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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023
7:30 P.M.

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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 AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING

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 January 27, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THREE (3) REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEAR TOTALING \$1120.03 AND SIXTEEN (16) CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$8076.13 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED JANUARY 27 2023.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Joseph R. Miller, (R), 27 Tallwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of Human Services Advisory Commission, said term to commence on February 8, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2024.**
(A copy of Mr. Miller's resume is included for Council review.)

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 APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH R. MILLER, (R) 27 TALLWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING FEBRUARY 8, 2023 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2024.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Nichole Greco, (U), 66 Vernwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee, said term to commence on February 8, 2023 and expires August 31, 2023.** (A copy of Ms. Greco's resume is included for Council review. It should be noted that Ms. Greco is completing the unexpired term of William Gilson.)

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 APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLE GRECO, (U), 66 VERNWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023 AND ENDS AUGUST 31, 2023.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approves Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Robert O'Gara, (R), 22 Donnell Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence February 21, 2023 and expires on February 20, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. O'Gara's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT O'GARA, 22 DONNELL DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AND EXPIRES FEBRUARY 20, 2026.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence on February 21, 2023 and expires on February 20, 2026.** (Mr. Ryniewicz is a department head and therefore no resume is included.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DWIGHT RYNIEWICZ, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 20, 2026.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Susan Bannon, (I), 9 Hillside Manor Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Housing Authority, said term to commence on March 1, 2023 and expires on February 28, 2028.** (A copy of Ms. Bannon's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8, SECTION 5 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSAN BANNON, (I), 9 HILLSIDE MANOR AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO BEGIN MARCH 1, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2028.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of David Herrmann, (D), 521 Bolton Road, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics, said term to commence February 8, 2023 and expires November 30, 2027.** (A copy of Mr. Herrmann's resume is included for Council review.

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE # 173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 - 2- 98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF DAVID HERRMANN, (D), 521 BOLTON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2027.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council authorize the Vernon Fire Department to submit an application for and receive the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance for Firefighters Grant for 2022.** (See the memorandum dated February 2, 2023 from Nichole Greco, Projects Coordinator to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, ASSISTANCE FOR FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FOR 2022, AND FURTHER THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the appointment of the Auditor.** (See memorandum from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer & Treasurer dated January 25, 2023 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPOINTS THE FIRM OF MAHONEY SABOL & COMPANY OF 180 GLASTONBURY BOULEVARD, GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT AS AUDITORS TO AUDIT THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT #2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,300 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AUDIT.

3. **Request the Town Council graciously accept the donations received from the Lyle and Grossman Families for the Ambulance Fund.** (See notes and checks from the families.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTS THE DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE LYLE AND GROSSMAN FAMILIES FOR THE AMBULANCE FUND TALLING \$115.00.

4. **Request the Town Council approve the 2023-2024 Budget Meeting Dates.**
(See memorandum from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council dated January 20, 2023 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS:

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023; THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023; MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023; THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 AND MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 WITH A START TIME OF 7:00 P.M., AND SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023 WITH A START TIME OF 9:00 AM. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023 WITH A START TIME OF 9:05 AM AND THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 WITH A START TIME OF 7:05 PM, TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2023-2024 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. ALL BUDGET MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, TOWN HALL, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

PROPOSED MOTION #2

PURSUANT TO CHARTER, CHAPTER IV "ANNUAL TOWN MEETING", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES, TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 AS THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE FY 2023-2024 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. THE APRIL 25, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM.

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 **JANUARY 17, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Thank you note from Stan Zaremba, Ken Provencher, George and Elaine Dwyer and Rich Uhlman thanking the Cemetery staff for their incredible job with the town cemeteries.
2. Memorandum dated January 15, 2023 from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer announcing the Finance Department's Award - GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

R.) ADJOURNMENT