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

April 3, 2013 7:30pm

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Mayor George Apel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Thomas DiDio, Virginia Gingras, Michael Winkler, Julie Clay, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger

Absent: Council Member Thomasina Russell and Marie Herbst

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Maureen Pybus, 16 Brookside Lane, spoke in favor of the Board of Education Budget

Terry Chetlet, 454 Cricket Circle, spoke opposing the Board of Education Budget.

Phillis Winkler, 20 Gottier Drive, spoke in favor of the Board of Education Budget

Maura Sheehan, 16 Grove Street, spoke in favor of the Board of Education Budget

Dean Houle, 36 Brighton Lane, spoke in favor of the Board of Education Budget

Citizen's forum closed at 7:48 PM

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor George F. Apel and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 28, 2013 meeting.

Finance Office, Jim Luddecke and Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place. Total revenue adjustments totaling \$124,295.

E.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION

Education

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12 page 156, account 10990330, in the amount of \$50,169,787, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Superintendent of the Schools of Vernon, Dr. Mary Conway were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member DiDio made a motion to increase the Board of Education Budget by \$900,000. Motion carried with 3 in favor and 7 opposing.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 12 page 156, account 10990330, in the amount of \$50,169,787 motion carried with 7 in favor and 3 opposing.

Education- Capital Improvements

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 11 page 152, account 10780291, in the amount of \$0, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke and Superintendent of the Schools of Vernon, Dr. Mary Conway were present to answer any questions.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 11 page 152, account 10780291, in the amount of \$0, motion carried unanimously.

Revenue Adjustments

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open revenue adjustments. Please see attached document.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close the above mentioned tabs. Motion carried unanimously.

Education

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12 page 156, account 10990330, in the amount of \$50,169,787, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Jim Luddecke, Board of Education Chairman, Dean Houle and Superintendent of the Schools of Vernon, Dr. Mary Conway were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Didio made a motion to increase the Board of Education Budget by \$300,000. Discussion took place.

Council Member John Kopec left the table (8:16PM)

Motion carried with 3 in favor and 6 opposing.

RECESS (8:17PM)

RECONVIENE (8:24PM)

Council Member John Kopec returned (8:24PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 12 page 156, account 10990330, in the amount of \$50,169,787 motion carried unanimously.

RECESS (8:42PM)

RECONVIENE (9:04PM)

F.) FINALIZE BUDGET

PROPOSED MOTION:

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,522,202; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,909,670; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,169,787 FOR A GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF \$ 82,601,659.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Town Of Vernon General Government Appropriations in the amount of \$26,522,202, the Capital Improvements and Debt Service Appropriations in the amount of \$5,909,670, the Education Budget in the amount of \$50,169,787 for a General Fund Total of \$82,601,659. Motion carried with 5 in favor and 5 opposing the Mayor broke the tie and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 82,601,659 TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF \$ 82,601,659 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUE AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the estimated revenue in the amount of \$82,601,659. Motion carried with 5 in favor and 5 opposing the Mayor broke the tie and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR PRESENTATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/TOWN MEETING

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE AND PRESENT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,601,659 TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013 AT 7:00 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$82,601,659. Motion carried with 5 in favor and 5 opposing the Mayor broke the tie and the motion passed.

Council Member Weissberger, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: (9:19PM)

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

**Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary**

