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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Daniel Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

B.) ROLL CALL:

- **Present**: Council Members Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, Ariana Nieves-Matias, John O'Connell, Teri-Lynn Rogers, Jim Tedford
- **Absent**: Julie Clay, Michael Wendus
- **Entered During Meeting**: Teri-Lynn Rogers (7:38 PM)
- **Also Present**: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Meriline Sarkar

C.) CITIZEN CITATIONS AND AWARDS: None

D.) CITIZENS FORUM :

- Genaro Gonzalez, West Main Street, spoke on UCC and the United States of America.

E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

F.) PUBLIC HEARING: None

G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

1. Following documents were distributed to the Council Members.

- Historical Society Invitation to an exhibit regarding 150th Anniversary of Rockville High School.
- Invitation to the Memorial Day Parade, May 29th.
- The Vernon Public Schools "Blueprint for Success". The document provided by Dr. Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools.

2. The **Senior Center 5th Anniversary Celebration** was a huge success. The new Kitchen Coordinator, Danielle, made all the appetizers and desserts herself. Over 90 people attended and after the ceremony everyone attended a concert in the auditorium. The Senior Center has over 3000 members.

3. Reminder: Vernon-Rockville Little League Parade at 10:30 AM followed by Opening Ceremony at Legion Field this Saturday, April 22, 2023. NOTE: If it rains the parade will be cancelled and the ceremony will be moved to Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the field.

AND: Annual Town Meeting this Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Rockville High School Auditorium. Followed by a Special Town Council Meeting to set the mil rate.

H.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to move the Consent Agenda as written and the motion carried unanimously.

- 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 April 10, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOUR (4) REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEAR TOTALING \$804.67 AND THIRTY-NINE (39) CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$13,196.77 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 10, 2023.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS: None

J.) PENDING BUSINESS: None

K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council in accordance with the requirements for the Small Cities, Community Development Block Grant Program adopt the following documents, and further declare April, 2023 Fair Housing Month.** (See a copy of the six documents listed in the resolution below in your packet for review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY WAIVES THE READING OF AND ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING ***SMALL CITIES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM*** DOCUMENTS:

- TOWN OF VERNON – ***AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT***
- TOWN OF VERNON – ***AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADA NOTICE***
- TOWN OF VERNON – ***AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT MUNICIPAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE***
- TOWN OF VERNON – ***COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964***
- TOWN OF VERNON – ***FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT***
- TOWN OF VERNON – ***FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION***

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to waive the reading of and adopts the following Small Cities, Community Development Block Grant Program documents. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #2

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL JOINS MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE IN DECLARING ***APRIL, 2023 FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE TOWN OF VERNON.***

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to declare April, 2023 Fair Housing Month in the Town of Vernon. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

- L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: None**
- M.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE (S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None**
- N.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None**
- O.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None**
- P.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **MARCH 21, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Rogers, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Note: These minutes were previously approved on April 4, 2023.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING ON **MARCH 18, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 18, 2023 Special Budget Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING ON **MARCH 20, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Connell, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 Special Budget Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING ON **MARCH 23, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Tedford, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023 Special Budget Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING ON **MARCH 27, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023 Special Budget Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING ON **MARCH 30, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Letendre, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 30, 2023 Special Budget Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING ON **APRIL 3, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023 Special Budget Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Q.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, Petitions, communications, correspondence, reports, etc. not requiring action

1. Monthly Report for March, 2023 for the Town Clerk's Office as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.

R.) ADJOURN (7:44 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Meriline Sarkar