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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022
7:30 P.M.

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
22 APR 14 PM 6:50

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

- E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION
- F.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:35PM)

A PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE **2022 SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY, FOR PUBLIC HOUSING MODERNIZATION AT GROVE COURT AND GROVE COURT EXTENSION.** THE TOWN COUNCIL TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO SAME.

MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO CALL THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

TOWN CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE

MAYOR CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

NOTE: Action to be considered in "**Section K - New Business #1**"

- 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 current year taxes as presented in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue dated April 11, 2022.** (See memorandum dated April 11, 2022 from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES EIGHT (8) TAX REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES TOTALING \$1,746.90 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 1, 2022.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Sarah J. Olson (Iacobello), (R), 6 Tunnel Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Historic Properties Commission, said term to commence on April 20, 2022 and expires on April 19, 2027.** (A copy of Ms. Olson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 185 (TOWN CODE SEC. 2-122) THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF SARAH J. OLSON (IACOBELLO), (R), 6 TUNNEL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 20, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 19, 2027.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Robin Castro, (R), 150 Vernon Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2022 and expires on April 19, 2024.** (A copy of Ms. Castro's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2022 ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF ROBIN CASTRO, (R), 150 VERNON AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 20, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 19, 2024.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Bree Maxwell, (U), 201 Regan Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2022 and expires on April 19, 2024.** (A copy of Ms. Maxwell's resume is included for Council review.)

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- C 5. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Leslie Campolongo, (U), 9 Talcott Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2022 and expires on April 19, 2024.** (A copy of Ms. Campolongo's resume is included for Council review.)

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- C 6. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Joshua Stenger, (D), 164 Vernon Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2022 and expires on April 19, 2024.** (A copy of Mr. Stenger's resume is included for Council review.)

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- C 7. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Ken Kaplan Jr., (U), 7 Orchard Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2022 and expires on April 19, 2024.** (A copy of Mr. Kaplan's resume is included for Council review.)

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- C 8. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Liz Bologna, (D), 12 Mountain Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2022 and expires on April 19, 2024.** (A copy of Ms. Bologna's resume is included for Council review.)

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- C 9. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of James Sendrak (U), 34 Snipsic Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2022 and expires on April 19, 2024.** (A copy of Mr. Sendrak's resume is included for Council review.)

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- C 10. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Tammy Lynn Eldredge, (R), 64 Orchard Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2022 and expires on April 19, 2024.** (A copy of Ms. Eldredge's resume is included for Council review.)

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I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **ACTION: following the Public Hearing held earlier relative to the 2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application.**

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE APPLICATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY TO THE ***2022 SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR PUBLIC HOUSING MODERIZATION AT GROVE COURT AND GROVE COURT EXTENSION*** AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the disposal of assets by the Vernon Public Schools.** (See memorandum dated April 7, 2022 from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer & Treasurer to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS FOR THE VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS DISCLOSED ON THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FORM.

3. **Request the Town Council approve the disposal of assets by the Rockville Public Library.** (See memorandum dated April 11, 2022 from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer & Treasurer to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS FOR THE ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY AS DISCLOSED ON THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSET FORMS.

4. **Request the Town Council in accordance with the requirements for the Small Cities, Community Development Block Grant Program adopt the following documents, and further declare April, 2022 Fair Housing Month.** (See a copy of the six documents listed in the resolution below in your packet for review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY WAIVES THE READING OF AND ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING **SMALL CITIES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM** DOCUMENTS:

- TOWN OF VERNON - **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT**
- TOWN OF VERNON - **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADA NOTICE**
- TOWN OF VERNON - **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT MUNICIPAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**
- TOWN OF VERNON - **COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**
- TOWN OF VERNON - **FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT**
- TOWN OF VERNON - **FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #2

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL JOINS MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE IN DECLARING **APRIL, 2022 FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE TOWN OF VERNON.**

5. **Request the Town Council schedule a public hearing relative to the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act, said public hearing to be scheduled for June 7, 2022 at 7:35 PM in the Town Council Chambers, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut.** (See memorandum from Matt Hellman, Social Services Director to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated March 25, 2022 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY, SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2022 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT SUBMISSIONS, SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 7, 2022 AT 7:35 PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

6. **Request the Town Council authorize the Social Service Department to apply for a Salvation Army Grant to provide rent/mortgage assistance to Vernon residents.** (See memorandum dated March 29, 2022 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Matt Hellman, Director of the Vernon Social Services Department relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE SALVATION ARMY TO PROVIDE RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE TO VERNON RESIDENTS, AND, FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

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 **APRIL 5, 2022** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Town Clerk's Monthly Report for March, 2022 submitted by Karen C. Daigle,
Town Clerk.
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R.) ADJOURNMENT