

AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009
7:30 P.M.

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A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CITIZEN'S FORUM

B.) PUBLIC HEARING

C.) PRESENTATION

Dr. Charlie Chatterton, former Chairman of the Connecticut Governor's Committee on Physical Fitness, has requested that Mayor Jason L. McCoy participate in the presentation of the 2009 Community Leadership Award, given by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. This year's recipient is Judi Manfre, the school nurse at Skinner Road School. Also participating will be members of the school administration and Board of Education.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- C 1. Request for Tax Funds Prior Years and Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Acting Collector of Revenue to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated 06-08-2009 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES SIX TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$528.85 FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, ACTING COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED 06-08-2009.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve the submission of an OPM Law Enforcement JAG Grant, Connecticut Local Pass-Through JAG Program in the amount of \$30,000.00 by the Vernon Police Department, to be used for an upgrade to building security at the Police Station.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AN OPM LAW ENFORCEMENT JAG GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000.00) DOLLARS AND AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE THE GRANT.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #46-50 for fiscal year 2008-2009, as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS #46-50, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009, AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Jean Luddy (D), 44 Oxbow Drive, Vernon, Connecticut 06066, as a regular member of the Vernon Cemetery Commission for a term beginning 07-01-2009 and ending on 06-30-2012.** (A copy of Jean Luddy's resume is included in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO C.S.A. § 19A-296; CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 10, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JEAN LUDDY, (D), 44 OXBOW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING 07-01-2009 AND ENDING ON 06-30-2012.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Kim Rivest (D), 15 Earl Street, Vernon, Connecticut 06066, as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission for a term beginning 07-01-2009 and ending on 06-30-2011.** (A copy of Kim Rivest's resume is included in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC. 3, 05-02-1989 TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION VOL. 24, PAGE 382 AS AMENDED/VOL.37 PAGE 266 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 02-19-2002, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KIM RIVEST (D), 15 EARL STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING 07-01-2009 AND ENDING ON 06-30-2011.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Philip Bunick (U), 145 Blue Ridge Drive, Vernon, Connecticut 06066, as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission for a term beginning 07-01-2009 and ending on 06-30-2011.** (A copy of Philip Bunick's resume is included in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC.3, 05-02-1989 TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION VOL. 24, PAGE 382 AS AMENDED/VOL. 37 PAGE 266 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 02-19-2002, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PHILIP BUNICK (U), 145 BLUE RIDGE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON 07-01-2009 AND ENDING ON 06-30-2011.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Vincent Shaheen (R), 60 Hillside Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut 06066, as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission for a term beginning on 07-01-2009 and ending 06-30-2014.** (A copy of Vincent Shaheen's resume is included in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7-136 AND ORDINANCE NO. 15; TOWN CODE SECTION 10-81 AND 82, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF VINCENT SHAHEEN (R), 60 HILLSIDE AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON 07-01-2009 AND ENDING 06-30-2014.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Alan Eisenberg (U), 77 Greylock Road, West Newton, Massachusetts 02465, as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission for a term beginning 07-01-2009 and ending 06-30-2014.** (A copy of Alan Eisenberg's resume is included in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7-135 AND ORDINANCE NO. 15; TOWN CODE SECTION 10-81 AND 82, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ALAN EISENBERG (U), 77 GREYLOCK ROAD, WEST NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02465, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING 07-01-2009 AND ENDING 06-30-2014.

- C 9. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Joseph Grabinski, (R), 623 Dart Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut 06066, as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term beginning on 07-01-2009 and ending on 06-30-2012.** (A copy of Joseph Grabinski's resume is included in the packet.)

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7-105 AND CHARTER CHAPTER IX, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH GRABINSKI (R), 623 DART HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON 07-01-2009 AND ENDING ON 06-30-2012.

F.) PENDING BUSINESS

1. **Continuation of a discussion regarding the legal opinion requested by Council Member Marie Herbst regarding wage reductions during the budget discussion for the 2009-2010 budget.**

PROPOSED MOTION

NO MOTION

G.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Requested update from Council Member Marie Herbst on the status of the 2008-2009 fiscal year.** (This item was a verbal request by Mrs. Herbst at the June 2, 2009 Town Council Meeting.) (Mr. James Luddecke, Finance Officer has been invited to attend and answer questions. It is requested that this item be postponed until the July meeting.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

NO MOTION

2. **Request the Town Council allocate funds from the Downstream Fund for a Study on Aquatic Plants and Overall Ecology of the Tankerhoosen, Dobsonville, Talcottville, Valley Falls, Walker's Reservoir and Ecker's Pond.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE EXPENDITURE OF \$4,800.00 FROM THE DOWNSTREAM FUND TO CONDUCT BASELINE AQUATIC PLANT SURVEYS AND THE OVERALL ECOLOGY OF THE DOBSONVILLE, TANKERHOUSEN, TALCOTTVILLE, VALLEY FALLS AND ECKERS POND AND WALKERS RESERVOIR.

H.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

I.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

J.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

K.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2009 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2009 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

L.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

SESSION ONE:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200(6) (D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PROPERTIES ON WARD STREET AND INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY HAL CUMMINGS TO ATTEND.

SESSION TWO:

CONSISTENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6)(B), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING MATTERS IN LITIGATION:

JEFFREY APARTMENTS OF VERNON LLC V TOWN OF
VERNON, DOCKET NO. CV07-4007316.

HIGHLAND APARTMENTS LLC V TOWN OF VERNON,
DOCKET NO. CV-07-4007315S.

WEST MAIN STREET APARTMENTS LLC V THE TOWN OF
VERNON, DOCKET NO. CV-07-4007317S (TWO CLAIMS)

JANAKI CORPORTION LLC V TOWN OF VERNON, DOCKET
NO. CV07-4007523S.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: JOHN D.
WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DAVID WHEELER, TOWN ASSESSOR
AND HAL CUMMINGS, TOWN ATTORNEY.

M.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Town Clerk Monthly Report for May, 2009 as submitted by Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk.
2. Ambulance Report for May, 2009 as submitted by Coordinator Jean Gauthier.
3. Police Department Monthly Report for May, 2009 as submitted by Captain Stephen Clark.
4. Youth Service Bureau Monthly Report of May, 2009 as submitted by Alan Slobodien, Director.
5. Invitation to the Pool Party at Horowitz Pool on July 1, 2009 for "July in the Sky".