

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
June 12, 2007**

Senior Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 26 Park Place, Vernon, CT

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

The Clerk called the roll as follows;

**Present:** Council Members Daniel E. Anderson, George F. Apel, Daniel A. Champagne, Mark S. Etre, Marie A. Herbst, Brian R. Motola, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon; 8.

**Absent:** Council Members Bill F. Campbell, Bill Fox, Jason L. McCoy, Mary A. Oliver; 4.

**Entered During Meeting:** Council Members Bill Fox (6:03 p.m.), Jason L. McCoy (6:03 p.m.); 2.

**Also Present:** Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Finance Officer James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke, Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

Council Members McCoy (6:03 p.m.) and Fox (6:03 p.m.) entered the meeting.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Nancy Sullivan, 134 Evergreen Road, Vernon Jr. Women's Club past president, request that the Council put funding back into the budget next year in order for Safety Town to take place.

James Hoover, 155 Trout Stream Drive, President Vernon Taxpayers Association, requested that the bonding payments be delayed and taxes be cut and also felt that revaluation was hurting residents. (entered into the record were email comments Mr. Hoover received from residents concerning the budget)

Paul Stansel, 39 Reed Street, Vernonvoters.org, thanked all who voted and was still dissatisfied with the number of voters who went to the poles.

Nancy Bilmes, 24 Patricia Drive, spoke in support of the Board of Education budget. 9entered into the record was a petition signed by residents concerning the Board of Education budget)

Susan Norlie-Hesnan, 99 Hillside Avenue, spoke regarding cuts previously made to the Board of Education budget and requested that it not be cut any further.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO EXTEND CITIZEN'S FORUM UNTIL ITS CONCLUSION. The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

Tina Seekins, 71 Deepwood Drive, stated that "we all need to work together."

Michael Tobin, 424 Tunnel Road, spoke in support of the budget and for the voters not to lose sight of the many "pluses" we have in Vernon.

Reena Shores, Cemetery Road, felt that an efficiency expert should be brought into Town to tighten "wasteful things".

Ramona Rodriguez, 76 Union Street, felt that people should look at what is being cut and if they want the cuts they should pay for the services themselves.

No other residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 6:38 p.m.

Council Member Motola apologized to the department heads for there being no quorum at the last budget meeting and stated that it was not intentional.

Finance Officer James Luddecke handed out and explained the BUDGET ADOPTION/90 DAY WARRANT sheet , APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY AND BUDGET REVISIONS sheets.

Discussion took place.

The meeting recessed at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

**Open all budgetary items for discussion and potential action.**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO OPEN AND CHANGE THE BUDGETS AS LISTED ON PAGES 1 AND 2 AND TO CLOSE AT THE REVISED AMOUNT.

(Budget Revisions sheet appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix A.")

Discussion took place.

The meeting recessed at 7:48 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 FOR  
FOURTH REFERENDUM**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO PRESENT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 72,792,144. TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS TO VOTE ON BALLOTS UTILIZING A "YES" OR "NO" ON THE BALLOT AT THE FOURTH BUDGET REFERENDUM SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007 AT CENTER 375, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M., AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH A WARNING OF SAID REFERENDUM AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE REFERENDUM AND TO PHRASE SUCH ITEM IN A FORM SUITABLE FOR PRINTING ON SUCH BALLOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §7-7 AND OTHER LAWS:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF VERNON ADOPT A BUDGET FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2007 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 72,792,144?"

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,438,114.; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 4,202,510; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,151,520. FOR A GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF \$ 72,792,144.

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,792,144. TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF \$ 72,792,144. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUES AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

**Set date for referendum.**

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS THE DATE FOR THE REFERENDUM UPON THE BUDGET VOTE AS TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. AT CENTER 375, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON CONNECTICUT.

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

**ADJOURN:**

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO ADJOURN.

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Received:

Approved: July 17, 2007



James E. Krupiensi  
Asst Town Clerk/Acting Recording Secretary