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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013
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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(B)(2) MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS: **STRATEGY OR NEGOTIATION** WITH RESPECT TO THE **TEACHER'S COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT** AND INVITES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND: JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DR. MARY CONWAY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS; DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; ANNE FISCHER, BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIRMAN; AND DEAN HOULE, BOE MEMBER.

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 **PENDING LITIGATION** RELATIVE TO THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS **AMERBELLE** AND INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY HAROLD CUMMINGS TO ATTEND.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne reports to the Town Council on a variety of subjects.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for 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 December 9, 2013 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES SIX (6) OVERPAYMENTS FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2950.74 AND THREE (3) OVERPAYMENTS FOR PRIOR YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1722.40, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED DECEMBER 9, 2013.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of John K. Anderson, (R), 105 Maple Avenue, Unit #40, Vernon, Connecticut as a Special Constable, said appointment to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2015.** (A copy of Mr. Anderson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO C.G.8. §7-92, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN K. ANDERSON, (R), 105 MAPLE AVENUE, UNIT #40, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A SPECIAL CONSTABLE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2015.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Charles E. Bettinger, (R), 15 Kingsbury Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Traffic Authority, said appointment to commence on December 18, 2013 and expires February 21, 2014.** (Mr. Bettinger's resume is included for Council review. Mr. Bettinger is completing the unexpired term of Pauline A. Schaefer.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES E. BETTINGER, (R), 15 KINGSBURY AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 18, 2013 AND EXPIRES FEBRUARY 21, 2014.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Elma Alikhanov, Eastern Connecticut Health Network's representative to the Energy Improvement District, said appointment to commence on December 18, 2013 and expires June 30, 2018.** (A copy of Ms. Alikhanov's resume is included for Council review. It should be noted that Ms. Alikhanov is completing the unexpired term of Mr. Hussey.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF ELMA ALIKHANOV - REPRESENTING ECHN, 31 UNION STREET, ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 18, 2013 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2018.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Sandra M. Justin, (R), 11 Patricia Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission, said term commences on December 18, 2013 and continues indefinitely.** (A copy of Ms. Justin's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 09-21-76 AMENDED ON 09-21-1982 THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA M. JUSTIN, (R), 11 PATRICIA DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 18, 2013 AND CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Pat Larensen, (R), 90 Butternut Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Historic Properties Commission, said term to commence on December 18, 2013 and expires on April 3, 2016.** (A copy of Ms. Larensen's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 185 (TOWN CODE SEC. 2-122) THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF PAT LARENSEN (R), 90 BUTTERNUT LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 18, 2013 AND ENDS ON APRIL 3, 2016.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of William Nicholson, (R), 86 Huntington Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as the Town of Vernon Hearing Officer, said term to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires December 31, 2015.** (A copy of Mr. Nicholson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #215, TOWN CODE 2-5, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 218 TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES 214 AND 216 THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. NICHOLSON, (R), 86 HUNTINGTON DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS THE TOWN OF VERNON HEARING OFFICER, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2015.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #9, #10 and #11 for fiscal year 2013-2014 as provided by Finance Officer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached to this agenda.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #9, #10 and #11 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Update and discussion regarding Year to Date Revenue and Expenditures report from Finance Director James M. Luddecke for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.** (Please see report provided in the Council packet.)

NO PROPOSED MOTION

- 2. Request the Town Council authorize designation of funds for the 29% local match for the School Security Competitive Grant Program.** (See memorandum dated December 12, 2013 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council, along with other supporting ***documents attached to Consent #8, budget amendment #9.***)

PROPOSED MOTION #1:

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE COMMITMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE EDUCATION RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,914.00, AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, FOR THE VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCAL SHARE OF THE CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SECURITY COMPETITIVE GRANT.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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 OF DECEMBER 3, 2013, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report – November, 2013 for the Town Clerk’s Office as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
 2. Year to Date Report for the Board of Education as submitted by Michael Purcaro, Business Manager.
 3. Monthly Report – November, 2013 for the Vernon Police Department as submitted by Captain Stephen M. Clarke.
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Q.) ADJOURNMENT

Following adjournment : Please join Mayor Daniel A. Champagne for some holiday refreshments in the Mayor’s Office .