

Special Budget Minutes
Vernon Town Council- Special Budget Meeting
Town Hall- 14 Park Place- 3rd Floor
Vernon, Connecticut
April 2, 2018- 7:00PM

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

A) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

B) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Steve Wakefield, Thomas DiDio, Mike Wendus, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Ann Letendre, Pauline Schaefer and Ralph Zahner.

Absent: Council Members Clay and Peterson

Entered During Meeting: Council Member Motola at 7:26PM

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Recording Secretary Cassandra Minor

C) **CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

None.

D) **PRESENTATION:**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer distributed a revised Vernon Board of Education-Budget Summary- 2018-2019 to Council Members to reflect corrections.

E) **BUDGET REVIEW:**

1. **Revenue**

Postponed to April 3, 2018

2. **Education**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 12, Page #162, Education, Code 10990330, in the amount of \$53,370,391.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Superintendent Joseph Macary, Assistant Superintendent, Robert Testa and Director of Business and Finance, Ray Engle, spoke and answered questions. Joseph Macary distributed a PowerPoint presentation to Council Members.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to deduct \$226,187. from the Education Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

7:26PM Council Member Motola entered meeting.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close **Tab 12, Page #162, Education, Code 10990330, in the amount of \$53,144,204.** Motion carried unanimously.

3. Rockville Public Library:

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 9, Page #143, Rockville Public Library, Code 10562262, in the amount of \$460,000.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Library Director Donna Enman and President of the Rockville Public Library Board of Trustees were present.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 9, Page #143, Rockville Public Library, Code 10562262, in the amount of \$460,000.** Motion carried unanimously.

4. Senior Center

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 8, Page #126, Senior Center, Code 10457242, in the amount of \$339,153.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Senior Center Director, Maureen Gabriele and Mayor Daniel A. Champagne spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 8, Page #126, Senior Center, Code 10457242, in the amount of \$339,153.** Motion carried unanimously.

5. Cemetery Operations

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 12, Page #172, Cemetery Operations, Code 23342420, in the amount of \$317,138.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Mayor Daniel A. Champagne spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 12, Page #172, Cemetery Operations, Code 23342420, in the amount of \$317,138.** Motion carried unanimously.

6. Vernon Cemetery Commission

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 10, Page #161, Vernon Cemetery Commission, Code 10826302, in the amount of \$206,066.** Motion carried unanimously.

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7. Administration

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #4, Administration, Code 10112120, in the amount of \$740,099.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Executive Assistant, Diane Wheelock and Assistant Town Administrator Dawn Maselek spoke and answered questions.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to add \$1,200 to the Administration Account to hire a Recording Secretary for the Senior Center Advisory Board. Motion carried with 9 in favor and 1 abstention, Council Member Zahner.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Zahner made a motion to deduct \$1,200 from Object Code 51083 Employment Merit. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to deduct \$150 from Object Code 55010. Motion carried unanimously.

8:38PM Council Member Campbell left table; 8:43PM returned.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #4, Administration, Code 10112120, in the amount of \$739,949.** Motion carried unanimously of present members.

8. Law

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #9, Law, Code 10112121, in the amount of \$167,000.** Motion carried unanimously of present members.

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9. Finance – Administration

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #19, Finance-Administration, Code 10114140, in the amount of \$509,474.** Motion carried unanimously of present members.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #19, Finance-Administration, Code 10114140, in the amount of \$509,474.** Motion carried unanimously.

10. Finance – Independent Audit

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #22, Finance- Independent Audit, Code 10114141, in the amount of \$72,644.** Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #22, Finance- Independent Audit, Code 10114141, in the amount of \$72,644.** Motion carried unanimously.

11. Finance – Treasury

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #23, Finance Treasury, Code 10114142, in the amount of \$6,360.** Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #23, Finance Treasury, Code 10114142, in the amount of \$6,360.** Motion carried unanimously.

12. Finance – Purchasing

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open **Tab 5, Page #24, Finance-Purchasing, Code 10114143, in the amount of \$9,715.** Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close **Tab 5, Page #24, Finance-Purchasing, Code 10114143, in the amount of \$9,715.** Motion carried unanimously.

13. Social Security and Medicare

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 10, Page #145, Social Security and Medicare, Code 10670270, in the amount of \$1,059,800.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close **Tab 10, Page #145, Social Security and Medicare, Code 10670270, in the amount of \$1,059,800.** Motion carried unanimously.

14. Pension

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open **Tab 10, Page**

#146, Pension, Code 10670271, in the amount of \$3,304,751. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to close Tab 10, Page #146, Pension, Code 10670271, in the amount of \$3,304,751. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Group Insurance

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open Tab 10, Page #147, Group Insurance, Code 10670272, in the amount of \$3,114,703. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close Tab 10, Page #147, Group Insurance, Code 10670272, in the amount of \$3,114,703. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Unemployment Insurance

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open Tab 10, Page #149, Unemployment Insurance, Code 10670273, in the amount of \$21,400. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Wendus, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close Tab 10, Page #149, Unemployment Insurance, Code 10670273, in the amount of \$21,400. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Municipal Insurance

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Bush made a motion to open Tab 10, Page #150, Municipal Insurance, Code 10671278, in the amount of \$1,026,193. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close Tab 10, Page #150, Municipal Insurance, Code 10671278, in the amount of \$1,026,193. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Contingency

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open Tab 10, Page #152, Contingency, Code 10672280, in the amount of \$578,000. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close Tab 10, Page #152, Contingency, Code 10672280, in the amount of \$578,000. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Debt Service – Principal Payments

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open Tab 11, Page #158, Debt- Service- Principal Payments, Code 10883292, in the amount of \$5,782,083. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Bush amended motion to reflect page #159. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Discrepancy found in Budget Book- page number 158 does not exist.

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close Tab 11, Page #159, Debt-Service-Principal Payments, Code 10883292, in the amount of \$5,782,083. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Debt Service – Interest Payments

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to open Tab 11, Page #160,

Debt- Service- Interest Payments, Code 10883294, in the amount of \$1,880,766. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Zahner, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close Tab 11, Page #160, Debt- Service- Interest Payments, Code 10883294, in the amount of \$1,880,766. Motion carried unanimously.

F) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION

None.

G) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 3, 2018

9:17PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:

Cassandra Minor

Recording Secretary.