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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022
7:30 P.M.

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

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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, (6) (B), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE TAX APPEALS: ***MAL GJONBALAY VS TOWN OF VERNON ET AL., (610 AND 624 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.)***

- F.) PUBLIC HEARING

- G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

Presentation of the 2022 Carnival proceeds by Carnival Committee members Steve Wakefield and Pauline Schaefer to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne. Mayoral proclamation presentation to five retiring members of the Carnival Committee for their many years of volunteer participation: Kristina Corbett, Gary Willbrant, Carol Nelson, Kathy Luginbuhl and Tim Hill.

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 October 6, 2022 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THREE (3) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$365.04 AND FORTY (40) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$13,706.34 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED OCTOBER 6, 2022.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Carmen Melaragno, (R), 71 Pearl Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on October 19, 2022 and expires December 31, 2022.** (A copy of Mr. Melaragno's resume is included for Council review. Mr. Melaragno will be completing the unexpired term of Kevin Kearney.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 3; AND CHARTER CHAPTER XII, SEC. 4, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF CARMEN MELARAGNO, (R), 71 PEARL DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID APPOINTMENT TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 19, 2022 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2022.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council approve the disposal of items for the Vernon Public Schools.** (See memorandum from William Meier, Director of Business and Finance dated September 28, 2022 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator and Mayor Daniel A. Champagne relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

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

- 2. Request the Town Council approve the disposal of items for the Vernon Police Department.** (See memorandum from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated October 13, 2022 related to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS AS DISCLOSED IN THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS MEMORANDUM FOR THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

- 3. Request the Town Council authorize the transfer of FY 2021-2022 funds from the Board of Education Operating Budget to the Capital and Non-Recurring Education Account in the amount of \$425,000.00.** (See letter from Dr. Joseph P. Macary, Superintendent of Schools to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne dated September 28, 2022 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE TRANSFER OF \$425,000.00 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OPERATING BUDGET FY 2021-2022 TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES

- 4. Request the Town Council approve the resolution required for all Small Cities Applications.** (See resolution entitled Certified Resolution of Applicant Small Cities Program relative to the \$150,000.00 application for Kids Safe authorized by the Town Council and previously applied for.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED "CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF APPLICANT FOR SMALL CITIES PROGRAM," IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00 ON BEHALF OF KIDS SAFE.

L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Proposed Ordinance entitled "Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance entitled "Conversion of an Existing Non-Conforming Static Billboard located at 57 Hartford Turnpike to a Digital Display". Repealing and Replacing Ordinance #319, 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 new number will be assigned once the Ordinance has passed Town Council vote.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SEC. 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES AS PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING, **ORDINANCE NO. _____ "CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING NON-CONFORMING STATIC BILLBOARD LOCATED AT 57 HARTFORD TURNPIKE TO A DIGITAL DISPLAY"**, SAID PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:35 PM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 LOCATED AT THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

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 **OCTOBER 3, 2022** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT