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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021
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 (2) , HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, 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 (2), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL 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 SAFETY AND SECURITY AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

- Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to update the Town Council on various topics.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current years.**
(See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated May 24, 2021 and June 8, 2021 respectively included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION - 1A

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (2) TWO PRIOR YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$1268.96 AND (160) ONE HUNDRED SIXTY CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$69,427.20 AS REFERENCED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MAY 24, 2021.

PROPOSED MOTION - 1B

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (1) ONE PRIOR TAX REFUND TOTALING \$39.37 AND (7) SEVEN CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$1,453.40 AS REFERENCED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED JUNE 8, 2021.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Sherrin Roch, (R), 14 Lantern Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as the Parking Violation Hearing Officer, said term to commence June 16, 2021 and expires December 31, 2022.** (See Ms. Roch's resume for review. It should be noted that Ms. Roch is completing the unexpired term of Doreen M. Evans.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE III "PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING", SEC. 13-39 "FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS" § (e), THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF SHERRIN ROCH, (R), 14 LANTERN LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS THE PARKING VIOLATION HEARING OFFICER, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JUNE 16, 2021 AND ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2022.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Carole Guttman, (U), 6 Lantern Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and expires on June 30, 2024.** (A copy of Ms. Guttman's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7-105 AND CHARTER CHAPTER IX, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROLE GUTTMAN, (U), 6 LANTERN LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Daniel Kennedy, (D), 275 South Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and expires on June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Kennedy's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.S.G. § 7-136 AND ORDINANCE NO. 15; TOWN CODE SECTION 10-81 AND 82, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIEL KENNEDY, (D), 275 SOUTH STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Jeff Boulrice, (D), 15 Hilltop Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Boulrice's resume is included for Council review.)

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 REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFF BOULRICE (D), 15 HILLTOP AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of William Campbell, (R), 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as Town Council liaison to the Human Services Advisory Commission, said term to commence July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2023.** (Mr. Campbell is a member of the Vernon Town Council and therefore no resume is required.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC. 3, 05-02-1989 TOWN RESOLUTION VOL. 24, PAGE 382 AS AMENDED /VOL. 37 PAGE 266 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 02-19-2002, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM CAMPBELL, (R), 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2023.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of John P. Leary, (R), 26 Hany Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and expires June 30, 2024.** (A copy of Mr. Leary's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 7, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF, JOHN P. LEARY, 26 HANY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2024.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Judy Lampson, (U), 1 Eleanor Street Ext., Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and expires on June 30, 2023.** (A copy of Ms. Lampson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

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- C 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Joseph Greco, (U), 66 Vernwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and expires on June 30, 2024.** (A copy of Mr. Greco's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 7, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH GRECO, (U), 66 VERNWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2024.

- C 10. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Carmen Melaragno, (U), 71 Pearl Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and expires on June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Melaragno's resume is included Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2 & 6; THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CARMEN MELARAGNO, (U), 71 PEARL DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 11. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of retired Probate Judge O. James Purnell, (R), Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Committee, said term to commence July 1, 2021 and expires June 30, 2023.** (A copy of Mr. Purnell's resume is included for Council review.)

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- C 12. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Sherrin Roch, (R), 14 Lantern Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. Roch's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2 & 6; THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SHERRIN ROCH, (R), VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 13. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Nicholas Cranmer (U), 345 Valley Falls Road, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Conservation Commission, said term to commence on June 16, 2021 and ends December 31, 2023.** (A copy of Mr. Cranmer's resume is included for Council review.) (It should be noted that Mr. Cranmer is completing the unexpired term of Richard Clark.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 189 - TOWN CODE SECTION 10-91 & 10-92, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS CRANMER, 345 VALLEY FALLS ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO BEGIN JUNE 16, 2021 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2023.

- C 14. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Terilynn Rogers, (D), 26 White Street, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2021 and expires on June 30, 2023.** (A copy of Ms. Rogers' resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

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- C 15. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #15, #16, #17 and #18 for FY 2020-2021 as provided by Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer 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 #15, #16, #17 AND #18 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER, JEFFREY A. O'NEILL.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the grant application by the Rockville Public Library in the amount of \$3000.00 for the American Recovery Plan Act Grant Program (ARPA).** (See memorandum to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Members of the Town Council from Library Director Jennifer Johnston-Marius relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3000.00 FOR THE AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN ACT GRANT PROGRAM. THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the general wage increase of 1.5% for non-unionized employees at the Town of Vernon, such increase to be effective July 1, 2021.** (See memorandum from Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor to the Vernon Town Council dated June 10, 2021 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 3.7, 3.19 AND 5.3(B)(3), HEREBY AUTHORIZES THAT ALL NON-UNION FULL TIME, PERMANENT PART TIME AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES BE GIVEN A GENERAL WAGE INCREASE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

3. **Request the Town Council approve the grant application to apply for funds through the Connecticut Early Childhood Funder Collaborative.** (See memorandum from Michelle Hill, Youth Services Director to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated June 10, 2021 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE VERNON YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDER COLLABORATIVE. THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

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 ON **MAY 18, 2021** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **APRIL 27, 2021** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Letter of Appreciation dated May 27, 2021 from Jason D. Magao, Principal of Rockville High School to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne.
2. Monthly Report Vernon Police Department – May, 2021 as submitted by John Kelley, Captain of Police.

Q.) ADJOURNMENT