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**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009 7:30 PM**

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Sean O'Shea, Harry D. Thomas, Michael A. Winkler

**Absent:** Pauline Schaefer

**Entered During Meeting:**

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

**C. CITIZENS FORUM**

Vernon Riley, 75 Hockanum Blvd, spoke about his motor vehicle assessment. He will return for the next Regular Town Council Meeting taking place on January 5, 2010. Mayor McCoy will invite Mr. Wheeler to address Mr. Riley's issue and provide information about motor vehicle tax evaluations.

Mr. Arn and Mr. Olson from the Vernon Housing Authority presented the Town Council with a check in lieu of taxes.

Bill Smith, 30 Vernwood Drive, Thanked the Vernon Fire Department for their quick response to the fire at Vernon Congregational Church

Council Member Herbst requested the letter of agreement for the DPW Director. Mayor McCoy informed her it would be available at the next meeting.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:40 PM

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**None**

**E. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

1. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Steve Krajewski, of the Volunteer Coach Award, given to Bill Beaulieu.

Mayor McCoy and Steve Krajewski presented the "Outstanding Volunteer Coach" award to Mr. Beaulieu.

2. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Steve Krajewski, of the Organization Award, given to Vernon Greenway Volunteers.

Mayor McCoy and Bruce Dinnie presented the "Outstanding Organization Work" award to members of Vernon Greenway.

3. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Steve Krajewski, of an Individual Award, given to Julie Marcotte.

Mayor McCoy and Bruce Dinnie presented an Individual Award to Julie Marcotte as project manager who coordinated the efforts to create a new handicapped accessible playscape at Lake Street School.

4. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Steve Krajewski, recognizing Rockville Bank Foundation, and Mr. Christopher Stauder for awards received at the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association State Conference on November 24, 2009.

Mayor McCoy and Amy Lacandre recognized Christopher Stauder who was given the statewide youth leadership for his volunteer participation in youth and teen activities as part of Vernon Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor McCoy recognized Rockville Bank for winning the statewide Organization Award, for their support to Vernon Parks and Recreation Activities including the July in the Sky, Mothers Day Dash, Friends of Valley Falls and more.

5. Mayor McCoy to discuss with the Town Council the Mandate Panel recently formed by M. Jodi Rell, Governor of Connecticut, to assist with her Deficit Mitigation Plan.

Mayor McCoy provided an update as to the outcome of his participation on the Governor's Mandate Panel. He thanked Town Council Members and Department Heads for their suggestions, which were incorporated into a position paper of recommendations submitted to the Governor. Council Member Herbst requested the Town Council submit a letter with the recommendations to the elected officials. Mayor McCoy will write up a draft and circulate via e-mail to Town Council Members for their comments.

Mr. Patel and Mr. Green from Spring Hill Suites were available to answer questions from Town Council Members. Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst recommended Mayor McCoy look into an abatement policy.

## F. ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to approve consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Krupienski pulled consent agenda item #5 for discussion. Council Member Motola pulled consent agenda item #6 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda items 1-4 as presented.

### 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 December 4, 2009 is included in the Council packet.)

#### PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOUR (4) TAX REFUND TOTALING \$ 780.61 FOR PRIOR YEARS AND THREE (3) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$ 165.71 FOR

THE CURRENT YEAR AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED DECEMBER 4, 2009.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve tax refunds for prior years and the current year. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve the following Budget Amendments #9 and #10 for fiscal year 2009-2010, as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.** (A copy of the budget amendment request is included in the Council's packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS #9 and #10 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010, AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY JAMES LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve budget amendments #9 and 10 for fiscal year 2009 – 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Doreen M. Evans (D), 56 Thomas Street #3 , Vernon, CT as the Parking Violation Hearing Officer, said term to commence on January 1, 2010 and ends on December 31, 2012.** (A copy of Ms. Evan's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE III "PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING", SEC. 13-39 "FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS" § (e), THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DOREEN M. EVANS (D), 56 THOMAS STREET #3 , VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS THE PARKING VIOLATION HEARING OFFICER, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to reappoint Doreen M. Evans as the Parking Violations Hearing Officer for a term of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Raymond Larkin, (D) 325 Kelly Road C-12, Vernon, CT as a member of the Senior Center Advisory Committee, said term to begin December 16, 2009 and expire June 30, 2010.** (A copy of Mr. Larkin's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND LARKIN, (D) 325 KELLY ROAD C-12, VERNON, CT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 16, 2009 AND EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2010.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Raymond Larkin as a member of the

Senior Center Advisory Committee for a term of December 16, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**H. PENDING BUSINESS**

None

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1.** **Discussion relative to a verbal request by Council Member Campbell at the December 1, 2009 meeting regarding the Ambulance Reports received by the Town Council each month.** (Chief William Call and EMS Coordinator Jean Gauthier will be present for the discussion.)

Chief Call and Jean Gauthier, Supervisor of Ambulances were available to answer questions regarding the monthly ambulance reports. Discussion took place. Council Member Campbell thanked Ms. Gauthier for the addition of response times to the Monthly EMS Report (Information item #1). He also requested adding the longest response time to the report.

- 2.** **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Safety, Division of the State Police, Bureau of Communications and Technology.** (A copy of a memorandum from Major Philip Halibozek, Commanding Officer to Chief James L. Kenny, Chief of Police, Town of Vernon dated November 24, 2009 is included in the packet.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED, THAT JASON L. MCCOY, THE MAYOR OF VERNON BE AND HERewith AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONNECTICUT LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA EXCHANGE (CLEDES).

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the above motion to authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Safety, Division of the State Police, Bureau of Communications and Technology. Motion carried unanimously.

**J. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**K. ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

None

**L. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, Pulled consent items from (f) and pulled items from (o) informational items, etc.**

- C 5** **Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Gordon Gibson, (R), 836 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Ethics, said term to commence on December 16, 2009 and ends on November 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Gibson's resume is included for Council's review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 – 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF GORDON GIBSON (R), 836 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID NEW TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 16, 2009 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Gordon Gibson as a regular member of the Board of Ethics, for a term of December 16, 2009 through November 30, 2014. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Krupienski and Winkler opposed, Council Member Herbst abstained.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion for a 9:00 PM curfew. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 6** **Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Pierre Lisee, (R), 210 Skinner Road, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics, said term to commence on December 16, 2009 and ends on November 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Lisee's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 – 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PIERRE LISEE, (R), 210 SKINNER ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 16, 2009 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made the above motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Pierre Lisee as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics for a term of December 16, 2009 through November 30, 2014. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Herbst and Krupienski abstained.

**M. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2009 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 Regular Town Council meeting. Council Member Krupienski requested a correction to Mr. Chernack's name under Citizen's Forum. Motion with corrections carried, Council Member Hany abstained.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, Petitions, communications, correspondence, reports not requiring action:**

- I. Monthly Report EMS Ambulance for November 2009, dated December 2, 2009, submitted by Jean Gauthier, Coordinator.

2. The Town Council meeting Schedule for 2010, as provided by John D. Ward, Town Administrator.
3. Memorandum of Decision, dated December 3, 2009 from Tolland Superior Court regarding Diamond 67 LLC v Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Vernon.
4. Monthly Report from Vernon Police Department dated November 2009.
5. Monthly Report from Building Department as submitted by B. Peter Hobbs, Building Official.

**Adjourn ( 8:57 PM)**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary