

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

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March 25, 2017 9:00 AM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson and Virginia Gingras

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Ann Letendre at 9:03 AM

Also Present: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

9:02 AM RECESS; 9:05 AM RECONVENED

C) PUBLIC HEARING (9:05 AM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2017-2018 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.

- *MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS*
- *CLERK READ THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD*
- *MAYOR CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVED COMMENTS*
- *ADJOURNED THE PUBLIC HEARING*
- *RETURNED TO THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA*

9:06 AM Closed Public Hearing

D.) PRESENTATION

There were no comments or updates by Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2017-2018 for various departments, divisions, and organizations to include:

1. Probate
2. Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT
3. Hockanum Valley Community Council
4. Child Guidance Clinic

5. Exchange Club – Prevention of Child Abuse
6. MARC, Inc. of Manchester
7. Shelter Services
8. Connecticut Legal Services
9. Hartford Interval House
10. YWCA Sexual Assault Services
11. Hockanum Valley School Readiness
12. Rockville Public Library
13. Historical Society
14. North Central District Health Department
15. Greater Hartford Transit District
16. Arts Commission
17. Social Services
18. Social Security and Medicare (carried from 3-22-17 mtng)
19. Pension (carried from 3-22-15 mtng)
20. Group Insurance (carried from 3-22-17 mtng)
21. Unemployment Insurance (carried from 3-22-17 mtng)
22. Municipal Insurance (carried from 3-22-17 mtng)
23. Contingency (carried from 3-22-17 mtng)
24. Debt Service – Interest Payments (carried from 3-22-17 mtng)
25. Debt Service – Principal Payments (carried from 3-22-17 mtng)

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

Probate

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 5 page 3, account 10111112, in the amount of \$13,655, motion carried unanimously.

James Purnell, Judge of Probate, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 5 page 3, account 10111112, in the amount of \$13,655, motion carried unanimously.

Hockanum Valley Community Council

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 8 page 111, account 10456222, in the amount of \$180,000, motion carried unanimously.

Karen Roy-Guglielmi, Chair of the Human Services Commission, and Chrystine Longley, Director of Social Services, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 8 page 111, account 10456222, in the amount of \$180,000, motion carried unanimously.

Child Guidance Clinic

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 8 page 112, account 10456223, in the amount of \$5,500, motion carried unanimously.

Karen Roy-Guglielmi, Chair of the Human Services Commission, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 8 page 112, account 10456223, in the amount of \$5,500, motion carried unanimously.

Exchange Club – Prevention of Child Abuse

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 8 page 113, account 10456224, in the amount of \$5,000, motion carried unanimously.

Robin Kohler, Site Director, and Paula Plante, Coordinator Youth Programs & Outreach, answered questions. Discussion took place

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 8 page 113, account 10456224, in the amount of \$5,000, motion carried unanimously.

MARC, Inc. of Manchester

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to open tab 8 page 114, account 10456226, in the amount of \$5,000, motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Zingler, Executive Director, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 8 page 114, account 10456226, in the amount of \$5,000, motion carried unanimously.

9:52 AM Council Member Wakefield left the table; 9:53 AM Council Member Wakefield returned.

Shelter Services

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 8 page 115, account 10456227, in the amount of \$1,000, motion carried unanimously.

Chrystine Longley, Director of Social Services, and Karen Roy-Guglielmi, answered questions. Discussion took place.

9:55 AM Council Member Clay left the table; 9:56 AM Council Member Clay returned.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 8 page 115, account 10456227, in the amount of \$1,000, motion carried unanimously

Connecticut Legal Services

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 8 page 116, account 10456229, in the amount of \$2,000, motion carried unanimously.

Jolen Gates, Managing Attorney at Connecticut Legal Services and Karen Roy-Guglielmi, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 8 page 116, account 10456229, in the amount of \$2,000, motion carried unanimously.

Hartford Interval House

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 8 page 117, account 10456232 in the amount of \$2,500, motion carried unanimously.

Karen Roy-Guglielmi, answered questions. Discussion took place.

10:00 AM Council Member Appleyard left the table; 10:03 AM Council Member Appleyard returned.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 8 page 117, account 10456232, in the amount of \$2,500, motion carried unanimously.

YWCA Sexual Assault Services

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 8 page 118, account 10456235, in the amount of \$2,000, motion carried unanimously.

Joanna Flanagan, Commissioner, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 8 page 118, account 10456235, in the amount of \$2,000, motion carried unanimously.

Rockville Public Library

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 9 page 143, account 10562262, in the amount of \$460,000, motion carried unanimously.

Robert Hurd, Director of Rockville Public Library answered questions. Discussion took place.

10:55 AM RECESS; 11:09 AM RECONVENED

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to increase this budget by \$10,000. Mayor spoke and discussion took place. Maker and seconder withdrew the motion.

Council Member Tedford, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 9 page 143, account 10562262, in the amount of \$460,000, motion carried unanimously.

Historical Society

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 9 page 142, account 10562261, in the amount of \$6,300, motion carried unanimously.

Jean Luddy, Director, and Robert Hurd, Treasurer of the Vernon Historical Society Museum, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Appleyard, made a motion to close tab 9 page 142, account 10562261, in the amount of \$6,300, motion carried unanimously.

North Central District Health Department

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 8 page 109, account 10455220, in the amount of \$135,239, motion carried unanimously.

Patrice Sulik, Director of Health, North Central District Health Department, answered questions. Discussion took place.

11:34 AM Council Member Schaefer left the table; 11:36 AM Council Member Schaefer returned.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 8 page 109, account 10455220, in the amount of \$135,239, motion carried unanimously.

Greater Hartford Transit District

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 41, account 10116158, in the amount of \$4,377, motion carried unanimously. No discussion took place.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 5 page 41, account 10116158, in the amount of \$4,377, motion carried unanimously.

Arts Commissoin

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 9 page 141, account 10562260, in the amount of \$4,540, motion carried unanimously.

Sandra Justin, Chair of the Arts Commission, answered questions. Discussion took place.

11:47 AM Council Member Bush left the table; 11:52 AM Council Member Bush returned.

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 9 page 141, account 10562260, in the amount of \$4,540, motion carried unanimously.

Social Services

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open tab 8 page 120, account 10456240, in the amount of \$263,486, motion carried unanimously.

Chrystine Longley, Director of Social Services, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 8 page 120, account 10456240, in the amount of \$263,486, motion carried unanimously.

Social Security and Medicare

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 10 page 145, account 10670270, in the amount of \$1,043,600, motion carried unanimously.

James Luddecke, Finance Director, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 10 page 145, account 10670270, in the amount of \$1,043,600, motion carried unanimously.

Pension

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 10 page 146, account 10670271, in the amount of \$3,262,940, motion carried unanimously.

James Luddecke, Finance Director, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 10 page 146, account 10670271, in the amount of \$3,262,940, motion carried unanimously.

Group Insurance

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 10 page 147, account 10670272, in the amount of \$3,080,937, motion carried unanimously.

James Luddecke, Finance Director, answered questions. Discussion took place.

12:25 PM Council Member Clay left the table. Motion to close tab 10 page 147, account 10670272, in the amount of \$3,080,937, carried with 11 in favor, Council Member Clay away from the table at the time of the vote.

12:26 PM Council Member Clay returned.

Unemployment Insurance

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 10 page 149, account 10670273, in the amount of \$22,800, motion carried unanimously.

James Luddecke, Finance Director, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 10 page 149, account 10670273, in the amount of \$22,800, motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Insurance

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 10 page 150, account 10671278, in the amount of \$1,040,783, motion carried unanimously.

James Luddecke, Finance Director, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 10 page 150, account 10671278, in the amount of \$1,040,783, motion carried unanimously.

Contingency

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 10 page 152, account 10672280, in the amount of \$160,000, motion carried unanimously.

James Luddecke, Finance Director, answered questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 10 page 152, account 10672280, in the amount of \$160,000, motion carried unanimously.

Debt Service – Principal Payments

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to open tab 11 page 159, account 10883292, in the amount of \$4,819,756, motion carried unanimously. No discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to close tab 11 page 159, account 10883292, in the amount of \$4,819,756, motion carried unanimously.

Debt Service – Interest Payments

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to open tab 11 page 160, account 10883294, in the amount of \$1,710,533, motion carried unanimously. No discussion took place.

H.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

10:14 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush moved to recess the meeting until 7:00 PM Monday, March 27, 2017 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **RECESSED REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 27, 2017.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary