SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET MEETING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
March 30, 2006

Senior Center 2nd Floor Conference Room, 26 Park Place, Vernon, CT

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Council Members Daniel E. Anderson, Bill F. Campbell, Mark S. Etre, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon; 7.
Absent: Council Members Daniel A. Champagne, Jason L. McCoy, Brian R. Motola, Mary A. Oliver, Christy N. Vale; 5.
Entered During Meeting: Council Member Daniel A. Champagne (9:50 p.m.), Jason L. McCoy (7:10 p.m.), Brian R. Motola (7:22 p.m.), Mary A. Oliver (7:09 p.m.); 4.
Exited During Meeting: Council Member Mark S. Etre (9:20 p.m.); 1.
Also Present: Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer, Finance Officer James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke and Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Peter Kosak, 34 Farm Brook Lane, spoke against the budget and also spoke in favor of Big Box development.

No other residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 7:09 p.m.

MAYORAL REQUEST:

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

BUDGET REVIEW:

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer and Finance Officer James Luddecke were available for questions and comment.

Council Member Oliver entered the meeting (7:09 p.m.)

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 19 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY CODE 10116157** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member McCoy entered the meeting (7:10 p.m.)

David Ignatowicz, Director WPCA was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 19 **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY** CODE 10116157 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$12,617.** The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member McCoy abstained.

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Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO OPEN **TAB 12 PAGE 82 WASTE TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION CODE 41345700** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

David Ignatowicz, Director WPCA was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola entered the meeting (7:22 p.m.)

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 12 PAGE 82 **WASTE TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION** CODE 41345700 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$4,864,781.** The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO OPEN **TAB 10 PAGE 72 HOUSING AUTHORITY-SEWER SUBSIDY CODE 10673282** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

David Ignatowicz, Director WPCA was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 72 **HOUSING AUTHORITY-SEWER SUBSIDY** CODE 10673282 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$37,300.** The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 12 PAGE 84 DATA PROCESSING CENTER CODE 51617710** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Robert Scofield, Director was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 12 PAGE 84 DATA **PROCESSING CENTER** CODE 51617710 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$517,438**. The motion was carried 9 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Anderson was not present at the table to vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 21 DATA** **PROCESSING CODE 10117160** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried 9 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Anderson was not present at the table to vote.

Robert Scofield, Director was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 21 **DATA PROCESSING** CODE 10117160 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$302,308**. The motion was carried 8 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Anderson abstained and Council Member Etre was not present at the table to vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 6 PAGE 27 FIRE** **FIGHTING AND ADMINISTRATION CODE 10231183** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Fire Chief Robert Kelley was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO OPEN TAB 6 PAGE 27 **FIRE FIGHTING AND ADMINISTRATION** CODE 10231183 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$880,646**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 12 PAGE 79 AMBULANCE DIVISION CODE 22231417** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Fire Chief Robert Kelley was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 12 PAGE 79 **AMBULANCE DIVISION** CODE 22231417 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$938,392**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 6 PAGE 28 FIRE MARSHAL CODE 10232185** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Fire Chief Robert Kelley was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 28 **FIRE MARSHAL** CODE 10232185 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$68,152**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 6 PAGE 30 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CODE 10232189** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Michael Purcaro, Emergency Management Director was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 30 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** CODE 10232189 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$41,212**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 6 PAGE 24 POLICE CODE 10230180** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Police Chief Rossmy and Sergeant Fleming were available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre exited the meeting (9:20 p.m.)

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 24 **POLICE** CODE 10230180 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$5,363,138**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

The Council requested a breakdown of the total cost of one (1) new officer versus a total sum of five (5) new officers.

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Council Member Champagne entered the meeting (9:50 p.m.)

Council Members Anderson and Motola left the table.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 6 PAGE 25 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS CODE 10230181** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote.

Police Chief Rossmy was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy left the table.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 25 **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS** CODE 10230181 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$61,119**. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 6 PAGE 26 TRAFFIC AUTHORITY CODE 10230182** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

Police Chief Rossmy was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 6 PAGE 26 **TRAFFIC AUTHORITY** CODE 10230182 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$311,960**. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO OPEN **TAB 9 PAGE 58 RECREATION ADMINISTRATION CODE 10560250** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

Bruce Dinnie, Director was available for questions and comment.

Council Members Anderson, McCoy and Motola returned to the table.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 58 **RECREATION ADMINISTRATION** CODE 10560250 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$403,532**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO OPEN **TAB 9 PAGE 59 RECREATION PROGRAMS CODE 10560251** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Bruce Dinnie, Director was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 59 **RECREATION PROGRAMS** CODE 10560251 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$257,800**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO OPEN **TAB 9 PAGE 60 RECREATION AQUATICS CODE 10560252** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Bruce Dinnie, Director was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 60 **RECREATION AQUATICS** CODE 10560252 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$105,300**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 9 PAGE 61 RECREATION PUBLIC CELEBRATION CODE 10560253** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Bruce Dinnie, Director was available for questions and comment.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 61 **RECREATION PUBLIC CELEBRATION** CODE 10560253 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$12,800**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO OPEN **TAB 9 PAGE 62 RECREATION-PARKS MAINTENANCE CODE 10560254** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Bruce Dinnie, Director was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 9 PAGE 62 **RECREATION-PARKS MAINTENANCE** CODE 10560254 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$526,411**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member McCoy, seconded by Schaefer, moved TO EXTEND CURFEW UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF BUSINESS. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called a 5-minute recess.

The meeting recessed at 10:22 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:28 p.m.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 3 EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATION CODE 10112120** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 3 **EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATION** CODE 10112120 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$594,962**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 5 PAGE 4 LAW CODE 10112121** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 5 PAGE 4 **LAW** CODE 10112121 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$140,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO OPEN **TAB 10 PAGE 67 PENSION CODE 410670271** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Officer James Luddecke was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Simon, seconded by Council Member Anderson, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 67 **PENSION** CODE 410670271 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$1,507,133**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 10 PAGE 68 GROUP INSURANCE CODE 10670272** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Officer James Luddecke and Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer were available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 68 **GROUP INSURANCE** CODE 10670272 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$2,835,014**. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Members Anderson and McCoy were not present at the table to vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 10 PAGE 69 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CODE 10670273** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote.   Council Members Anderson and McCoy were not present at the table to vote.

Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Champagne, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 69 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** CODE 10670273 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$10,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Anderson abstained.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO OPEN **TAB 10 PAGE 70 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE CODE 10671278** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Officer James Luddecke was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 70 **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE** CODE 10671278 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$699,610**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO OPEN **TAB 10 PAGE 71 CONTINGENCY CODE 10672280** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Finance Officer James Luddecke was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 71 **CONTINGENCY CODE** 10672280 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$156,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO OPEN **TAB 10 PAGE 66 SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE CODE 10670270** FOR DISCUSSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO CLOSE TAB 10 PAGE 66 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE** CODE 10670270 IN THE AMOUNT OF **$871,000**. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

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REVENUE DISCUSSION:

None.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION:

None.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO ADJOURN.

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Received: April 4, 2006
Approved: April 18, 2006
                     Vernon Town Council

Karin Z. Pike
Asst Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Town Council Budget Hearing
Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 30, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - 2nd Floor, Senior Center

TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
		Citizens' Forum			
5	19	Water Pollution Control Authority	10116157	12,617	12,617
12	82	Waste Treatment Plant Operation	41345700	4,864,781	4,864,781
10	72	Housing Authority - Sewer Subsidy	10673282	37,300	37,300
12	84	Data Processing Center	51617710	517,438	517,438
5	21	Data Processing	10117160	302,308	302,308
5	3	Executive and Administration	10112120	594,962	594,962
5	4	Law	10112121	140,000	140,000
10	67	Pension	10670271	1,507,133	1,507,133
10	68	Group Insurance	10670272	2,835,014	2,835,014
10	69	Unemployment Insurance	10670273	10,000	10,000
10	70	Municipal Insurance	10671278	699,610	699,610
10	71	Contingency	10672280	156,000	156,000
10	66	Social Security and Medicare	10670270	871,000	871,000
6	27	Fire Fighting and Administration	10231183	880,646	880,646
12	79	Ambulance Division	22231417	938,392	938,392

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6	30	Emergency Management	10232189	41,212	41,212
6	24	Police	10230180	5,363,138	5,363,138
6	25	School Crossing Guards	10230181	61,119	61,119
6	26	Traffic Authority	10230182	311,960	311,960
9	58	Recreation Administration	10560250	403,532	403,532
9	59	Recreation Programs	10560251	257,800	257,800
9	60	Recreation Aquatics	10560252	105,300	105,300
9	61	Recreation Public Celebration	10560253	12,800	12,800
9	62	Recreation - Parks Maintenance	10560254	526,411	526,411
		Revenue Discussion			
		Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action:			
		Approve Total Budget for Town Meeting			