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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022
7:30 P.M.

- A.)** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.)** ROLL CALL
- C.)** CITIZEN CITATIONS AND AWARDS

The following individuals are inductees to the **Volunteer Wall of Honor**, celebrating their many years of volunteer service to the Town of Vernon.

John Leary
Jean Luddy
Peter Olsen
Robert Hurd
S. Ardis Abbott

- D.)** CITIZENS FORUM
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- E.)** EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 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 TO ATTEND.

- F.)** PUBLIC HEARING
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G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

Update from Marty Sitler, Director Parks and Recreation relative to the status of Horowitz Pool.

H.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve the tax refunds for prior and current year taxes as outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue.** (See memorandum dated June 9, 2022 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) TAX REFUND FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$485.05 AND SEVEN (7) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$6218.52 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED JUNE 9, 2022.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Town Council Member Ann Letendre, (D), 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires June 30, 2024.** (Mrs. Letendre is a member of the Town Council and therefore no resume is included.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC. 3, 05-02-1989 TOWN RESOLUTION VOL. 24, PAGE 382 AS AMENDED /VOL. 37 PAGE 266 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 02-19-2002, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER ANN LETENDRE, (D), 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2024.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Tim Poloski, (D), 38 Risley Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires on June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Poloski's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 7, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF TIM POLOSKI, (D), 38 RISLEY ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Jason Mistretta, (R), 57 Vernwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires on June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Mistretta's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 7, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JASON MISTRETTE, (R), 57 VERNWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Patty Noblet (R), 12 Jen Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Ms. Noblet's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PATTY NOBLET (R), 12 JEN DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Bruce Luddy, (D), 12 Crown Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cemetery Commission, said term to commence July 1, 2022 and expires June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Luddy's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §19A-296; CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 10, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BRUCE LUDDY, (D), 12 CROWN STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Claire Crane, (R), 62 Zoey Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires on June 30, 2027.** (A copy of Ms. Crane's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CLAIRE CRANE, (R), 62 ZOEY DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Senior Center Director, Maureen Gabriele as *Municipal Agent for the Elderly for the Town of Vernon*, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires June 30, 2026.** (Ms. Gabriele is an employee of the Town of Vernon, therefore no resume is included.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR MAUREEN GABRIELE, AS MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Wayne W. Reiske, (U), 29 Reservoir Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cemetery Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires on June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Reiske's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §19A-296; CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 10, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF WAYNE W. REISKE, (U), 29 RESERVOIR ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 10. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Joshua Stenger (D), 164 Vernon, Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Stenger'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 JOSHUA STENGER, (D), 164 VERNON AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 11. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Jeanette Smith, (U), 2 Trail Run, Vernon, Connecticut as regular member of the Conservation Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires on June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Ms. Smith's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 189 - TOWN CODE SECTION 10-91 & 10-92, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JEANETTE SMITH, (U), 2 TRAIL RUN, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 12. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Jeffrey Carlson (D), 76 Valley Falls Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Conservation Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires on June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Carlson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 189 – TOWN CODE SECTION 10-91 & 10-92, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE’S APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY CARLSON, (D), 76 VALLEY FALLS ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 13. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne’s appointment of C. Ryan Goad, (U), 57 Glenstone Drive, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2022 and expires on June 30, 2024.** (A copy of Mr. Goad’s resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 8, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE’S APPOINTMENT OF C. RYAN GOAD, (U), 57 GLENSTONE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2024.

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

- 1. **Request the Town Council approve a general wage increase (GWI) for all non-union employees at the Town of Vernon.** (See memorandum from Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to the Vernon Town Council dated June 17, 2022 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 3.7, 3.19 AND 5.3 (B) (3), HEREBY AUTHORIZES THAT ALL NON-UNION FULL TIME, PERMANENT PART TIME AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES BE GIVEN A GENERAL WAGE INCREASE OF TWO (2%) PERCENT, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022. OF NOTE, FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES RECEIVING A MARKET WAGE ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2022, THE AFOREMENTIONED GWI IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE ADJUSTMENT.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the request from the Registrar of Voters for a budget amendment to cover the cost of August 2022 primaries.** (See memorandum dated June 16, 2022 from Christopher Prue and M. Lisa Moody, Registrars, to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Town Council and Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS REQUEST FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO COVER THE COST OF THE AUGUST, 2022 PRIMARIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,450.00, AS PRESENTED.

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 **JUNE 7, 2022** (DRAFT #2) AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT