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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

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 THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE TAX APPEAL: **DOCKET NO. HHB-CV-22-6073777-S TRAIL RUN VENTURES LLC, ET AL V TOWN OF VERNON** AND INVITES DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, CHRISTINE CLARKE, TOWN ASSESSOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY LOU SPADACCINI TO ATTEND.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

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 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND INVITES DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND SHAUN GATELY, DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO ATTEND.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING

G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

Presentation by Steve Wakefield, Carnival Chairman to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne.

Chief Marc Petruzzi to introduce the new police officers recently hired to the Mayor and Council.

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 October 3, 2024 to Dawn Maselek, Assistant Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THREE (3) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$777.02 AND FIFTEEN (15) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$1987.31 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED OCTOBER 3, 2024.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve the budget amendment requests #17-#23 from John W. Kleinhans, Finance Officer and Treasurer for FY 2023-2024.** (See the budget amendment forms attached for Council review as well as a memorandum from John W. Kleinhans, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated October 7, 2024 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVE, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS, #17, #18, #19, #20, #21, #22 AND #23 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AS PROVIDED ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS ATTACHED PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER JOHN W. KLEINHANS.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council authorize Chief Marc Petruzzi to apply for and receive the FY25 DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) Instructor Grant administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) in the amount of \$31,980.98.** (See memorandum from Chief Petruzzi to Dawn Maselek, Interim Town Administrator dated October 1, 2024 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES CHIEF MARC PETRUZZI TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FY25 DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT INSTRUCTOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,980.98. FURTHER THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE PERMISSION TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize an increase in staffing for EMT's.**
(See memorandum to Dawn Maselek, Interim Town Administrator from Daniel Wasilewski, Fire Administrator dated October 9, 2024 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TRANSFER OF \$155,000 FROM PART TIME WAGES TO FULL TIME WAGES FOR THE HIRING OF TWO ADDITIONAL FULL TIME EMT'S.

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 **OCTOBER 1, 2024** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report for the Office of the Town Clerk for the month of September, 2024 as submitted by Karen Daigle, Town Clerk.
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R.) ADJOURNMENT
