

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

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October 5, 2015

**TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN HALL**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Anwar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

4. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor M. Saud Anwar
Deputy Mayor Edward Havens
Councilor Thomas Delnicki
Councilor Carolyn Mirek
Councilor Andrew Paterna
Councilor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Matthew Riley
Councilor Janice Snyder
Councilor Stephen Wagner

Also Present: Keith Yagaloff, Town Attorney

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meetings: Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2015.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Havens
Seconded by Councilor Snyder
The motion was approved, unanimously

14. New Business

A. Resolution Appointing Paul Burnham (R) a Full Member to the Economic Development Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Paul Burnham (R) a full member to the Economic Development Commission for a term ending November 30, 2017 to fill the vacancy from the unexpired term of Mark Lillis and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

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14. A. (Continued)

Was made by Councilor Snyder
Seconded by Councilor Delnicki
The motion was approved, unanimously.

B. Resolution Appointing Bernard Thomas (D) to the Public Building Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Bernard Thomas (D) to the Public Building Commission for a term ending November 30, 2015 to fill the vacancy from the unexpired term of Ken Jeski and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

Was made by Councilor Paterna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Havens
The motion was approved, unanimously

C. Resolution Appointing Linda Jeski (D) an Alternate to the Board of Assessment Appeals and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Linda Jeski (D) an Alternate to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term ending November 30, 2017 to fill the vacancy from the unexpired term of Debbie Duarte and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

Was made by Councilor Pendleton
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Havens
The motion was approved, unanimously

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14. New Business (Continued)

D. Resolution Approving the Use of 490 Deming Street for Community Gardens

WHEREAS, the Town purchased a 10.92 acre property in November 2010 with Open Space bond monies; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Nelson Farm", with frontage on Deming Street consists largely of previously cultivated farmland; and

WHEREAS, the Town has proposed this location be used for additional community gardens to include seventy (70) 20' x 40' plots and six (6) raised handicap accessible planting beds, 4' x 8' x 30" in size; and

WHEREAS, the current community gardens at the Avery Street property totaling 61 plots at 20' x 38' each are fully subscribed with 26 individuals on a wait list; and

WHEREAS, development of the new community gardens at 490 Deming Street will be funded by a combination of in-house efforts by the Parks & Recreation Department, in-kind contributions of South Windsor Food Alliance volunteers and a \$20,000 grant from the State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture Farmland Restoration Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the value of gardening in that it provides for physical activity and a local natural food source for sustaining health and wellness of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission at its Regular Meeting of July 14, 2015, forwarded a favorable recommendation unanimously to the Council of the Community Gardens on Deming Street; and

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Park & Recreation Commission reviewed the use of 490 Deming Street as well as other alternative sites for additional community gardens and have submitted their recommendation in written form to the Town Council as charged

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14. D. (Continued)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the use of Deming Street for community gardens as recommended by the Park & Recreation Commission.

Was made by Councilor Wagner
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Mayor Anwar called for a vote on the motion; it was approved, unanimously.

E. Resolution Approving the Transfer of \$233,820 from Various Accounts to Various General Fund Operating Budgets within the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a transfer of \$110,473 from Social Security, \$12,084 from Workers' Compensation Insurance, \$11,267 from Unemployment Benefits, \$44,070 from the Town Manager Professional Account, \$15,411 from Central Services and \$40,515 from Environmental Health to cover the following 2014/2015 expenditures:

- \$2,479 to Public Building Commission Professional Account
- \$1,195 to the Planning Overtime Account
- \$1,879 to the Planning & Zoning Advertising Account
- \$185,012 to the Capital Lease Account
- \$3,936 to the Casualty & Liability Insurance Account
- \$2,358 to the Pension Benefit Account
- \$36,961 to the Health & Life Insurance Account

Was made by Councilor Riley
Seconded by Councilor Delnicki

Mayor Anwar called for a vote on the motion; it was approved, unanimously.

Councilor Delnicki made a motion to suspend the rules in order to take Item 14. G. out of order. Councilor Wagner seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

ITEM:

G. Resolution Approving a Refund of Taxes to Six (6) South Windsor Taxpayers

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a refund of property taxes to Six (6) South Windsor Taxpayers, the total of said refund being \$681.82 and as more fully described on attached **Exhibit B**.

Was made by Councilor Delnicki
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Havens
The motion was approved, unanimously.

F. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter into a Lease Financing Agreement and Executing Related Documentation for the Financing and Construction of the Emergency Operations Center

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2009, the South Windsor Town Council authorized the Town Manager to execute an agreement for the purchase of the Old Post Office (also known as Town Hall Annex) located at 1530 Sullivan Avenue by the Town of South Windsor; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2012, the Town of South Windsor was awarded a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for improvements to the Emergency Operations Center at the Town Hall Annex; and

WHEREAS, at the September 15, 2014 Town Council meeting, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to apply for a second STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for improvements to the Town Hall Annex for an Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor has not been informed on the status of this latest grant; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2014, the South Windsor Town Council held a public hearing and then approved the appropriation of \$281,650 of LoCIP funds to be used for improvements to the Town Hall Annex; and

WHEREAS, the Town estimates that an additional amount of \$1,496,407 will be necessary to complete the improvements to the Emergency Operations Center

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14. F. (Continued)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby directs Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan to enter into a lease financing agreement of up to \$1,496,500 to pay for the Emergency Operations Center and to execute any additional documents related to the financing and construction of the Emergency Operations Center at the Town Hall Annex, except those documents that require Town Council approval.

Was made by Councilor Pendleton
Seconded by Councilor Delnicki

Councilor Riley made a motion to insert in the last paragraph after the \$1,496,500 figure, "(the "Lease Amount") provided that such lease amount shall be reduced in kind by any grants received to support improvements to the EOC and Town Hall Annex". The motion was seconded by Delnicki. The motion failed on a Roll Call vote of 4 to 5 with Councilor Delnicki, Councilor Mirek, Councilor Riley and Councilor Snyder voting in favor of the amendment; and Mayor Anwar, Deputy Mayor Havens, Councilor Paterna, Councilor Pendleton, and Councilor Wagner voting in opposition of the amendment.

Mayor Anwar called for a vote on the motion; it was approved, unanimously.

20. Adjournment

At 9:46 p.m. Councilor Delnicki made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mirek seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council