TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Anwar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

4. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor M. Saud Anwar Deputy Mayor Andy Paterna Councilor Jeffrey Glickman Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry Councilor Lisa Maneeley Councilor Carolyn Mirek Council Liz Pendleton Councilor Matthew Riley Councilor Janice Snyder

Others Present: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to suspend the rules in order to go to Items 15. E. and 15. F. on the agenda. Councilor Maneeley seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

7. Adoption of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meetings: Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018.

Was made by Councilor Pendleton

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7 to 0 with Councilor Maneeley and Councilor Riley abstaining.

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13. Consent Agenda

Councilor Mirek and Council Hockenberry made a motion to approve Agenda Items 14. A. (*) through 14. B. (*) and 15. A. (*) through 15. D. (*) as the Consent Agenda. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion.

Councilor Mirek requested that Item 15. A. (*) be taken off the Consent Agenda. The remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved, unanimously.

14. <u>Unfinished Business</u>

*A. Resolution Reappointing Kathy Hale (D) to the Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Kathy Hale (D) to the Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission for a term ending November 30, 2021.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

*B. Resolution Appointing Toby Lewis (R) to the Park and Recreation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Toby Lewis (R) to the Park and Recreation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2021 to fill the expired term of David Romejko.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

15. <u>New Business</u>

*B. Resolution Appointing Karell Rose (D) to the Human Relations 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 Karell Rose (D) to the Human Relations Commission for a term ending November 30, 2020 to fill the expired term of Nilofer Haider and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

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14. <u>New Business</u> (Continued)

*C. Resolution Appointing Michael Paré (D) to the Human Relations Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

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BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor town council hereby appoints Michael Paré (D) to the Human Relations Commission for a term ending November 30, 2018 to fill the unexpired term of Charles Margolis and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

*D. Resolution Appointing Lloxci A. Lopez (D) to the Human Relations 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 Lloxci A. Lopez (D) to the Human Relations Commission for a term ending November 30, 2020 to fill an expired vacancy (previously Linda Jeski) and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

A. Resolution Reappointing Ritu Goel (D) to the Human Relations 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 reappoints Ritu Goel (D) to the Human Relations Commission for a term ending November 30, 2020 and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting

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15. <u>New Business</u> (*Continued*)

Was made by Councilor Hockenberry

Seconded by Councilor Maneeley

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5 to 4 with Mayor Anwar, Deputy Mayor Paterna, Councilor Glickman, Councilor Hockenberry, and Councilor Pendleton voting in favor of this motion; and Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Mirek, Councilor Riley, and Councilor Snyder voting in opposition of this motion.

Councilor Riley recused himself from Item 15. G.

G. Resolution Reappointing Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C. as the Town Auditor

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints the firm of Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C., of West Hartford, Connecticut, to audit the books and accounts of the Town of South Windsor, as provided in the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee for said auditing services by Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C. will be \$54,800.00 for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018, for a term expiring December 2018.

Was made by Councilor Glickman Seconded by Mayor Anwar

Councilor members discussed concerns that were expressed regarding the Audit Committee not voting on this issue first.

Councilor Hockenberry made a motion to table this item. Councilor Glickman seconded the motion; and it failed on a roll call vote of 1 to 7 with Councilor Glickman voting in favor of tabling this item; and Mayor Anwar, Deputy Mayor Paterna, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Mirek, Councilor Pendleton, and Councilor Snyder voting in opposition to table this item.

Mayor Anwar made a friendly amendment to add "if approved by the Audit Committee" after Connecticut in the first paragraph. Councilor Glickman accepted the friendly amendment.

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The resolution to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints the firm of Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C., of West Hartford, Connecticut, **if approved by the Audit Committee**, to audit the books and accounts of the Town of South Windsor, as provided in the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee for said auditing services by Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C. will be \$54,800.00 for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018, for a term expiring December 2018.

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

H. Resolution Setting a Time and Place for a Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Input on the Proposed Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby sets **Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.**, at Timothy Edwards Middle School, Room Alt. #6, 100 Arnold Way, South Windsor, Connecticut as the time and place for a Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Was made by Councilor Hockenberry Seconded by Councilor Pendleton The motion was approved, unanimously

I. Resolution Endorsing the Fair Housing Policy

WHEREAS, all persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

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WHEREAS, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, The Town of South Windsor is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of South Windsor hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housingrelated services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of South Windsor or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of South Windsor and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the Connecticut Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

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

20. Adjournment

At 9:10 p.m. Councilor Maneeley made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid Clerk of the Council