

March 19, 2022

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 9:00AM**

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

**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 and Michael Wendus

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Council Member Ariana Nieves-Matias (9:05 AM)

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Finance Officer and Treasurer Jeffrey O'Neill, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

**C.) PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**D.) PRESENTATION**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented the 2022-2023 Budget Overview to the Town Council, to include 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 2022-2023 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 Levesque made a motion to adopt the list of Rules and Procedures for the 2022-2023 Budget deliberations. Motion carried unanimously.

**F.) BUDGET REVIEW**

**Social Services – Tab 7, Page 333, Code 10456240, \$281,904**

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

**Youth Services – Tab 7, Page 337, Code 10456241, \$270,411**

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

9:37 AM Council Member Clay left the table; returned at 9:38 AM

**Opportunity Works – Tab 7, Page 329, Code 10456237, \$3,000**

Renee Lambert and Jonathan Lambert presented budget summary. Mayor Champagne and Matt Hellman spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Greater Hartford Transit District – Tab 4, Page 143, Code 10116158, \$5,136**

Mayor Champagne read a letter from Vicki Shotland presenting a budget summary. No discussion.

10:25 AM Council Member Levesque left the table; returned at 10:26 AM

**North Central Health District – Tab 7, Page 291, Code 10455220, \$141,118**

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

10:31 AM Council Member O'Connell left the table; returned at 10:32 AM

**YWCA Sexual Assault Services – Tab 7, Page 325, Code 10456235, \$2,000**

There was no representation for budget summary. No discussion.

**Hartford Interval House – Tab 7, Page 321, Code 10456232, \$2,500**

Amanda Delaura, CEO, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

10:51 AM Council Member Tedford left the table; returned at 10:53 AM

10:59 AM Council Member Bush left the table

11:01 AM Recess; 11:07 AM Reconvened, less Council Member Clay

**Hockanum Valley Community Council – Tab 7, Page 301, Code 10456222, \$180,000**

Rohan Long, Director of Finance, and Celia Wheeler, Director of Transportation, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

11:11 AM Council Member Clay returned to the table

11:25 AM Council Member O'Connell left the table; returned at 11:27 AM

**Child Guidance Clinic – Tab 7, Page 305, Code 10456223, \$3,500**

Lauren Schempp presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

11:46 AM Council Member Wendus left the table; returned at 11:50 AM

**KIDSAFE CT-Exchange Club – Tab 7, Page 309, Code 10456224, \$2,500**

Robin Kohler presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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**MARC, Inc. of Manchester - Tab 7, Page 313, Code 10456226, \$5,000**

Mary Ellen Callahan, Development Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Cornerstone Foundation, Inc. – Tab 7, Page 317, Code 10456227, \$5,500**

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

12:17 PM Council Member Clay left the table; returned at 12:18 AM

**Cultural District – Tab 8, Page 368, Code 10562260, \$3,440**

Mayor Champagne spoke and answered questions. No discussion.

**Historical Society – Tab 8, Page 372, Code 10562261, \$7,000**

Mayor Champagne spoke on this budget. No discussion.

**G.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

None

**H.) (12:20 PM) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 21, 2022**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Connell made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on March 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: May 3, 2022

Approved: May 17, 2022

Submitted,



Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary