

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

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September 9, 2020

**TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Paterna called the Special Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Audrey Delnicki
Councilor Erica Evans
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Janice Snyder

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Vanessa Perry, Asst. Town Manager/Director of H.R.
Scott Roberts, Asst. Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Mgmt.

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Virtual Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2020.

Was made by Councilor Maneeley
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Councilor Evans stated that on page 3 under Executive Session, her name was left off of individuals that went into Executive Session.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the corrected minutes; they were approved on a roll call vote of 8 to 0 with Councilor Lydecker abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meetings: Virtual Special Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2020, and July 30, 2020; and Virtual Public Hearing Minutes of July 27, 2020.

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6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings (Continued)

Was made by Councilor Lopez
Seconded by Councilor Snyder
The motion was approved unanimously

8. Special New Business

C. Resolution Authorizing Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco to Execute and Deliver any and all Documents Deemed to be Necessary or Appropriate to the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on behalf of the Town of South Windsor

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of South Windsor may enter into, with and deliver to the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems necessary or appropriate for the "Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 3"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager of the Town of South Windsor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of South Windsor and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of the "Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 3" including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

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

E. Resolution Approving a Transfer of \$1,000 from the Contingency Account to the Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee Account

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8. E. (Continued)

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a transfer of \$1,000 from the Contingency Account to the Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee Account to cover costs associated with programs that the Committee will be running.

Was made by Councilor Evans
Seconded by Councilor Hockenberry
The motion was approved unanimously

F. Resolution Setting a Virtual Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Input on the Appropriation of \$410,000 of LoCIP Funds

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby sets Monday, September 21, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., as the time to hold a Virtual Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the appropriation of \$410,000 of LoCIP Funds to cover costs associated with the replacement of the South Windsor Town Hall elevator and construction of an ADA ramp.

Was made by Councilor Lydecker
Seconded by Councilor Hockenberry
The motion was approved unanimously

G. Resolution Approving a Public Message Policy

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, a message from a special interest group was painted on the driveway to Town Hall without the approval of the Town Council. No Town funds were used to create this message, and there is no public message policy in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor had no policy or procedure at the time associated with how requests for the use of Town property to display public messages would be approved; and

WHEREAS, there have been questions and concerns from South Windsor residents regarding the process and procedure utilized to allow this message to be displayed on Town property; and

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8. G. (Continued)

WHEREAS, there were multiple resident communications disapproving of the Town Council allowing any use of Town property to display such a painting or any type of slogan or pictures expressing a public message; and

WHEREAS, the June 12, 2020 painting was vandalized on August 12, 2020, causing the need for removal of the painting by the Town at the cost of \$658.75

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a Public Message Policy as presented in attached **Exhibit A.**

Was made by Councilor Snyder

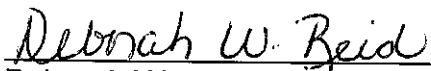
Seconded by Councilor Maneeley

The motion failed on a roll call vote of 3 to 6 with Councilor Delnicki, Councilor Maneeley, and Councilor Snyder voting in favor of approval; and Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lopez, and Councilor Lydecker voting in opposition of approval.

12. Adjournment

At 10:18 p.m., Councilor Maneeley made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Deputy Mayor Pendleton seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

PUBLIC MESSAGE POLICY

I. PURPOSE

- A. The Town Council of South Windsor establishes the following policy regarding the use of public property to create or display public messages, images, or slogans such as painting, signs, banners and murals ("Public Message") at the Town Hall, or any Town-owned or Town-maintained facilities.
- B. This Policy shall not apply to or supersede the Town's policy on the display of flags, nor shall a Public Message hereunder include the posting of notices or banners by the Town for informational purposes only regarding Town business and upcoming events.

II. POLICY

- A. The Town Council hereby declares that property owned or maintained by the Town of South Windsor is not intended to serve as a forum for free expression.
- B. The Town Council shall not consider nor shall any member of the Town Council approve of any request for a Public Message to be displayed on Town property, whether made by a member of the South Windsor Town Council or the public.