

<p>VERNON TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p><b>SPECIAL MEETING</b></p> <p>TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR</p> <p>VERNON, CONNECTICUT</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021</b></p> <p>7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>RECEIVED</p> <p>VERNON TOWN CLERK</p> <p>21 JUL 14 PM 4:01</p>
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**DRAFT MINUTES**

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

**A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Recited

**B.) ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Thomas Didio, Brian Motola, Michael Wendus, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, William Campbell, James Tedford, Linda Gessay, Maryann Levesque  
Absent: Julie Clay  
Entered During Regular Meeting: Ann Letendre (7:39PM)  
Also Present: Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator; Kathleen Minor, Recording Secretary

**C.) CITIZENS FORUM**

Genaro Gonzalez, 137 West Main Street spoke regarding 5G technology

Juanita Ortiz, 8 Oak Street, spoke regarding police and housing concerns

Salvador Concepcion, 8 Oak Street, spoke regarding police concerns

**D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7:44PM - Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made the following motion to go into Executive Session:

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6)(A), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATIVE TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

Motion carried unanimously.

8:05PM – Executive Session ended

**E.) NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne’s appointment of the new Chief of Police. (Contract discussion to take place during Executive Session.)**

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER X, SEC. 3 AND CHAPTER XI, SEC. 1, 3, AND 10 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT CHIEF OF POLICE AND FURTHER APPROVES THE CONTRACT AS PRESENTED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to approve Mayor Daniel A Champagne's appointment of John Kelley as Chief of Police and further approves the contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Sonia Burgos, Assistant Town Clerk, swore in John Kelley as Police Chief effective July 9, 2021, upon the retirement of James Kenny.

**F.) ADJOURN (8:17PM)**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Levesque, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted.



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary