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AMENDED
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

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

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
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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 TO ATTEND.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

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 #3

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (X), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR MAUREEN GABRIELE 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 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".** (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.

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 November 7, 2022 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOUR (4) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$382.21 AND TWENTY-EIGHT (28) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$5566.38 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2022.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment 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 November 16, 2022 and expires on November 15, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Lubin's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 103a, SECTION 7-273c OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT 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 NOVEMBER 16, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 15, 2026.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Teen Poet Laureate Caitlin Chatterton for a term commencing November 16, 2022 and expiring November 30, 2023.** (No resume is included at this time.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 16, 2019, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF CAITLIN CHATTERTON, STUDENT AT ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOR A TERM COMMENCING NOVEMBER 16, 2022 AND EXPIRING NOVEMBER 30, 2023, AND CONGRATULATES CAITLIN CHATTERTON ON HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council approve the disposal of assets for the Vernon Public Schools, Department of Public Works and Executive Administration.**
(See documentation from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer 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, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION* FOR SAME.

- 2. Request the Town Council consider the request of Betsy R. Soto, Executive Director of the Vernon Housing Authority to waive the building permit fees for the Franklin Park East Roof Replacement Project.** (See the letter to the Town of Vernon dated October 17, 2022 from Ms. Soto to the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY WAIVES THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$2,001.20** FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK EAST ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

- 3. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute all necessary documentation relative to the FFY 2022 Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Grant Program.** (This is an annual grant for the Town of Vernon.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE FFY 2022 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) FUNDING OFFERED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,147.45.

4. **Request the Town Council approve the Town Council Meeting dates for 2023 as required by Freedom of Information.** (See memorandum dated November 1, 2022 to the Vernon Town Council from Mayor Daniel A. Champagne relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE 2023 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2022.

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 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 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 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."**

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 18, 2022** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report - Town Clerk for September, 2022 as submitted by the Town Clerk's Karen Daigle.
 2. Monthly Report - Town Clerk for October, 2022 as submitted by the Town Clerk's Karen Daigle.
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R.) ADJOURNMENT