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

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023
7:30 P.M.

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

E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (2), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:35PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO **"ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAIR RENT COMMISSION"**. (A COPY OF SAID ORDINANCE IS INCLUDED FOR COUNCIL REVIEW.)

MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO CALL THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

TOWN CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE

MAYOR CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

NOTE: Action to be considered in **"Section M-Action on Ordinance (s) Previously Presented."**

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 prior and current year taxes as outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue.** (See memorandum dated May 30, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) PRIOR YEAR TAX REFUND TOTALING \$83.98 AND SIX (6) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$4,203.31 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MAY 30, 2023.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of John Lillis, (U), 21 Indian Trail, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Pension Board, said term to commence on July 1, 2023 and expires June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Lillis' resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 9, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN LILLIS, (U), 21 INDIAN TRAIL, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PENSION BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Gary Ruchin, (R), 75 Risley Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Pension Board, said term to commence on July 1, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Ruchin's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 9, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF GARY RUCHIN, (R), 75 RISLEY ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PENSION BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Joseph R. Miller, (R), 27 Tallwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Pension Board, said term to commence on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Miller's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 9, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH R. MILLER, (R), 27 TALLWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PENSION BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Robert B. Hurd, (R), 7 Rheel Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Building Code Board of Appeals, said term to commence July 1, 2023 and ends June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Hurd's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTIONS 4 AND 6; C.G.S. §29-266, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT B. HURD, (R), 7 RHEEL STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Janet C. DiTarando, (U), 1121 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee, said term to commence July 1, 2023 and expires June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. DiTarando's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JANET C. DITARANDO, (U), VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Sheila Dunn, (U), 32 Kevin Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee, said term to commence on July 1, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. Dunn's resume is included for Town Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SHEILA DUNN, (U), 32 KEVIN DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Kelly Ann Sorrow, (U), 22 Vernwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Ms. Sorrow's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC. 3, 05-02-1989 TOWN RESOLUTION VOL. 24, PAGE 382 AS AMENDED /VOL. 37 PAGE 266 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 02-19-2002, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF KELLY ANN SORROW, (U), 22 VERNWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of William Francis, (R), 41 Pinnacle Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals, said term to commence on July 1, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Francis' resume is included for Council review. An updated resume has been requested from Mr. Francis)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7-105 AND CHARTER CHAPTER IX, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM FRANCIS, (R), AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 10. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Thomas Aitkin, (R), 88 Hatch Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to commence on July 1, 2023 and expires June 30, 2028.** (A copy of Mr. Aitkin's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS AITKIN, (R), 88 HATCH HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2028.

- I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS
- J.) PENDING BUSINESS
- K.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Request the Town Council authorize the purchase of an inground vehicle lift for the Vernon Police Department maintenance garage.** (See memorandum dated May 18, 2023 from Eric Jensen, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator and Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE PURCHASE OF AN INGROUND VEHICLE LIFT FOR THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE GARAGE FROM **OMER USA INC.**, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,816.60.

- 2. **Request the Town Council approve a general wage increase (GWI) for all non-union employees at the Town of Vernon.** (See memorandum from Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to the Vernon Town Council dated May 31, 2023 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 3.7, 3.19 AND 5.3 (b) (3), HEREBY AUTHORIZES THAT ALL NON-UNION FULL TIME, PERMANENT PART-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES BE GIVEN A GENERAL WAGE INCREASE OF TWO (2%) PERCENT, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

3. **Request the Town Council approves the placement of properties totaling \$215,702.45 on the Suspense Tax Ledger.** (See memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue dated May 30, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

BY THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE CONNECTICUT STATE STATUTES SECTION 12-165, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK", THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PLACEMENT OF PROPERTIES TOTALING \$215,702.45 CONTAINED ON THE SUSPENSE TAX LEDGER REPORT, AS PROVIDED BY TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, DATED MAY, 2023, ONTO THE SUSPENSE TAX LEDGER.

L.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

M.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCE (S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

Action on proposed entitled "Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance entitled "Establishment of a Fair Rent Commission". (See the Ordinance attached for the Public Hearing. A number will be assigned once the Ordinance has passed Town Council vote.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, SECTION 4 & 6 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, HEREBY MOVES THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE ***"ORDINANCE NO. _____, AND ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAIR RENT COMMISSION."***

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 18, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT