

March 18, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023, 9:00 AM

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

A.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited

B.) **ROLL CALL**

- **Present:** Council Members Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Julie Clay, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, Ariana Nieves-Matias, John O'Connell, Teri-Lynn Rogers, Jim Tedford, Michael Wendus.
- **Absent:**
- **Entered During Meeting:**
Council Member Ann Letendre (9:03 AM), and Ariana Nieves-Matias (9:20 AM).
- **Also Present:** Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Meriline Sarkar

C.) **CITIZEN'S FORUM:** None

D.) **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented 2023-2024 Budget Overview to the Town Council, including Revenue.

E.) **TOWN COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

PROPOSED MOTION:

The Town Council adopts the following list of Rules and Procedures for the 2023-2024 Budget deliberations:

Waive all Robert's Rules of Procedure during budget deliberations;

Revenue will be discussed at the first and last meetings;

All budget accounts shall be opened at the first budget meeting and closed at the conclusion of the final budget meeting.

The Council will follow the department budget order published on the agendas during their discussions and continue moving through the list until the final department has been discussed.

Each meeting will be recessed to the next scheduled budget hearing and draft minutes will be prepared by the Clerk for each meeting to be used during final deliberations;

At the final budget meeting the Town Council may add or delete from any account previously discussed.

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Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to adopt the Rules of Procedure as written. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

9:20 AM Council Member Clay left the table; returned at 9:23 AM.

F.) BUDGET REVIEW

Rockville Public Library—Tab 8, Page 363, Code 10562262, \$904,933

Jennifer Johnston-Marius, Library Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Senior Center—Tab 7, Page 325, Code 10457242, \$375,308

Maureen Gabriele, Senior Center Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

10:02 AM Council Member Tedford left the table; returned at 10:04 AM.

10:11 AM Council Member Clay left the table; returned at 10:12 AM.

10:17 AM Council Member Nieves-Matias left the table; returned at 10:22 AM.

Cultural District—Tab 8, Page 373, Code 10562260, \$3,440

Jennifer Johnston-Marius, Library Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

North Central District Health Department, Tab 7, Page 286, Code 10455220, \$141,623

Patrice Sulik, NCDHD Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Historical Society, Tab 8, Page 359, Code 10562261, \$7,000

Jean Luddy, Vernon Historical Society Museum Director, and Bob Hard, Vernon Historical Society Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Child Guidance Clinic, Tab 7, Page 295, Code 10456223, \$3,500

Molly Getchell, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, presented budget summary. No discussion.

11:06 AM Council Member Motola left the table; returned at 11:09 AM.

KIDSAFE CT – Exchange Club, Tab 7, Page 298, Code 10456224, \$2,500

Robin Kohler, Site Director, presented budget summary. No discussion.

Hartford Interval House, Tab 7, Page 307, Code 10456232, \$2,500

Emily Cintorino, Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Hockanum Valley Community Council, Tab 7, Page 292, Code 10456222, \$180,000

Rohan Long, Director of Finance, and Steve Jackson, Assistant Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

11:22 AM Council Member O'Connell left the table; returned at 11:26 AM

11:30 AM Council Member Clay left the table; returned at 11:31 AM.

MARC, Inc., of Manchester, Tab 7, Page 301, Code 10456226, \$5,000

Kevin Zingler, Executive Director, presented budget summary. No discussion.

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Cornerstone Foundation, Tab 7, Page 304, Code 10456227, \$5,500

Sharon Redfern, Executive Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

YWCA, Tab 7, Page 310, Code 10456235, \$2,000

Alyssa D'Amato, Program Director, presented budget summary. No discussion.

Opportunity Works, Tab 7, Page 313, Code 10456237, \$3,000

Rene Lambert, Executive Director, presented budget summary. No discussion.

Greater Hartford Transit, Tab 4, Page 135, Code 10562260, \$5,439

Mayor Champagne and Town Administrator Michael Purcaro spoke on this budget and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Social Services, Tab 7, Page 316, Code 10456240, \$308,606

Matt Hellman, Social Services Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Youth Services, Tab 7, Page 320, Code 10456241, \$260,331

Michelle Hill, Youth Services Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

G.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION: None

H.) (12:11 PM) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 20, 2023

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Clay made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on March 20, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: April 13, 2023

Approved: April 18, 2023

Submitted,



Merillne Sarkar

Recording Secretary