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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024
7:30 P.M.

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

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VERNON TOWN CLERK
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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 REAL ESTATE CONTRACT AND INVITES DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM 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 PENDING LITIGATION AND INVITES DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING

G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to update the Town Council on various topics.

Presentation proclaiming October 6-12, 2024 **Fire Prevention Week.**

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 September 19, 2024 to Dawn Maselek, Assistant Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES EIGHT (8) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$2,591.97 AND THIRTY (30) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$9,687.87 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2024.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to sign any and all documents relative to the Eversource Easement for the new transformer to be located at the Citizens Block property.** (See memorandum from Shaun Gately , Director of Development Services dated September 25, 2024 to Dawn Maselek, Interim Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE EVERSOURCE EASEMENT FOR THE NEW TRANSFORMER TO BE LOCATED AT THE CITIZENS BLOCK PROPERTY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED.

2. **Request the Town Council adopt the 2024-2029 Capitol Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as updated.** (See memorandum from Michael J. Purcaro, Emergency and Risk Management Director dated September 23, 2024 to Dawn Maselek, Interim Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITOL REGION NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, 2024-2029”** AS PRESENTED, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

3. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to enter into a contract with Hockanum Valley Community Council to provide opioid services to the Vernon Community.** (See memorandum dated September 5, 2024 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne from Matt Hellman, Social Services Director relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE CLINICAL SERVICES TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS AFFLICTED BY OPIOID USE DISORDER, HVCC WILL OFFER THEIR FAMILIES CLINICAL AND PEER SUPPORT GROUPS AND GENERAL CASE MANAGEMENT AS WELL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,432.80. FUNDS TO BE PAID FROM THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

4. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to sign any and all documents for a new HVAC system for the Rockville Public Library.** (See memorandum dated September 26, 2024 from Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Dawn Maselek, Interim Town Administrator and John Kleinhans, Finance Officer and Treasurer relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF VERNON TO UTILIZE FUNDS FROM THE ROCKVILLE LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW HIGH EFFICIENCY VARIABLE REFRIGERANT FLOW HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT FOR THE ROCKVILLE LIBRARY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$460,000.00 WITH AIR TEMP MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC., 63 FULLER WAY, BERLIN, CONNECTICUT.

5. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or his designee to execute any and all documents needed to accept and administer funds associated with the Urban Forestry Grant. (See memorandum dated July 11, 2024 from Shaun Gately, Director of Development Services to Michael J. Purcaro, former Town Administrator.)(This is a correction from the September 17, 2024 agenda New Business #3. The amount in the resolution was incorrect.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AWARDED URBAN FORESTRY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,415.50. THIS GRANT WAS AWARDED BY THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO PLANT TREES WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AWARD AREA.

6. Request the Town Council approve the use of Rockville Library Endowment funds. (See memorandum dated September 26, 2024 from John W. Kleinhans, Finance Officer and Treasurer to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Interim Town Administrator Dawn Maselek relative to same.

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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 **SEPTEMBER 17, 2024** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT