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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021
7:30 P.M.

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B.) ROLL CALL

C.) CITIZENS FORUM

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

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VERNON TOWN CLERK
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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) (D), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

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E.) **PUBLIC HEARING #1 (7:35PM)**

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE ENTITLED “**Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance Entitled “Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property.” Repealing Ordinance #74 Entitled “Possession, Consumption, Distribution or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on School Grounds, in School Buildings Prohibited”, and Ordinance #295 Entitled “Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Liquors in Town Parks and Recreation Areas Prohibited.”**” (A copy of said Ordinance is included for Council review.)

- Mayor Daniel A. Champagne calls the Public Hearing to order.
- Clerk reads the Public Hearing Legal Notice into the record.
- Mayor and Town Council receive public comment.
- Mayor adjourns the Public Hearing.

NOTE: ACTION TO BE CONSIDER IN “Section L – Action on Ordinances Previously Presented.”

PUBLIC HEARING #2 (Immediately following Public Hearing #1)

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “**Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”, Repealing Ordinance #195 Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”.**” (A copy of said Ordinance is included for Council review.)

- Mayor Daniel A. Champagne calls the Public Hearing to order.
- **Motion: TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE SECOND READING OF THE LEGAL NOTICE.**
- Mayor and Town Council receive public comment.
- Mayor adjourns the Public Hearing

NOTE: ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED IN “Section L – Action on Ordinances Previously Presented.”

F.) **PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

- Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to update the Town Council on various topics.
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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 August 9, 2021 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (17) SEVENTEEN PRIOR YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$4025.81 AND (47) FORTY-SEVEN CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$13896.09 AS REFERENCED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED AUGUST 9, 2021.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Rudolf Rossmly, (R), 228 Risley Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Board of Ethics, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires November 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Rossmly's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE # 173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 - 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF RUDOLF ROSSMY, (R), 228 RISLEY ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2025.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Joshua Stenger, (D), 164 Vernon Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires on June 30, 2022.** (A copy of Mr. Stenger's resume is included for Council review. It should be noted that Mr. Stenger is completing the unexpired term of Conan Schreyer.)

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 JOSHUA STENGER, (D), 164 VERNON AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 18, 2021 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Vincent J. Bologna, (D), 227 Tracy Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires on July 31, 2024.** (A copy of Mr. Bologna'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 REAPPOINTMENT OF VINCENT J. BOLOGNA (D), 227 TRACY DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND JULY 31, 2024.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Michele Arn, (D), 67 Overbrook Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Board of Ethics, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires on November 30, 2025.** (A copy of Ms. Arn's resume is included for Council review.)

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PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE # 173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 - 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MICHELE ARN, (D), 67 OVERBROOK DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2025.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of John Kelley, Chief of Police as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence August 18, 2021 and expires August 17, 2024.** (It should be noted that Chief Kelley is a Town of Vernon employee and therefore no resume is included.)

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 CHIEF JOHN KELLEY, 725 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND EXPIRES AUGUST 17, 2024.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Social Service Director, Matthew Hellman, to the position of Assistant Municipal Agent for the Elderly, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires August 17, 2026.** (It should be noted that Matthew Hellman is a Town of Vernon employee and therefore no resume is included.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW HELLMAN AS AN ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND EXPIRES ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Michael Baum, (D), 194 Washington Street, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to commence on August 17, 2021 and expires December 31, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Baum's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1 & 6, AND CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SEC. 8-4a & b, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL BAUM, (D), 194 WASHINGTON STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, TO ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON AUGUST 17, 2021 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2025.

- C 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Frank Borysevicz, (R), 93 Thrall Road, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics, said term to commence August 18, 2021 and expires November 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Borysevicz's resume is included for Council review.)

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H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the asset disposal for the Vernon Board of Education.** (See memorandum dated July 27, 2021 from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer to Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor and Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS FOR THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION AS DISCLOSED ON THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSET FORMS.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute any and all documents to make application for and receive Youth Service Bureau cost sharing funds from the State Department of Children and Families in the amount of \$21,135.00.** (See memorandum from Michelle Hill, Director Youth Service Bureau relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU COST-SHARING FUNDS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN AN AMOUNT OF \$21,135.00.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

1. **Ordinance entitled "Ordinance No. , An Ordinance Entitled "Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property." Repealing Ordinance #74 Entitled "Possession, Consumption, Distribution or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on School Grounds, in School Buildings Prohibited", and Ordinance #295 Entitled "Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Liquors in Town Parks and Recreation Areas Prohibited."** (A copy of said Ordinance is included for Council review.)

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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 **JULY 20, 2021** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report for May, 2021 as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.
2. Monthly Report for June, 2021 as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.
3. Monthly Report for June, 2021 as submitted by John Kelley, Chief of Police.
4. Monthly Report for July, 2021 as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.

Q.) ADJOURNMENT