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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022
7:30 P.M.

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- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZEN CITATIONS AND AWARDS
- D.) CITIZENS FORUM

E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session #1

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 ADMINISTSRATOR TO ATTEND.

Executive Session #2

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, DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TOWN ATTORNEY LOU SPADACCINI AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF STEVE EPPLER TO ATTEND.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING

G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

H.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve tax refunds for prior and current year taxes as presented in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue dated February 4, 2022.** (See memorandum dated February 4, 2022 from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THREE (3) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$2027.81 AND FIFTEEN (15) TAX REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$6610.04 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2022.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Jean Luddy, (D), 12 Crown Street, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Vernon Board of Ethics, said term to commence on February 16, 2022 and expires February 15, 2027.** (A copy of Ms. Luddy'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 JEAN LUDDY, (D), 12 CROWN STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 15, 2027.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Alan Lubin, (I), 55 Elizabeth Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Greater Hartford Transit District Board, said term to commence on February 16, 2022 and expires on June 30, 2022.** (A copy of Mr. Lubin's resume is included for Council review. It should be noted that Mr. Lubin is completing the unexpired term of Mary Oliver.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 103a, SECTION 7-273c OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF ALAN LUBIN, (I), 55 ELIZABETH LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE GREATER HARTFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2022.

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- I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS
 - J.) PENDING BUSINESS
 - K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the ten month modification of the lease with Vernon Community Arts Center.** (See lease modification attached. Also included is the 2016 original lease and 2021 modification documents for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE TEN MONTH LEASE MODIFICATION WITH THE VERNON COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the request by the Vernon Community Arts Center (dba: Arts Center East) to again authorize the Town of Vernon 50/50 sharing of the utility costs.** (See required request of the VCAC and documentation provided.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE PAYMENT OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE UTILITY COSTS FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 709 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. SAID FIFTY PERCENT (50%) UTILITY COSTS WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE UTILITY COMPANY AS REQUIRED THROUGH THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET. THE REMAINING FIFTY PERCENT (50%) WILL BE PAID BY THE TENANT, VERNON COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER PER SAID LEASE DATED APRIL 25, 2016.

- 3. Request the Town Council approve the recommendations from the Vernon Registrar of Voters in the memorandum dated February 7, 2022 relative to same.** (Registrars Chris Prue and Lisa Moody will be present at the meeting to answer questions.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS RELATIVE TO THE CHANGES IN THE FOUR VOTING DISTRICTS RELATIVE TO THE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS 53RD, 56TH AND 57TH AS PRESENTED.

- 4. Request the Town Council establish a Cultural District and Cultural District Advisory Board.** (A copy of the resolution being discussed for same is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER XV, ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS", SECTION 3, "ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS", THE TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHES A **CULTURAL DISTRICT** AND **CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD** BY PASSING THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED "**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD**", AS PRESENTED.

- 5. Request the Town Council accept the very generous gift for the new K-9 for the Vernon Police Department.** (See memorandum from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated February 10, 2022 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTS THE DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,142.62 TO BE RESERVED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SPECIFICALLY-BRED CANINE, NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING WITH A POLICE OFFICER HANDLER.

- 6. Request the Town Council authorize the purchase of two (2) police cruisers.** (See memorandum dated February 10, 2022 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Michael J. Purcaro. Town Administrator from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE CRUISERS WITH FUNDING TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE POLICE SPECIAL SERVICES CRUISER HOURS ACCOUNT.

L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

M.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

N.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

O.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

P.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **FEBRUARY 1, 2022** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT