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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022
7:30 P.M.

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

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VERNON TOWN CLERK
22 AUG 15 AM 11:00

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- 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 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 AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

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.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:35 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED "**ORDINANCE NO. , AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING NON-CONFORMING STATIC BILLBOARD LOCATED AT 51 HARTFORD TURNPIKE TO A DIGITAL DISPLAY"**". (A COPY OF SAID ORDINANCE IS INCLUDED FOR COUNCIL REVIEW. A NUMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED ONCE THE ORDINANCE IS APPROVED.)

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

MOTION:

TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE FULL, PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS STATED IN THE LEGAL NOTICE.

TOWN CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE

MAYOR CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

NOTE: Action to be considered in "Section M – Action on Ordinance (s) Previously Presented."

G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

Regional Partnership with the Community Voice Channel presentation by David Owens, Communications Specialist.

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 August 8, 2022 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES NINE (9) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$14,756.90 AND THIRTY-FOUR (34) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$11,515.40 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED AUGUST 8, 2022.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of John R. Morissette, (U), 10 Susan Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee, said term to commence on August 31, 2022 and ends August 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Morissette's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986 AND TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN R. MORISSETTE, (U), 10 SUSAN ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 31, 2022 AND ENDS AUGUST 30, 2025.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Larry Rodriguez, (R), 2 Valerie Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee, said term to commence on August 31, 2022 and ends on August 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Rodriguez's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986 AND TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF LARRY RODRIGUEZ, (R), 2 VALERIE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 31, 2022 AND ENDS ON AUGUST 30, 2025.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Donald S. Schubert, (R), 22 Wildwood Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee, said term to commence on August 31, 2022 and expires on August 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Schubert's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986 AND TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DONALD S. SCHUBERT, (R), 22 WILDWOOD ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 31, 2022 AND ENDS AUGUST 30, 2025.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Town Council Member Julie Clay, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Capital Improvements Committee, said term to commence on August 31, 2022 and expires on August 30, 2025.**
(No resume is included as Ms. Clay is a Town Council member.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10-61 - 10-63, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER JULIE CLAY, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 31, 2022 AND EXPIRES AUGUST 30, 2025.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Ann Kuntz, (U), 136 Rainbow Trail, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission, said term to commence on August 17, 2022 and expires on June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Ms. Kuntz 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 APPOINTMENT OF ANN KUNTZ, (U), 136 RAINBOW TRAIL, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 17, 2022 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Claire Crane, (D), 62 Zoey Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals, said term to commence on August 17, 2022 and expires June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Ms. Crane's resume is included for Council review. It should be noted that she is completing an expired term.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7-105 AND CHARTER CHAPTER IX, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF CLAIRE CRANE, (D), 62 ZOHEY DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON AUGUST 17, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 8.** Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Steve Wakefield, (R), 152 Brookview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Housing Authority, said term to commence on August 17, 2022 and expires on February 28, 2024. (A copy of Mr. Wakefield's resume will be on the table when you arrive at the meeting. Mr. Wakefield is filling a vacant term.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8, SECTION 5 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF STEVE WAKEFIELD, (R), 152 BROOKVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO BEGIN AUGUST 17, 2022 AND EXPIRES FEBRUARY 28, 2024.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

- 1. Town Council to have discussion and update relative to the Horowitz Pool.**

MOTION UNDER CONSIDERATION

K.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council approve the Vernon Democratic Town Committee nomination of Karen Colt, to fill the vacant seat on the Vernon Board of Education created by the resignation of Jennifer Buckler. (See letter dated August 2, 2022 from Chairwoman Nicole Bornhorst to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne confirming the party's endorsement of Ms. Colt. It should be noted that a copy of Ms. Colt's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE NOMINATION OF KAREN COLT, (D), 175 UNION STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO REPLACE JENNIFER BUCKLER ON THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 17, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 13, 2023.

2. Request the Town Council approve a change in the scope of work offered by WMC Consulting Engineers, with a cost of \$155,191.15 related to the Walkers Reservoir Dam Project. (See memorandum dated August 5, 2022 from Shaun Gately, Director of Development Services to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE CHANGE IN THE SCOPE OF WORK OFFERED BY **WMC CONSULTING ENGINEERING** AS PRESENTED, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$156,000.00, AND FURTHER THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

3. Request the Town Council approve a Bid Waiver for the purchase of a vault for the new Probate Court located in the Citizens Block. (See memorandum from Robert Kleinhans, Project Coordinator dated August 11, 2022 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVE, THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR COSTS INVOLVING THE PURCHASE OF THE FIREBLOCK VAULT FOR THE NEW PROBATE COURT AT THE CITIZEN'S BLOCK FROM **FIRELOCK DATA PROTECTION SYSTEMS, FLEETWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA** IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$119,000.00 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

M.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

1. **Proposed Ordinance entitled "Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance entitled "Conversion of an Existing Non-Conforming Static Billboard located at 51 Hartford Turnpike to a Digital Display". (See Ordinance attached for Council review. A number will be assigned once the Ordinance has passed Town Council vote.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, SECTIONS 4 & 6 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, HEREBY MOVES TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "**ORDINANCE NO. ____, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING NON-CONFORMING STATIC BILLBOARD LOCATED AT 51 HARTFORD TURNPIKE TO A DIGITAL DISPLAY."**

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 **JULY 19, 2022** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT