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

Wednesday April 1, 2009 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Nancy Herold, Brian Motola, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas, Michael Winkler

Absent: Daniel Anderson

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no speakers at citizens forum.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:07 PM.

Council Member Motola made a motion to open with the Elections – General Tab, and move Pension, Group Insurance, Unemployment Compensation, Municipal Insurance, Contingency, Social Security and Medicare, Debt Service – Principal Payments and Debt Service – Interest Payments to the end of the agenda.

Mayoral request:

The Mayor hereby requests that each Department Head in attendance present an overview of their department budget to the Town Council prior to their budget discussion.

A. BUDGET REVIEW:

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2009-2010 for various departments, divisions and organizations to include:

1. Town Council
2. Town Clerk
3. Probate Court
4. Assessment
5. Revaluation
6. Board of Assessment Appeals
7. Collector of Revenue
8. Refunds – Tax Adjustments
9. Building Inspection
10. Fire Marshal
11. Emergency Management
12. Police
13. School Crossing Guards
14. Traffic Authority

- 15. Fire Fighting and Administration
- 16. Ambulance Division
- 17. Town Planner - Administration
- 18. Community and Economic Development

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

Elections - General

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 6, in the amount of \$30,925, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 5, page 6, account 10113131, in the amount of \$30,925, motion carried unanimously.

Elections - Primary

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Fox made a motion to open tab 5, page 7, in the amount of \$1 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 5, page 7, account 10113132, in the amount of \$1 motion carried unanimously.

Elections - Referendum

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 8, in the amount of \$6,600, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 5, page 8, account 10113133, in the amount of \$6,600, motion carried unanimously.

Town Council

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 1, in the amount of \$16,994, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 55410 by \$1,000 to \$5,000. Discussion took place. Motion failed, Council Members Fox, Herbst, O'Shea, Herold, Schaefer and Winkler opposed.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 5, page 1, account 10110110, in the amount of \$16,994, motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 17, in the amount of \$289,449, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council member Etre, seconded by Council Motola made a motion to reduce object code 51030 from \$10,559 to 0. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Schaefer, Herold, Winkler and Fox opposed. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to reduce object code 51010 by \$19,112 and for the Collector of Revenue services to work together with the Town Clerk to split the open position located within Collector of Revenue Services. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Schaefer, Herold, Winkler and Fox opposed.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 5, page 17, account 10115150, in the amount of \$259,778, motion carried, Council Members Fox, Herbst, Winkler, Schaefer opposed.

Probate Court

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Sox made a motion to open tab 5, page 2, in the amount of \$14,110, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 2, account 10111112, in the amount of \$14,110, motion carried unanimously.

Assessment

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 13, in the amount of \$262,415, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 13, account 10114144, in the amount of \$262,415, motion carried unanimously.

8:50 PM Council Member Schaefer left the table

Revaluation

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 16, in the amount of \$30,000, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 5, page 16, account 10114147, in the amount of \$30,000, motion carried unanimously.

Board of Assessment Appeals

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 18, in the amount of \$2,700, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

8:54 PM Council Member Schaefer returned.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 5, page 18, account 10116155, in the amount of \$2,700, motion carried unanimously.

Refunds – Tax Adjustments

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 14, in the amount of \$29,000, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5, page 14, account 10114145, in the amount of \$29,000, motion carried unanimously.

Building Inspection

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 29, in the amount of \$281,876, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

9:03 PM Council Member Motola left the table

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to reduce object code 51010 by \$27,375 for a total of \$254,502.

9:11 PM Council Member Motola returned

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9:15 PM Council Member Herold returned.

Recess (9:25 PM)

Reconvene (9:35 PM)

Council Member Etre withdrew his motion.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 29, account 10232187, in the amount of \$281,876, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Marshal

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 28, in the amount of \$87,516, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 6, page 28, account 10232185, in the amount of \$87,516, motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6, page 30, in the amount of \$43,530, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 6, page 30, account 10232189, in the amount of \$43,530, motion carried unanimously.

9:42 PM Council Member Champagne left the table

Police

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 6, page 24, in the amount of \$5,742,805, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 24, account 10230180, in the amount of \$5,742,805, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

10:05 Council Member Champagne returned.

School Crossing Guards

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 6, page 25, in the amount of \$64,820, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 6, page 25, account 10230181, in the amount of \$64,820, motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Authority

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 6, page 26, in the amount of \$317,960, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Herbst seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 26, account 10230182, in the amount of \$317,960, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Fighting and Administration

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 6, page 27, in the amount of \$1,091,074, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6, page 27, account 10231183, in the amount of \$1,091,074, motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Division

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12, page 79, in the amount of \$1,158,192, motion carried unanimously.
Discussion took place.

Extend Curfew to 11:00

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to extend curfew to 11:00 PM, motion carried, Council Members Herbst and Herold opposed.

10:24 PM Council Member Herold left the table.

Council Member Schaefer seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 12, page 79, account 22231417, in the amount of \$1,158,192, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to open tab 5, page 17 account 10115150. Motion failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, O'Shea, Campbell, Thomas, Champagne opposed.

Town Planner – Administration

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 22, in the amount of \$235,616, motion carried unanimously.
Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Fox made a motion to close tab 5, page 22, account 10150170, in the amount of \$235,616, motion carried unanimously.

Community and Economic Development

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 23, in the amount of \$105,881, motion carried unanimously.
Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to reduce object code 58800 by \$15,000.

RECESS (11:00 PM)

Council Member Motola, Seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to recess the meeting until April 7, 2009 7:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer called for a point of information to reinstate the position to the Town Council office.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary