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

Thursday, March 22, 2012

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, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Thomasina Russell, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger, and Michael Winkler

Absent: Virginia Gingras

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Julie Polansky, 18 Patricia Dr. Spoke in support of the Board of Education Budget

Citizen's forum closed at 7:36 PM

D.) PRESENTATIONS

Mayor George F. Apel and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present the 2012-2013 Budget Overview to the Town Council.

E.) TOWN COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the following motion:

MOTION:

The Town Council adopts the following list of Rules and Procedures for the 2012-2013 Budget deliberations:

Waive all Robert's Rules of Procedure during budget deliberations;

Revenue will be discussed at the opening meeting and at the final budget meeting;

All budget accounts shall be opened and closed, with the Council making decisions on each individual budget during the allocated time frame;

Each meeting will be recessed to the next scheduled budget hearing and draft minutes will be prepared by the Clerk for each meeting to be used during final deliberations;

At the final budget hearing the Town Council may add or delete from any account previously discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

F.) BUDGET REVIEW

1. Education
2. Capital Improvements – Education
3. Water Pollution Control Authority
4. Waste Treatment Plant Operations
5. Housing Authority Sewer Subsidy
6. Building Inspection
7. Revenue

Education

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 12, page 152, code 10990330 in the amount of \$48,400,997. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. The Superintendent and Chair of the Board of Education were available to answer questions. Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase the Board of Education budget to \$48,500,997. Motion failed, Council Members Campbell, Hany, Kopec, Motola, Peterson, Sullivan, and Weissberger opposed. Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close the Board of Education budget, motion carried, Council Members DiDio, Russel and Herbst opposed.

RECESS (9:39 PM)

RECONVENE (9:48 PM)

Capital Improvements – Education

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to open tab 11, page 148, code 10780291 in the amount of \$150,000. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place. Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Sullivan made a motion to remove \$150,000 from account 10780291. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Russell, DiDio, Herbst and Winkler opposed. Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to close tab 11, page 148, code 10780291 in the amount of 0. Motion carried unanimously.

H.) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 24, 2012 AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING

Recess (10:00 PM)

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to recess to March 24, 2012 after the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary