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

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023
7:30 P.M.

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- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZEN CITATIONS AND AWARDS
- D.) CITIZENS FORUM

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- 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 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 current year taxes as outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue.** (See memorandum dated May 8, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWELVE (12) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$71,265.37 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MAY 8, 2023.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment forms #17, #18, and #19, FY 2023.** (See memorandum from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated May 10, 2023 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS, #17, #18, AND #19, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AS PROVIDED ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS ATTACHED BY JEFFREY A. O'NEILL, FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council authorize the application for and receive Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder funds for the Vernon Police Department in the amount of \$21,523.36.** (See memorandum from Nichole Greco, Projects and Grants Coordinator dated May 10, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE GARY SINISE FOUNDATION FIRST RESPONDER FUNDS FOR THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,523.36.

- 2. Request the Town Council authorize the application for and receive Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder funds for the Vernon Fire Department in the amount of \$10,647.72.** (See memorandum from Nichole Greco, Projects and Grants Coordinator dated May 10, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE GARY SINISE FOUNDATION FIRST RESPONDER FUNDS FOR THE VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,647.72.

- 3. Request the Town Council authorize the application for and receive State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management funds for the Dash Cameras \$353,464.00.** (See memorandum from Nichole Greco, Projects and Grants Coordinator dated May 10, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS FOR THE DASH CAMERAS FOR THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$353,464.00.

- 4. Request the Town Council authorize the application for and receive Community Investment Fund Planning Grant for the Town of Vernon Performing Arts Center in the amount of \$250,000.00.** (See memorandum from Nichole Greco, Projects and Grants Coordinator dated May 10, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND PLANNING GRANT FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00.

5. **Request the Town Council authorize the application for and receive COPS U.S. Department of Justice – Community Policing Development (CPD) De-Escalation Training Grant for the Vernon Police Department in the amount of \$28,615.00.** (See memorandum from Nichole Greco, Projects and Grants Coordinator dated May 10, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE A COPS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT (CPD) DE-ESCALATION TRAINING GRANT FOR THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,615.00.

6. **Request the Town Council approve the asset disposal request for the Vernon Public School as presented.** (See memorandum dated May 10, 2023 from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer to Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor and Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS FOR THE VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS DISCLOSED ON THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSET FORM.

L.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Proposed Ordinance entitled “Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance entitled “Establishment of a Fair Rent Commission.”*(See Ordinance attached for Council review. A new number will be assigned once the Ordinance has passed Town Council vote.)*

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SEC. 6, ENTITLED “PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES,” HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING, **ORDINANCE NO. _____ “AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAIR RENT COMMISSION,”** AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGS §7-157(b) FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED ACTION, SAID PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:35 PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 LOCATED AT THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

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 **MAY 2, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **APRIL 25, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVE.

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

1. Monthly Report for April 2023 – Town Clerk as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.
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R.) ADJOURNMENT