

August 29, 2011

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN HALL, 14 PARK PLACE, 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

AUGUST 29, 2011 – 8:00 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Mark Etre, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian Motola, Sean O'Shea (8:13 PM), Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas and Michael Winkler.

Absent: Daniel Anderson, Judy Hany and Daniel Champagne.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1:

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made the following motion to go into Executive Session #1:

MOTION:

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 NEGOTIATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND LABORERS AT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT, REPRESENTED BY 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, PETER GRACZYKOWSKI, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND ATTORNEY EDWARD F. O'DONNELL OF THE LAW FIRM SIEGEL, O'CONNOR, O'DONNELL AND BECK.

Motion to go into executive session carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Winkler made the following motion:

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MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND EMPLOYEES AT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT, REPRESENTED BY LOCAL 1471 OF COUNCIL 4 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, IN EFFECT JULY 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013, ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRESENTED; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO ENTER INTO SAID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON.

Council Member Mark Etre, seconded by Council Member Krupienski moved the question, said motion passed unanimously.

The main motion passed with eight affirmative votes, Council Member Schaefer abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

Council Member Brian Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas moved the following motion to return to executive session #2

MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 1-200 (2) MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE VERNON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION AND INVITES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND: DR. MARY CONWAY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS; JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, PETER GRACZYKOWSKI, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; ATTORNEY EDWARD F. O'DONNELL OF THE LAW FIRM SIEGEL, O'CONNOR, O'DONNELL AND BECK; AND STAN KARASINSKI, BOE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE; ANNE FISCHER, BOE CHAIRPERSON; AND GEORGE APEL, BOE TREASURER.

Motion to go into Executive Session passed unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Winkler made the following motion:

MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, SECTION 10-153D(B), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES **NOT TO REJECT** THE TERMS OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE VERNON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015, AS RATIFIED BY THE PARTIES, EXECUTED AND FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK ON AUGUST 23, 2011.

The motion carried unanimously.

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D. The Town Council is requested to authorize an Emergency Appropriation per Chapter XII, Section 8 of the Town Charter, the following are considerations and requirements.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1:

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 8 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT A DELAY IN MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PERTAINING TO HURRICANE IRENE, MAY JEOPARDIZE THE LIVES, HEALTH OR PROPERTY OF THE CITIZENS OF VERNON:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO SAID EMERGENCY, HEREBY WAIVES THE REQUIREMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING, AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY CHAPTER XII, SECTION 8 OF THE TOWN CHARTER.

Council Member Motola , seconded by Council Member Etre moved the above resolution and the resolution passed unanimously.

Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Emergency Management Director Michael Purcaro provided an update for the Town Council on the expenses incurred thus far for Hurricane Irene.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski moved the following resolution .

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #2:

WHEREAS, ESTIMATED EMERGENCY COSTS PERTAINING TO HURRICANE IRENE, INVOLVING PREPARATION, RESTORATION, REPAIRS AND ACTIONS TAKEN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY, ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 8 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES AN ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET, ACCOUNT 10232189-54820, FOR INCURRED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE IRENE, AS INDICATED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #4.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Adjournment 9:25 PM.

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Council Member Etre seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: September 1, 2011

Approved: October 4, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wheelock,
Acting Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle
Assistant Town Clerk