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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024
7:30 P.M.

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

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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 DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (2) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE **AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 818 OF COUNCIL #4 AFL-CIO** AND INVITES DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND 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 current year taxes as outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue.** (See memorandum dated February 8, 2024 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TEN (10) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$6351.68 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2024.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Steve Wakefield, (R), 152 Brookview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Housing Authority, said term to commence on February 29, 2024 and expires February 28, 2029.** (A copy of Mr. Wakefield's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8, SECTION 5 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVE WAKEFIELD, (R), 152 BROOKVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 29, 2024 AND EXPIRES FEBRUARY 28, 2029.

- C 3. 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, 2024.** (A copy of Ms. Clay's resume is included for Council review.) (At the December 5, 2023 meeting Ms. Clay's term was incorrectly listed as June 30, 2025.)

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 COMMENCED ON DECEMBER 6, 2023 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the application and receipt by the Vernon Social Services Department for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Community Challenge Flagship Grant.** (See memorandum dated February 12, 2024 from Nichole Greco, Projects and Grants Coordinator 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 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS (AARP) COMMUNITY CHALLENGE FLAGSHIP GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the application and receipt of the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Recreational Trails Grant on behalf of Vernon Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Vernon Greenways and Hop River Trail.** (See memorandum from Nichole Greco, Projects and Grants Coordinator to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated February 12, 2024 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, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000.00, ON BEHALF OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VERNON GREEWAYS AND HOP RIVER TRAIL.

L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Proposed Ordinance entitled "Ordinance No. , An Ordinance entitled "ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES PAYABLE UNDER BUILDING, FIRE AND DEMOLITION CODE, FIRE MARSHALS AND FIRE HAZARDS, SAFETY OF PUBLIC AND FIRE MARSHAL INSPECTIONS". (See Ordinance attached for Council review. A new number will be assigned once the Ordinance has passed Town Council vote.) (A copy of the fee schedule is also included for review.)

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 FEES PAYABLE UNDER BUILDING, FIRE AND DEMOLITION CODE, FIRE MARSHALS AND FIRE HAZARDS, SAFETY OF PUBLIC AND FIRE MARSHAL INSPECTIONS"**, 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, MARCH 5, 2024 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 OF **FEBRUARY 6, 2024** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Town Clerk Monthly Report – January, 2024 as submitted by Karen Daigle, Vernon Town Clerk.

R.) ADJOURNMENT