

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2009 7:00 P.M.

The Town Council special budget 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, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas,

Absent: Council Members Sean O'Shea, Michael Winkler

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Diane Wheelock, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield (8:11 PM)

The April 7, 2009 recessed meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM.

Open tab and motion on the floor:

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 5, page 3 account 10112120. Motion carried, Council Members Anderson and Etre opposed.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to decrease object code 51010 in the amount of \$77,122. Discussion took place. Motion failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Anderson, Thomas, Campbell and Champagne opposed.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 5, page 3, account 10112120 in the amount of 723,101. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous Budget Discussion and Changes:

Discussion took place regarding a handout from a previous meeting regarding the collection rates.

Recess (7:14 PM)

Reconvene (7:19 PM)

Discussion continued. Present collection rates for 09-10 are 98.0 (assumed). Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to raise the collection rate to 98.2%. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Fox, Schaefer and Herbst opposed, Council Member Herold opposed.

Data Processing

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 12, page 85 account 5161770. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place regarding object code 57710. Mr. Beirn provided a handout which was a summary of software Licensing and Maintenance Quotes.

Council Member Etre made a request of Mr. Luddecke to provide the Council with information regarding accounts where internal service funds are impacted by purchases.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 12, page 85, account 51617710 in the amount of \$790,380. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess (8:25 PM)

Reconvene (8:57 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the following motion to approve the Appropriations for the Town of Vernon for fiscal year 2009-2010:

Motion:

APPROVE THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,468,149; THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,785,785; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,835,932 FOR A GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF \$76,089,866.

Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Fox and Schaefer opposed, Council Member Herold abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the following motion to approve the budget revenue estimates for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Motion:

APPROVE THE TOWN ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,089,866 TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF \$76,089,866 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUES AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.

Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Fox and Schaefer opposed, Council Member Herold abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the following motion to approve the Town of Vernon budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 for presentation at the public hearing/town meeting.

Motion:

PRESENT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,089,866 TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009 AT 7:05 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM OF ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AT 70 LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. THE TOWN CLERK IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PUBLISH A SUMMARY OF SAID PROPOSED BUDGET AND ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY ESTIMATES SHOWING ANTICIPATED REVENUES BY MAJOR SOURCES AND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS BY FUNCTION AND/OR DEPARTMENTS AND THE AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION, AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Fox and Schaefer opposed.

Council Member Herbst requested a point of information regarding sending the budget to referendum. Council Member Herbst made a motion to send the budget to referendum.

Adjourn (9:10 PM)

Council Member Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried, Council members Herbst, Fox and Schaefer opposed.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Original Draft

Unapproved Minutes

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary