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**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 9:00AM**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4851194106?pwd=UnN1eU9hMG1XT0krdCtFNlFXVfdxZz09>**

CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099

MEETING ID: 485 119 4106 PASSWORD: 0320

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the virtual meeting to order at 9:00AM.

**A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited

**B.) ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Julie Clay, Thomas DiDio, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Jim Tedford, Steve Wakefield, Michael Wendus

Absent:

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Finance Officer and Treasurer Jeffrey O'Neill, Recording Secretary Kathleen Minor

**C.) PUBLIC HEARING**

9:05AM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and questions

9:05AM Clerk/Recording Secretary read the legal notice into the record

No comments from the public were made.

9:08AM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne adjourned the Public Hearing

9:08AM Returned to the Virtual Special Budget Meeting

**D.) PRESENTATION**

Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented the 2021-2022 budget overview to the Town Council.

**E.) TOWN COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

**PROPOSED MOTION**

The Town Council adopts the following list of Rules and Procedures for the 2021-2022 Budget deliberations:

Waive all Robert's Rules of Procedure during budget deliberations;

Revenue will be discussed at the opening meeting and at the final budget meeting;

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All budget accounts shall be opened at the first budget meeting and closed at the conclusion of the final budget meeting.

The Council will follow the department budget order published on the agendas during their discussions and continue moving through the list until the final department has been discussed.

Each meeting will be recessed to the next scheduled budget hearing and draft minutes will be prepared by the Clerk for each meeting to be used during final deliberations;

At the final budget meeting the Town Council may add or delete from any account previously discussed.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to accept the list of Rules and Procedures for the 2021-2022 budget deliberations. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**F.) BUDGET REVIEW**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to open entire budget for the entire 2021-2022 budget deliberations. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Historical Society – Tab 8, Page 412, Code 10562261, \$7,000**

Bob Hurd, Treasurer of the Vernon Historical Society presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Social Services – Tab 7, Page 374, Code 10456240, \$278,600**

Michelle Hill, Interim Director of Social Services and Director of Youth Services presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Youth Services – Tab 7, Page 378, Code 10456241, \$263,678**

Michelle Hill, Interim Director of Social Services and Director of Youth Services, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Senior Center – Tab 7, Page 382, Code 10457242, \$338,378**

Maureen Gabriele, Senior Center Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Karen Roy-Guglielmi, Chairman of the Human Services Advisory Commission spoke regarding the human service agencies budgets and process and introduced each agency.

**Hockanum Valley Community Council – Tab 7, Page 342, Code 10456222, \$182,000**

David O'Rourke, Hockanum Valley Community Council CEO presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Child Guidance Clinic – Tab 7, Page 346, Code 10456223, \$3,500**

Tanja Larson, Executive Vice President of Clinical Operations, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**KIDSAFE CT – Exchange Club – Tab 7, Page 350, Code 10456224, \$2,500**

Robin Kohler, Site Director at KIDSAFE CT, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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**MARC, Inc., of Manchester – Tab 7, Page 354, Code 10456226, \$3,000**

Kevin Zingler, President and CEO and Mary-Ellen Callahan, Development Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Cornerstone Foundation Inc. – Tab 7, Page 358, Code 10456227, \$7,000**

Sharon Redfern, Executive Director, and Bryan Flint, Deputy Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Hartford Interval House – Tab 7, Page 362, Code 10456232, \$2,500**

Amanda DeLaura, Director of Development, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**YWCA Sexual Assault Services – Tab 7, Page 366, Code 10456235, \$2,000**

Kenisha Farquharson, Program Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Opportunity Works – Tab 7, Page 370, Code 10456223, \$5,000**

Rene Lambert, Executive Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Arts Commission – Tab 8, Page 408, Code 10562260, \$4,440**

Sandra Justin, Chairman presented budget summary. No discussion.

**North Central District Health Department – Tab 7, Page 336, Code 10455220, \$137,107**

Patrice Sulik, Director of Health of the North Central District Health Department, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Greater Hartford Transit District – Tab 4, Page 198, Code 10116158, \$4,669**

Vicki Shotland, Executive Director, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**G.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

None

**H.) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 22, 2021 (11:51AM)**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on March 22, 2021 at 7:00PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Received: April 27, 2021

Approved: May 4, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary

By Karen C. Daigle  
Clerk of the Council