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AGENDA  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017**  
7:30 P.M.

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B.) ROLL CALL

C.) CITIZENS FORUM

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 1-200(2) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THE FOLLOWING BARGAINING UNIT, **LOCAL 1471 OF COUNCIL 4 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO**, AND INVITES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND: JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND LABOR COUNSEL ATTORNEY RYAN O'DONNELL, OF THE LAW FIRM SIEGEL, O'CONNOR, O'DONNELL AND BECK.

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200 (2), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO NON-UNION EMPLOYEES AND INVITES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, JOHN D. WARD AND ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DAWN MASELEK TO ATTEND.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
14 PARK PLACE  
VERNON, CT 06066

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F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

Proclamation Presentation by Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to Stacey Shorts for her Gold Medal in the 2017 Winter Special Olympics World Games. Stacey and her mother Linda Shorts to attend.

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G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for the Town Council to approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year .** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated May 4, 2017 is included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) PRIOR YEAR TAX REFUND TALLING \$302.49 AND FOUR (4) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TALLING \$5899.77, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MAY 4, 2017.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment # 34 and #35 for fiscal year 2016-2017 as provided by Finance Officer and Treasurer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached.** (See the budget amendment forms with explanation attached to this agenda.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS, #34 and #35 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute any and all documents to make application for and receive the 2017 -2018 School Readiness Grant & School Readiness Quality Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$321,439.00.** (See documents provided by Michelle Hill, Director of Vernon Youth Services Bureau.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE BE AUTHORIZED BY THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY FORMS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL READINESS GRANT AND SCHOOL READINESS QUALITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$321,439.00

- 2) **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute any and all documents to become a "sponsor" organization for the Summer Nutrition Program.** (See documents included by Michelle Hill, Director of the Youth Service Bureau.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE TOWN OF VERNON TO BECOME "SPONSOR" ORGANIZATION FOR THE SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

- 3) **Request the Town Council approve the May 16, 2017 Resolution, to modify the scope of the Road Reconstruction and Improvement Ordinance by adding the section of South Street from Vernon Avenue to Route 30 to the project.** (See Resolution relative to same in the Town Council packet.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAY 16, 2017 RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF ORDINANCE #299 – ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY ADDING THE SECTION OF SOUTH STREET, FROM VERNON AVENUE TO ROUTE 30, TO THE PROJECT.

FURTHERMORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES ANY SUBSEQUENT CHANGES TO THE TERMINOLOGY OR PHRASING OF THIS RESOLUTION DUE TO DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND DEBT COVENANTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY BOND COUNSEL, EXCEPTING CHANGES TO THE SCOPE OF THE ROADS BEING ADDED TO THE PROJECT.

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L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

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N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **APRIL 18, 2017** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **MAY 2, 2017** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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P.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION.

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Q.) ADJOURNMENT