

July 18, 2017

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

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July 18, 2017 - 7:30 PM

Mayor Daniel Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Steve Peterson, and Virginia Gingras

Absent: Council Members Kim Appleyard, Jim Tedford and Ann Letendre

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Assistant Town Administrator Dawn Maselek, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM

No one spoke at Citizen's Forum.

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:31 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made the following motion to go into Executive Session #1:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200, (6), (D), HEREBY GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE, AND INVITES SHAUN GATELY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY LOUIS SPADACCINI TO ATTEND.

Motion carried unanimously.

8:04 PM Executive Session #1 ended.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made the following motion:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN OF VERNON AND CORPORATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (C.I.L.) RELATIVE TO THE TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES KNOWN AS 104 EAST MAIN STREET AND 5 BROOKLYN STREET, AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion carried unanimously.

8:05 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made the following motion to go into Executive Session #2:

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THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200, (6) (B), HEREBY GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL SETTLEMENT RELATED TO *TOLLAND WPCA v. VERNON WPCA* AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: ATTORNEY VINCENT PURNHAGEN OF THE LAW OFFICE OF VINCENT JOHN PURNHAGEN; ROB GRASIS, DIRECTOR OF THE VERNON WPCA; RAY WEAVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE VERNON WPCA BOARD AND TOWN ATTORNEY LOUIS SPADACCINI.

Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ray Weaver was not in attendance.

8:22 PM Executive Session #2 ended.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell, made the following motion:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES COUNSEL REPRESENTING THE TOWN OF VERNON TO FILE ALL THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR A LAWSUIT RELATIVE TO THE TOLLAND WPCA VS VERNON WPCA.

Motion carried unanimously.

8:23 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson, made the following motion to go into Executive Session #3:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200, (2), HEREBY GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER AND INVITES DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

8:34 PM Executive Session #3 ended.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson, made the following motion:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT AS PRESENTED RELATIVE TO ZAHNER AND THE TOWN OF VERNON.

Motion carried with 8 in favor and 1 abstention, Council Member Schaefer.

8:35 PM Recess; 8:40 PM Reconvened

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

None

F.) PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to the Town Council by Mayor Daniel A. Champagne on various topics.

- Congratulations to SuperCuts, Hartford Turnpike; AFC Urgent Care, Route 83 and Craig's Kitchen, in the old Russ' Time, on the Grand Opening Celebrations.
- Reminder that the Town of Vernon will again sponsor a concert series in Henry Park starting Thursday, July 27th through Thursday, August 24,

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2017 beginning at 7:00 PM. If inclement weather, concerts will be held on the second floor of the Senior Center.

- Reminder – National Night Out is scheduled for August 1, 2017, to be held at a new location, St. Bernard's Church parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!
- In an effort to recycle binders, all Town Council members are invited to bring their old budget books to Administration. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Next Town Council meeting is August 15, 2017.

Council Member DiDio asked the Mayor for an update in the search for a new town administrator. Mayor Champagne answered that a committee should be formed within a week or so.

Council Member Schaefer extended an invitation to the Annual Town Carnival running July 26th through July 29, 2017. This is the 9th year and hopes it will be successful, with no rain.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 1. Request for the Town Council to approve Tax Refunds for Prior Years . (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated July 5, 2017 is included in the Council packet.)**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FIFTEEN (15) TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$5870.41 FOR PRIOR YEARS, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED JULY 5, 2017.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of M. Lisa Moody, (R), 89 Campbell Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular members of the Capital Improvements Committee, said term to commence on September 1, 2017 and expires on August 31, 2020.** (A copy of Ms. Moody's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10-61 - 10-63, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF M. LISA MOODY, (R), 89 CAMPBELL AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 AND EXPIRES AUGUST 31, 2020.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Tim Poloski, (D), 38 Risley Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Capital Improvement Committee, said term to commence on September 1, 2017 and expires August 31, 2020.** (A copy of Mr. Poloski's resume is included for Council review.)

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- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Fred Padget, (D), 100 Risley Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee, said term to commence on September 1, 2017 and expires on August 31, 2020. (A copy of Mr. Padget's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986 AND TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF FRED PADGET, (D), 100 RISLEY ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON AUGUST 31, 2020.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of William Gilson, (U), 95 Skinner Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee, said term to commence on September 1, 2017 and expires August 31, 2020. (A copy of Mr. Gilson's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986 AND TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM GILSON, (U), 95 SKINNER ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 AND ENDS AUGUST 31, 2020.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #47, #48, #49, #50, #51, #52, #53, #54 and #55 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 #47, #48, #49, #50, #51, #52, #53, #54 AND #55 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

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H.) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None

I.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

None

J.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute the necessary documents to make application for and receive Youth Services Bureau cost sharing funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Education in the amount of \$20,897.00.** (See memorandum from Michelle Hill, Director YSB relative to same.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU COST-SHARING FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE AMOUNT \$20,897.00.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush proposed a resolution authorizing Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to make application for and receive Youth Services Bureau cost-sharing funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Education in the amount of \$20,897. Youth Services Director, Michelle Hill, answered questions. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to submit application on behalf of the Town of Vernon with the DOT Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant Program.** (See memorandum from Maria Rodriguez, Town Planner relative to same.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL EMPOWERS MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN THE NAME AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE ***CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM*** AND AFFIX THE CORPORATE SEAL.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush proposed a resolution empowering Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Town of Vernon with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant Program. Mayor Champagne spoke on the project. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Request the Town Council approve a bid waiver for the Department of Public Works to purchase a 2015 Vogele Paving Box from W.I. Clark Company, 30 Barnes Industrial Park Road, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492 in the amount of \$115,000.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Director and Treasurer dated July 13, 2017 relative to same.)

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PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER TWELVE (XII), SECTION NINE (9), OF THE TOWN CHARTER, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COST INVOLVING THE ACQUISITION OF A USED 2015 VOGELE S700 PAVING BOX FROM THE W.I. CLARK COMPANY, 30 BARNES INDUSTRIAL ROAD, WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000; AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT (S) TO THAT EFFECT.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer proposed a resolution to waive the sealed bid requirements for the acquisition of a used 2015 Vogele S700 paving box from the W.I. Clark Company, 30 Barnes Industrial Road, Wallingford, Connecticut in the amount of \$115,000. Mayor Champagne spoke on an agreement with the Connecticut Water Company. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Request the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing to hear comments and answer questions relative to a parcel of land known as "State Surplus Property at Hartford Turnpike, (300 sf land locked parcel) – Vernon, CT", at the August 15, 2017 Town Council meeting.** (See memorandum from Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to the Vernon Town Council dated July 14, 2017 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCE ARTICLE II, "SALE OF TOWN-OWNED REAL ESTATE", SECTION 2-27 "PROCEDURES", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: "*State Surplus Property at Hartford Turnpike, (300 sf land locked parcel) – Vernon, CT.*", SAID PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AUGUST 15, 2017, 7:35 PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, MEMORIAL BUILDING, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. FURTHER THE TOWN COUNCIL REFERS THIS PROPERTY TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR 8-24 REVIEW.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to schedule a public hearing to hear comments and answer questions relative to the sale of "State Surplus Property at Hartford Turnpike (300 sf land locked parcel), Vernon, Connecticut, to be held August 15, 2017 at 7:35 PM in the Town Council Chambers, Third Floor, Memorial Building, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut. The Town Council further refers this property to the Planning and Zoning Commission for 8-24 review. Motion carried unanimously.

- K.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**
None
- L.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**
None
- M.) **IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.**
None
- N.) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
None

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O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2017 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

Adjourn (8:55 PM)

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: July 20, 2017

Approved: August 15, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary