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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024
7:30 P.M.

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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 STATUTE 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 current year taxes as outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue.** (See memorandum dated April 4, 2024 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWO (2) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTALING \$315.84 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 4, 2024.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve the Budget Amendment Requests #34 and #35 for FY23 as provide on the budget amendment forms provided by John W. Kleinhans, Finance Officer.** (See budget amendment forms attached and memorandum from John Kleinhans, Finance Officer to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administrator Michael Purcaro dated April 8, 2024 for Council review)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS #34 AND #35 FOR FY23 AS PROVIDED ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS ATTACHED BY JOHN W. KLEINHANS, FINANCE OFFICER.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Robin Castro, (R), 150 Vernon Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2024 and expires on April 19, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. Castro's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2022 ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBIN CASTRO, (R), 150 VERNON AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 20, 2024 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 19, 2026.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Bree Maxwell, (U), 201 Regan Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2024 and expires on April 19, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. Maxwell's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2022 ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BREE MAXWELL, (U), 201 REGAN ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 20, 2024 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 19, 2026.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Ken Kaplan, Jr., (U), 7 Orchard Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2024 and expires on April 19, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Kaplan's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2022 ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KEN KAPLAN, JR., (U), 7 ORCHARD STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 20, 2024 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 19, 2026.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Liz Bologna, (D), 12 Mountain Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2024 and expires on April 19, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. Bologna's resume is included for Council review.)

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- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of James Sendrak, (U), 34 Snipsic Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2024 and expires on April 19, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Sendrak's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2022 ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES SENDRAK, (U), 34 SNIPSIC STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 20, 2024 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 19, 2026.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Tammy Lynn Eldredge, (R), 64 Orchard Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2024 and expires on April 19, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. Eldredge's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2022 ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF TAMMY LYNN ELDREDGE, (R), 64 ORCHARD STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 20, 2024 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 19, 2026.

- C 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Leslie S. Campolongo, (U), 9 Talcott Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cultural District Advisory Board, said term to commence on April 20, 2024 and expires on April 19, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. Campolongo's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2022 ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF LESLIE S. CAMPOLONGO, (U), 9 TALCOTT AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 20, 2024 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 19, 2026.

- C 10. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Carmine P. Pellegrino, (U), 15 Lakeview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence April 22, 2024 and expires April 21, 2027.** (A copy of Mr. Pellegrino's resume is included for Council review. An updated resume has been requested from Mr. Pellegrino.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CARMINE P. PELLEGRINO, (U), 15 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 22, 2024 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 21, 2027.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the application for and the receipt of an additional \$15,000.00 from the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood as administered by the Connecticut Children's Collective.** (See the memorandum dated March 25, 2024 from Michelle Hill, Youth Services Director to Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF \$15,000.00 FROM THE CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AS ADMINISTERED BY THE CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S COLLECTIVE, FURTHER THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

2. **Request the Town Council gratefully accept the generous donation of \$500.00 offered by American Eagle Financial Credit Union in support of the "Send-A-Kid" to Camp Summer Program and July in the Sky.** (See letter dated March 28, 2024 from Colleen Boccaccio, Marketing and Events Specialist to Matt Hellman, Social Services Director relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS THE GENEROUS DONATION OF \$500.00 OFFERED BY AMERICAN EAGLE FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION.

3. **Request the Town Council approve the Asset Disposals for the Vernon Public Schools.** (See memorandum dated April 9, 2024 from John W. Kleinhans to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne 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 FORMS.

4. **Request the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing relative to the 2024 Neighborhood Assistance Act, said public hearing to be scheduled for June 4, 2024 at 7:35 PM in the Town Council Chambers, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut.** (See memorandum from Matt Hellman, Social Services Director to Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator dated March 13, 2024 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2024 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT SUBMISSIONS, SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 4, 2024 AT 7:35 PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

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 **APRIL 2, 2024** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **MARCH 11, 2024** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **MARCH 14, 2024** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **APRIL 1, 2024** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT