,400	1
5	8	Elections - Referendum	10113133	9,900	9,900
		Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action:			