

March 20, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023, 7:00 PM

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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:** None
- **Entered During Meeting:** Council Member Ann Letendre (7:03 PM)
- **Also Present:** Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Meriline Sarkar

C.) **CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Tina Glidden, 22 Hale Street, Extension, Peggy Dietz-Shea, 27 Fox Hill Drive, Dacia Ball, 222 Phoenix Street, and Olaf Hermanson, 25 Cold Spring Drive, spoke in favor of keeping the existing part-time Librarians and hiring full-time Librarians for the Vernon Elementary and High Schools.

7:15 PM Citizen's Forum ended.

D.) **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented updates since the March 18, 2023 meeting.

E.) **BUDGET REVIEW**

Board of Education: Tab 12, Page 506, Code 10990330, \$57,867,876

Dr. Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Vernon Public Schools, presented budget summary and answered questions. William Meier, Business and Finance Officer, answered questions. Discussion ensued.

8:46 PM Council Member Levesque left the table; returned at 8:48 PM.

9:15 PM Council Member Wendus left the table; returned at 9:17 PM.

Probate: Tab 4, Page 58, Code 10111112, \$12,760

Hon. Elisa H. Bartlett, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

9:47 PM Council Member Tedford left the table; returned at 9:50 PM.

9:58 PM Recess; 10:06 PM Reconvened.

Registration: Tab 4, Page 75, Code 10113130, \$79,231

Chris Prue, Registrar of Voters (D), and Lisa Moody, Registrar of Voters (R), presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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Elections General: Tab 4, Page 80, Code 10113131, \$43,600

Chris Prue, Registrar of Voters (D), and Lisa Moody, Registrar of Voters (R), presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Elections Primary: Tab 4, Page 84, Code 10113132, \$1

Chris Prue, Registrar of Voters (D), and Lisa Moody, Registrar of Voters (R), presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Elections Referendum: Tab 4, Page 88, Code 10113133, \$1

Chris Prue, Registrar of Voters (D), and Lisa Moody, Registrar of Voters (R), presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Community & Economic Development: Tab 4, Page 150, Code 10151171, \$149,576

Shaun Gately, Director of Economic Development, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Town Planner: Tab 4, Page 145, Code 10150170, \$211,895

Ashley Stephens, Town Planner, presented budget summary and answered questions. Mayor Champagne spoke. Discussion ensued.

Town Council: Tab 4, Page 54, Code 10110110, \$5,335

Karen Daigle, Town Clerk, presented budget summary. No discussion.

Town Clerk: Tab 4, Page 124, Code 10115150, \$315,023

Karen Daigle, Town Clerk, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Executive Administration: Tab 4, Page 62, Code 10112120, \$1,030,617

Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator, spoke to the Council. Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant, presented budget summary and answered questions. Dawn Maselek, Assistant Town Administrator, Nichole Greco, Grant Coordinator, Dave Owens, Communications Specialist, spoke to the Council and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

11:00 PM Council Member Gessay left the table; returned at 11:01 PM.

Law: Tab 4, Page 71, Code 10112121, \$152,000

Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant, presented budget summary. No discussion.

F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION: None

G.) (11:19 PM) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 23, 2023

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on March 23, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: April 13, 2023

Approved: April 18, 2023

Submitted,


Meriline Sarkar
Recording Secretary