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

March 22, 2010 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupinski, Brian R. Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry D. Thomas, Michael A. Winkler

Absent: Daniel Anderson, Sean O'Shea

Entered During Meeting:

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Motion as amended carried, Council Members Thomas and Etre opposed.

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