

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council**

**From: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager**

**Subject: Town Manager's Report for 10/15/18 Town Council Meeting**

**Date: October 10, 2018**

### **Economic Development**

I have enclosed an article written by the Hartford Courant about the housing stock in South Windsor. We are very proud that we have met our goals and the objectives of the State of Connecticut. This is with the help of the Planning and Zoning Commission and our Director of Planning Michele Lipe. Over the past 15 years they have monitored this situation to provide housing for all so that we can keep our economic development program moving forward. Since we have met our goals and objectives, we now have a 5-year moratorium on some types of housing until we can regroup to look at our zoning regulations and see how we can move forward in the future.

The closing for Harbor Coast went smoothly. I want to thank Representative Delnicki for moving that project forward in the State legislature. It is a \$25 million project which would bring good revenue to the Town of South Windsor. I also want to thank Representative Delnicki for the work that he did on setting up a meeting with Commissioner Klee and a representative of Senator Larsen's staff, so that we could resolve some of the long-standing mitigation issues with the I-291 Corridor development plan. The Scannell distribution center projects on Ellington Road can now move forward. We appreciate everyone's help.

I have sent the Council some information regarding Netflix's purchase of Pacific Ventures/Albuquerque Studio. We are monitoring the situation. It is my understanding that we knew there was going to be a major partner working with Pacific Ventures, and we are trying to determine how useful this will be to our studio project in South Windsor. I will keep the Council informed as I receive more information.

**Budget**

I will be going over the Police Department and Public Works Department budgets, using fixed vs variable cost. This is not budgeting for next year, but rather an explanation of the current budget with the addition of some minor increases so that we can see what drives department budgets. I am starting with these two departments because they are the main drivers of the budget, and hopefully will give us a clear understanding of what we can do when we are looking at our budget projections for the next fiscal year.