

MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET MEETING
SENIOR CENTER 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
26 PARK PLACE
Thursday, March 13, 2008
6:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM

Roll Call: Present: Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Nancy E Herold, Peggy A. Jackle, Brian Motola, Diane Wheelock,

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Pauline Schaefer (7:28PM), Michael Winkler (7:42 PM)

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

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to reconvene the special budget meeting. 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.

BUDGET REVIEW:

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

1. **Public Works-Administration**
2. **Public Works-General Maintenance**
3. **Public Works-Equipment Maintenance**
4. **Public Works-Maintenance of Government Buildings**
5. **Public Works-Snow Removal**
6. **Public Works-Refuse Collection and Disposal**
7. **Public Works-Recycling**
8. **Public Works-Condominium Refuse**
9. **Public Works-Tree Warden**
10. **Public Works-Leaf Collection**
11. **Center 375**
12. **Probate Court**
13. **Assessment**
14. **Revaluation**
15. **Board of Assessment Appeals**
16. **Collector of Revenue**
17. **Refunds-Tax Adjustments**
18. **Building Inspection**
19. **Town Planner-Administration**
20. **Community and Economic Development**
21. **Fire Fighting and Administration**
22. **Ambulance Division**
23. **Fire Marshal**
24. **Emergency Management**
25. **Police**

- 26. School Crossing Guards**
- 27. Traffic Authority**
- 28. Town Clerk**
- 29. Executive and Administration**
- 30. Law**
- 31. Finance-Administration**
- 32. Finance-Independent Audit**
- 33. Finance-Treasury**
- 34. Finance-Purchasing**

Public Works-Administration

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 7, page 32, in the amount of \$571,292. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 7, page 32, account 10340200, in the amount of \$571,292, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-General Maintenance

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 7, page 33, in the amount of \$1,212,660. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 7, page 33, account 10340201, in the amount of \$1,212,660, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Equipment Maintenance

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 7, page 34, in the amount of \$730,960. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Mayor McCoy will draft a letter to all users of fuel discussing the fuel conservation policy.

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 7, page 34, account 10340202, in the amount of \$730,960, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Maintenance of Government Building

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 7, page 35, in the amount of \$853,439. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 7, page 35, account 10340203, in the amount of \$853,439, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Snow Removal

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

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Herold made a motion to close tab 7, page 36, account 10340204, in the amount of \$194,740, motion carried unanimously.

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Public Works-Refuse Collection & Disposal

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 7, page 37, in the amount of \$1,342,927. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 7, page 37, account 10340205, in the amount of \$1,342,927, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Recycling

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 7, page 38, in the amount of \$367,527. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Wheelock made a motion to close tab 7, page 38, account 10340206, in the amount of \$367,527, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Condominium Refuse

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 39, in the amount of \$4,458. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 7, page 39, account 10340207, in the amount of \$4,458, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Tree Warden

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

Discussion took place.

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

Public Works-Leaf Collection

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Fox made a motion to open tab 7, page 41, in the amount of \$121,725. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 7, page 41, account 10340209, in the amount of \$121,725, motion carried unanimously.

Center 375

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 12, page 85, in the amount of \$247,868. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 12, page 85, account 42340704, in the amount of \$247,868, motion carried unanimously.

Probate

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 2, in the amount of \$14,031. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 2, account 10111112, in the amount of \$14,031, motion carried unanimously.

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Assessment

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 5, page 13, in the amount of \$259,073. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 13, account 10114144, in the amount of \$259,073, motion carried unanimously.

Reevaluation

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 16, in the amount of \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 16, account 10114147, in the amount of \$25,000, motion carried unanimously.

Board of Assessment Appeals

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 18, in the amount of \$2,700. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 18, account 10116155, in the amount of \$2,700, motion carried unanimously.

Collector of Revenue

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 5, page 15, in the amount of \$248,044. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 15, account 10114144, in the amount of \$248,044, motion carried unanimously.

Refunds – Tax Adjustments

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 14, in the amount of \$29,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to close tab 5, page 14, account 10114145, in the amount of \$29,000, motion carried unanimously.

Building Inspection

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 29, in the amount of \$303,299. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 29, account 10232187, in the amount of \$303,299, motion carried unanimously.

Town Planner - Administration

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Herold made a motion to open tab 5, page 22, in the amount of \$233,781. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herbst made a motion for a friendly amendment to hire part-time secretary at the cost of \$15,000.

Discussion took place.

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Motion failed.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 22, account 10150170, in the amount of \$233,781, motion carried unanimously.

Community and Economic Development

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 23, in the amount of \$105,881. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 23, account 10151171, in the amount of \$105,881, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Fighting and Administration

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 6, page 27, in the amount of \$1,023,694. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 6, page 27, account 10231183, in the amount of \$1,023,694, motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Division

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12, page 80, in the amount of \$1,140,062. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 12, page 80, account 22231417, in the amount of \$1,140,062, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Marshal

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 28, in the amount of \$69,930. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 6, page 28, account 10232185, in the amount of \$69,930, motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 30, in the amount of \$42,659. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 6, page 30, account 10232189, in the amount of \$42,659, motion carried unanimously.

Police

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 24, in the amount of \$5,749,313. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Champagne abstained from both open and closing votes.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Winkler seconded by Council Member Fox made a motion to close tab 6, page 24, account 10230180, in the amount of \$5,749,313, motion carried unanimously.

School Crossing Guards

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 25, in the amount of \$62,348. Motion carried unanimously.

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Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 25, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,348, motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Authority

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 26, in the amount of \$324,760. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 26, account 10230182, in the amount of \$324,760, motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 17, in the amount of \$288,851. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

\$1.00 was added to account #53010.

Council Member Etre seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 17, account 10115150, in the amount of \$288,851, motion carried unanimously.

Executive and Administration

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 3, in the amount of \$740,985. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 3, account 10112120, in the amount of \$740,985, motion carried unanimously.

Law

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 5, page 4, in the amount of \$147,400. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 4, account 10112121, in the amount of \$147,400, motion carried unanimously.

Finance-Administration

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 5, page 9, in the amount of \$402,459. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre seconded by Council Member Fox made a motion to close tab 5, page 9, account 10114140, in the amount of \$402,459, motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Independent Audit

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to open tab 5, page 10, in the amount of \$40,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 10, account 10114141, in the amount of \$40,300, motion carried unanimously.

Finance - Treasury

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to open tab 5, page 11, in the amount of \$2,440. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

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Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 5, page 11, account 10114142, in the amount of \$2,440, motion carried unanimously.

Finance-Purchasing

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 12, in the amount of \$11,240. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Wheelock made a motion to close tab 5, page 12, account 10114143, in the amount of \$11,240, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson left the table at 9:20 PM, returning at 9:32 PM and again at 9:36PM returning 9:39PM.

Revenue Discussion: None

Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action: None

RECESS:

10:30 PM Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Jackle made a motion to recess until Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: March 24, 2008

Approved: May 6, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary



James E. Krupinski, Asst.