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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020
7:30 P.M.

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- 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 1-200 (6) (C) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SECURITY AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (C) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SECURITY AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (D) TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATION AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1.** Request the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Current year. (See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated March 5, 2020 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWENTY (20) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$7694.65 AS REFERENCED IN THE LETTER FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MARCH 5, 2020.

- C 2.** Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Christiane Abraham, (D), 175 Blue Ridge Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Directors of the North Central District Health Department, said term to commence on March 18, 2020 and expires on December 31, 2022. (A copy of Christiane Abraham's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §19a-241; CHARTER CHAPTER XI, SECTIONS 1,5, & 14, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A> CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTIANE ABRAHAM, (D), 175 BLUE RIDGE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON MARCH 18, 2020 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2022.

- C 3.** Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Justin Hicks, (U), 110 Old Ellington Road, Broad Brook, Connecticut as the YMCA Representative to the Vernon Youth Services Board, said term to commence on March 18, 2020 and expires on December 31, 2020. (A copy of Mr. Hicks' resume is included for Council review. It should be noted that Mr. Hicks is completing the unexpired term of John Reilly.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECT. 3; TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 08-24-1976 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 03-01-1994, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN HICKS, (U), 110 OLD ELLINGTON ROAD, BROAD BROOK, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AS THE YMCA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE VERNON YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON MARCH 18, 2020 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2020.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council consider the Vernon Community Arts Center (dba: Arts Center East), relative to their annual request for a 50/50 split of utilities as provided for in their current lease.** (See memorandum from Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator to Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor and the Vernon Town Council dated February 26, 2020 relative to same. Also attached is the requested documentation from VCAC per the lease.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE PAYMENT OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE UTILITY COSTS FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 709 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. SAID FIFTY PERCENT (50%) UTILITY COSTS WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE UTILITY COMPANY AS REQUIRED THROUGH THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET. THE REMAINING FIFTY PERCENT (50%), WILL BE PAID BY THE TENANT, VERNON COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER PER SAID LEASE DATED APRIL 25, 2016.

2. **Request the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting on March 25, 2020 in the Town Hall Memorial Building, third floor, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut to hear comments and take the necessary action relative to the following resolution, "A Resolution regarding an Additional Appropriation for the Purpose of Prepayment of Internal Financed Lease Obligations in the amount of \$2,986,198.44."** (See resolution and memorandum dated March 12, 2020 from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR MARCH 25, 2020 AT 7:35 PM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE TOWN HALL MEMORIAL BUILDING, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO HEAR COMMENT AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION RELATIVE TO "A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPAYMENT OF INTERNAL FINANCED LEASE OBLIGATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,986,198.44."

3. Request the Town Council amend the 2020-2021 Budget Meeting dates.

(See memorandum from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant dated March 12, 2020 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AMENDS THE BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE PREVIOUSLY PASSED AT THE JANUARY 21, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TO REFLECT THE CANCELLATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BUDGET MEETING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 AND ADDS THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BUDGET MEETING ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020, SAID MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM AND PUBLIC HEARING TO BEGIN AT 9:05 AM.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A Proposed Ordinance entitled "Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance Restricting Activities on Town-owned Property and School Grounds. (A number will be assigned once the Ordinance has passed Town Council vote.) *(The Ordinance amending Ordinance #45 and #127 respectively will be sent via email on Monday, March 16, 2020.)*

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SEC. 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING ACTIVITIES ON TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY AND SCHOOL GROUNDS**", AT 7:35 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020 LOCATED AT THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **MARCH 3, 2020** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report – January 2020 for the Vernon Police Department as submitted by Captain John Kelley.
 2. Monthly Report – February, 2020 for the Town Clerk's Office as submitted by Karen Daigle, Vernon Town Clerk.
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Q.) ADJOURNMENT