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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023
7:30 P.M.

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

VOLUNTEER WALL HONOREES

Carole Guttman
Irma Carter

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- 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) (B), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PENDING CLAIMS OR PENDING LITIGATIONS AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

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.

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 prior and current year taxes as outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue.** (See memorandum dated November 22, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THREE (3) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$712.73 AND FIFTEEN (15) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$4,514.86 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2023.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Mayor Daniel A. Champagne as an ex-officio member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to commence November 13, 2023 and expires on November 10, 2025. (Mayor Champagne's reappointment runs with his term as Mayor.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AND EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 10, 2025.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of William Meier, 30 Park Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Directors, North Central District Health Department, said term to commence on January 1, 2024 and expires on December 31, 2026.** (Mr. Meier is a town employee and therefore no resume is included.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §19a-241; CHARTER CHAPTER XI, SECTIONS 1,5, & 14, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM MEIER, 30 PARK STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2024 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2026.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Cara Clay, (R), 631 Talcottville Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Fair Rent Commission said term to commence on December 6, 2023 and expires June 30, 2025.** (A copy of Ms. Clay's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 321 "ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAIR RENT COMMISSION", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF CARA CLAY, (R), 631 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 6, 2023 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Robin Lockwood, (U), 121 Huntington Drive, Vernon, CT as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to commence on January 1, 2024 and expires on December 31, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. Lockwood's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1,6 & 11 DATED JANUARY 1, 1985; C.G.S. §8-4A&B, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBIN LOCKWOOD, (U), 121 HUNTINGTON DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2024 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2026.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Stephen H. Ransom, Jr, (R), 23 Olive Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to commence December 6, 2023 and expires December 31, 2024. (A copy of Mr. Ransom's resume is included for Council review. It should be noted that Mr. Ransom is completing the unexpired term of Iris Mullan.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1,6 & 11 DATED JANUARY 1, 1985; C.G.S. §8-4A&B, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN H. RANSOM, JR., 23 OLIVE LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 6, 2023 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2026.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Timothy DiRocco, (R), 33 Grant Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Conservation Commission, said term to commence on December 6, 2023 and expires June 30, 2026. (A copy of Mr. DiRocco's resume is included for Council review.**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 189 – TOWN CODE SECTION 10-91 & 10-92, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY DIROCCO, (R), 33 GRANT STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 6, 2023 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2026.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne appointment of Youth Poet Laureate, Natalie Crowley, Rockville High School Senior, for a term to commence December 6, 2023 and expires November 30, 2024. (No resume is included at this time)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 16, 2019, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF NATALIE CROWLEY, YOUTH POET LAUREATE, A SENIOR AT ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOR A TERM COMMENCING NOVEMBER 6, 2023 AND EXPIRES NOVEMBER 20, 2024, AND FURTHER CONGRATULATES NATALIE CROWLEY ON HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

- 2. Request the Town Council approve the assets disposal for the Vernon Police Department, Vernon Fire Department and the Rockville Public Library.** (See memorandum from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated November 29, 2023 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administration Michael J. Purcaro relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS FOR THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT, VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY AS DISCLOSED ON THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FORMS.

- 3. Request the Town Council approve the grant application by the Youth Service Bureau to receive funding for the 2024 Summer Youth Employment & Learning Program offered through the Capital Workforce Partners.** (See memorandum from Michelle Hill, Director of the Vernon Youth Service Bureau dated November 27, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE VERNON YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE 2024 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & LEARNING PROGRAM AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

- 4. Request the Town Council amend the resolution passed at the August 15, 2023 Town Council meeting to support the Housing Authority application to fund their rehabilitation project at Grove Court and Grove Court Extension. The amount originally authorized for Small Cities funding was \$2,000,000. The new amount authorized for this project is \$3,300,000.** (See the letter dated November 9, 2023 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne from the State of Connecticut Department of Housing requesting the amendment.)

AMENDED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO FILE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE THE \$3,300,000.00 FROM THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING FOR THE GROVE COURT AND GROVE COURT EXTENSION RENOVATIONS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN.

L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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 OF **NOVEMBER 21, 2023** AND MOVES TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES.

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

1. Monthly Report for the Town Clerk's Office – October, 2023 as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.
 2. Adopted 2023-2025 Vernon Town Council Rules of Procedure.
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R.) ADJOURNMENT