

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

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**TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Paterna called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Erica Evans
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry (left at 8:38 p.m.)
Councilor Philp Koboski
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Janice Snyder

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Scott Roberts, Asst. Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Mgmt.
Kari Olson, Town Attorney (arrived at

Others Absent: Vanessa Perry, Asst. Town Manager/Director of H.R.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Lopez made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilor Koboski seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to amend the agenda, moving Item 17.A. (Executive Session) after Item 7 (Public Input). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion as amended; it was approved unanimously.

17. Executive Session

At 7:16 p.m., Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale of real estate for the Town pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6)(D) (725 Sullivan Avenue). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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17. Executive Session (Continued)

The following individuals went into Executive Session: Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Koboski, Councilor Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Snyder, Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Management; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager.

At 7:34 p.m., the Executive Session adjourned, and the Special Meeting reconvened.

8. 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: Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Special Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2021.

Was made by Councilor Snyder
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton
The motion passed on a Roll Call vote of 8-0 with Councilor Hockenberry abstaining.

11. Consent Agenda

b. Second Reading

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve Agenda item 11.b.A as a Second Reading on the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Pendleton seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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11. Consent Agenda (Continued)

b. Second Reading (Continued)

A. Resolution Appointing Miguel Proano (R) to the Public Building Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Miguel Proano (R) to the Public Building Commission for a term ending November 30, 2023, to fill the unexpired term of Philip Koboski.

12. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution Referring the Sale of 725 Sullivan Avenue to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission Pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign and Execute an Agreement with JP RE Holdings, LLC (*Postponed from the March 29, 2021, Town Council Special Meeting*)

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor purchased property located at 725 Sullivan Avenue on December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor has received an offer to purchase 725 Sullivan Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor received an appraisal in the amount of \$265,000, which JP RE Holdings, LLC has agreed to pay contingent upon all municipal approvals; and

WHEREAS, the buyer has presented preliminary plans for the construction and operation of a medical office building which will generate additional tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, any plan to sell municipal-owned property must first be submitted to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes

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12. A. (Continued)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that South Windsor Town Council hereby refers the sale of 725 Sullivan Avenue to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and Authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to sign and execute an agreement with JP RE Holdings, LLC.

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

13. New Business

G. Resolution Authorizing Andrew Paterna, Mayor; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager, to Sign a Letter to Governor Lamont and the Town's State Senator and State Representatives

WHEREAS, at the March 15, 2021, Town Council Meeting, the Council requested the Town Manager to draft a letter to Governor Lamont and South Windsor's State Senator and State Representatives requesting appropriate steps be made to pass legislation to allow the continuation of virtual public meetings

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the draft letter **(Exhibit A)**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes Andrew Paterna, Mayor; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager, to sign the letter and send it to Governor Lamont and the Town's State Senator and State Representatives.

Was made by Councilor Lydecker
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton
The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6 to 3 with Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lopez, and Councilor Maneeley voting in favor; and Councilor Koboski, Councilor Lydecker, and Councilor Snyder voting in opposition.

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13. New Business (Continued)

- H. Resolution Setting a Time for a Virtual Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Input on the Proposed General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby sets Monday, April 26, 2021, at 8:00 p.m., as the time for a Virtual Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. The public is welcome to email comments to TownCouncilComments@southwindsor-ct.gov.

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

At 8:38 p.m., Councilor Hockenberry informed the Council that she has to leave the meeting.

- J. Resolution Approving a Request to Fly the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag**

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council has received an application requesting that the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag be flown from May 10, 2021 to May 17, 2021, in memory of Sergeant Matthew Mainieri

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves this request and asks that Town Manager Michael Maniscalco have the flag raised on the flagpole at the Wapping Community House on Monday, May 10, 2021, and lowered on Monday, May 17, 2021.

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

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17. Executive Session

At 8:43 p.m., Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase of real estate for the Town pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210(b)(7) (186 Foster Street). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The following individuals went into Executive Session: Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Koboski, Councilor Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Snyder, Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Management; Kari Olson, Town Attorney; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager.

At 9:30 p.m., the Executive Session and Regular Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

(DATE)

(ADDRESS)

Dear (Name)

At the April 5, 2021 regularly scheduled Town Council meeting the Town Council voted to have the Mayor and Town Manager sign and send this letter to you.

With the Governors emergency powers lapsing on May 20, 2021 the Town Council is strongly urging the State Legislature to continue the executive orders that pertain to virtual public meetings. Many of the members of the Council have concerns regarding getting back together in person. Some of those concerns are as follows:

- Council Members have health concerns that may be exasperated in the event they are exposed to COVID-19;
- Council Members have family members in their households with high levels of risk if exposed to COVID-19;
- Towns facilities are barely adequate for social distancing during any public meeting;
- Including public participation also means an increased exposure to other town staff in the building and facilities within the building
- Following social distancing guidelines will significantly limit public participation in our meetings;
- There will be increased costs to the Town for cleaning and staffing of the public facility.

For these reasons and many more we ask that you take the appropriate steps to pass legislation to allow for virtual public meetings until we can feel safe from the risks COVID-19 poses on us during in person public meetings.

Best regards,

Andrew Paterna

Mayor

Michael Maniscalco

Town Manager